

POCATELLO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

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CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY AT FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

156 1/2 SOUTH 6TH
232-9262

The Classes are 7-8 pm.

All Classes are free to the public .

February 4th—Using the website
Family Search Wiki by Jason
Mendenhall

February 11th—Tips and helps
using Windows by Al Norvick

February 18th — Digitizing Your
Documents and Phgotos by Al
Norvick

February 21nd (Saturday 10-11
am) Using the website Family
search .org by Charles Hyde

February 25th—Organizing your
paper and computer files by
Robert Forest.

"Do I really have to find sources for these genealogies that have already been done multiple times?"

Tell them what I call "*The Parable of the Good Foundation*".
It goes like this:

Let's pretend you are looking at new homes to buy. You find one you really fall in love with. It has a great floor plan, it is decorated exactly to your style, the yard is all landscaped beautifully, it is in a great location, and has an unbelievably low price. Then as you look at it, you notice that there are large cracks running down the bricks from the top of one wall to the bottom of the other side of that wall. Then you notice that inside, there are large cracks from the corners of the windows to the ceilings, and that the doors and windows will not close. Would you buy the house? Of course, the answer is no. Why? The house does not have a good foundation!

As you look at family history that has already been done, look at its foundation. If there are good, reliable primary and secondary sources for the entries that are quoted, and if it makes sense--people not being married before they are born, having children years after they died, etc.; you do not have to look up the sources yourself. But if all the information came from "family records" then you can not tell what kind of a foundation it has.

They really seem to get the point.
Doris Bateman, Ogden Temple District

Lodging while at FHL in Salt Lake - Sister Lindorf, a service missionary at the Family History Library in Salt Lake, has extra rooms in her home for visitors (single sisters or married couple) who want to stay in Salt Lake overnight while using the Family History Library. There is no charge. Her home is about 3 miles from the Library, but there is bus service available, if needed. You can contact her at justLouise1@live.com or (801)419-0801

Research Recommendations: *British History Online*

by *Michael J. Leclerc*

Those researching their British ancestors will be interested in the British History Online (BHO) website. A project of the Institute of Historical Research and the History of Parliament Trust, BHO is a digital library of many printed sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles. In collaboration with the Centre for Metropolitan History and the Victoria County History, BHO provides a wealth of valuable information for genealogists.

The site is searchable, but browsing through it will give you a better idea of the vast resources included. You can browse by region, such as London, Midlands, North, East, South East, South West, Scotland or Wales (for those unfamiliar with Britain, the Places tab explains what counties are included in each region); or by time period, from the 11th and 12th centuries through the 19th century (or by certain regnal years, from Henry VIII through Anne). You can also browse by subject, such as local history or ecclesiastical and religious history.

The Local History section contains a plethora of information. In addition to the *Victoria County Histories*, you will find gazetteers, dictionaries, feet of fines, lay subsidy records, and assize rolls. Trying to find a specific location? Check the Historical Geography section. Among the many resources available to you here are Ordnance Survey Maps for selected areas of Great Britain. You can find both the 1:10,560 series begun in 1840, and the 1:2,500 series. Make sure you read the Historical Legend section before you look at any of the Ordnance Survey maps. They will explain to you how to read the writing, symbols, and contours of the maps so you understand what you are looking at.

The Parliamentary section contains a wealth of information on the House of Lords and the House of Commons, and various acts, ordinances, and laws passed. You will also find a number of diaries of members of Parliament, which can add to your understanding of the time and place in which your ancestor lived.

The Sources section will allow you to browse materials on the site, subdivided into five categories: Primary Sources, Secondary Texts, Guides and Calendars, Gazetteers and Dictionaries, and Maps. Remember that the term Primary Sources is used in an historical, not a genealogical, context. All of the materials on the site have been published before. Primary Sources refers to published transcriptions and abstractions of original records.

In addition to browsing, you can search any text on the site in the Text Search area. Among the popular searches recently conducted on the site are Birmingham, Hampton Court, John Garrett, ordnance, papillon, property of the Duke of Bolton, Warren Farm, and witchcraft.

The website has a clean, easy-to-use design. The homepage lists recently updated materials, and a list of items that will be forthcoming this year (which includes the Calendar of State Papers through the eighteenth century).

While a great deal of the material is free to use, some is available only by subscription. Included in this material is the Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, Scotland, and Ireland. Subscriptions are £30 per year.

British History Online can be found at <http://british-history.ac.uk>. Any serious British researcher will find this site invaluable.