

# POCATELLO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

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## See Your Ancestors

If you could see your ancestors,  
All standing in a row,  
There might be some among them  
Whom you wouldn't care to know.

But there's another matter,  
Which requires a different view;  
If you could see your ancestors,  
Would they be proud of you?

-- Rufus Craig

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### UPCOMING CLASSED

Wednesday Oct 8, 15, 22 and 29th. 7-8 pm Basic PAF with Don Fromm.

Saturday Oct 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1;

10-1 am. basic PAF with Ken Budge



By Carol Kostakos Petranek

### New FamilySearch is:

- A replacement for TempleReady as the method for preparing names for temple ordinance work
- A program designed to help eliminate the duplication of temple work
- An instrument to increase research collaboration between family members
- One resource for the Church's family history records. It is a compilation of LDS Membership Records, the IGI (International Genealogical Index), Temple Ordinance Records, Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File, Name Extraction records and uploaded gedcom files.

### New FamilySearch is not:

- A replacement for accurate, thorough family history research
- A replacement for PAF (Personal Ancestral File) or other genealogical software programs

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## THE FUTURE OF FAMILYSEARCH

[The following was shared by: "Those Happy Glatz's" [glatzfam@yahoo.com](mailto:glatzfam@yahoo.com) at LDSFHCConsultants [yahoogroups.com](http://yahoogroups.com)]

"I just attended a wonderful genealogy conference in Plano, TX today, and the Fireside speaker last night as well as the Opening speaker today was Paul Nauta of FamilySearch.org. He spoke about the FamilySearch.org website, a little about new.FamilySearch, and the direction the church is heading...

"He spoke about how there are actually several of the major Genealogy program companies, including Legacy, Ancestral Quest and others, who are developing an ability to interface with the nFS program, so that you can enter people in your desktop program and sync it up to nFS, or perhaps work it the other way, such that you could update, say Ordinance information that has been done on nFS back to your desktop. One reason you might want to do this is so that you don't have to spend a lot of time making sure that you have everyone in both files.

"Some of the real exciting news was about the future of Family History Centers...Brother Nauta...told us about some incredible upcoming developments that will...increase the traffic to the FHCs. The records indexing program has been and is partnering with many of the commercial websites to share access to original images and the indexes that are being made from them. One of the stipulations that the church is putting in, along with the church's offer to digitize records and index them for other more commercial sites, is that those sites will always allow free access to LDS church members, and to those he called "FamilySearch.org members", which include non-members who volunteer at FHCs, and those who help with the indexing project. You can already see the beginning of this from the FHC Portal, with the subscription site access to Footnote, Godfrey Library, World Vital Records and other sites.

"Brother Nauta also spoke about how shortly, within a year he suggested, that the new FS site and the old FamilySearch site will be all combined into FamilySearch, how the Family Tree part of the Labs is even now directly tied to the New FamilySearch pedigree charts, and how there are many films that are viewable at the pilot site for Records search, even though their indexes have not been finished - the films are browsable.

"He also talked about the Research Wiki, which is an incredible resource for sharing topic or place specific research guidance. It's not a place to find names or dates, but rather to find new ideas on where to look for them. Again, it gets better with user submissions, so he encouraged everyone to sign in and add to the existing articles. If you find a great website for a specific county or state, add that to the existing article so others can find out about it.

"He stressed the need for everyone that can, members and non, to help with the indexing project...He stressed that they aren't looking for a major commitment, just whatever time a person has available, whenever. You don't even have to finish a record ~ just do what you can and save it to the server, and someone else will finish it.

"Finally he stressed the importance of having people upload their GEDCOMS to Pedigree Resource File...He reminded us that if you are waiting for your file to be "done" or "perfect" you will be waiting a long time, and missing out on many opportunities for others to locate you through common ancestors to share research info with.

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**Internet Explorer 7 Tabbed Browsing Tip** - In Google, enter your search terms and press *enter*. Quickly scan the list of results, select the ones you would like to view by pressing *CTRL* as you click the link. This will open each web site on a new tab behind the Google Results list. You can then click the tabs one-by-one to view the pages. What if you have a lot of tabs still open and need to come back to them later? No problem! When you close Internet Explorer, you will be asked if you want to *close all tabs*. When the prompt appears, click the *Show Options* box, select *Open these the next time I use Internet Explorer*, and then click *Close Tabs*. When you reopen Internet Explorer the tabs will be restored and you can continue where you left off.