

POCATELLO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

[HTTP://WWW.PRFHC.ORG/](http://www.prfhc.org/)



World War I Service Statement
Cards, 1917-1919

[http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/
TitleInfo.aspx?TID=640](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/TitleInfo.aspx?TID=640)

Internet Text Archives for books, etc.

<http://www.archive.org/details/texts>

**Prominent Men of
Utah**" , an excellent re-
source for histories and
photos, is available in digi-
tal form at [http://
www.archive.org/details/
pioneersprominen00es-
shrich](http://www.archive.org/details/pioneersprominen00es-shrich) --submitted by
David Winkler

CANADA

Last Names - Family network dynastree just launched the Canadian version of its famous Surname Maps. The free tool that shows the surname distribution of more than 600,000 Canadian last names is the perfect companion for surname research. The Canadian surnames, mostly of English and French origin, can be searched for under [http://
www.dynastree.ca](http://www.dynastree.ca). The distribution among the provinces is shown in a coloured map, the user can choose from relative or absolute distribution. With the help of dynastree's tool, the origin of surnames can be researched quickly and easily. **Source:** Renee's Genealogy Blog, 3/5/09

Family History Favorites - The [FHLFavorites.info](http://www.FHLFavorites.info) web site was created using the bookmarks from the Family History Library, so you can have access to them anywhere you go. You can also download the latest FHL Favorites that were exported from the Family History Library Favorites (July 2008) and install them in your Internet Explorer Favorites on your own computer if you prefer. Go to www.FHLFavorite.com
Source: submitted by John Clark

Scrapbook/Journal - Turn your journal into a scrapbook. On one page, paste in pictures, ticket stubs, notes, small scraps of paper or anything else that has some sentimental value. Then on the next page, write about the particular memory associated with those items. For example, maybe you and your child went to a baseball game. Paste in pictures of the two of you at the game along with your ticket stubs and/or scorecard. Then write about the day the two of you shared. Try to share as many specific details as you can so that when you go back and read it, the memory is as fresh as the day it happened. **Source:** [LifeTips - Journal Tips](http://www.LifeTips.com)

Gratiot Street Prison: in St. Louis. An Union Army prison in the Civil War.

Gratiot Street Prison

www.civilwarstlouis.com/Gratiot/gratiot.htm

Across the Illinois-Missouri state border, about 15 miles from Alton, is the city of St. Louis, where the Union army operated the Gratiot Street Military Prison. It held Confederate prisoners of war, spies, guerillas, civilians suspected of disloyalty, and Federal soldiers accused of crimes or misbehavior, such as drunkenness, theft and even murder.

The lists of prisoners that make up the database have been transcribed from a Gratiot Street Prison ledger. The 646 individuals in the database account for only a small portion of the numbers of people who were imprisoned at the Gratiot Street Prison. The names are listed in the order in which they entered the prison beginning in August 1863. You can search for a particular individual by using "find" function under "edit" of your browser. There is additional information for some of the prisoners; click on the name link to access more data.

The data fields in the transcription lists numbers 1, 2, and 3, and include name; rank; regiment; company; residence; where captured; when captured; height; age; eye and hair color; and remarks. When a prisoner was a civilian, the abbreviation "citz" appears in the 'Rank' field. The data fields for the transcription list of women and children include name; residence; where arrested; when arrested; when arrived at Gratiot; when released; and remarks.

Biographies of a few of these individuals have also been included, as well as answers to a number of frequently asked questions and "Then & Now" photographs of the prison location. In addition, researchers will find the *Gratiot Journal*, an account of the prison with notes on people and events, covering the period from January 1863 through April 1864. There are a number of articles written by Howard Mann, who contributed tales of the Tenth Kansas Infantry. The Gratiot Street Prison pages are part of a larger website titled Civil War St. Louis. Click on the Return to Civil War St. Louis link to access this website.

Washington State Digital Archives contain about 74 million records, all online. People can look up marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, census data, military service, election data, property deeds and even old pictures. The 74 million figure represents about 3 percent of the historic and contemporary records state officials hope to eventually put online. digitalarchives.wa.gov -submitted by Barbara DeHart

Do a surname search of the Family History Library Catalog. The Family History Library Catalog is designed to help you gain access to the over two billion records in the vaults of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. One search that is frequently overlooked but which can pay big dividends is a simple surname search that can be found on the FamilySearch menu. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has archived over 150,000 family histories submitted by members and non-members of the Church and these contain not only biographical material but multi-generation pedigrees of the families they cover. By typing into the computer the surname in which you are interested and doing the surname search you will be presented with a list of all of the family histories that include the search surname. It will be up to you to select the family histories that appear to be of interest and, when one is found that you believe includes your ancestors, to borrow the film and search filmed pages of the actual family history.

Source: "25 Tips for Researching at a Family History Center", by Ron Wild, <http://www.familychronicle.com/25fhc.html>