



Identify Your Ancestors Begin a Personal Record

Week 2

Introduction





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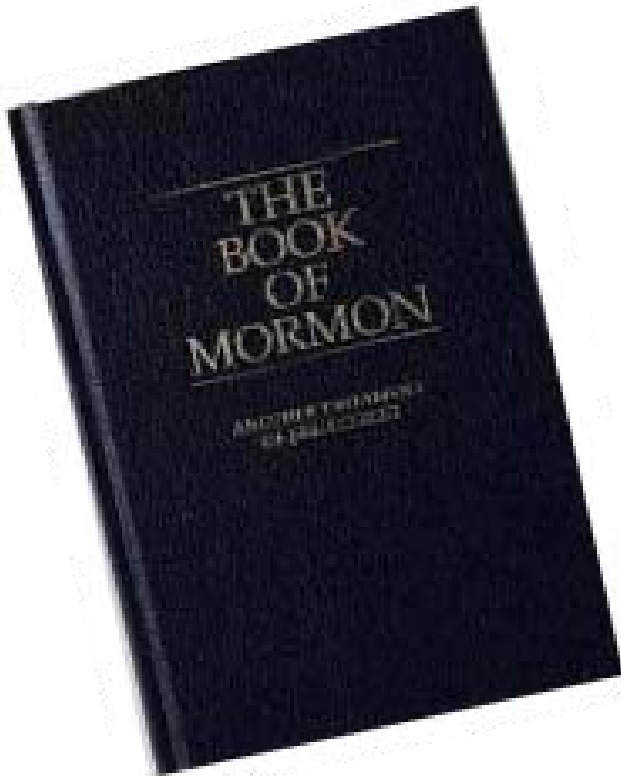
Thoughts to Ponder



Keep a personal genealogy

One lesson from the Book of Mormon is particularly applicable to Latter-day Saints who are getting personally involved in genealogical work.

- When Lehi searched the plates of brass, he found “a genealogy of his fathers’ (1 Nephi 5:14, also v. 16).
- But we learn from Nephi that it was not enough for Lehi to have his genealogy written on the brass plates. Lehi made his own copy by writing it in his personal record (see 1 Nephi 6:1).
- Nephi also recognized the value of having a personal copy of the genealogy, and he recorded the details on the large plates (see 1 Nephi 19:2).





President Brigham Young

A perfect chain from Father Adam

Shortly after the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young had a vision in which he saw and spoke with the Prophet, who taught him about the order of the human family, saying,

“Our Father in Heaven organized the human family, but they are all disorganized and in great confusion.”

Brigham, recalled.

“Joseph then showed me the pattern, how they were in the beginning. This I cannot describe, but I saw it, and saw where the Priesthood had been taken from the earth and how it must be joined together, so that there would be a perfect chain from Father Adam to his latest posterity” (*Manuscript History of Brigham Young, 1846-1847, 530*).



President Joseph Fielding Smith

Think of them as living

“Sometimes we look at this work for the salvation of the dead rather narrowly. It is a wrong conception to think of the people for whom we are doing work in the temple of the Lord as being dead. We should think of them as *living*”
(Doctrines of Salvation, 3:130).

Begin Identifying Your Ancestors





Begin identifying your ancestors

You can begin identifying your ancestors by gathering information about yourself, your siblings, your parents, and your grandparents.

Typically, information about these close relatives is readily available simply by talking to them, or searching through home sources.

If you have not done so already, you should interview older close family members as soon as possible to obtain their life histories.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

City: Spanish Fork, Utah
County: Kane, Utah
District: 100
Enumeration District: 100

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	RELIGION	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH			MOTHER'S BIRTH PLACE	MOTHER'S BIRTH DATE	MOTHER'S BIRTH PLACE	MOTHER'S BIRTH DATE
								STATE	COUNTRY	DATE				
THOR, SIGURDUR	M	37	1	Lutheran	8			Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1893	Sweden	1893	
THOR, HJALMFRIDUR	M	35	1	Lutheran	8			Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1895	Sweden	1895	
THOR, AMELIA	F	33	1	Lutheran	8			Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1897	Sweden	1897	

Family Sources of Information

Look in your home and contact relatives to find family records that have already been gathered and organized.

You may find such records as pedigree charts and family group records; birth, marriage, and death certificates; family Bibles; obituaries; family histories; diaries; and journals.

To increase your accuracy, ask family members if they have created or stored any documents containing family history information. You should compare memories and oral traditions with information from these other sources.



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Family Record

William M. Jensen
1890-1960
Born in Spanish Fork, Utah
Died in Spanish Fork, Utah
Buried in Spanish Fork, Utah

Family Sources of Information

Diaries and Journals
From the standpoint of family history, diaries and journals are invaluable. They should be carefully studied for genealogical information.

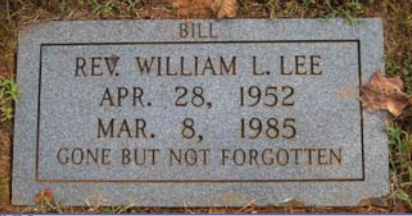
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							STATE	COUNTRY	WITNESS		
Thomas	Head	M	37	1	High School	Farmer	Illinois	United States	Illinois	United States	
Constance	Wife	F	35	1	High School	Homemaker	Illinois	United States	Illinois	United States	
Charles	Son	M	17	0	High School	Farmer	Illinois	United States	Illinois	United States	
William	Son	M	15	0	High School	Farmer	Illinois	United States	Illinois	United States	
Elizabeth	Daughter	F	13	0	High School	Homemaker	Illinois	United States	Illinois	United States	



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MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Henry Cook & Louisa ...	George C. Cook ...
John
...	...

Family Sources of Information

Letters
 Old letters are the most informal and intimate family sources. Note the addresses, names of the correspondents, postmarks, and dates for useful information.

- Bibles
- Diaries and Journals

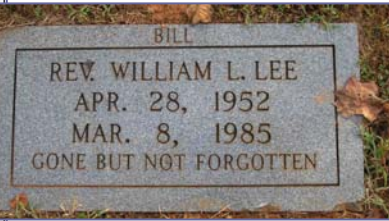
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							Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign
<i>Thomas, George F.</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>
<i>William, George</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>



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Family Record

William M. Jensen
of
San Francisco, Calif.
Nov 17, 1911
By Rev. R.S. Jordan

Family Sources of Information

Memorial Cards and Funeral Programs
Genealogical data on funeral memorabilia includes date of birth, place of birth, date of death, place of burial, and age at death.

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NAME: *W. J. Leifson* SEX: *M* RACE: *White* BIRTH: *June 9, 1884* PLACE OF BIRTH: *Spanish Fork, Utah*

RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	PLACE OF BIRTH	MOTHER, FATHER'S BIRTH PLACE			CITIZENSHIP, ETC.
							MOTHER	FATHER	OTHER	
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Daughter	F	17	Single	High School	Student	Utah	Utah	Utah	U.S. Born	
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City Cemetery
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Family Record

Handwritten entries:
Mary Ann...
William M. Leifson...
Born...
Died...
Buried...



- Bibles
- Diaries and Journals
- Letters

Family Sources of Information

Church Records

These records include certificates of birth, baptism (or christening), marriage, advancement, death, and funeral notices.

- Bibles
- Diaries and Journals
- Letters
- Memorial Cards and Funeral Programs

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								Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	
<i>Eliza Reed</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>U.S. born</i>	
<i>Courtesy Mary Murphy</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>U.S. born</i>	



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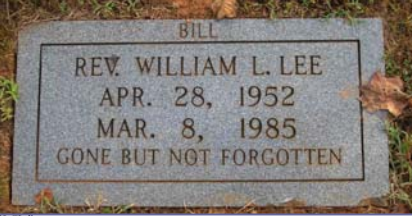
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<i>John D. ...</i>	<i>John D. ...</i>
<i>William M. ...</i>	<i>William M. ...</i>



Family Sources of Information

Civil Records

Competent civil recorders prepared birth, marriage, and death certificates usually near the date of the event.

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NAME: *Wagoner* RESIDENCE: *Wagoner, Okla.* OCCUPATION: *My Farm*

SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	RELATION	PLACE OF BIRTH			EDUCATION, ETC.			
												Foreign	Domestic	Native	None	Common	High	College
M	31	1	Head	M	17	0	Son	M	15	0	Son	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	None	Common	High	College
F	17	0	Daughter	F	15	0	Daughter	F	13	0	Daughter	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	None	Common	High	College



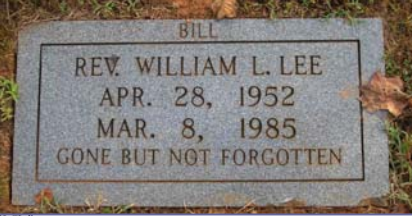
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Henry Cook & Louisa ...
William M. ...
Nov 18 1894 ...
By Rev. R.S. ...



- Bibles
- Diaries and Journals
- Letters
- Memorial Cards and Funeral Programs
- Church Records

Family Sources of Information

Citizenship Records

The records of immigrant ancestors may contain citizenship papers, dates of arrival, ports of embarkation and debarkation, and other details.

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								DATE	PLACE	
George F. Leifson	Head	M	37	1	High School	Payson	Sweden	1918	Sweden	1918
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Family Record

Marriages

George F. Leifson & Mary Murphy
Sept. 24, 1919
Salt Lake Temple

William M. Jensen & [Name]
[Date]

- Bibles
- Diaries and Journals
- Letters
- Memorial Cards and Funeral Programs
- Church Records
- Civil Records

Family Sources of Information

Genealogical Records

Other family members and ancestors may have compiled genealogical records. Inquire about both paper and digital files.

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							PERSON	FATHER	MOTHER	PERSON	FATHER	MOTHER	PERSON	FATHER	MOTHER		
WILLIAM M. JONES	Head	M	45	Mar	High School	Teacher	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain
ROSEMARY JONES	Wife	F	35	Mar	High School	Homemaker	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain
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William M. Jones
Rosemary Jones
John Jones

Nov 1919

By Rev. R.S. Braden

- Bibles
- Diaries and Journals
- Letters
- Memorial Cards and Funeral Programs
- Church Records
- Civil Records
- Citizenship Records
- Biographies
- Fraternal Records

Family Sources of Information

Histories

Occasionally, a manuscript history in the handwriting of an ancestor is found. Verification with supporting evidence is helpful in such instances.

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City of Payson, Utah

NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH			NATURALIZATION	CITIZENSHIP, ETC.
							Foreign	Foreign	Foreign		
Thoms, Constance	Wife	F	37	1900	High School	Teacher	Denmark	Denmark	Denmark	1925	U.S.
Thoms, Margaret	Daughter	F	17	1913	High School	Student	Denmark	Denmark	Denmark	1925	U.S.
Thoms, Carl	Son	M	15	1915	High School	Student	Denmark	Denmark	Denmark	1925	U.S.



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Precinct: *1*

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							Foreign	Foreign born in U.S.	Native born in U.S.	
<i>Thomas, George F.</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Trainer</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Wendell, George</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Housewife</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Wendell, George</i>	<i>Child</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>1</i>
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Legal Papers

Family members may have preserved legal documents. Included in this category are wills, deeds, mortgages, and land grants. These are valuable because of the names, dates, and places mentioned.



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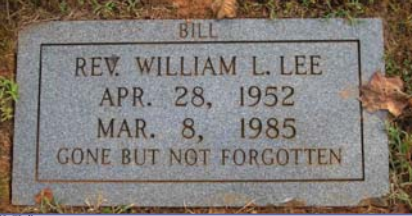
Search for discharge papers, pension records, service records, medals, ribbons, etc.

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							Foreign	Foreign	Foreign	
Blair, George F.	Head	M	37	1	High School	Tractor	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	U.S. Born
Blair, Mary	Wife	F	35	1	High School	None	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	U.S. Born
Blair, Robert	Son	M	17	0	None	None	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	U.S. Born
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Newspaper Clippings

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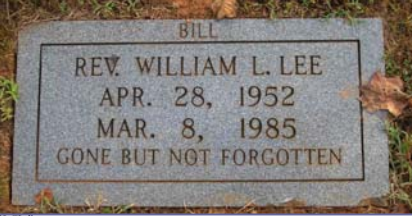
Apprenticeship records, awards, citations, and other occupational achievements are often found in the home.

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							Foreign-born	Foreign-born	Foreign-born		
George E. Leifson	Head	M	37	1	High School	Teacher	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	U.S. born	
Elizabeth Leifson	Wife	F	35	1	High School	Homemaker	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	U.S. born	
William Leifson	Son	M	11	0	Elementary	Student	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	U.S. born	



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Albums

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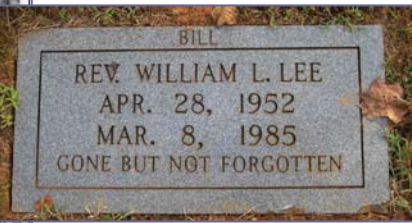
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							Foreign	Foreign	Foreign			
Thoms, Gustaf Erik	Head	M	47	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Emma	Wife	F	45	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Carl	Son	M	17	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Olga	Daughter	F	15	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Edna	Daughter	F	13	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Ingeborg	Daughter	F	11	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Hilma	Daughter	F	9	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Erik	Son	M	7	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Carl	Son	M	5	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19
Thoms, Hilma	Daughter	F	3	1	8	None	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	17	19	19



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Occupation: *My Farm*

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<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>U.S. born</i>	<i>U.S. born</i>
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<i>Charles</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>U.S. born</i>	<i>U.S. born</i>

Analyzing family information

Documents prepared near to the event date or a document created by a reliable witness takes precedence over later records, tradition, and distant memories.

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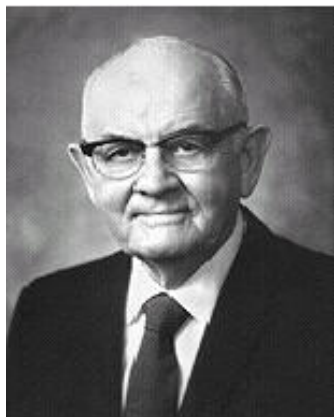
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Personal Journals and Documentation





President Spencer W. Kimball

The angels may quote from it....

“What could you do better for your children and your children’s children than to record the story of your life...?”

“Get a notebook, my young folks, a journal that will last through all time, and maybe the angels will quote from it for eternity. Begin today and write in it your goings and comings, your deepest thoughts, your achievements and your failures, your associations and your triumphs, your impressions and your testimonies” (Kimball, “The Angels May Quote From It,” 5).





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More likely to keep the Lord in remembrance

“We hope that you will do this, our brothers and sisters, for this is what the Lord has commanded, and those who keep a personal journal are more likely to keep the Lord in remembrance in their daily lives” (Kimball, *President Kimball Speaks Out*, 59).



Conclusion





President Boyd K. Packer

Shield and a protection

“No work is more of a protection to this Church than temple work and the genealogical research which supports it. No work is more spiritually refining. No work we do gives us more power. No work requires a higher standard of righteousness.”

“Our labors in the temple cover us with a shield and a protection, both individually and as a people” (Packer, *The Holy Temple*, 265).



President Gordon B. Hinckley

Crowning blessing the church has to offer

“All of our vast family history endeavor is directed to temple work. There is no other purpose for it. The temple ordinances become the crowning blessing the church has to offer.” (General Conference, April 1998)