

The

Rear View Mirror

"DRIVEN FORWARD, YET LOOKING TO OUR PAST"

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Welcome back. This is the first summer we didn't meet at least for dinner or a cook out. And it sped by so quickly I can hardly believe it's September already. I hope you all enjoyed your time off. It's kind of like being back in school and getting the summer off. Now it's time to get your pencils, notebooks and research tools and start digging.

Chuck & I are painting some rooms in our house. It seems that there is some paint that's chipped and we are scrapping, sanding, filling cracks and all that NOT fun stuff you need to do before you paint. Actually Chuck and our son, Jeff, are doing most of the work, but I'm helping. As I see old wall colors beneath the surface I think of the families who lived in this house before us. I try to imagine what the rooms looked like and picture children running and playing in these rooms. Our own children grew up in this house so I have all those memories too. Just like the old saying, 'if these walls could talk'. I believe only two other families lived in this house before us, the ones who build it and the people we purchased it from. But this house has been standing for a long time, it's seen laughter and tears, joy and sorrow. It's seen life lived to the fullest.

Families sheltered inside the walls of their homes bring the laughter, love,

tears of joy and of sorrow. They make their house a home, a shelter from the outside world. It's a place to 'come home' to where you can kick off your shoes and just be yourself.

Just like we members of the Ford Genealogy Society are a family. We come to the meetings and catch up on each others lives. We ask to see photos of the grandkids. We ask about your vacation. We're interested in you genealogy finds. We enjoy dining together after the meetings. We are a family. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again.

Your prezz, Diane Oslund



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LDS INFORMATION

This past summer my friend Sheila and I went to Salt Lake City with the Monroe Genealogy Society. We were there for about a week. While in Salt Lake City we learned about some of the new features the Latter Day Saints are instituting in order to provide better service.

Listed below are some of the items and articles we came across or were made aware of by the Mormons.

A new feature the Mormons are now using in order to provide better customer service is to record your requests when you approach any of their main section desks. They make a list from these recordings and plan on using this information to better provide people with more up-to-date information. This also helps them to keep abreast of new thing that may interest their customers.

Have you heard of their new FamilySearch Beta? Shortly you will be seeing some new things on the LDS website. Try looking at <http://fsbeta.familysearch.org>. This new function has several new features. It may take awhile for you to get used to it but you will most likely think it is an improvement once you learn to navigate the site.

Another feature is the Record Search. This is an index to records currently available at their website through Search Records. It is still in the pilot stage but is growing rapidly. The new data is added daily.
<http://search.labs.familysearch.org>.

FamilySearch Research Wiki is a place for researchers to go for source information and to use if you need help. This site provides free research advice. We all know something that can help someone else. The Mormons invite you to contribute your knowledge of genealogy to this website. On the home page you will need to click on "Help" for how to use.

<https://wiki.familysearch.org>.

FamilySearch Forums is the place to go if you need help with specific research problems. In this forum anyone can ask for help with a research problem and anyone can respond to try and help.

<http://forums.familysearch.org>.

England Jurisdictions 1851 is the new resource for providing maps and jurisdictional information to help researchers who are doing English family research.

<http://maps.familysearch.org>.

DIGITAL CEMETERIES

Have you heard about the website <http://www.namesinstone.com>?

This website was launched in December of 2008. It was conceived and launched by Gateway Mapping Inc. This site integrates burial data with digital maps online. There are a few cemetery databases out there. Such as, www.internment.com and www.findagrave.com. The difference with this database is that it takes you on a virtual trip through the cemetery of your choice. You can see who is buried next to your



relatives and it gives you a bird's eye view of the cemetery and you can even check the names on each grave just by zooming in for a closer look.

Sometimes we find a relative on a particular cemetery website but that is all you see. Using the website, Namesinstone allows you to see who is next to your relative and who knows, it may be another relative that you didn't know was there.

Currently, the website Namesinstone has approximately 170 cemeteries online and of course, they are adding more every day. Smaller cemeteries (200 graves or less) can

be added to this website directly by anyone, while larger cemeteries can work with Gateway Mapping, Inc. to add maps and data.

The small cemeteries are great genealogy projects for genealogy societies to take on as a community service project.

This online record preservation is a great way to answer inquiries and a way to track occupied and available plots if you are running a cemetery or are interested in knowing if there are any plots available.

Namesinstone.com was voted one of the best websites by Family Tree Magazine because of its potential to revolutionize cemetery data and map access.

ICAPGEN

ICAPGEN stands for The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists. This organization sets standards for the genealogical community through comprehensive written and oral examinations.

www.icapgen.org is the website and it has been overhauled and its look has been improved by many changes.

If you are looking for an accredited professional in genealogy you can go to this site and see their contact information, in some cases a photo of the person and also their biographies.

There is an area for those who would like to become a professional genealogist. By registering you can gain access to the ICAPGEN newsletters, make purchases and receive emails.

FGC SCHEDULE FOR THIS SEASON

September 9, 2010

Relationships by Tom Barrett

FGC Library Sale - all items must go!

Special Roundtable - How I spent my Summer Vacation! by Club Members

October 14, 2010

Blogging and You by Carol Stevens

November 11, 2010

Special Talk by Edwina Morgan

December 9, 2010

Annual Christmas Party - location TDB

January 13, 2011

Ten Minutes to Disaster, the Dunerburg Story by Tony Gramer



MAPS OF CEMETERIES By Diane Oslund

Do you collect maps of the cemeteries you visit? Do you draw a map if the cemetery office doesn't have one to hand out or there is no cemetery office on the premises for you to visit? I have two combined books of maps and data on cemeteries I've visited. If I could not get a map either I or Chuck has drawn one.

Now why would we want a map of the cemetery let alone keep it?

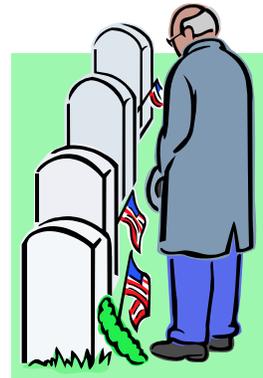
1. Often when we go to a cemetery it's on the weekend. Of course now that Chuck's retired we can more easily go during the week but that wasn't the case in the past. And often times the cemetery office is closed on the weekend or only open a half day on Saturday. So

I usually contact the cemetery office asking for the location of the graves we are looking for and ask for a map of the cemetery with the location of the graves noted on it. That way we can more easily find the graves when we visit the cemetery. This is especially useful in the 'flatlands' where the tombstones can't be read from a distance.

2. Did you ever have to go back to a cemetery and recheck something? Or now the spouse is deceased and you want to go back to photograph the spouse's tombstone. If you kept the map and location of the grave the first time around, you don't have to contact the office but can just go at your leisure and find the new grave with your old information.

3. Sometimes a new burial will be in a family plot. If you know how to find the older graves you can check the area around them for the newer burial. The map can help you remember just where the older burials are located. This is especially true in large cemeteries where there are so many sections and so many roads.

4. Some large cemeteries have an overview map then maps of each section. So I keep the overview map and depending on the detail of the section maps I can



find a newly located grave by only getting the section and lot number from the cemetery office and use my old maps to find the actual grave. I don't have to be sure to go when the office is open. Note: that is if I have the section map from a past visit. Sometimes I do and sometimes I don't.

5. Many cemeteries don't have maps to hand out. If they have a large one in the

office you can perhaps photograph it. Otherwise hand draw a map and note the roads in the cemetery and 'X' marks the spot for the graves you just visited. That way you have a way to find them again if necessary.

We don't always go back to the cemeteries we visit but there are some that we do. Some we visit over and over as we learn that other people in our data base are

buried there too. So sometimes these maps come in very handy. Saving these maps is something to think about if you photographs headstones or just visit the graves and jot down the transcriptions. They just might come in handy.



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