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EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

M.A. in History, Brigham Young University, December 2010.

AG[®] (Accredited Genealogist) in Midwest U.S. Research, International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists, November 1997.

B.A., *magna cum laude* in Family and Community History, Brigham Young University, April 1981.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“A Brief History of the Accreditation Program” in *Becoming an Excellent Genealogist: Essays on Professional Research Skills*. Salt Lake City, Utah: International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists, 2012.

Nelson, Jeri and Jill Crandell. “How Can I Feel Motivated to Do Family History Work?” in *The Arms of His Love*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Deseret Book Co., 2000.

Book Reviews

Review of Burr Fancher, *Captain Alexander Fancher: Adventurer, Drover, Wagon Master and Victim of the Mountain Meadows Massacre* (Inkwater Press, 2006) in *Journal of Mormon History* 34: 3 (Summer 2008), 257-63.

Review of Andrew Hedges and Richard Neitzel Holzapfel, *Within These Prison Walls: Lorenzo Snow's Record Book, 1886-1897* (Deseret Book, 2010) in *BYU Studies* 51:3 (2012), 190.

Review of Ruby Coleman, *Genealogical Research in Nebraska* (Family Roots Publishing Co., 2011) in *FGS Forum* 24:1 (Spring 2012), 40.

Review of Carol McGinnis, *Genealogy at a Glance: Michigan Genealogy Research* (Genealogical Publishing Co., 2011) in *FGS Forum* 24:3 (Fall 2012), 39-40.

Review of Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, *Genealogy at a Glance: American Cemetery Research* (Genealogical Publishing Co., 2012) in *FGS Forum* 24:3 (Fall 2012), 40.

Multimedia

“Gathering to the West; Across Iowa; The Mormon Battalion, Part I.” *History of the Saints*. Season 1. Produced by Dennis Lyman and Glenn Rawson. Film Documentary, 2011. On-camera expert. <http://historyofthesaints.org/>

Forthcoming Article

“Adelia (Lockwood) Morey: From Eight Birthplaces to One,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

PUBLISHED SOFTWARE

Developer and President of ResearchTies, LLC

ResearchTies™ is an online research log that is simple-to-use for the novice, yet powerful enough for professional researchers. Traditional research logging systems require significant amounts of duplicate data entry, and most require searching by hand to locate entries after they are recorded. This software was designed to streamline the logging and searching tasks that are required for quality family history research and analysis. The program was released in February 2013 and was a finalist in the RootsTech 2013 Developer Challenge. <http://researchties.com>

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“Garden Grove, Iowa: The Economics of a Mormon Way Station, 1846-1852.” 46th Annual Conference of the Mormon History Association, St. George, Utah, May 2011.

“Garden Grove, Iowa: Analysis of a Mormon Way Station, 1846-1852.” 44th Annual Conference of the Mormon History Association, Springfield, Illinois, May 2009.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PANEL CHAIR

Panel Chair, “Possible Explanations for St. George’s High Proportion of Polygamous Families, 1861-1880.” 46th Annual Conference of the Mormon History Association, St. George, Utah, May 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brigham Young University History Department, January 2004 to present:

Family Historian's Craft (History 217)
Northern U.S. Family History Research (History 280)
Midwest U.S. Family History Research (History 403)
Using Technology in Historical Research and Publication (History 434)
Seminar in Professional Family History Research (History 439)
Capstone Research Seminar, Family History emphasis (History 490)
Introduction to Family History (Religion C 261)

Internships

Supervise student internships at the Center for Family History and Genealogy on the Immigrant Ancestors Project, the Nauvoo Community Project, and the Welsh Mormon Project on an on-going basis.
Supervised student internship to the Midwest, Spring 2013 for four students; conducted research for the Nauvoo Community Project of the Center for Family History and Genealogy.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Director, Center for Family History and Genealogy, 2011 to present
Student Mentoring and Recruitment Committee, 2015-2016
Scholarship Committee Member, 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)
Past President, January 2015 to December 2016
President, January 2013 through December 2014
Commissioner, 2011-2015
Treasurer, 2011 to present
Annual Conference committee member, 2012 to present
Executive Secretary/Treasurer, 2001-2003
Founding Commissioner, 2000-2001

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy
Director, 2000-2001
Assistant Director, 1999

Coordinator of two problem-solving courses, 2000-2002
Consultant, problem-solving course, 2002

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference
Publications chair, 2000

Utah Genealogical Association
Treasurer, 2000-2002
Board member, 2000-2002
Executive secretary, 1998-1999
Recording secretary, 1997-1999

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Genealogical Society Conference

May 2017, Raleigh, North Carolina [scheduled to present]

Making Sense of Censuses: Analyzing and Interpreting Census Data
Why Every Good Genealogist Needs A Quality Research Log

May 2016, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

The Preliminary Survey: Beginning a New Research Project

May 2015, St. Charles, Missouri

Planning for Effective and Efficient Research

May 2014, Richmond, Virginia

Finders Keepers: Retrieving One Document in a Million, Instantly!

May 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada

Microsoft Excel®: A Little-known Genealogy Research Tool
ResearchTies: The Power of an Online Research Log

May 2012, Cincinnati, Ohio

Census Search Strategies: Effective Use of Computer Search Forms

Federation of Genealogical Society Conference

August 2017, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania [scheduled to present]

Making Sense of Censuses: Analyzing and Interpreting Census Data

August 2016, Springfield, Illinois

Working the Research Process One Step at a Time
Tracking a Community Research Project with ResearchTies

August 2013, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Hometown Heaven: Discovering European Hometowns in the Immigrant Ancestors
Project
Research in the Hawkeye State: Records and Repositories of Iowa
Researching Mormon Ancestors in the 19th Century Midwest

September 2012, Birmingham, Alabama

Organizing Digitally: Research Logs and Files
Accreditation: Taking Your Research Experience to the Next Level

September 2002, Ontario, California

Secretarial Skills: Good Communication is the Key
Treasurers: Keeping Your Society Financially Responsible

September 2001, Davenport, Iowa

(Scheduled to speak, but unable to attend when all planes were grounded 11 Sep 2001.)

September 2000, Salt Lake City, Utah

Midwestern States: Sources and Methodology
Midwestern States: A Practical Application

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

January 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah [scheduled to present]

Course: “You be the Judge: A Practicum Using Standards to Evaluate Genealogical Work”
Research Reports: Evidence Quality, Correlation, Assembly, and Resolution of Conflicts
ICAPGen: Accreditation

January 2012, Salt Lake City, Utah

Course: Research in the Midwestern United States
Internet Sources for the Midwest
Putting the Pieces Together: A Practical Case Study

January 2007, Salt Lake City, Utah

Course: Midwestern U.S. Research
Putting the Pieces Together: A Practical Case Study (Parts I and II)

January 2002, Salt Lake City, Utah

Course: Preparing for Accreditation and Advanced Methodology

The Application and Its Attachments: The Four-Generation Project and Its Purpose
Report Writing, Parts I and II

January 1998, Salt Lake City, Utah

Course: Teaching Genealogy

Teaching Others to do Genealogy Using Their Own Families As Case Studies and Project
Samples

RootsTech

February 2017, Salt Lake City Utah [scheduled to present]

Next Steps for Mormon Pioneer Research

Share the Work: ResearchTies and Multi-User Research Logs

February 2015, Salt Lake City, Utah

Microsoft Excel®: A Little-known Genealogy Research Tool

February 2014, Salt Lake City, Utah

Digitally Organize Research and Note Files with ResearchTies

Panelist: Game-Changing Trends in Research Tools for the Masses

March 2013, Salt Lake City, Utah

ResearchTies: Tracking Your Research with an Online Research Log

Brigham Young University Family History Conference

July 2016, Provo, Utah

How and Why to Keep a Quality Research Log

July 2015, Provo Utah

Land Platting Workshop (2 hr.)

Why Become Accredited?

Planning for Effective and Efficient Research

July 2011, Provo, Utah

Tracing LDS Pioneer Migration

Members, Missions and Miscellanea: LDS Church Records Worldwide

Utilize the Power of Your Computer: Information Flow Without Overload (2 hr.)

Utilize the Power of Your Computer: Applying Common Tools to Research (3 hr.)

August 2002, Provo, Utah

History Can Solve a Mystery
Cemetery Records
Organization: A Must for Quality Research
Midwestern Research: Sources and Methodology
Midwestern Research: A Case Study
What LDS Ordinances Have Been Completed?

August 2001, Provo, Utah

LDS Pioneer Migration Records
Organization: A Must for Quality Research
Midwestern States: A Case Study
Cemetery Searching

August 1998, Provo, Utah

In Search of Grandpa: 20th Century Research
Sailing Into the Past: Tracing Immigrant Origins in the U.S.

ICAPGen and CFHG Professionals Conference

November 2014, Provo, Utah

ResearchTies hands-on lab

November 2013, Provo, Utah

Hometown Heaven: Discovering European Hometowns in the Immigrant Ancestors
Project
ResearchTies: Data Entry Tips and Tricks
ResearchTies: Multi-Variable Searching

November 2012, Provo, Utah

Organizing Digitally: Research Logs and Files

November 2009, Provo, Utah

U.S. Midwest Research
Online Digital U.S. Records

November 2007, Provo, Utah

Maintaining Your Career While also Managing a Family

November 2004, Provo, Utah

Professional Writing: Improving Your Grammar Skills
Getting Rid of Clutter: Filing and Organization

Genealogy KC

March 2014, Kansas City, Missouri

County Histories Can Solve a Mystery

Hometown Heaven: Discovering European Hometowns in the Immigrant Ancestors
Project

Tracing LDS Pioneer Migration

Researching Mormon Ancestors in the 19th Century Midwest

ResearchTies: Tracking Your Research

SALALM (Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials)

May 2014, Salt Lake City, Utah

Family History Opportunities at Brigham Young University: The BYU Center for Family
History and Genealogy

LDS Women's Conference

May 2013, Provo, Utah

O Remember, Remember . . . Journal-Keeping for all Ages

May 1999, Provo, Utah

How Can I Feel Motivated to do Family History Work?

Washington DC Family History Seminar

November 2013, Washington DC

Introduction to FamilySearch: Finding and Contributing Photos and Stories

Basic Skills of Analysis: A Case Study

Utah Genealogical Association Conference

April 2003, Salt Lake City, Utah

County Histories Can Solve a Mystery

May 2002, Salt Lake City, Utah

Using the Family History Library Catalog Effectively

Finding One Document in a Million, Quickly

April 2001, Salt Lake City, Utah

Research in the Midwestern States

Finding One Document in a Million, Quickly

LDS Pioneer Migration Records

April 1999, Salt Lake City, Utah

Organize Your Records: Finding One Document in a Million

Cemetery Searching: I Know They're Here Somewhere
Using County Histories to Solve a Mystery
Stake and Ward Family History Consultant Ideas

Brigham Young University College of Nursing Conference

March 1999, Provo, Utah "The Spiritual Connections of Research"

Family History Research: Spiritual Research on a Daily Basis

BYU-Idaho Family History Conference

April 2012, Rexburg, Idaho

Tips and Tricks for Using Online Census Search Engines

Organizing Genealogical Research and Note Files

Online Resources for Midwest U.S. Research

ResearchTies: An Online Research Log

March 2003, Rexburg, Idaho

Family History, A Work of Love (keynote)

November 2001, Rexburg, Idaho

Spiritual Research on a Daily Basis (keynote)

Compile on the Computer and Evaluate

Using the New 1880 Census CDs

Organization: A Must for Quality Research

TALKS

The National Archives, London, England, September 2013

Immigrant Ancestors Project: Indexed Collections from The National Archives

Utah Valley Technology and Genealogy Group, Provo, UT, November 2012

BYU's Center for Family History and Genealogy (keynote)

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Illinois

Hancock County Courthouse (Carthage)

Hancock County Historical Society (Carthage)

Illinois State Archives (Springfield)

Illinois State Historical Society (Springfield)

Illinois State Library (Springfield)
Lincoln Presidential Library (Springfield)
National Archives, Chicago Branch (Chicago)
The Newberry Library (Chicago)
Western Illinois University IRAD Collection (Macomb)

Indiana

Allen County Public Library (Ft. Wayne)
Wabash County Courthouse (Wabash)
Wabash County Historical Museum (Wabash)

Iowa

Garden Grove Public Library (Garden Grove)
Iowa State Genealogical Society (Des Moines)
Iowa State Historical Society (Des Moines and Iowa City)
Kanesville Tabernacle (Council Bluffs)
Keokuk Public Library (Keokuk)
Lee County Courthouse (Keokuk)

Missouri

Community of Christ Archives (Independence)
Mid-Continent Library (Independence)
Missouri State Archives (Jefferson City)
State Historical Society of Missouri (Columbia)

Nebraska

Mormon Trail Center (Winter Quarters)

South Dakota

South Dakota State Archives (Pierre)

Utah

Church History Library and Archives (Salt Lake City)
Family History Library (Salt Lake City)
Gerald R. Sherratt Library, Southern Utah University (Cedar City)
Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University (Provo)
J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah (Salt Lake City)
Stewart Library, Weber State University (Ogden)
Utah State Archives Research Center (Salt Lake City)

United Kingdom

British Library (London and Colindale)
London Metropolitan Archive (London)
Society of Genealogists Library (London)
The National Archives (London)

AWARDS

Lester E. Bush Award for Best Thesis, Mormon History Association, 2011.
Award of Merit, Utah Genealogical Association, 2003.
Distinguished Service Award, Utah Genealogical Association, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Professional Genealogists
International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists
Mormon History Association
National Genealogical Society
New England Historical and Genealogical Society
Utah Genealogical Association

SERVICE: LDS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCES

New England Family History Conference

March 2011, Franklin, Massachusetts

Organization: A Must for Quality Research
Census Searching Strategies
LDS Pioneer Migration Records

South Dakota Family History Conference

October 2011, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Midwest Research Methodology
Effective Use of Google and Google Alerts
Organizing Genealogical Research and Note Files

Highland, Utah Family History Conference

February 2007, Highland, Utah

U.S. Census Records

Research Methodology, Part I
Research Methodology, Part II

March 2004, Highland, Utah

U.S. Census Research
Original Sources
Factors of Geography and Place in Family History
Surveying What Others Have Done Before You

February 2003, Highland Utah

Organizing Your Files: A Must for Quality Research
How to Use U.S. Census Indexes
U.S. Census Research

March 2002, Highland, Utah

Elijah: Mission on the Earth, Mission After Earth Life
Verifying Temple Ordinances
Cemetery Searches

February 2001, Highland, Utah

History Can Solve a Mystery
Documenting Temple Ordinances

March 2000, Highland, Utah

Cemetery Searching: I Know They're Here Somewhere
U.S. Records in the Midwest
Basic Training for Ward Family History Consultants

Sharon East Stake Family History Fair – Event Director

March 2001, Provo, Utah

Getting Started and Getting Organized
County and Local Histories

Sandy Granite South Family History Conference

February 1999, Sandy, Utah

The Importance of Accuracy
Organizing Genealogical Note Files

Salt Lake Big Cottonwood Family History Conference

October 1998, Salt Lake City, Utah

Organizing Your Research and Note Files

Research in the Midwest States
Ideas for Stake and Ward Family History Consultants