



BYU FAMILY HISTORY PROGRAM



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Dear Family History Student:

Welcome to the Family History Program at BYU. Studying family history is the best decision you could make – one you won't regret! The BA in family history is an unusual hybrid of a liberal arts degree in history and technical degree in genealogy. The major has been designed to give you the skills of a historian and the skills of a genealogist. The minor focuses on technical genealogical training to complement your major.

Family history/genealogy is a growing and dynamic field with a variety of professional and volunteer paths. Housed within the History Department, the program provides hands-on learning and personal mentoring with a world-class faculty. You can craft the major to fit your ambitions and dreams because it offers so many courses as well as employment, internship, and networking opportunities. The program has been generously supported by both the university and donors. Let this abundance of resources encourage you to think creatively about your education. Don't just checklist the course requirements, take advantage of all the opportunities before you, talk to your professors to get guidance and direction, and enjoy learning in such a dynamic atmosphere.

We are glad to have you be part of family history at BYU. To join the major/minor email list (where we send announcements, job postings, and scholarship information) write cfhgoff@byu.edu and ask to be added to the list. For more details about all the family history resources at BYU, see <https://familyhistory.byu.edu>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harris

Family History Program Coordinator

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q How do I learn about family history events, jobs, and funding opportunities at BYU?
- A Join the major/minor email list. Write cfhgoff@byu.edu and ask to be added to the list.

- Q Whom do I speak with about declaring a Family History major or minor?
- A Liberal Arts Advisement will help you monitor completing graduation requirements and will handle official declaration of the major/minor. Professor Harris will help you think strategically about courses, minors, internships and careers.

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- Q I understand I will be required to do an internship. Where can I get more information?
- A You can contact the Internship Advisor or Coordinator. Also see internship information material in this packet.

Professor Christopher Jones
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Internship Coordinator
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- Q Has anyone died from talking to a professor?
- A No. It turns out that talking about course planning, or career paths, or general advice, reduces stress, facilitates good health, and enhances your good looks. Faculty members are here to help.

- Q Will this major help me trace my family back to Adam and Eve?
- A Absolutely not. If after taking History 217 you still want to do this, talk to Prof. Harris. Be prepared for her response.
- Q Am I allowed to have a social life while majoring/minoring in family history?
- A Yes! Spending time with the living is highly recommended and encouraged. You can talk to the living about the dead, but in order to maintain healthy family and social relations, cautiously gauge your audience's interest and endurance level.
- Q Whom will I meet in the Family History Program?
- A You'll meet people from a variety of backgrounds and generations. That mixture is one of the program's great strengths.
- Q Will I be able to convince my parents there are job opportunities in family history?
- A YES! Have your parents read the rest of this packet, or attend RootsTech, or talk to Prof. Harris.
- Q How should I answer the following questions?:

Q: There's a major in that? (asked in curiosity and interest)	A: Yes! Isn't that cool? You can learn more at https://history.byu.edu
Q: There's a major in that? (asked in a negative derogatory tone).	A: Yes! Isn't that cool? I get to study something with enormous professional and career opportunities that also helps me strengthen family relationships. You can learn more at https://history.byu.edu
Q: Why would you study that?!?!	A: Refer to the answer above.



MEET THE FAMILY HISTORY FACULTY & STAFF

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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Join the Family History majors/minors email list.

Stay up-to-date on events, courses, and jobs.

Send an email to cfhgoff@byu.edu.



WHY STUDY FAMILY HISTORY?

BYU's Family History/Genealogy program is unique: it offers the only bachelor's degree in family history in North America and its international scope is unrivaled. It offers intensive training and prepares students for a variety of professions and community service. The combination of evidence analysis, technology, and paleography skills makes family history/genealogy a gateway discipline for multiple historical, genealogical, archival, library, and research professions.



“We can be inspired all day long about temple and family history experiences others have had. But we must do something to actually experience the joy ourselves.”

- President Russell M. Nelson, RootsTech 2017

SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF STUDYING FAMILY HISTORY

“Understanding human history can take a lot of intellectual elbow grease, and a commitment to reading and learning and analyzing. Moreover, the spiritual practice of remembering is more fundamental than mining the experiences of others for our individual spiritual benefit ... It is another way of understanding the world and our place in it, as we move through time as well as space. It means opening ourselves to a different way of seeing all the many ways our lives connect to those of others – past, present, and future.”

Margaret Bendroth

The Spiritual Practice of Remembering

2013

FROM A FORMER STUDENT

“I’ve found that when I consistently make a sacrifice of time to engage in family history work ... I’m actually blessed with more energy. I find that I have a greater abundance of the Spirit in all that I do, especially my interactions with my husband and sons. I also feel better able to prioritize and focus on what matters most. More than anything, this work has helped me to draw closer to Jesus Christ and be filled with gratitude for His central role in our Heavenly Father’s plan.”

FOR MORE ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL ROLE OF FAMILY HISTORY, SEE THE FOLLOWING:

Elder Dale G. Renlund, “Family History and Temple Work: Sealing and Healing”, April 2018 General Conference <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2018/04/family-history-and-temple-work-sealing-and-healing?lang=eng>

Henry Louis Gates Jr., Keynote Speech, RootsTech 2018 [2018 RootsTech Keynote: Skip Gates • RootsTech • FamilySearch](#)

Amy Harris, “How dead cats, siblings, eighteenth-century English clergy, making lists, TED talks, evolutionary biology, Susa Young Gates, and my mom can save the world from being utterly wasted” BYU Forum Address 18 July 2017 <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/amy-harris/how-family-history-can-save-the-world>

Sister Wendy Watson Nelson and President Russell M. Nelson, RootsTech 2017 Family Discovery Day <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2017/10/open-the-heavens-through-temple-and-family-history-work?lang=eng>

Sister Sherri Dew and Sister Wendy Watson Nelson, Family History Discussion, RootsTech 2016 https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/topics/family-history/host-a-family-history-fair/admin-page-file/handouts/fdd/PD60001197_000-RT16-Nelson-Dew-WEB.pdf

WHERE TO BEGIN

HIST 205: Introduction to Family History Doctrine and Practice is a two-credit class that fulfills a religion elective. Designed for those with an interest in family history — no matter their skill level. This is a pre-requisite to all other Family History courses. <https://youtu.be/r2L7-foxJpI>



HIST 206: Thematic and Regional Studies in Family History is a one-credit class open to all students no matter their experience in family history and genealogy. It covers genealogical research in a particular location or for a particular group. Depending on the semester different locations are offered. Some of the area focuses include Scandinavia, Australia and New Zealand, African-American, France, England/Wales Family History,

WHEN YOU NEED HELP

There are many sources for help and support as you take your first classes.

- Workshops are held on the FamilySearch family tree, Standardization, Researching, Census Records, Vital Records and their substitutes, Church History Genealogical Practices, 20th Century Records, and Understanding DNA.
- There are open lab hours where you can come in and get assistance on any topic.
- Class teaching assistants can be contacted and will arrange a time for one on one help.

<https://history.byu.edu/famhistworkshops>



SHIP OF THESEUS

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perhaps
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look



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look like??

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A fine description
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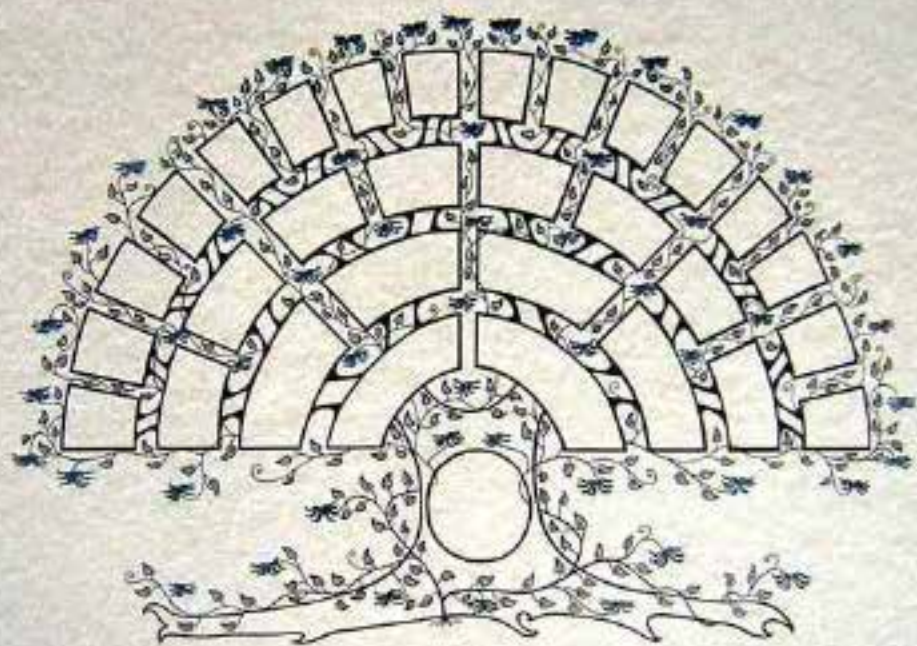
COURSE PLANNING

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and above a whisper. Some say she
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just a beautiful idiot. My family claims her

JUST LIKE THE
LOVE, THE LAST TIME
WAS 50 YEARS

just like Filomela



COURSE PLANNING

The Family History Program is designed to give you a solid foundation in genealogical and historical methods, genres of genealogical writing, foundational American research, historical research skills, and the opportunity for advanced research in a particular region and/or approach. To best take advantage of the program, courses will ideally follow the path listed below.

FAMILY HISTORY MAJOR

FOUNDATION

HIST 200: Historian's Craft

HIST 205: Introduction to Family History Doctrine & Practice
(fulfills religion elective credit)

HIST 206R: Regional & Thematic Courses in Family History
(different options each semester)

HIST 217: Family Historian's Craft

HIST 218: The Family and the Law in American History

GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

HIST 280: Northern US

HIST 285: Scandinavian

HIST 281: Southern US

HIST 286: Latin American

HIST 282: Colonial US

HIST 287: Eastern European

HIST 283: British

HIST 284: German

SKILLS

HIST 298: Digital History

HIST 350-354, 420: Language-Specific Paleography Courses

HIST 381: Computers in Family History Research & Publication

HIST 388: Genetic Genealogy

HIST 396: Historical Narrative: Writing Workshop

HIST 431: Public History

APPLICATION/CAPSTONE

HIST 299R: Internship (optional)

HIST 439: Seminar on Professional Family History Research

HIST 490: Capstone Research Seminar

HIST 496R: Academic Internship



FAMILY HISTORY MINOR

17 credits (5 of which fulfill university requirements)

There is flexibility in the minor to make it suit your goals.

Consult with Professor Harris about available options.

FOUNDATION - 8 credits

HIST 205: Introduction to Family History Doctrine & Practice
(fulfills religion elective credit)

HIST 217: Family Historian's Craft (fulfills GE social science credit)

HIST 218: The Family and the Law in American History
(should be taken the semester after Hist 217)

ADVANCED AMERICAN RESEARCH - 3 credits

HIST 280: Northern US

HIST 281: Southern US

HIST 282: Colonial US

SKILLS - 3 credits

HIST 298: Digital History

HIST 350: English Language Paleography

HIST 351: German Language Paleography

HIST 352: Scandinavian Languages Paleography

HIST 353: Romance Languages Paleography

HIST 354: Russian Language Paleography

HIST 381: Computers in Historical Research and Publication

HIST 388: Genetic Genealogy

HIST 396: History Narrative: Writing Workshop

HIST 420: Latin Paleography

HIST 431: Public History

ADVANCED RESEARCH ELECTIVE - 3 credits

Courses used for the Skills requirement cannot double count for the Advanced Research Elective

HIST 206R: (You may take up to 3 credit hours of each 1 credit class)

HIST 280: Northern US Family History Research

HIST 281: Southern US Family History Research

HIST 282: Colonial US Family History Research

HIST 283: British Family History Research

HIST 284: German Family History Research

HIST 285: Scandinavian Family History Research

HIST 286: Southern European/Latin Am Family History Research

HIST 287: Eastern European Family History Research

HIST 496R: Internship

GOOD MINORS FOR FAMILY HISTORY MAJORS

The Family History major already combines historical and genealogical training, but supplementing that with additional cross-training is a good idea. Being cross-trained in another field will hone your skills and make you better prepared for the occupation and volunteer opportunities in family history/genealogy.

TECHNICAL

Digital Humanities
Information Technology
Computer Science

GRAPHIC & VISUAL ARTS

Design Thinking
Media Arts

BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS

Marketing
Communications
Public Relations
Global and Community
Impact

AREA STUDIES

Africana Studies
American Studies
Asian Studies
European Studies
Latin American Studies
Scandinavian Studies

SOCIAL & BIOLOGICAL STUDIES

Anthropology
Genetics (Microbiology)
Geography
Global Women's Studies

WRITING & LANGUAGES

Editing
English
Foreign Languages

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

BYU offers a host of out-of-classroom resources designed to help you succeed in your classes. There are also classes in other programs that might interest you. Of particular interest to family history students are writing resources. If in your studies you discover other classes or resources that would benefit your fellow family history students, please inform Dr Harris.

WRITING SUPPORT

FHSS Writing Lab 1175 JFSB

<https://fhsswriting.byu.edu>

GENEALOGICAL WRITING SAMPLES

There is a binder available for review at the CFHG (1031 JFSB). It contains examples of professional client reports, credential applications materials, and examples of student writing.

WRITING CLASSES

WRTG 311: Writing about Art and Humanities
WRTG 312: Persuasive Writing
WRTG 315: Writing and the Social Sciences
WRTG 316: Technical Communication
ENG 317R: Writing Creative Nonfiction

OTHER CLASSES OF INTEREST

DIGHT 210: Intro to Programming
DIGHT 215: Intro to Digital Humanities
DIGHT 250: Web Publishing
GEOG 130: Intro to Human Geography
GEOG 211: Mapping your World
GEOG 212: Intro to GIS
PWS 168: Personal Genomics



**INTERNSHIPS
&
EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING**





FAMILY HISTORY INTERNSHIPS

An internship is intended to provide you with valuable experience and help you find satisfying employment after you graduate.

It is an important part of your training!

HOW TO GET STARTED - THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. You arrange your own internship, either by contacting the organizations on the potential internship list, or a company, archive, or genealogical society of your choice.
2. Consult with a family history faculty mentor about internship possibilities in your area. See page 9 for faculty contact information.
3. Meet with the Internship Coordinator in the History Department Office: Tiffany Ivins 2130 JFSB (801) 422-1789
hist_intern@byu.edu

FOR DOMESTIC INTERNSHIPS

4. Submit an application at <http://intern.byu.edu>
5. When approved at all levels, register for HIST 496R.
6. Complete the internship, including reports required in the 496R syllabus.

FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

4. Visit the Kennedy Center Individual Experience office.
5. Have the History Dept. Internship Coordinator and faculty advisor sign your paperwork.
6. Enroll in IAS 369R before your internship.
7. Complete the internship, including reports in the HIST 496R syllabus.



INTERNSHIPS

Internships and experiential learning opportunities abound at BYU, especially within the Family History Program. There are also abundant funding resources to support those opportunities. While one internship is required, don't see this as a checklist, but as an opportunity to learn in a "real-world" environment. Consider completing more than one internship.

HOW TO PLAN & PREPARE

It is important that you are fully prepared for your internship. Many students intern between their junior and senior years, or their final spring term.

Create and continually update a resume, a basic cover letter, and other application materials. Taking [STDEV 317](#) (Job and Internship Search Strategies) is a helpful preparation.

FOR ALL INTERNSHIPS

- HIST 220
- HIST 205
- HIST 217
- HIST 218
- A Paleography Class (HIST 350-354)
- One of the elective Family History Courses

FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

- In addition to the courses listed for ALL internships, at least 4 semesters of the language (or equivalent ability to read and translate) is required.
- The appropriate paleography class.
- The family history course for your country of choice.

Some internships are best only for students with a high level of training and proficiency. For the following internships, we strongly recommend at least a B+ average in the major.

- Society of Genealogists – London (Consult Professor Harris)
- Folger Library – Washington D.C.
- New England Historic & Genealogical Society – Boston MA

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many sources for funding. Check with a faculty mentor or Tiffany Ivins early in your planning to make sure you're familiar with the sources and deadlines. Funding is available, on a competitive basis, from the CFHG, the History Department, and FHSS. Note that the CFHG application deadline is usually in early November for scholarships the following calendar year (January through December).

POTENTIAL INTERNSHIPS

National & Regional Archives
State Archives (U.S.) and County Archives (U.K.)

Historical Societies

Library of Congress
(Washington D.C.)

Newberry Library (Chicago)

Folger Shakespeare Library
(Washington D.C.)

Clayton Library (Houston)

Society of Genealogists
(London)

Professional Research Companies

New England Historical
Genealogical Society (Boston)

Commercial Genealogical
Companies

New York Genealogical and
Biographical Society

Irish Family History Research
Center (Dublin)

Regional Office of US National
Archives

Allen County Public Library
(IN)

WHY AN INTERNSHIP?

STUDENTS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

“I am glad that I chose to do an academic internship at the genealogy center (in Indiana), as it helped broaden my ideas of what can be done with a degree in family history and genealogy.”

-United States

“This internship has opened my eyes to new opportunities and shown me that I can apply the skills that I have learned in my other classes at Brigham Young University. This experience has changed my life.”

-Washington Seminar



“While I somewhat expected the internship to just be a checklist item on my list of things to do in order to graduate, it proved to be an important experience in the development of my skills as a genealogist. I definitely feel more prepared... There is significant value in having “real-world” experience before you graduate and try to start your career on your own.” - On campus

“This internship completely changed my perspective on Southern European family history and will impact my research for the rest of my life. I don’t regret going, in fact, this has been probably one of the most educational times of my entire stay at BYU.”

-Spain and France



“This was an amazing experience both on a personal and academic level. For starters, I am forty-seven-years old and I made the bold decision . . . to do a semester abroad in Vienna, Austria . . . I learned so much . . . about the cultures, the history and the research strategies; all of which has enriched my life . . . I will forever be grateful for this opportunity.”

- Austria

ANNUAL EVENTS

January: Internship Night & Career Fair

February: RootsTech

March: History Department Banquet

April: Family History Program's Professional Networking Dinner

May: National Genealogical Society Conference

October: Family History Program's Fall Reception

October: National Family History Month

November: Archive Field Trip

KEEP UP ON EVENTS



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/byufamilyhistoryclub>



<https://www.instagram.com/byu.familyhistoryclub/>



<https://www.instagram.com/byuhistory/>
use the hashtag #BYUFamilyHistory



NETWORKING
&
CAREER DEVELOPMENT



PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE WHILE IN SCHOOL

MAP FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1

FIRST YEAR join the Family History Club; attend all events possible, particularly the Fall Reception and Spring Professional Networking dinner. Join Phi Alpha Theta – the Department of History’s honor club. At the end of the year apply for on-campus family history jobs and/or consider an internship. Meet with faculty mentors.

2

SECOND YEAR join club leadership. Attend RootsTech and consider presenting there. Consider presenting with the Utah Genealogical Virtual Chapter or a regional family history conference. Apply for assistant research or teaching positions. Apply to be a TA for the Family History Workshops. Contribute to the Family Search Wiki. Submit papers to the Thetean, the Department of History’s undergraduate journal by participating in the department student paper competition. Attend the FHSS Mentored Learning Conference (April and December) to see student research. Consider presenting at BYU’s Family History Technology Workshop. Complete an initial internship. Meet with faculty mentors.

3

THIRD YEAR apply for a grant to attend NGS. Submit an essay for publication. Continue to meet with family history and history faculty mentors. Consider joining the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). Apply for awards and scholarships in the college and department. Present your research at FHSS Mentored Learning Conference in April and December. If you’ve worked at the Center for Family History and Genealogy for over a year, consider requesting a new assignment there in order to expand your experience. Meet with faculty mentors.

4

FOURTH YEAR apply for internship grants. Attend NGS. Apply for graduate school. Begin compiling portfolio materials for an AG or CG application. Volunteer to help plan a local conference/organization. Join APG. Meet with faculty mentors.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Consider taking
Student Development Class (ST DEV 317):
Career Strategies for Employment and Internships
2 credits

University and college services can help you
craft a resume, prepare for interviews, and learn
important job skills.

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CAREER PATHS IN FAMILY HISTORY

“The (BYU family history students) I’ve hired in the past were the very best at professionalism, work ethic, and knowledge about genealogy research.”

-Genealogical Management Professional, 2019

The Family History/Genealogy major offers undergraduates an unparalleled opportunity to hone their skills outside the classroom. In addition to internships, many students are employed as research assistants, teaching assistants, or as researchers at the Center for Family History and Genealogy. Because the program is relatively small, majors and minors build friendships and working relationships with other students that benefit not only their college career, but also their post-graduation pursuits.

CAREERS

Genealogical Research Companies

Genetic & Forensic Genealogy Firms

Genealogical Corporations

National Parks/Historic Sites

Libraries/Archives

Historical Societies

Museums

Technology Companies

Probate/Heir Research

Research Libraries

CAREERS BEYOND THE WASATCH FRONT

OUT-OF-STATE BYU FAMILY HISTORY GRADUATES

PRIVATE RESEARCH

This Texas graduate received a Masters of Arts in International Relations. She is in the process of becoming credentialed and has started her own business as a private researcher.

SPEAKING

This graduate earned her M.A. from the University of Alberta and does private research, is a stake Family History Center Director, and speaks throughout Western Canada on genealogical topics.

VOLUNTEERING

This graduate of Brea, California, a mother and homemaker, volunteers at the Orange County FamilySearch Library.

TEACHING

This graduate earned her Masters in Library Science and is a librarian on a naval base in Japan. She teaches a 6-week genealogy class, free to the public, through a local library. She also teaches a 4-week children's genealogy class during the summers.

GOVERNMENT RESEARCH

A graduate in Culpeper, Virginia, is an adjunct instructor at BYU-I, and conducts private client research. Another graduate living in McLean, Virginia, works for the Bureau of Economic Research as a research assistant, analyzing Union Army veterans for trends in disease and mortality.

DIGITAL HISTORY

This graduate, living in Chicago, Illinois, received a Masters of Arts Digital Humanities from Loyola University, is owner of Roots4All Genealogical Services, and is a part-time contractor for Genlighten.com.

CONSULTANT

This graduate, living in Oregon, works privately as a family history consultant for various research clients. She also does part-time work, legal work, volunteer work, church work, etc.

RECORD MANAGEMENT

This graduate, living in Maryland, received a Masters in Library Science and works in records management. She is the Assistant Director for records operations for the US Department of Justice.

START-UPS

This graduate and his wife own and operate a small online genealogy company in Idaho.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

This graduate is pursuing his Masters in Library Science and a Master of Information Science at Indiana University.

PART-TIME

This graduate from Ohio has been a self-employed part-time genealogist continuously since 2004.



NETWORKING & LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Be sure to keep in touch.

Support the students who join the program after you. Invite current students to contact you about your internship and campus experiences. Provide meaningful feedback on senior and alumni surveys.

Make sure you are on the Family History Alumni email list, so you can receive employment notices and other information. To confirm you are on the list, or to change your address in the future, please contact cfhgoff@byu.edu.

Join other Networking sites:

LinkedIn, NextGen Genealogy Network, Association of Professional Genealogists, and etc.

Take advantage of BYU's Alumni Career Services

<https://alumnicareers.byu.edu>

Stay connected and involved with the BYU Alumni Association

Visit <https://alumni.byu.edu>



FAMILY HISTORY CLUB & NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

All students should consider joining the Family History Club

<https://clubs.byu.edu/clubs#/family-history-club>



For students over the age of 30, consider joining
the Nontraditional student Association:

<https://sds.byu.edu/non-traditional-student-association>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



THE CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY

The CFHG is a community of family history scholars – faculty, students, and volunteers – working and learning together to:

1. Simplify the finding of ancestors.
2. Support the training of family historians and genealogists.
3. Aid researchers in the study of families and the populations in which they reside.

EMPLOYMENT AT THE CENTER

The Center currently employs over 30 students to conduct research, supervise projects, and create tutorials, giving our students excellent experience in their chosen field of study. Students who have successfully completed History 217 are eligible to apply for employment at the Center. Watch Y Jobs (the student employment job board) at the beginning of every semester for available openings.





CURRENT CFHG PROJECTS

EARLY BRITISH CENSUS PROJECT

This project compiles the numerous surviving census returns from 1801 to 1831 from Britain and Ireland into one searchable database. As of the end of 2023, the database comprises over 300 parish returns containing information for about 130,000 households and about 150,000 individuals. Website: <http://ebc.byu.edu/>

LINKING FAMILIES FOR CANCER PREVENTION

Linking Families for Cancer Prevention is conducted in partnership with the nonprofit organization, ConnectMyVariant. This effort is a public health initiative for families with genetic variants that can cause hereditary cancer. The Center uses genetic and traditional genealogical research to build family trees for the participants. Then the team at ConnectMyVariant helps the participants inform their relatives of the family's increased risk, so the families can take preventative measures.

Website: <https://cfhg.byu.edu/linking-families>

NAUVOO COMMUNITY PROJECT

BYU student research on residents of the community of Nauvoo assists descendants with genealogical research, as well as assisting historians of frontier towns in learning more about westward migration and life in frontier societies. Website: <http://nauvoo.byu.edu/>

THE SCRIPT TUTORIAL

The Center has developed the Script Tutorials, which offer guidance in deciphering documents written in handwriting styles or alphabets no longer in general use. Most of the tutorial explanations are also available in the native languages. Website: <https://script.byu.edu>

REPATRIATION PROJECT

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's mission is to account for all missing soldiers, and where possible, return their remains to their families. Over 81,000 soldiers remain missing from our country's wars back to World War II. Students at the Center use traditional and genetic genealogical research to assist in identifying the soldiers' living next of kin and potential DNA donors to assist in identifying remains. This provides a meaningful service to our country's military families. Website: <https://www.dpaa.mil/>



DID YOU KNOW?

The Center also has a book collection and writing samples for you to use.

The Center for Family History and Genealogy is an open computer lab. All family history students are encouraged to see it as a place they can work on projects, work with classmates, use the library and computer resources, and enjoy comradery with fellow students.

The Center includes a library with major reference texts that are available.

QUICK LINKS

Family History Workshops

<https://history.byu.edu/famhistworkshops>

BYU Family History Library <https://fh.lib.byu.edu>

BYU Harold B. Lee Library <https://lib.byu.edu/>

Family Search <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

BYU History Department <https://history.byu.edu>

FHSS Student Resources <https://socialsciences.byu.edu/students>

Non-Traditional Student Association

<https://sds.byu.edu/non-traditional-student-association>

Once you've completed your education at BYU, consider all the ways you can help others. This can partially be accomplished via employment or volunteer in genealogical occupations. But, you can also help your neighbors, wards, stakes, and communities with family history research, genealogy fairs, and preservation of living memory. You can also support future students by donating to scholarship funds, by attending the Professional Networking Dinner, and by helping others network at the conferences.

