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**ECHOES OF OUR ANCESTORS**

The echoes of our ancestors resonate within us. Their voices, beliefs, cultures, choices, experiences, and traditions still influence the people that we are today. We carry their physical traits in our DNA, display some of their talents, and carry forward their occupations, religions, and associations. The choices our ancestors made—including their decisions to migrate and where to settle—bring their heritage and sense of community forward. Each of their unique experiences shaped their lives and reverberate in us.

The study of family history gives greater meaning and dimension to our lives. As the prior generations fade from view, our research work illuminates the pale echoes of the past and brings our ancestors back to life for future generations.

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**NGS 2020 CONFERENCE**

Salt Lake City, the site of the forty-second annual NGS Family History Conference, offers an exciting experience for attendees: a modern convention center set in the beautiful Wasatch mountain range; a sophisticated city with many great choices for hotels, restaurants, and shops; and some of the best genealogical research resources in the US.

The NGS conference will feature more than 150 genealogy lectures on a wide variety of topics including immigration, DNA, historical migrations, specialized collections at the Family History Library, ethnic sources, research techniques, and more.

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**SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER**

The National Genealogical Society 2020 Family History Conference will be held 20–23 May 2020 in the Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 South West Temple, only eight miles from the Salt Lake International Airport, visitsaltlake.com/salt-palace-convention-center.

**CONFERENCE HOTELS**

Reservations will open in mid-August 2019. The official conference hotel, the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, is just a short walk from the convention center. The Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown is located adjacent to the convention center and the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel is just half a block away. For more details, see conference.ngsgenealogy.org, beginning 1 August 2019.
TUESDAY PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS

Enjoy one of three fantastic tours before the conference begins…

The Utah State Archives and Utah Division of State History: In this behind-the-scenes tour, discover how each institution manages collections and preserves records. See some of the interesting artifacts and records they house and the State Archives “robots” (automated storage and retrieval system) in action. Visit and research in the Research Room, browse the Rio Gallery Museum, and enjoy lunch at the iconic Rio Grande Café, all located in the same complex. historyresearch.utah.gov

Welfare Square and International Peace Gardens: In this guided tour of Welfare Square’s storehouse, cannery, bakery, and dairy, learn about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ humanitarian efforts around the world. Then enjoy a box lunch and visit to the International Peace Gardens, a lovely collection of gardens representing twenty-eight nations. This tranquil place encourages guests to wander, meditate, and enjoy the beauties of nature. internationalpeacegardens.org

Natural History Museum and Red Butte Gardens: The Natural History Museum of Utah is an architectural jewel and one of the finest natural history museums in the country. Five thousand artifacts on display highlight Utah’s incredible history and biodiversity. Discover the stories of Utah’s native peoples, past and present, and see how the state’s world-famous landscapes were formed. After a box lunch at the museum, visit the Red Butte Garden, one of the largest botanical gardens in the Intermountain West and the state arboretum of Utah. nhmu.utah.edu | redbuttegarden.org

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

TUESDAY
BCG Education Fund Workshop
Whether you are a family historian, hobbyist, librarian, writer, or professional genealogist, you will learn from BCG associates Stefani Evans, CG, and Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, the skills of interpreting documents through transcription and analysis in “Understanding the Records” and understanding legal context in “Understanding the Law.”

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
International Workshop Sessions
Get help from Family History Library specialists in six two-hour workshop sessions, Wednesday-Friday. Each workshop will be focused on a geographical or ethnic heritage. Seating is limited and preregistration is required. Planned workshops include:
- German
- Hispanic
- Irish
- Italian
- Native American
- Scandinavian

WEDNESDAY
A Night at the Library
The Family History Library will remain open until 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, with several activities to enjoy inside and out. Food trucks nearby will offer affordable food for purchase from Salt Lake City’s finest on wheels. Activities will include a “punch pass” for prizes, mini-presentations, and access to research professionals.

THURSDAY
Echoes of Broadway
An Evening Off-Broadway in Salt Lake City: Enjoy the talents of former Broadway stars in Echoes of Broadway, an excellent night of entertainment hosted by the Utah Genealogical Association. This Thursday evening event will begin with a silent auction, allowing time to chat about the stimulating classes attended that day, followed by a scrumptious dinner and the evening’s showcase.
RESEARCH IN SALT LAKE CITY

Come early or stay after the conference and take advantage of the incredible research facilities in the area. The largest genealogical library in the world, the Family History Library, is located just a few blocks from the Salt Palace. Its world-class holdings and staff offer unparalleled opportunities. A short distance from the convention center lie both the University of Utah’s Marriott Library Special Collections and the Research Center for the Utah State Archives and Utah State History. Brigham Young University, a forty-five-minute drive away, has unique resources and collections on western settlement. Several rental car companies located nearby can facilitate a trip to this repository.

**Family History Library**
The library offers many services and resources.

35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City 801-240-6996
Extended hours during the conference: Monday–Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Thursday–Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. familysearch.org

**Research Center for the Utah State Archives and Utah State History**
Provides access to many historical records and collections from private, public, and government sources, including records of early settlements, Great Basin colonization, Mormon pioneers, mining, and records not available at other repositories.

300 South Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City 801-245-7227 Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. archives.utah.gov

**University of Utah Marriott Library, Special Collections**
Unpublished archival manuscripts, photographs, posters, and video and audio recordings documenting the past and current history of Utah and the Intermountain West through different experiences of Western life.

295 South Campus Drive, Salt Lake City 801-581-6273 Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. lib.utah.edu

**Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University**
This outstanding research library has county and local histories, LDS Church records, diaries, journals, periodicals, newspapers, government documents, maps, and computer databases. The university’s unique special collections library houses collections for Robert Burns, Walt Whitman, Herman Melville, and Louisa May Alcott, among others, and a large women’s manuscript collection.

2060 Lee Lane, Provo 801-422-2927 Monday–Friday 7:00 a.m. to midnight Saturday 8:00 a.m. to midnight. lib.byu.edu

**Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum, History Department**
Collections of records pioneers brought with them including Bibles, photos, diaries, journals, and letters; compiled genealogies on nearly every pioneer who arrived before 1869.

300 North Main Street, Salt Lake City 801-532-6479 Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. isdup.org

**Church History Library (LDS)**
A collection especially strong for early Utah and Mormon pioneers.

15 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City 801-240-2272 Monday - Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. history.lds.org/section/library

**Salt Lake Public Library**
A good heraldry collection and better than average Western Americana collection, including books about Mormon and other ethnic pioneers.

210 E 400 East, Salt Lake City 801-524-8200 Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. slcpl.org

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