



*Finding Your Family
in the Records*
Family History Workshop

Saturday, July 28, 2018

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Rio Grande Depot



Utah Division of
Archives and
Records Service



Utah Division of
State History



Welcome to our Inaugural Family History Workshop!

9:30 AM: Doors Open for Registration

10:00 – 11:00 AM

- ◆ *What is an Archives?* by Alan Barnett (Board Room)
- ◆ *Finding Family in the Vital Records* by Gina Strack & Mike Wynder (West Lecture Room)

BREAK: 11:00 – 11:10 AM

11:10 AM – 12:10 PM

- ◆ *Home on the Range: U.S. Federal Land Records* by Beth Taylor (Board Room)
- ◆ *Finding Family in Cemetery Records* by Alan Barnett (West Lecture Room)

12:10 – 1:20 PM: LUNCH

(UTAH STATE ARCHIVES TRAINING ROOM)

Provided by Utah Division of State History & Utah State Archives

1:20 – 2:20 PM

- ◆ *Using Probate Records* by Diana Elder (Board Room)
- ◆ *What's in a Local Repository?* (West Lecture Room)
 - ◆ Karri Krattley from the Salt Lake County Archives
 - ◆ Sarah Singh from Weber State University
 - ◆ Cherie Willis from the Salt Lake Public Library
 - ◆ Lara Bangerter from the Lehi Historical Society

BREAK: 2:20 – 2:30 PM

2:30 – 3:30 PM

- ◆ *Utah Repositories for Family History Research* by Holly T. Hansen (Board Room)
- ◆ *Family in the Court Records* by Rosemary Cundiff & Alyson Brown (West Lecture Room)

Research Center Open
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Presenters from the State Archives Staff



Alan Barnett holds a degree in history from Brigham Young University and a degree in historic preservation from the University of Utah. He has worked at the Utah State Historical Society and has been with the Utah State Archives for 15 years. He currently serves as the Archives Research Center Manager and the Local Government Archivist.



Rosemary Cundiff is the Government Records Ombudsman at the Utah State Archives and Records Service. In this role she is required to be familiar with the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) so that she can assist government employees as well as the general public with issues related to records requests. Rosemary has worked for the Utah State Archives for eighteen years and has been the ombudsman for six years.

Rosemary received a master's degree in history from the University of Delaware.

Rosemary began her work at Utah State Archives as a processing archivist, and in that role, processed many local government records. Later, Rosemary became the local government records analyst. As the local government records analyst, Rosemary and Jim Kichas completed an inventory of the historical court records in the state. This inventory resulted in the current court records research guide and finding aid.



Gina Strack has been at the Utah State Archives and Records Service since 2002. She is the Digital Archives Program Manager, and also processes historical records and administers the website and blog. She is a Certified Archivist, holds a certificate as a Digital Archives Specialist, and has an MLIS from the University of Washington.

Gina has led vital records processing and digitization since about 2009, ranging from acquisition and archival arrangement to overseeing indexing of birth and death certificates.

Visiting Presenters



Lara M. Bangerter is the director of the Lehi Historical Society and Archives. Bangerter's background in journalism has served her well as she works to organize, research, document, preserve and record Lehi's history. A graduate of Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in Communications with an emphasis in journalism, she completed internships at the Library of Congress and at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' *New Era* magazine. She also worked at the *Standard-Examiner* in Ogden and the *Daily Herald* in Provo. Most recently, Bangerter wrote the biographies of the presidents of the General Relief Society of the LDS Church that appear on LDS.org. She also has several historical articles run in the *Lehi Free Press* each month.

Raised in Grand Junction, Colo., Bangerter is married to Alpine native Shane Bangerter, and together they have four daughters, ranging in age from 22 to 14. Their favorite things to do together include traveling, playing on the beach, being with extended family and camping in the Uintah mountains. Bangerter enjoys reading, writing, traveling, church work, and organizing.



Alyson Brown has worked for the Second District Court, Davis County, for 38 years. For many of those years, she has been serving in the position of Clerk of Court. She witnessed the introduction of computers in Davis County during 1981 and has been instrumental in records retention and the preservation of permanent records. She has worked closely with the Utah State Archives to ensure that Utah State Court records from 1986 forward can be located. Present day court records are captured and maintained in an electronic format, which is a far cry from recording everything by hand in leather bound books.

Alyson graduated from the Michigan State University Judicial Administration Program. She has also been recognized for her significant contribution to the effective operation of the Utah State Courts and dedication to her position by receiving a meritorious service award from the Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court.

Alyson lives in Kaysville with her husband. She is a mother of four children and grandmother of eight. She enjoys outdoor and family activities.

Visiting Presenters, Cont.



Diana Elder AG® is a professional genealogist, author, and speaker. She is accredited in the Gulf South region of the United States through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen). Diana graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Elementary Education and has turned her passion for teaching to educating teens and adults in proven genealogy techniques. Diana is the author of *Research Like a Pro: A*

Genealogists Guide and creator of the “Research Like a Pro” study group. She writes regular articles for FamilyLocket.com, the genealogy website created by her daughter, Nicole Dyer. She presents regularly at genealogy conferences, sharing the methods she uses every day to solve challenging genealogical problems.



President and Founder of Family History Expos, Inc. and a lifelong resident of Croydon, Utah, **Holly T. Hansen** is a family history educator with more than 20 years of experience. Although she sponsors elaborate events, she also enjoys helping people one-on-one as they learn how to make technology work for them. Author, lecturer, editor, and publisher, Holly devotes time every day to education.



Karri Krattley has a master’s degree in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona. She is the Archives Manager for the Salt Lake County Archives in West Valley City, Utah.

Salt Lake County Archives manages the permanent, public records created by Salt Lake County government from 1847 - present. Birth, death, marriage, early divorce, property records (including house photographs), maps, and official meeting minutes are just some of the records that can be found at the archives.

www.slco.org/archives/.

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Sarah Singh is the Head of Special Collections at Weber State University where she has worked since 1999. She has an MA in Russian History from Utah State University and an MLIS with a focus on archives from San Jose State University. She is the co-author of four books on the history of Ogden. Sarah’s research interests include the history of Ogden, 25th Street, women, crime, and oral history.

WSU Special Collections was founded in 1971 and is the repository for Weber and Davis County historical materials. It currently has over 400 manuscript collections and 300 photograph collections that cover the area from the late 1880s to the present.



Beth Taylor, CGSM, works as a US/Canada Research Specialist at the Family History Library. She is a Board-certified genealogist (CG), holds a BA of History from Brigham Young University (2005), and has worked for FamilySearch for thirteen years. Her specialties and interests include DNA, Quakers, organizing, land records, probate records, and more. For more information see:

www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/User:TaylorBE



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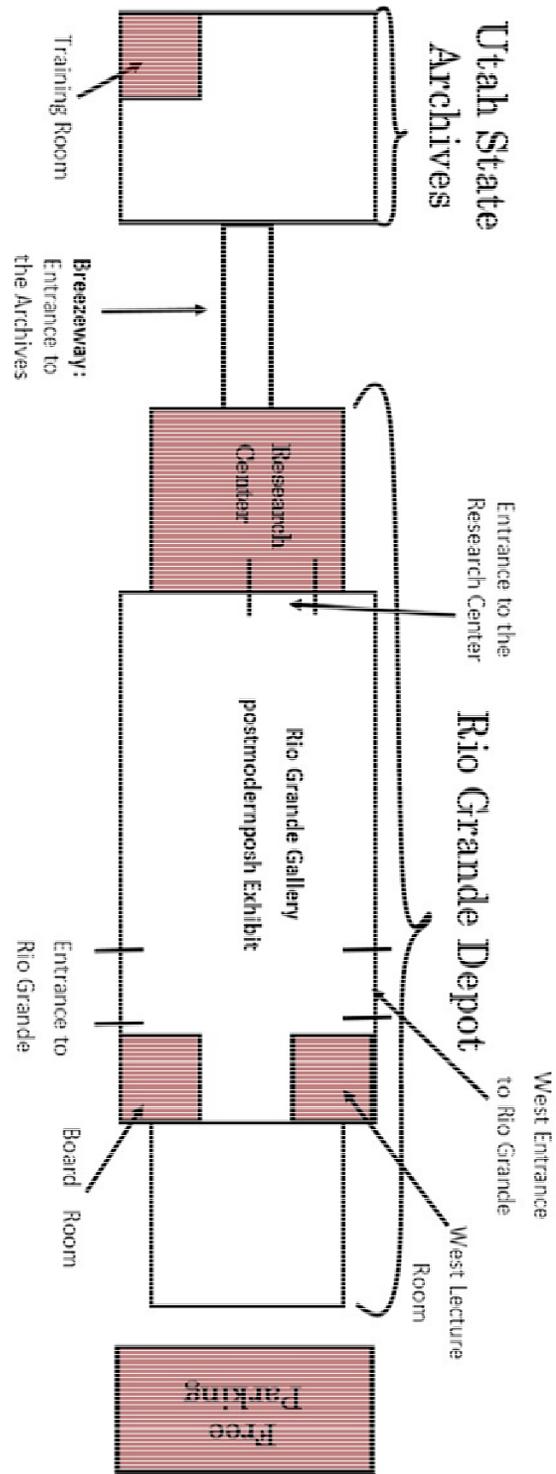


While working at one of the reference desks in the Nonfiction/AudioVisual department of the **Salt Lake City Public Library**, I am often asked what I do, or what my title is, or did I have to go to school to do what I do. Even though these questions are frequently posed, they still surprise me and I usually blurt out, "I'm a librarian and yes, I had to have a Masters in Library and Information Science to do this." In our modern age, this answer may not fully address the question.

As a librarian at the City Library, **Cherie Willis'** jobs include intensive researcher, reader's advisor, exhibit and display designer, performing arts coordinator, Special Collections watchdog, history promoter, staff trainer, tour guide, and, more than ever, social worker. I have worked at the City Library for 22 years, although for 16 of those years I only worked part-time to have time to raise my sons. During that time I also had the honor of serving as the citizen representative on the State Records Committee. Prior to motherhood, for six years I worked at the Utah State Archives, where my passion was balancing the competing concepts of privacy and access. This focus led to working with the amazing team that created the Government Records Access and Management Act.



Michael Wynder is the Archivist for the Office of Vital Records and Statistics located at the Utah Department of Health. Michael graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelors degree in Health Promotion and Education in 2009. This has led him to work in a variety of capacities at the Huntsman Cancer Institute and Intermountain Healthcare. Most notably, he worked as a Senior Preservationist at the LDS Church History Library for almost 8 years. His experience includes micrographic camera operation, micrographic film development in a darkroom setting, archival and cataloging processes, and digital records preservation. Current duties include facilitating vital records transfers to the Utah State Archives, auditing and maintaining physical storage and handling of documents, coordinating retention schedules. He is a certified Records Officer for Vital Records.



Map



Upcoming Utah State Archives and State History special events:

September:

September 5 – The Utah State Archives is partnering with the Utah State Developmental Center in American Fork to host an evening exploring the history of the Developmental Center and its impact on American Fork.

September 11 – The Utah State Archives will host their fall Records Management Conference at the SLCC Miller Campus. The theme is The Nuts and Bolts of Records Management. [Bit.ly/2t9ET2O](https://bit.ly/2t9ET2O)

September 27-28 – Utah State History will host their Annual History Conference. The theme is Transportation and Movement. <https://heritage.utah.gov/history/2018conference>

October:

Wednesdays in October, the Utah State Archives will host lunchtime lectures related to our theme: Utah and the Great War: Ready and Willing

October 10 – *Sharing Valuable Family Records*. Rebekkah Shaw will talk about finding WWI letters among her family papers. A digitization specialist will talk about ways to provide digital copies of historic records to other family members.

Find more information about upcoming events at:

<https://archives.utah.gov/community/events.html> (Utah State Archives)

<https://history.utah.gov> (Utah State History)

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