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Guide brings to those who are engaged in genealogy pursuits.

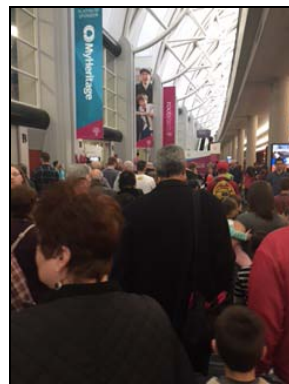
One of the highlights of the conference was when we officially placed the FamilySearch logo on our Home page, as an official training resource for FamilySearch.



Approved Training Resource for FamilySearch

RootsTech 2017 Recap

With nearly 30,000 attendees and VIPs from the Property Brothers to Levar Burton, RootsTech 2017 was a memorable occasion—especially so in our little spread of real estate. Our booth (1133) for The Family History Guide

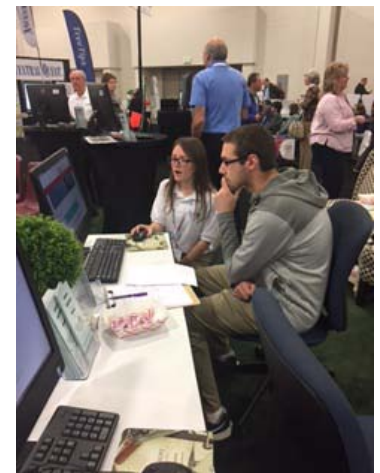


RootsTech 2017 crowds gather at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah

saw a steady stream of visitors from around the world, from young to old.

We were delighted, although not really surprised, at the great number of positive comments we received on the website. Reactions ranged from quiet interest to outright tears of joy at what The Family History

We offered over 40 mini-classes of 15 minutes each at the booth, which were a lot of fun for the trainers and the attendees alike. We also gave hands-on demos at four workstations in the booth, where guests could see the details of the website features and get their questions answered.



Aubrey Lake gives a brief demo of The Family History Guide to a guest at the booth.

And the soft seats proved popular as well, with one guest even nodding off for a well-deserved catnap.

We met quite a few family history consultants at the booth. Some were already using The Family History Guide but had not seen the latest changes to the site,



and others were new to it. Quite a few of them saw some great potential for their family history centers and went away excited to use The Family History Guide in their ongoing training efforts.

RootsTech 2017 was a great experience! We thoroughly enjoyed meeting users and trainers of The Family History Guide, and we came away with a number of intriguing partnership opportunities for the future. See you next year at RootsTech 2018!



Figure 1 Bob Ives, COO (left) and Bob Taylor, CEO (right) at the booth

What's New: Exercises

A new addition to The Family History Guide is ... exercises (not the gym kind, although those are also good). We are starting off with some easy ones in Project 1: Family Tree. As the topics get deeper, we'll deepen the exercises to help you master essential family history concepts and activities. The objective is to add one or more exercises to most of the Choices in The Family



History Guide. That will be an ongoing effort, but in our opinion the results will be well worth it.

Here's one of the Exercises from Goal 2, Choice B, after opening it:

Exercises

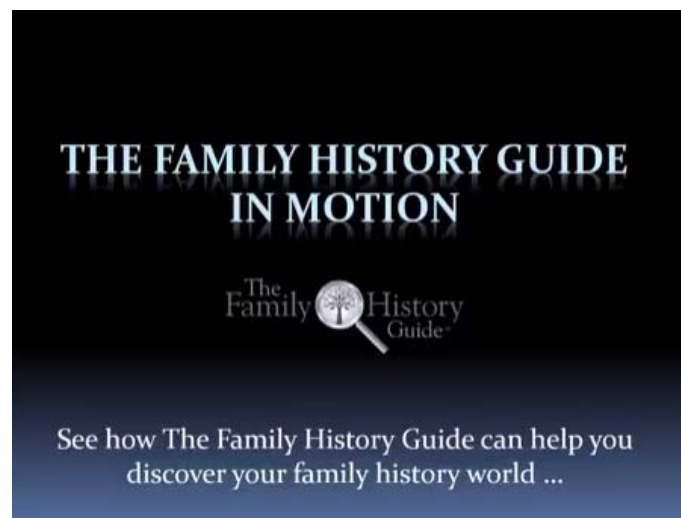
- Open the Summary cards for at least three ancestors, whose Summary cards you have not yet seen. Study the information on the card, noting dates and places of interest.
- Open the Person page for an ancestor, preferably several generations back. Use the View My Relationship tool to display a diagram of your relationship to the ancestor.

Media Section (Intro Page)

Now that our media content has grown, we decided to make it a bit easier to find. On the Introduction page, we now have the following sections:

- Promo Videos
- Training Videos
- Brochures and Flyers

A new addition to the Promo Videos section is a six-minute video called "The Family History Guide in Motion". It's designed as an inspirational warm-up for getting viewers familiar with the features of The Family History Guide. We showed it at our booth at RootsTech 2017 as an interlude in between mini-classes. You can also watch it below on YouTube.





We also added two flyers to the page: one is a selection of quotes about The Family History Guide, and the other is an overview of the Training section of the website.

Inside the Guide: The New Online Tracker

One of the most popular attractions at our RootsTech 2017 booth was the demo of the new Online Tracker, currently in **Beta** (<https://www.thefhguide.com/login>). Here are a few screen shots of the Online Tracker (or OLT as we like to call it, with corresponding notes):

1. Go to <https://www.thefhguide.com/login>

Login

Username or Email: Password:

Don't have an account with us? [Register](#).

2. To create an account, click Register and fill in the fields on the Register screen.

Register

Please register to use our online project tracker. This allows you to store your progress online so you don't have to keep track of .doc files.

Username:

Email:

Password:

Retype Password:

Already have an account? [Login](#).



3. In the Online Project Tracker, select the Project you want to track. This example uses Project 1: Family Tree.

Online Project Tracker

Welcome to the Family History Guide online project tracker! Here you can keep track of your progress through the Family History Guide from anywhere you have internet access.

Project 1: [Family Tree](#)
 Project 2: [Memories](#)
 Project 3: [Descendants](#)
 Project 4: [Discover](#)
 Project 5: [Indexing](#)
 Project 6: [Help](#)
 Project 7: [Tech](#)
 Project 8: [DNA](#)

[Logout](#)

Here's the Online Tracker screen for Project 1:

Project 1: Family Tree			
Goal 1: Navigate Family Tree.			
CHOICES	NOTES	STATUS	DATE
A: Log in to FS, navigate Family Tree.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Not Started
B: Change the zoom in Family Tree.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Not Started
C: Expand and contract family lines.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Not Started
D: Navigate to earlier ancestors in FT.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Not Started
E: Understand privacy rules for FS.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Not Started
F: If your family tree is empty or very small, begin to fill it out.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Not Started



Here is the same screen after some updating. Notes were typed and slider bars were moved to show current status (skill level) for the Choices.

Goal 1: Navigate Family Tree.			
CHOICES	NOTES	STATUS	DATE
A: Log in to FS, navigate Family Tree.	Easy - saved my password	0 1 2 3	Proficient
B: Change the zoom in Family Tree.	Four zoom levels	0 1 2 3	Proficient
C: Expand and contract family lines.	Good so far ...	0 1 2 3	Good
D: Navigate to earlier ancestors in FT.	Need some practice here	0 1 2 3	Started

When you log out or leave this window, and return to it, your data is automatically saved, and the date of last update is recorded:

Goal 1: Navigate Family Tree.			
CHOICES	NOTES	STATUS	DATE
A: Log in to FS, navigate Family Tree.	Easy - saved my password	0 1 2 3	Proficient Feb 14 2017
B: Change the zoom in Family Tree.	Four zoom levels	0 1 2 3	Proficient Feb 14 2017
C: Expand and contract family lines.	Good so far ...	0 1 2 3	Good Feb 14 2017
D: Navigate to earlier ancestors in FT.	Need some practice here	0 1 2 3	Started Feb 14 2017
E: Understand privacy rules for FS.		0 1 2 3 Not Started	
F: If your family tree is empty or very small, begin to fill it out.		0 1 2 3 Not Started	

Try the Online Tracker today and see the difference it can make!



On the Horizon

We will be at all Family History Fairs and events listed below. For details, see the Events link on the website for details (www.thefhguide.com/events.html).

Feb. 18—Riverton Family History Library: Introduction to The Family History Guide, and Training with The Family History Guide

The Introduction class starts at 10:10, and the Training class starts at 11:20. Information is available [here](#).

Feb. 24—February 24 Kaysville Utah Family History Center Discovery Day

Bob Ives will present The Family History Guide. Stay tuned for details.



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