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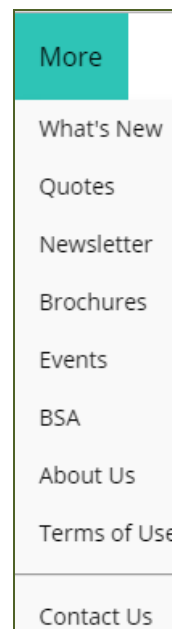
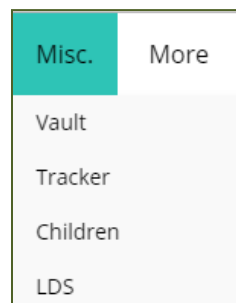
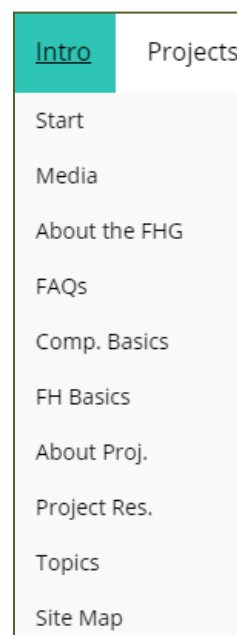
What's on the Menu?

Sometimes the tastiest entrees are also the simplest. We recently decided to add a different flavor to our

Let's dig in to The Family History Guide menus ...

Drop-Down Delights

Now instead of navigating through several menus or locations to find what you need, you can get there with one click, using the handy drop-down menus at the top of each screen. Shown at the right is the drop-down menu for the Introduction section. There is a drop-down for each section: Intro, Projects, Training, Misc., and More. (The last two drop-down menus, Misc. and More, are shown below, as their items may not come to mind as easily as the others.)

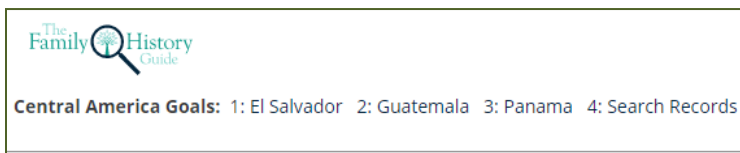




Goals on Top

One of the issues of the previous site layout was that the Goal titles would disappear as you scrolled through a Project. We included the Goals in blue navigation bars every so often, but they tended to be a bit cumbersome.

Now the Goals for each Project appear above the header line at the top of the page, and they remain there as you scroll up or down. Click a Goal title and jump to that Goal on the page. Here's an example:



The blue navigation bars have been eliminated at the top, middle, and bottom of the screens, in favor of the drop-down menus and the Goal list in the header areas.

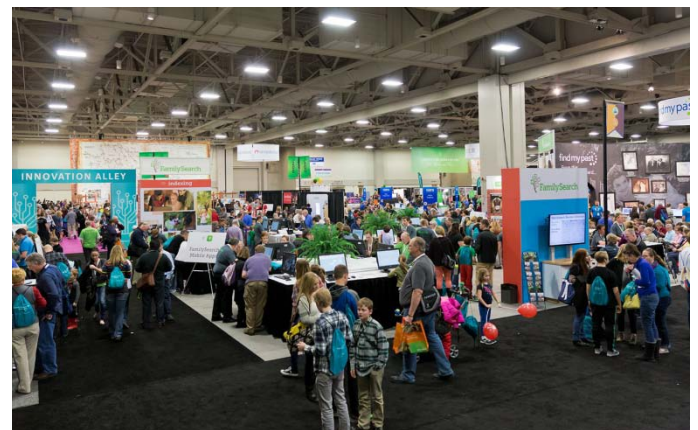
We hope you enjoy the new menu offerings, as they take you towards an easier and more efficient experience with The Family History Guide.

It Happened at RootsTech ...

At RootsTech 2017, we enjoyed meeting and talking with a large number of people, from new beginners to long-time researchers. One of our favorite things to watch is what we call the "light bulb experience" ... watching someone who is new to The Family History Guide discover the difference it can make in their family history experience.

One of these "light bulb" friends we made at RootsTech is Diane from Modesto, who was kind enough to share her experience with us. Here's the story ...

"I was browsing through items about Roots Tech 2017, and then went to FamilySearch. I saw a link to "The Family History Guide". I had not heard of this site before. I attend trainings each month at our stake in Modesto, California. I browsed the site for about 20 minutes, and all I could think was, 'WOW, this is amazing. We do not need anything more to help us realize all that is available on FamilySearch.' I apply that to myself, as one who has been very focused on family history the last 18 months.



"On Thursday, in the exhibition hall, I saw the booth for The Family History Guide. I spoke briefly to Ann Tanner there and watched a few of the presentations. I was so excited about this new guide, but I had to be on to other classes.

"Thursday evening, I returned to the hotel and was up until 2 a.m. going through The Family History Guide. I was simply amazed at the simplicity and detail of this training guide. I kept thinking, 'How did they know how to put this together in such a user-friendly way?' I still ask that question.

"On Friday and Saturday, I stopped at The Family History Guide booth again and visited with several of the workers there. I also listened to more presentations.

"The couple who oversee family history in our stake found me on Thursday, and I mentioned this website to them. Had they heard of it? Yes, but they had not taken time to review it.



"While they were waiting for their plane on Saturday, I received a message from them:

'Diane, you are so right about this new site, The Family History Guide. My husband and I are sitting here reviewing this, and it is wonderful. I understand your excitement and look forward to your training next month at our Stake Family History Day.'

"On Saturday, I had my last visit at your booth and truly enjoyed the opportunity to speak with each of you. Thank you for accepting my excitement and offering me a T-shirt. I plan to wear it next month, as I teach this class at our Family History Day.

"I wish I were closer and could help with this work, but I am grateful to be aware of it, and I will begin teaching it throughout our ward, stake and anywhere I am asked to. I truly have a HUGE excitement about this program.

"Thank you so very much for your efforts, knowledge, willingness, and worthiness to bring about this great work. I am excited to see where this leads us."

And thank you, Diane, for sharing this experience with us. We wish you all the success in the world in your family history endeavors!

(For those of you who would like to share your own experiences, please see this next article: *A Call for Stories.*)

A Call for Stories

Do you have an interesting story to share about your experience with The Family History Guide? We are looking for real-life examples that we can share with FamilySearch, who in turn would like to publish them on their blog site and elsewhere, to raise awareness about family history and The Family History Guide.

Send your story to <mailto:info@thefhguide.com>, and we'll be in touch with you - thanks!

Inside the Guide: Preparing for Your Class

Teaching family history has become easier than ever with The Family History Guide. The Training section of the website is full of materials, tips, and resources you can use to deliver your training.

Still, there are some important pointers to know that can make your class a success, starting with the preparation. Let's take a look ...



1. Know your audience, so you prepare the right level and length of training. Using the Tracker for assessment may be helpful before (or after) the class.
2. Visit the Course Catalog to see examples of classes (assorted Goals) in the Family History Guide.



3. Choose a class to present. If necessary, customize the Goals listed in the Course Catalog description, to meet your needs.

4. Read the Instructor Prep guidelines in the Training section of the website:
<http://www.thefhguide.com/train-tools.html>

5. Study any Summaries or Exercises listed in the Goals you are presenting. Summaries are useful for previewing the content you will teach, and Exercises can be handy for individual or group activities.

England, Lancashire



Picture This!

With all the work and learning that goes in family history, we like to lighten the load a bit with some interesting pictures on the site, whether in the Choices or in the banners. And speaking of banners, we have added new banner photos on the website as follows:

- All 50 U.S. states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico (previously the same as the main United States page)
- 36 England counties (previously the same as the main England page)
- 8 Canada provinces (previously the same as the main Canada page)

In addition, we have upgraded the resolution on most banner photos, which results in a crisper and clearer view on most screens. Here are a few examples - click to enlarge the pictures:

Croatia



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).

Mar. 7—BYU Webinar: United States Research with The Family History Guide

To register for the webinar, visit <https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/>. The webinar will be posted on YouTube and a link added to our website about one week later.

Apr. 22—Roosevelt UT Family History Fair

Bob Ives will present two classes on The Family History Guide: "Introduction to The Family History Guide" and "The Family History Guide for Consultants, Teachers and Trainers". Stay tuned for details.



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