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If you are, or have been, a family history consultant, trainer, or director, we'd love to have you join us. We've made this a closed group, in order to focus on training from the perspective of training, as opposed to general interest family history. So to join, *just send a request to the Facebook group and get started.*



## Our New Facebook Group for Trainers, Consultants, and Directors

Over the past few months we have been getting some great suggestions in our inbox about training and training materials. So we thought, why not get trainers, consultants and directors together in a Facebook group to keep the momentum going?

And it's finally here:

[www.facebook.com/groups/thefhguidetraining](http://www.facebook.com/groups/thefhguidetraining)

This group provides a place to exchange ideas on training with The Family History Guide, and training in general, as well as offering tips on the latest developments in FamilySearch and elsewhere.

### What's Happening

The group was formed just over a week ago, from the time of this writing, and already there are over 60 members. We have started things off with a few fun traditions you should know about (these are all optional activities, but we hope you will like them enough to give them a try):

- *Monday Mission:* This is usually a call to action to think about a training challenge or dive into a problem to solve.
- *Tuesday Tips:* Here we share best practices and tips for family history training with each other.
- *Wednesday Welcomes:* We give a shout out to the new members who have joined the group in the past week.



- *Thursday Thoughts*: We share inspirational thoughts on training or take a brief poll on training preferences and trends.
- *Friday Fun*: Here's a chance to share something odd or humorous about family history or training with the rest of the group.

(Although we have no weekend activities, you can still contribute any day you like.)

For a chance to rub shoulders with fellow trainers and consultants who share a passion for The Family History Guide and all things training, check out our new Training page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/theFHguidetraining](http://www.facebook.com/groups/theFHguidetraining)

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## Meet the New Training Committee

To help us coordinate information and activities on training for The Family History Guide, we have recently formed a Training Committee. Let's take a moment and meet the members of the committee.

### Melanie Bosselman

Melanie hails from Cheyenne, Wyoming and is Temple and Family History Consultant in her stake. She has a rich background in project management and has already lent her considerable talents in moving the Training Committee ahead on its goals. Welcome, Melanie!



### Stan Kivett

Stan is a Professor of Religion at Brigham Young University Idaho and serves with his wife Angie as co-directors of the Rexburg Idaho Family History Center. Stan has had much success in sharing family history with others, and one of his [consultant tools](#) is now available on The Family History Guide website.



### Angie Kivett

Angie is a co-director of the Rexburg Idaho Family History Center. She has been an avid supporter of The Family History Guide for quite a while. She was featured in our newsletter in the October 1 issue - check out the [interview here](#).



### Laurie Beardall

Laurie serves as the Volunteer Coordinator at the Sandy Granite Family History Center and has trained over 60 consultants using The Family History Guide. She is also on the Advisory Board and is one of the first trainers to use The Family History Guide in classes.





## Inside the Guide: By the Book

Time was—and many of us remember it well—that doing genealogy research meant gathering up your papers and heading off to a library to pore through microfilms and books.



Over the last decade or so, the landscape has changed dramatically. Much of the microfilm tonnage has been converted to digital files, and books are now a mix of the "old" printed volumes and online versions. Library stacks have shrunk noticeably in many locations, such as the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The flow of digital information means that the new libraries are in the home and wherever else computers are used (traditional libraries included). Powered by sources such as Google and FamilySearch, collections of online family history books are just a click away.

Let's take a look at how The Family History Guide helps you access online book collections on family history.

### Project 4: Discover

[Goal 4 in Project 4](#) helps you use FamilySearch tools, one of which is Choice E—using online books. Learn about using the Search and Advanced Search

options with the Books option, as well as learning about other locations for online genealogy books.

### United States: Goal F5

This Goal is titled "Access U.S. Archives and Libraries for Record Resources". Of special note is Choice C: Access free genealogical books online. Step 1 points to U.S. repositories for online books, a listing made available by FamilySearch.

### U.S. States, Archives and Library Goals

Each U.S. state page has an Archives and Library goal, with a link to the Books We Own site for that state, where you can ask volunteers to do physical book lookups for you.

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## The Family History Guide Acquires FamilySearch®

In a bold business move that few industry insiders saw coming, The Family History Guide L3C has agreed to purchase FamilySearch.org for an undisclosed offer of cash and stocks. The deal is set to close **April 1, 2017**.

Details will not be made clear later. Happy April Fools!





## 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](http://www.thefhguide.com/events.html)).

### **Apr. 6—BYU Webinar: International 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.

### **Apr. 22—Twin Falls ID Family History Fair**

Bob Taylor 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.

### **Apr. 29—Spanish Fork UT Family History Fair**

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



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