

Temple and Family History Newsletter

April 2022

News!

Reunion Beyond the Veil!
2 Sessions 6-8 PM
Sunday, April 24 Beach Bldg.
Sunday May 1 Saginaw Bldg.
Learning, Motivating

1950 U.S. CENSUS
COMMUNITY PROJECT

The 1950 Census was released on April 1

These images have been showing up on family search. Today these US census records have started showing up on Family Search Indexing for review. I invite all Ward members to participate in this project or at least find your family members on these census images. I have found my grandfather and many people in our small town that I knew growing up. My father was likely still on his mission, so I may have to wait for his record to be indexed to find his information. Go to the following webpage for information—Joe Clark PG1

This morning, Cindy & I logged on and quickly reviewed over 100 names each. It's easy. Even I figured it out. Check it out on familysearch.org

Conference Highlights

"The adversary never sleeps," President Nelson said. "There will always be opposition to the truth. I repeat my urging from this morning to do those things that will increase your positive spiritual momentum, to keep you moving forward through whatever challenges and opportunities come."

Positive spiritual momentum increases through worshiping in the temple, he said. "Counter worldly ways by focusing on the eternal blessings of the temple."

The 40-plus Church temples currently under construction and the 17 newly announced temples will bless lives on both sides of the veil, he added.

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Elder Gong Spoke of Temples and Family History

God wants our families to be happy and forever. Forever is too long if we make each other unhappy. Happy is too short if our most cherished relationships end with this life.

Just as joys come in families, so can sorrows. No individual is perfect, nor is any family. Yet with heaven's help, we can come to understand our families and make peace with each other.

As we look back—and as we look forward—our families are an important part of who we are. This applies to both the family we have and the family we want.

Please learn and acknowledge with gratitude and honesty your family heritage. Celebrate and become the positive and, where needed, humbly do everything possible not to pass on the negative. Let good things begin with you.

Elder Gong called upon people of faith to "stand together for tolerance and dignity of people of all religious beliefs".

The Lord's temples are a place of healing, holiness, and love. The promises we make to God within the walls of His holy house endow us with strength and power as we follow Jesus Christ and walk the path toward our Heavenly Father.

More of Elder Gong's Conference Talk

"We each have a story. As we discover our story, we connect, we belong, we become."

How can we connect?

See yourself in both generational directions—child, grandchild, great-grandchild, then parent, aunt or uncle, grandparent, great-grandparent. "In each time and role, notice who is with you. Gather their photos and stories; make memories real. Help unite families eternally.

Please send us interesting stories about Lessons Learned Spritual Stories, Search Successes, or Finding Failures. If you have been searching for more than a month we have all had some of them. You will find one on the back.

Here is a great link to the stake news and events
<https://fwtns.com/>



Family History Highlights

Brother Ky W. White
Park Glen 1

Travel Tales

Cindy and I have just returned from a trip to Washington, DC. I had a speaking engagement there. We drove and took the opportunity to do family history research on each leg of the trip.

I found the grave of my 8th great-grandfather, COL John "Tuscarora Jack" Barnwell, the founder of Beaufort, SC.

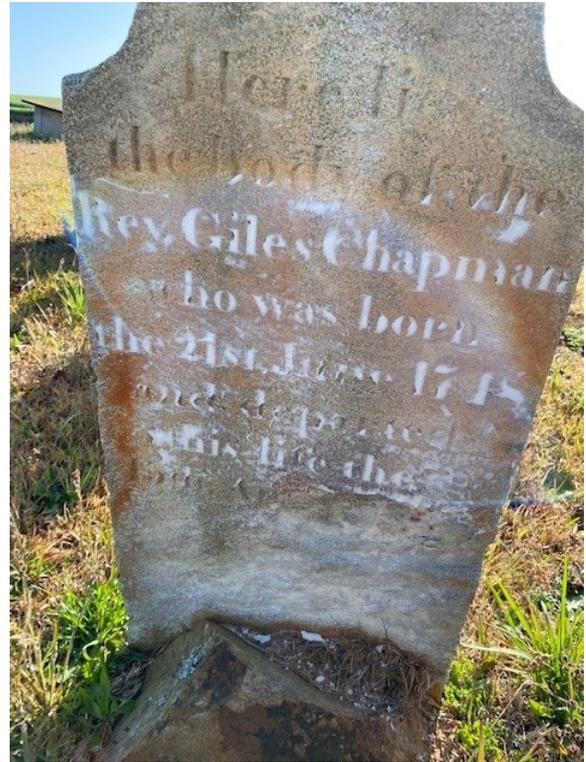


Finding this grave was on my "Bucket List."



I earned some sort of merit badge finding this one! This is Elijah Chapman's grave. He is Cindy's 4th great-grandfather. We had to find a historical marker, that said "buried near here". From there we found a country lane, climbed a locked gate, negotiated barbed wire, and pulled fallen tree limbs off the tombstone. **Yes, it was worth it.**

These graves were on her bucket list as well!!



The Rev. Giles Chapman was the father of Elijah. He was a chaplain for the Patriot Army in the Revolutionary War. They are NOT buried in the same state. Fortunately, I can read a map.

**Good Hunting!
Your Ancestors are Waiting**