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[The Family History Memorandum Missing Ordinances

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Missing Ordinances on the Internet IGI Patrons often ask questions about temple ordinances that appear to be missing from the Internet version of the International Genealogical Index (IGI). These include ordinances that patrons have previously found on an earlier version of the IGI, ordinances recently completed at the temple, or those listed on a family group record patrons received from a family member or a variety of other sources. How can patrons find these "missing" ordinances? What should they do if they cannot find them?

The basic answer to these questions is that the "missing" information is usually not lost. In most cases the information can be found listed under a locality or name spelling that is different from what the patron was expecting. In some rare cases the data has been purposely removed from the IGI because it contained errors (of some type). Once these errors are resolved those records will be published again. This is true for current data as well as legacy information that have been on the IGI for a long time. Please remember that to see ordinance data on the Internet version of the IGI a patron needs to be signed on to the FamilySearch Internet site as a member of the Church. The person the patron is searching for may be recorded in the IGI as an individual, as spouse, and as a parent. Using the searches described below, you can search for the person in all three of these roles on the FamilySearch Internet site.

When searching for these "missing" individuals, start with the direct approach. If you do not find them, step back and try a broader approach.

Using the FamilySearch Internet search screen for "All Resources" has some advantages over going directly to the IGI to do your searches. It lets you find other records that are not in the IGI that can tell you more about the person you are searching for. This can provide clues that may make it easier to find the persons ordinance data in the IGI. It will also let you see all of the IGI regions where entries appear that may be your missing person, especially the World Misc. Region, which is often overlooked by searchers.

Direct Approach To take the direct approach, on the FamilySearch Internet search screen for "All Resources" enter the individual's name, an event type, a range of years (use "exact year" for the range if you have a complete date), the year, and a locality for the event. This will bring back a very small results set that should include the individual you are seeking. If you are looking for a marriage, include the name of the individual's spouse in the search criteria. If the individual is not found by this search, return to the FamilySearch Internet search screen and take a broader approach. You can do this by removing some of the data from your previous search criteria or you can start over again.

Broader Approach To take a broader approach to the search, start by entering only the individual's name in the FamilySearch Internet search screen for All Resources. Then, as needed, begin to narrow

the results set by adding more specific search criteria. Add the name of a spouse, or the individuals parents, or both. If the person had more than one spouse, do a search for the individual with each spouse's name as part of the search criteria.

Change the search criteria from All Events to a specific event (birth/christening, marriage, or death/burial). If needed, add a time frame for this event with a year, or a range of years. If there are still too many records in the results set, add an event place. Each time you change the search criteria FamilySearch Internet can give you a different results set, so experiment and see what results you get back. When you find an entry that you think is your person, view the individual record and the family view for this person, if one is listed.

You can also search for the individual and his or her spouse as parents by putting their names in the parent position on the FamilySearch Internet search screen, with no other data in the search screen. This will bring back entries for children that have parents by the names you entered. Be careful with the results, you may have children from several families that have parents with the same name. Use time period and locality to help identify the ones that you want. This search can also help you find the individual you are seeking as a child by using his or her parents' names in the parent position.

You can also search by a batch number if you have one for the entry you are seeking. Batch numbers identify groups of records that were processed together or were extracted from the same source. Go to the IGI search screen, enter the batch number and select a region to search. The results set should list all entries from that batch and region. You can narrow the search by adding the individual's surname or other data. If the batch number is from a patron submission batch, try changing the region. The results set may list different people.

If you do not find the ordinance information that you are seeking, and it is from a previous version of the IGI or a temple record, we would like to know about it. Please send us a copy of the entry and a note indicating where the entry is from and whom you were searching. If the entry is from a temple record, send us an extract of the data from the temple record, include the temple name, the film number for the temple record, and information like the volume and page number, or an ordinance number, that will help us locate the same entry. This will allow us to verify that others in the same temple record are on the IGI as well. Send this material to:

Worldwide Support Services Family and
Church History Department
50 East North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

For current ordinances (those done recently at the temple) please be patient. The Internet version of the IGI is updated daily. Most submissions and completed ordinances are posted to the Internet version of the IGI within a week of when they were turned in, or completed, at the Temple. If the information you are seeking is not on the IGI after a month's time, send to us a copy of the ordinance card used to do the temple work This will allow us to identify why this ordinance has not been published and resolve the problem.

Helpful Web Sites ShareMyFamilyTree.com offers a complete solution for families and groups that work together on the same pedigree. Typically, collaborating on the same pedigree involves complex importing, exporting and merging files.

ShareMyFamilyTree.com allows everyone in the family or group to work simultaneously on the same pedigree without the painful experience of trying to share information and merge it back into your program. For a limited time, staff members at family history centers can get great discounts on this service. You can go to:

www.sharemyfamilytree.com/fhcoffer.html <<http://www.sharemyfamilytree.com/fhcoffer.html>> for more information. |

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