

FamilySearch Launches New Indexing Initiative

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Church News and Events

With the recent completion of the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, FamilySearch has provided enthusiastic indexers and arbitrators with the next big genealogy initiative—the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Community Project, which includes records of those who passed through all major U.S. ports from the 1800s to the 1950s.

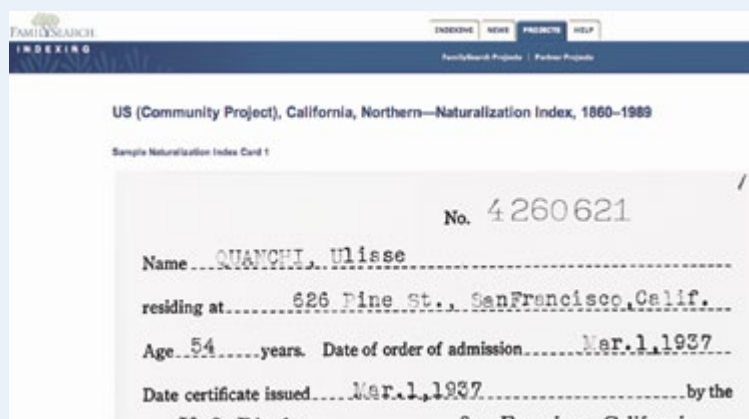
“The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Project will help document the lives of immigrant ancestors who came to live in the United States,” said Michael Judson, the indexing workforce development manager for FamilySearch. “This is an opportunity for volunteers to provide even more searchable records, especially for family historians who are looking for information that will link

their ancestors to their native lands.”

The new project contains a substantially larger number of records than the 1940 U.S. Census does, so FamilySearch representatives expect it will take more time and additional volunteers.

Collections of records are available for indexing at indexing.familysearch.org, under “Current Projects,” and most of the record sets involve passenger lists and naturalization records. All collections available as part of the new “Community Project” are designated by the prefix “US (Community Project).”

For more information about the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Community Project and to learn how to get involved, visit the project website at familysearch.org/US-immigration-naturalization.org. ■



The immigration and naturalization indexing project, available through FamilySearch indexing, includes records of immigrants through all major U.S. ports from the 1800s to the 1950s.

“Golden Days” Event Celebrates President Monson’s 85th Birthday

On Friday, August 17, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. mountain daylight time, thousands of people gathered in the Conference Center to participate in “Golden Days: A Celebration of Life,” honoring the 85th birthday of President Thomas S. Monson.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Orchestra at Temple Square, and notable guest artists performed beloved Broadway selections and other favorites. Former San Francisco 49ers star quarterback and professional football Hall-of-Famer Steve Young shared master of ceremony duties with national network news anchor and author Jane Clayson Johnson.

The evening took a nostalgic look at President Monson’s illustrious life—from his childhood, marriage, and stint in the Navy during World War II to his decades of service.

The program was shown at various stake centers over the Church satellite system on Saturday, August 18, with subsequent rebroadcasts to many areas of the world. ■

Elder Holland to Address Young Adults in September

At 6:00 p.m. mountain daylight time on September 9, 2012, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will address young adults ages 18 to 30, married and single, in a Church Educational System devotional broadcast originating from St. George, Utah.

The one-hour devotional will subsequently be rebroadcast to many areas of the world. Check local program listings for availability in your area, or visit broadcastinfo.lds.org, byubroadcasting.org, cesdevotionals.lds.org, or mormonchannel.org.

Within three weeks of the event, audio and video of the devotional will be archived online at cesdevotionals.lds.org in several languages. ■