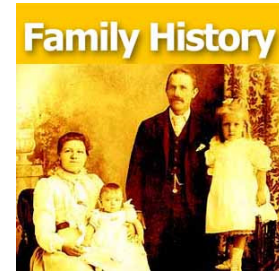


**Family History: Genealogy Made Easy**  
*with Lisa Louise Cooke*  
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Welcome to this step-by-step series for beginning genealogists—and more experienced ones who want to brush up or learn something new. I first ran this series in 2008-2009. So many people have asked about it, I'm bringing it back in weekly segments.

**Episode 17: Using Family History Centers, Part I**

This episode is the first of a series in which we answer questions about Family History Centers, the regional satellite facilities of the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. When I'm done with you, you won't have a single excuse left for hesitating to use these wonderful family history research resources!

My very special guest is friend of the show Margery Bell, Assistant Director of the Oakland Family History Center in Oakland, California. You'll remember Margery's warm personality and expert knowledge from Episode 1 of Family History: Genealogy Made Easy. Margery has over 35 years of experience working in Family History Centers, and she's going to share her experience with you so you can get the most out them.

In our first segment she introduces us to the Family History Center and walks us step by step through the process for ordering and using microfilm. Then in our second segment, Margery discusses the wide range of resources beyond microfilm that you will find at both your local Family History Center and one of 14 larger Regional centers. In our final segment she digs in to all of the kinds of other genealogical resources we can find at Family History Centers. Even if you've already been to a Family History Center, you're still going to learn some new things along the way!

**Updates**

Most of the information shared in this podcast episode is still current. Here are a couple of very important updates.

- Some satellite Family History Centers are now called FamilySearch Centers. Many Centers have opened in public and private libraries in the past few years, not just in meetinghouses of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Find a FamilySearch Center/Family History Center near you at <https://familysearch.org/locations/centerlocator>.
- Many records are now available online, either in indexed form or just the digitized images. You can now order microfilmed records online for use at an authorized FamilySearch Center near you. Visit the online catalog of the Family History Library at <https://familysearch.org/catalog-search>. When you find something you'd like to order, look at the catalog entry. If the digitized version is online, you'll see a link to it. If it's available on microfilm or microfiche, it can usually be ordered. The rental fee is currently \$7.50. Click on the film number. You'll need to log in with your free FamilySearch account. Then you can place your order to a FamilySearch Center near you.

In our next episode Margery's going to take us on a visit to a center, explore subscriptions website for free, and talk about the future of digitization of records. Plus, I'm going to have a link to a free handout, which will help you prep for your own personal visit.