

**Polly & Joseph
Knight Family
Reunion 2024
June 21-22 Provo
2876 West 1390 North**



Agenda & Classes

Friday, June 21, 6 PM – 9 PM

Saturday, June 22, 9 AM – 4 PM

Friday Schedule:

6:00 - 6:45 Registration, view charts, mingling.

7:00 - 8:30 Reunion Welcome

Fireside talk by Alex Baugh, BYU Professor of Church History and Doctrine, speaking on “Joseph and Polly Peck Knight: From New York to Missouri”

Saturday Schedule:

8:00 - 8:45 Registration, view charts, Knight house video

9:00 - 9:45 Opening meeting, family business, family website overview

10:00 - 10:50 Classes

11:00 - 11:50 Classes

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:50 Classes

2:00 - 2:50 Classes

3:00 Closing meeting

Saturday Classes. You may choose to attend 4 of the 9 options listed below:

1. Our New England Peck Ancestors

Taught by Phil Dittmer

Polly Peck Knight had deep roots in American soil. Her Peck ancestors were in America more than 100 years before the Revolutionary War even began. Hear some amazing stories you may not have heard before.

2. Newel Knight, A Humble, Unshaken Witness of the Restoration

Taught by John Mangum

Newel, the third child of Joseph and Polly Knight, watched the Restoration unfold from the very beginning. Newel's extensive personal journal chronicled many opening scenes of the restoration of the young Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Learn more about this remarkable man and his views of key events in Church history.

3. Joseph Knight, Jr.: Miracles and Ministering After Nauvoo

Taught by Rod Andreason

After Nauvoo, our study of pioneer activities often focuses on Brigham Young and the Martin and Willie handcart companies. But Joseph Knight, Jr. and several other Knight

relatives experienced ministering and miracles that were crucial to them and can be inspiring to us today.

**4. Anna Knight and Freeborn DeMille and their posterity
Taught by Harold Hendricks**

Anna and Freeborn left Colesville for Ohio with their 4 children, only to soon be asked to leave again for Missouri. They were forced from their homes in Missouri three times, and then again out of Nauvoo, for Utah. Come learn more about Anna and Freeborn's hard-fought pioneer life in Manti and the lives of their posterity who were called to settle the Dixie Cotton Mission in the southern Utah towns of Shunesburg, Rockville, and Springdale near what is now Zion National Park. Their descendant Harold Hendricks was involved for many years with language learning technology and the BYU Humanities Learning Resource Center.

**5. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other tools to boost your family history research
Taught by Larry Gunther**

This class introduces three tools (including AI) you may never have heard of to boost your family history research to the next level. The tools are free and easy to use. Besides their applicability to research, these tools are ready to use for some practical everyday tasks and entertainment. You will be amazed. Larry Gunther has served a dozen missions, most recently at the Church History Library, and presently teaches classes at the Lehi FamilySearch Center.

**6. Jesse Knight, Vision to See and the Courage to Do
Taught by Boyd Knight**

"Uncle Jesse Knight" was probably Father Joseph Knight's most famous grandchild. Through miraculous means Jesse discovered a mine that allowed him to become a leader in Utah mining and a great philanthropist. Boyd Knight has written an award-winning book about Jesse Knight and his incredible life in mining, his donations to the church and BYU, and his work in developing ranching and industry in the West, including Alberta, Canada.

**7. The Ethics of Genealogy
Taught by Liz Mangum Shellum**

Did you know that certified genealogists have professional standards? Learn how to use these standards to improve accuracy and quality in your efforts. We will talk about:

What to include, and what to leave out
Documenting sources,
Handling unexpected discoveries in your family tree
Navigating digital privacy concerns

**8. The Knight Family in the Doctrine & Covenants
Taught by Diane Mangum**

Knight family members and the Colesville Branch were mentioned by name in 7 sections of the Doctrine & Covenants, and were direct participants in the events described in several more sections. The early commandments recorded in that book of scripture directed their lives, and can teach us a lot about Knight family history, like the sermon given at Polly Knight's funeral, or the sacrament meeting where Newel's wife Sally and Emma Smith were confirmed.

9. Experiences in the Knight farmhouse in Colesville

Taught by Carl Davis

Carl is an officer of the Colesville Restoration organization <http://colesville-restoration.org> which owns and maintains the Knight Farmhouse in the Colesville area of New York, near Nineveh. He also coordinates with the local mission, and manages the volunteer docents who serve there. He has many wonderful stories to share about visitors and their experiences, missionary efforts, the many supportive local residents, and about the farmhouse itself.

Tentative Saturday Class Schedule:

- 10 am - P. Dittmer on Peck Ancestors
R. Andreason on Joseph Knight, Jr.
L. Gunther on AI & Other Search Tools**

- 11 am - J. Mangum on Newel Knight
R. Andreason on Joseph Knight, Jr.
L. Gunther on AI & Other Search Tools**

- 1 pm - H. Hendricks on Anna Knight DeMille & Family
L. Shellum on Ethics of Genealogy
B. Knight on Jesse Knight**

- 2 pm - D. Mangum on Knights in D&C
C. Davis on Colesville Knight Home
J. Mangum on Newel Knight**