

The Future of Family History Technology

Challenges, Opportunities, and Data Sets

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



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Convenience of Records Access

A trip to the
ancestral homeland

Microfilm @ FHC

Images online and
searchable

“Ready when
you are”

Availability of Research Conclusions

Patricians and
prominents

Compiled
genealogies

Ancestral File,
World Family Tree,
etc.

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Marriage

THE STATE OF UTAH,
COUNTY OF
WEBER.

License.

TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE, GREETING.

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN IN

HOLY MATRIMONY.

County of *Salt Lake* State of *Utah* *Utah*
Mr. August E. Erickson of *Salt Lake City* in the County
of *Salt Lake* and State of *Utah* of the age of *21* years
and *Miss Ruth E. Graeme* of *Salt Lake City* in the County
of *Salt Lake* and State of *Utah* of the age of *21* years
the *Sons* of said *August E. Erickson* and *Miss Ruth E. Graeme* having given assent to said Marriage.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in *Big Water* City, Weber County, State of Utah, this the *18th* day of *December*, A.D. *1924*

Lawrence W. Dyer County Clerk
E. L. Lewis Deputy

By *August E. Erickson* and *Miss Ruth E. Graeme*
State of *Utah* County of *Utah* and *Twenty* years of age
I hereby certify that on the *18* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *24* in said County, I the undersigned did join in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony according to the laws of this State *August E. Erickson* of the County of *Salt Lake* and *Miss Ruth E. Graeme* of the County of *Salt Lake* State of *Utah*

Signed *August E. Erickson* GROOM
Signed *Ruth E. Graeme* BRIDE
IN THE PRESENCE OF
Phil L. Lewis
E. L. Lewis WITNESSES

Wilford J. Young

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HOLY MATRIMONY.

Mr. Preston Gray of Lehi in the County
of the age of 21 years
and State of Utah of Pleasant Grove in the County
of the age of 19 years
the of said having given assent to said Marriage.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in
Cannon City, Weber County, State of Utah, this the 5th day of January, A.D. 1924

Lawrence A. Van Dyle County Clerk.
By A. Lewis Deputy.

State of Utah
County of Weber
and twenty four
an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. did join in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony according to the
laws of this State at
Preston Gray of the County of Utah
and Elvira Williamson of the County of Utah

Signed Preston Gray GROOM.
Signed Elvira Williamson BRIDE.
IN THE PRESENCE OF

Elsie M. Trousdale
Jane Gray. WITNESSES;

Lawrence A. Van Dyle

The Costs of Indexing

1880 U.S. Census Index

Index only

CD-ROM (56 disks)

50 million records

17 years to complete

11.5 million hours of work

??? Volunteers

\$49

1940 U.S. Census Index

Index and Images

World Wide Web

132 million records

140 days to complete

4.5 million hours of work

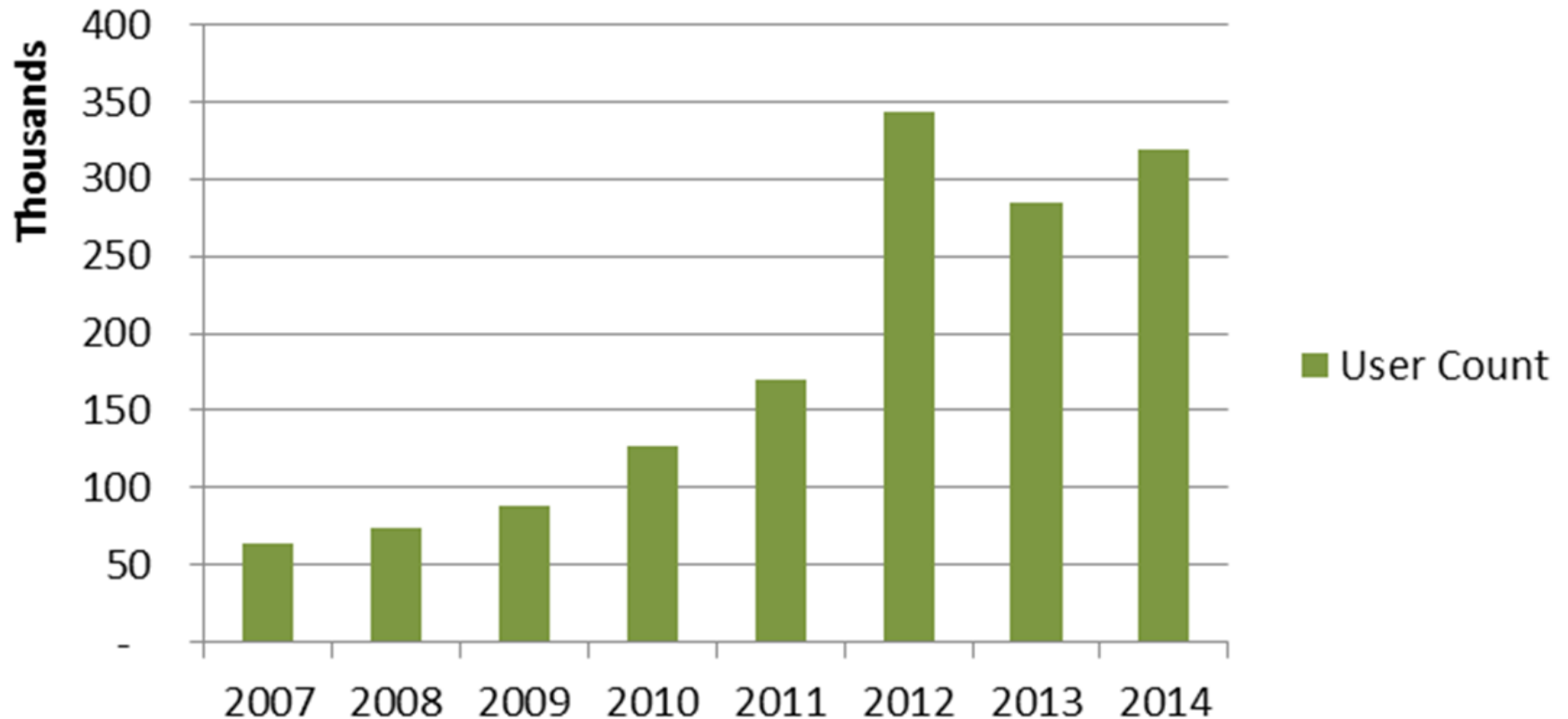
160K volunteers

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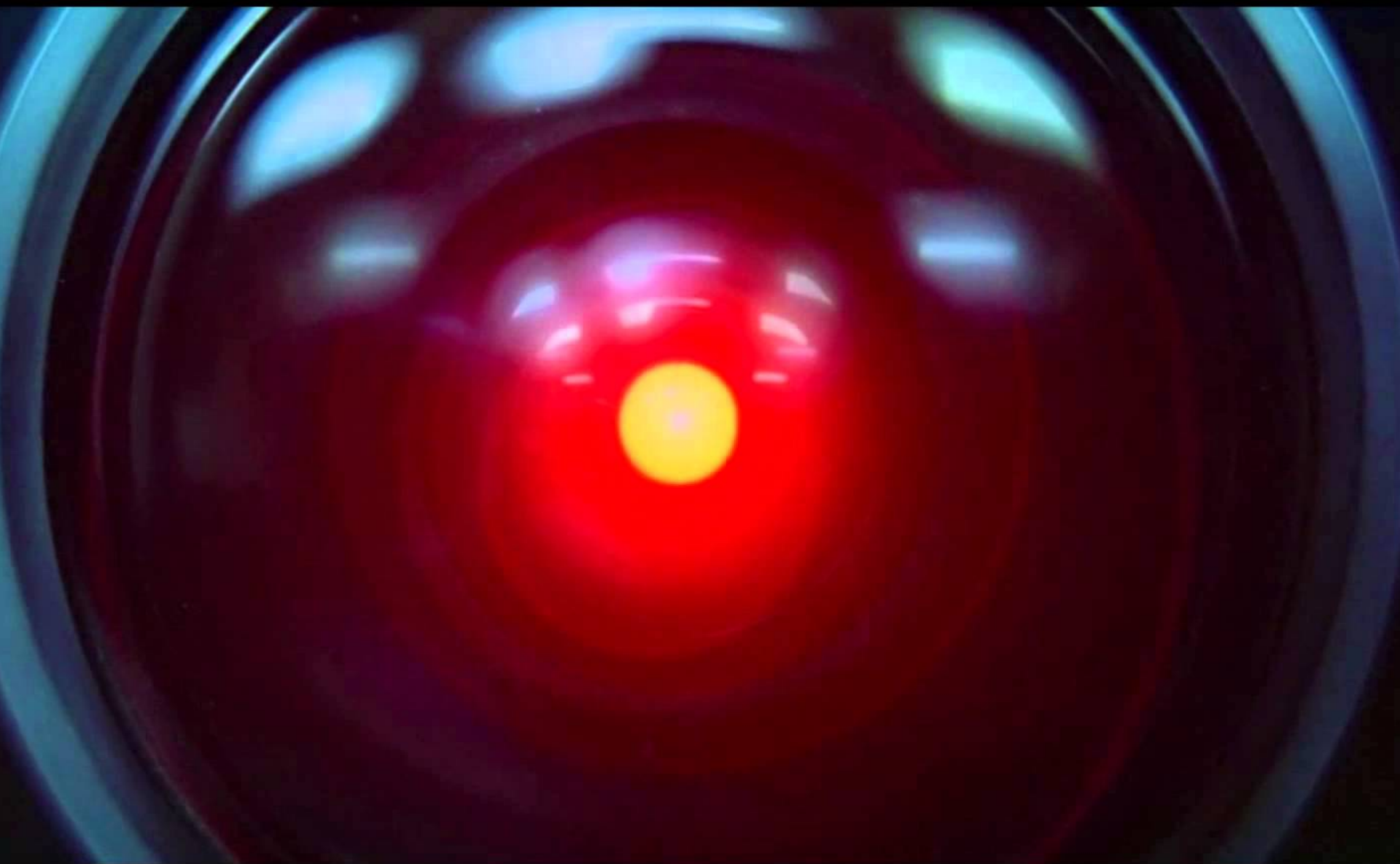
*Name, age, sex, race, marital status, occupation,
relationship to head of household, birthplace,
father's birthplace, mother's birthplace*

*Name, age, sex, race, marital status,
relationship to head of household, birthplace,
residence in 1935*

User Counts by Year







<SEC>Obituaries</SEC>

<HED>Lawrence B. Watson Jr.</HED>

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<DECE>Lawrence B. Watson Jr.</DECE><p/>

<SBODY>65, Colon<p/>

Lawrence B. "Larry" Watson Jr., age 65, of Colon, passed away Monday, Oct. 30, 2013, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.<p/>

He was born Oct. 1, 1947, in Sturgis, a son of Lawrence and Janet (Eshelman) Watson. Larry graduated from Colon High School in 1966 and received a degree in business management from Western Michigan University in 1971.<p/>

On July 31, 1992, he married Linda (Abbott) Salvesen in Kalamazoo. Larry was employed in manufacturing in Van Wert, Ohio, Kalamazoo and White Pigeon. He was an active member of the Colon Lions Club, Colon Food pantry, Colon Historical Society and was very active with the Colon American Red Cross blood drives.<p/>

Surviving are his wife, Linda Watson, of Colon; two daughters, Jennifer (Tom) Watson of Phoenix and Kristen (James) Bearup of Plainwell; a granddaughter, Eva Bearup of Plainwell; his parents, Larry and Janet Watson Sr. of Green Valley, Ariz.; a brother, Thomas Watson of Green Valley; a sister, Candace (Joseph) Downing of Alburndale, Fla.; and four nieces and nephews.<p/>

Cremation has taken place. Relatives and friends will be received from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at Schipper Funeral Home in Colon, where a Celebration of Life Memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. Pastor Steven Zerbe will officiate.<p/>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Colon Historical Society.

lunch shower and dessert bridge
anton Wednesday evening in
of her approaching marriage to
Bressette of this city.

party met at 7 o'clock at the
of Mrs. John Webster where
it was served, after which Miss
found her kitchen gifts
spinned to a clothesline on the

After cutting down the gifts
opening them the party adjourned
home of Mrs. James Carter
bridge was enjoyed. Four
were in play prizes being won

David

Daniel

Pavel

aniel

Daniel

Daniel

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