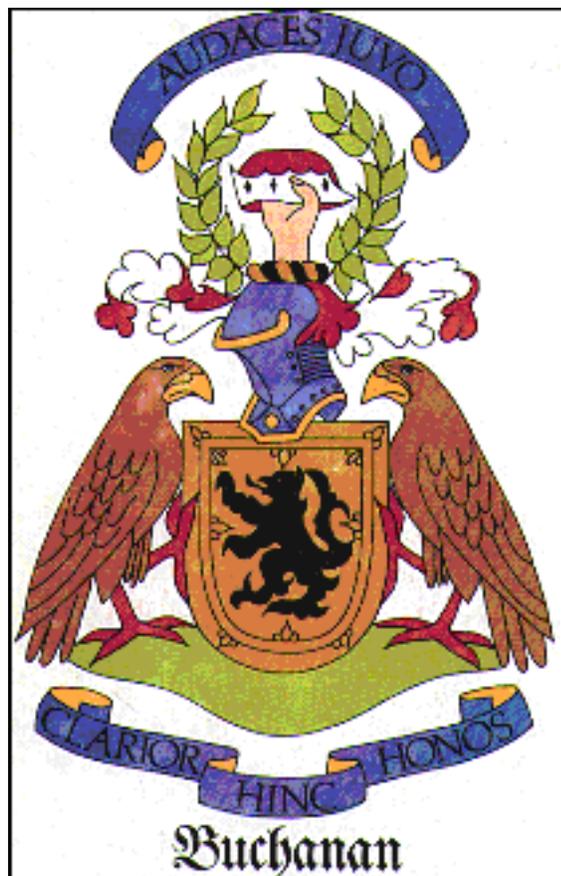


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History of Lorenzo Wesley Roundy

I finished writing a comprehensive history of Lorenzo Wesley Roundy this year, on request of Renée Munteer. She put together a book containing the histories of all of the "second generation," namely the children of Shadrach and Betsey Roundy and their spouses. Copies of the book can be ordered from her. Her address is:

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(note: She will be out of town for a few weeks starting later this month.)

I have included the Lorenzo history on the Buchanan web site at this location:

<http://aeb.buchananspot.com/histories/LWRhistory.html>

New FamilySearch - Combining and Changing Records

There is some more information that I can pass on concerning the genealogy data in the New FamilySearch system.

Combined Records

Some of the confusion that shows up in the information that is presented in your ancestral information. Anyone can combine multiple records into one. This is useful because of all the many versions of families and people that have been put into the system over the years. Unfortunately, this relies on the person doing the combining being careful to not bring together multiple records that should not be combined.

A very good and personal example of this is Nancy Ann Bache's mother. Through my and my father's research, we have determined that Nancy's mother is NOT Margaret or Ann Margaret Huffman. All we know is that she is either Martha or Margaret (no last name known). People seeing both the records listing her as simply Martha or Margaret and the record of Margaret Huffman (which has been

erroneously recorded as Nancy's mother) are tempted to combine them. Unfortunately, since the Margaret Huffman record is incorrect, the more accurate reference to "Martha or Margaret" is lost and can only be seen in a particularly obscure place (shown below).

If you did not make it through the last paragraph, don't feel bad. It took me a while to figure this out as well. The following examples should help explain this.

Here are the things that can be done in combining records.

1. How to combine several versions of a spouse (husband or wife) into one:

1 a. Find a set of parents that has multiple options:



There will be an asterisk by the names of a set of parents, as seen here.

1 b. Click on Resolve Duplicate Fathers or Resolve Duplicate Mothers:

Select the Parents to View for: Nancy Ann Bache		
Parents	Birth date	Birthplace
<input type="radio"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harman Bach Jr. Ann Margaret Hofmann 	about 1738	Culpeper, Orange, VA
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmon Bach Margaret 	1745	Culpepper,, Virginia, USA
<input type="radio"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harman Bach Jr. Margaret 	about 1738	Culpeper, Orange, VA
<input type="radio"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmon Bach Ann Margaret Hofmann 	1745	Culpepper,, Virginia, USA
<input type="radio"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Margaret Hofmann 	about 1721	Culpepper, Virginia

1 c. Click on those to be combined:

Select Parents Resolve Duplicate Fathers **Resolve Duplicate Mothers**

Select the individuals that you want to combine with th

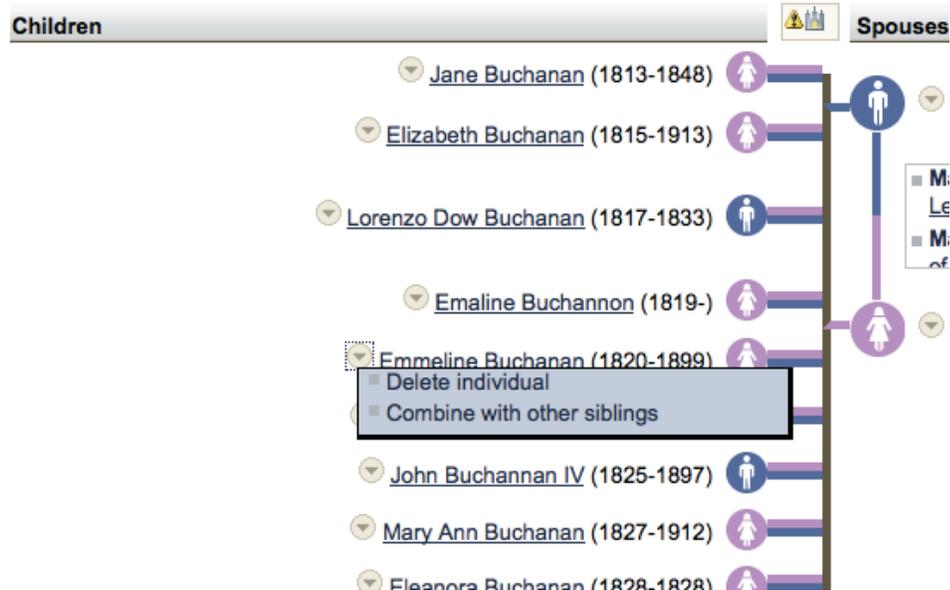
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Margaret	about 1748	
	Name	Birth date	Birthplace
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Margaret Hofmann	about 1721	Culpepper, Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Thomas Barber or Barker	about 1593	of Pulloxhill, Beds.,

Cancel **Combine** Compare in More Detail

1 d. Clicking on Combine will bring the records together. "Combine in More Detail" shows a lot of the data side-by-side and helps decide whether the records are really duplicates and should really be used.

2. How to combine several versions of an individual (a child in a family) into one:

2 a. Click on the pop-up menu arrow to the left of the child's name:



2 b. Click on the "Combine with ..." link to continue.

Select the children you want to combine with the following child.

Children of John Buchanan III and Nancy Ann Bache

Emmeline Buchanan (Combine other children with this child.)
 Birth: 1 March 1820, Death: 4 November 1899

Jane Buchanan
 Birth: 1 July 1813, Death: 5 February 1848

Elizabeth Buchanan
 Birth: 11 July 1815, Death: 23 June 1913

Emaline Buchannon
 Birth: about 1819, Death:

Catherine Buchanan
 Birth: about 1822, Death: about 1838

Mary Ann Buchanan
 Birth: 5 August 1827, Death: 18 June 1912

Eleanora Buchanan
 Birth: about 1828, Death: 1839

Martha Maria (Marie) Buchanan
 Birth: 7 March 1833, Death: 7 May 1915

Other Children of John Buchanan III

None

Other Children of Nancy Ann Bache

None

The records will be combined.

After records have been combined, you will see the name, birthdate, etc. displayed in the normal view, but such information will be taken from one of the records that were combined. The name (spelling, etc.) and the dates may not be of the specific one you were expecting, but it is what you see in everything from then on. You cannot choose the optimal name spelling, birth date, place, etc, but all the options are shown in the "Details" view, along with the person who submitted each, for all the records that were combined.

3. How to see the full layout of the information that was combined, and to un-combine some or all:

3 a. In the Details mode, look at the bottom of the list to see the link for "Combined Records:

Forrest D Buchanan (1918-1980)

Summary To see more information about an event, including the contributor and source, click the event.

Details **Person identifier: KW8X-1BC**

Name Information	Contributors
Name: Forrest D Buchanan Birth: 1918 Birthplace: West Valley City, Salt Lake, UT	Edit Add Main Add Add Main

[Add information](#) |
 [Individual notes](#) |
 [Individual sources](#) |
 [Combined records](#)

3 b. "Click on "Combined Records." Pick one or more of the records to be uncombined from the set of combined records:

Combined Records

Forrest D Buchanan (1918-1980)

Records: 1-5 of 11 Records per page:

Pages: <<First Page <Previous **1** 2 3 Next> Last Page

Combined Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Record 1; Contributors (2): LDS Church Temple Records,...	<input type="checkbox"/> Record 2; Contributors (2): dbarham803642,...	<input type="checkbox"/> Record 3; Contributors (6): SeamanLeslieDavis1 [Idseaman204554],...	<input type="checkbox"/> Record 4; Contributors (2): LDS Church Temple Records,...
Name: Forrest D Buchanan		Forrest D Buchanan		Forrest D Buchanan
Name: Forrest 'D' Buchanan			Forrest 'D' Buchanan	
Name: Forrest D. Buchanan	Forrest D. Buchanan			
Gender: Male	Male	Male	Male	Male
Birth: 19180307	7 Mar 1918		7 Mar 1918	

3 c. Click on "Separate Selected Records." It will show some basic information and ask of it is correct. If so, then Click on "Yes."

Confirm Separation of Records

[Unknown Name] (-)

Name
Name [Unknown Name]
Gender
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male
Events
Death date:
Place:
Relationships
spouse: Arvilla Jacobson

Are you sure you want to continue?

Now that you have seen the process, here is what probably happened in the case I was trying to explain earlier:

- Someone (or many people) saw that there were a number of different parents' sets listed for their ancestor (the asterisk in step 1a.)
- They selected all the records that seemed to be the same (step 1c.), assuming that Margaret Huffman was correct and any of the "Martha or Margaret" entries would be explained as being the Margaret Huffman that is already in the list. It is that easy. Unfortunately in this case, Margaret Huffman is really her aunt, not her mother. Once combined, though, now no one then sees the "Martha or Margaret" option, which is the more correct version, though less specific.

An advantage of combining records is that some records include temple work completed. If you see a green arrow by a name or family, it means that temple work can be submitted. However, in many cases, especially where there are many entries with slightly different name spellings, known and unknown places and approximate dates, etc., the temple work was done for some, but not others. Actually, it is more often the case that the work has been done numerous times. However, if you have the particular person is listed that did not have the work done, it will suggest that you submit the name for temple work where you should really check for and combine duplicates first.

Ways to Change or Remove Incorrect Information in New FamilySearch

1. Contacting the Contributor to change the information:

All entries contain contributor information. In many cases, though, it does not contain valid contact information or the items are contributed by the church records or by a Family History System that may not be possible or easy to change. For example:

- Please Note: This contributor submitted information to either Ancestral File (AF) or the Pedigree Resource File (PRF).
- Contact name: LDS Church Temple Records
- Contact name: LDS Church Membership Records To request a membership correction, click here.

2. Disputes (marked with the slash-circle):

Birth: [1745](#) 
[Culpepper,, Virginia, USA](#) 

In the past, there was an option in many places to mark information as "Disputed." I was informed recently that the Dispute option is no longer available. Previously disputed items are left in the system, but no new disputes can be entered.

I believe the Dispute method was intended to get people together to discuss disagreements to work out the problems and get the records corrected. However, as explained above, it is often not possible to contact the original contributor.

3. Opinions:

If you click an Edit button anywhere, especially where you were not the original contributor, you cannot change that piece of information yourself. Instead, you can supply another "opinion," including sources:

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FamilySearch logo and links for Feedback, Print, and Help. Below this is a blue notification box with white text that reads: "Because you did not contribute this information, you cannot edit it. You can add another opinion of this information. The system keeps all opinions." Below the notification is a header for the record: "Forrest D Buchanan". The record details include: "Death date:", "Place:", "Contributor" (LDS Church Temple Records), and two "Source" entries. Each source entry provides detailed information: "Source type: Other, Repository name: The Temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Repository city: Salt Lake City, Repository state: UT, Repository country: USA, Repository postal code: 84150, Event date: 21 Mar 2007, LDS temple record number: 121978531, Contributor: TEMPLE, Contributor of repository: DATA_ADMIN". At the bottom of the record view, there are two buttons: "Close" and "Add Another Opinion".

4. Feedback:

In many places (including the link shown in the above screen shot), you can find a link for Feedback. If you wish to make a formal request to change information, you can use the Feedback option to submit your information. If you do so, please be prepared to include very specific information, including actual ID numbers of people in question. Also, if you are wanting to change information for a person or an event, be prepared to include source material, especially primary sources to back up your claims. This process will take a while and will likely have a lot of back-and-forth communications if the request is accepted for processing. I have worked with Family Search people in doing beta testing and submitting basic problems with the system. They have a lot of people on board, both professional and volunteers, so they are good at following through. Since this is a time-consuming process, please be sure to only pursue serious and important issues.

Please note that I am not a representative of the Church or the Family History system. I am just reporting what I have discovered in my work with the system and some communications I have had with a few of those who do have an official role in the program.

[This and other material can be found at the web site: <http://aeb.buchananspot.com>, including a table of contents of the newsletter issues.]