A History of the Genealogical Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to 1970

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Abstract
This thesis is a study of the growth and development of the various departments of the Genealogical Society and how they contributed to the function of the total organization. The following was considered with each department: (1) the date of organization, (2) purpose for which organized, (3) methods used to carry out responsibilities, (4) function and interaction with other departments of the organization.

Activities of the Genealogical Society were evaluated on the basis of the following major roles: (1) as an agency for locating researchers, (2) agency to make records available to search, (3) a clearing house for records prior to their submission to temples and more recently, (4) as a supplier of names for temples.

The First Presidency organized the Society to assist people in their responsibility to search after their own forefathers and each of the leaders since its organization has introduced programs in accordance with this purpose.

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