

Fitting Family History into *Your Life*

10
minutes

- Create FamilySearch login.
- Make sure all settings on your FamilySearch account are accurate and up to date.
- Sign up for connected accounts example: Ancestry, findmypast, MyHeritage.
- Record what you know on FamilySearch.
- Work on FamilySearch "recommended tasks," example: record hints.
- Standardize dates and places.
- Add a memory to your family tree.
- Gather and organize pictures to digitize for a 30-minute session at the FHC.
- Subscribe to and read the FHC newsletter. You can sign up at www.granitefhc.com
- Search for a class at the FHC to learn or update a research skill. www.granitefhc.com
- "What's New?" on FamilySearch. <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/category/about-familysearch/whats-new-at-familysearch/>
- Organize paper or digital files so records can be easily found to do research.
- Invite someone to help on Consultant Planner.
- Email a scanned, unidentified photo to family members for identification.

20
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- Merge a record.
- Record a living memory and attach to FamilySearch memories.
- Take family history audio tapes to a FHC. Fill out a work order to have them digitize the tape. Remember to bring a thumb drive for your digital file.
- Upload audio file to FamilySearch.
- Watch an inspirational family history video www.lds.org/media-library/video/categories/family-history?lang=eng
- Print a family group sheet or fan chart to find an area in your family for research.
- Plan a family history activity for your family. Go to www.granitefhc.com and follow the prompts to "Family History Activities."
- Organize family collaboration and divide family history duties, example: sourcing, cleaning up Family Tree, research.
- Develop a family history "to do" list. Define an objective for your next research session.
- Backup digital family history files on an external hard drive or the cloud.
- Create a personal history binder for yourself or a relative.

30
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- Write a page in your own personal history.
- Index a batch of records. www.familysearch.org/indexing/
- Learn or brush up on a skill by going to the Family History Guide or lds.org <https://www.lds.org/topics/family-history/my-family-history/learn-to-use-family-search?lang=eng&old=true>
- Scan pictures at a Family History Center.
- Call a relative. A phone call is a great way to connect with relatives. Ask a question and you will soon have a living memory. Record conversation with an app on your phone then add to FamilySearch memories
- Email a relative far from you and ask them for pictures and memories of a parent or grandparent.
- Transcribe tombstones. Transcribing tombstones is a great way to give back to the genealogy community. Visit: www.billiongraves.com/get-started
- Discover and read a new family history story from your fan chart on FamilySearch.
- Extract audio excerpts from an organized family history fireside and upload to FamilySearch. You can do this by using an audio converter on your computer or an iPhone or android audio converter app.

1 hour

- Watch a session that will help you in your family history research from a past RootsTech conference.
<https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/rootstech-how-to-videos?lang=eng>
- Take a class at your local Family History Center. Look for class schedules on the Center's website.
- Teach a beginner how to create a FamilySearch login.
- Teach a beginner how to navigate on FamilySearch using the Family History Guide.
- View BYU Family History webinars:
<https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/>
- Visit a local cemetery where a deceased relative is buried. Look for other family members. This is a good family outing.
- *Plan* a simple family night reunion in a park. It is an opportunity to be together, reminisce, and make new family memories. Have everyone bring their own dinner and a dessert to share.
- Plan a fireside with a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent. Give them a list of questions in advance so they can be prepared to share their personal history.
<https://www.lds.org/ensign/2003/08/that-happened-to-you?lang=eng>

2 hours +

- Research a relative on FamilySearch. Add at least two sources, check for and merge any duplicate records. Standardize dates and places. View your relationship. Add a memory if possible. Reserve the name for temple ordinances once you have verified that an ordinance if needed.
- Perform a temple ordinance for a deceased family member.
- Hold the planned family personal history fireside and make a video or audio recording of the fireside to transcribe during your 20-30-minute family history sessions. From your transcripts, a book can be made for each member of the family. This will be a wonderful experience for your family and an invaluable history.
- Make a dinner with your family which includes traditional foods where your ancestors lived. Talk about customs and view pictures of relatives if available.
- Work on creating a Family History storybook. This is a big project. Give yourself plenty of time so it doesn't become stressful.
- Play a Family History board game together. You can find ideas at:
<https://familylocket.com/family-history-for-children-and-teens/>

Resources

- www.familysearch.org
- www.thefhguide.com
- www.granitefhc.com
- newsletter@granitefhc.com
- www.lds.org/media-library/video/categories/family-history?lang=eng
- <https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/rootstech-how-to-videos?lang=eng>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/tuning-hearts-ten-minutes-day/>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-memories-app/?icid=bl-2017-6382>
- www.billiongraves.com/get-started
- <https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/>
- <https://www.lds.org/ensign/2003/08/that-happened-to-you?lang=eng>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/52-stories-printables/>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/key-family-reunion-success/>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/category/about-familysearch/whats-new-at-familysearch/>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/ancestor-discovery-page/>