

# Helping Others Gather Their Family

## HELP OTHERS GATHER THEIR FAMILY IN THE FAMILY TREE IN **FAMILYSEARCH**.

Many people in the Church are new to family history and have missing information about their ancestors in FamilySearch. Your first purpose is to help them add their first 4 generations into FamilySearch. After that, they can take advantage of additional opportunities to find more family member's names for temple work. Gathering families has two parts:

1. **Add living people to the family tree.**
2. **Add deceased ancestors to the family tree.**

As deceased ancestors are added, you can help members prepare names for temple work.

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### All members log in to FamilySearch using their LDS Account.

Help members recover an existing LDS Account or set up a new one:

1. **LDS.org**—In the top right corner of the screen, click **My Account and Ward**.
2. **Mobile app**—From the log-in screen, create an account, or click **Help**.

### LOG IN TO FAMILYSEARCH.ORG, OR OPEN THE FAMILY TREE MOBILE APP.

Begin to populate the tree by adding names. You will add living and deceased family members:

#### Strategies for adding living family.



Every living person added to Family Tree can be seen only by the person who added that person to protect privacy.

- Start with names members know. Add their living parents, grandparents, and ancestors. They can add more details later.
- As you meet, have them contact (call, text, email, use social media) family to gather needed information about missing family members.

#### Strategies for adding deceased family.

Deceased people in the Family Tree are shared and can be seen by everyone. Avoid duplicating individuals and temple work by considering the following situations:

- **Possible match.** Each time a person is added to the tree, FamilySearch will try to match him or her to an existing person. Review the possible matches when adding individuals to the tree. If you are not sure about a match, create a new person in the tree.
- **Missing person.** Sometimes, the member may believe that a deceased ancestor is missing and should already be in the tree because the ancestor appears in another family member's view. You can get the ID number of the deceased person from the other tree and add that person using the ID Number.



**Remember to prayerfully prepare and invite the Spirit to these experiences by following these principles when helping others:**

- Identify who you are helping and their goal in gathering their family as described above.
- As you work with members, explore photos, stories, and records to help them feel connected to at least one ancestor.

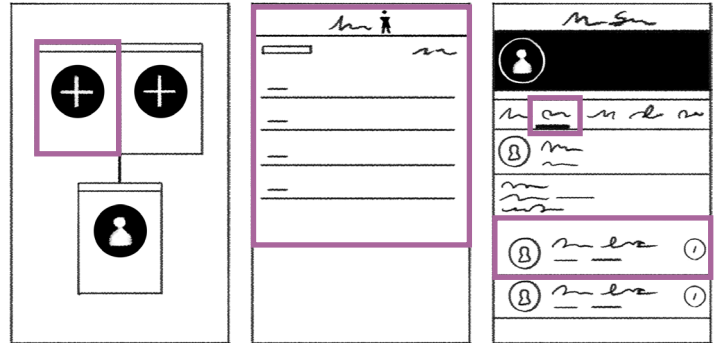
## FAMILYSEARCH TOOLS ADD PEOPLE TO THE TREE.

Remember, everyone in the world shares and works in the same family tree. Any change you make impacts everyone else. If you are not sure about changes you want to make, ask for help.

### Mobile apps are one option.

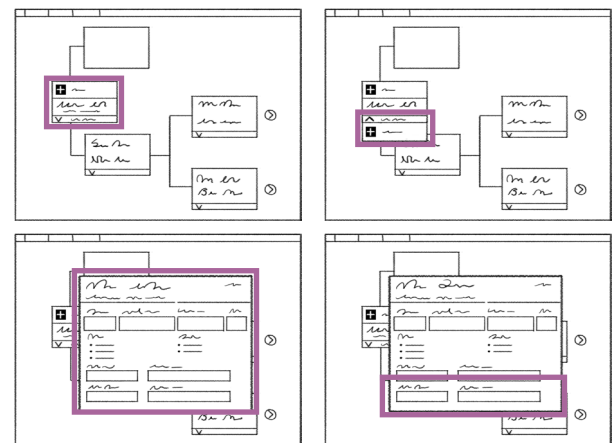


1. Navigate to the tree view.
2. Click on the + to add direct line ancestors.
3. Fill in information, or use the **Add by ID Number** option to add an individual.
4. To add children, go to a person's page, click **Spouses**, and then click **Add Child**.



### The FamilySearch website at familysearch.org is another option.

1. Navigate to the tree view.
2. Click on the + to add direct line ancestors.
3. Fill in information, or use the **Find by ID Number** to add an individual.
4. Click **Add Child** to add children.



## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING FAMILY NAMES.

As members add deceased family members, follow these policies for submitting names for temple work.

### No Permission Needed

You can do the work for the following members of your family who have been dead for more than 1 year:

- Parents
- Siblings
- Spouse
- Children



You can also do the work for any deceased direct-line ancestor, or descendant of a direct-line ancestor (including his or her spouse) who was born at least 110 years ago.

### Permission Needed

To do the work for any other deceased family member born within the last 110 years, FamilySearch requires permission from one of the closest living relatives. The closest living relatives are: an undivorced spouse, an adult child, a parent, or a brother or sister.

Note: Please be considerate of strong family feelings when requesting permission.



### Required Information

Before temple work can be done, a person must at least have this information:

- **One name**
- **Sex specified**
- **One date**
- **One place**
- **Deceased status**

Note: While this is the minimum information required, encourage members to add everything they know.