



# Ten reasons to use FamilySearch

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- 1. FamilySearch preserves family history efficiently.** FamilySearch is a genealogy organization operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was previously known as the Genealogical Society of Utah and is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch places the highest importance on preserving and safeguarding family history records. FamilySearch is committed to preserving these sacred family records forever.
- 2. FamilySearch enables the sharing of family history.** FamilySearch allows inspiring stories, photos, audio clips, and documents to not only be preserved and safeguarded, but shared with every member of an ancestor's posterity. Think of the value of making this rich heritage available to all our cousins.
- 3. FamilySearch enables "the book worthy of all acceptance."** The Prophet Joseph Smith wrote an epistle to the Saints about temple work for our kindred dead. This epistle is found in Doctrine and Covenants 128. Verse 24 indicates, "Let us, therefore, as a church and a people, and as Latter-day Saints, offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness; and let us present in his holy temple, when it is finished, a book containing the records of our dead, which shall be worthy of all acceptance." Records worthy of all acceptance was a principle our ancestors strived to live by. In a General Conference address entitled "The Book" Elder Alan F. Packer said, "This 'book' will be prepared using the records of names and ordinances in the Church's FamilyTree database. I am checking and adding records to this database because I want the names of all those I love to be in the book. Don't you?" (Elder Alan F. Packer, *The Book*, CR, October 2014)
- 4. FamilySearch facilitates collaboration and communication.** The tremendous work of family history and temple work requires a collaborative, team effort. The more people looking for lost ancestors, the better. FamilySearch also provides tools within FamilyTree and FamilySearch Memories to collaborate and communicate with other cousins that are contributing their research efforts.
- 5. FamilySearch minimizes duplication of effort.** FamilySearch provides tools to help avoid unnecessary duplication of effort in temple ordinances and other important aspects of each ancestor's historical record.
- 6. FamilySearch is evolving.** If you've had reservations about previous versions of FamilySearch, then understand it is evolving at a rapid pace. FamilySearch continues to invest tremendous

resources to improve tools and address user concerns. FamilySearch continues to improve and no one should allow a past negative experience rob them or their ancestors of the great blessings that FamilySearch offers.

7. **FamilySearch is well partnered.** FamilySearch has developed an array of partnerships that enhance our ability to research, preserve, and share family history records.

8. **FamilySearch is simple.** With a little training, FamilySearch is simple to navigate. Developers at FamilySearch are working continuously to simplify the tools and technology so anyone can participate in family history work.

9. **FamilySearch is free.** FamilySearch offers free access to its resources and services online at FamilySearch.org. In addition, FamilySearch offers free personal assistance at more than 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries including the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

10. **FamilySearch is fun, inspiring, and fulfilling.** FamilySearch facilitates the marvelous experience of turning our hearts to our ancestors, learning from their experiences, and providing them the opportunity to accept the saving ordinances of the temple. FamilySearch offers the peace of mind that your family history and that of your ancestors will be in a place where it can be preserved, safeguarded, and shared with all your posterity.