

HOW TO GET STARTED

SUMMARY of the 5 Basic Steps

Getting started with your family history is easy.

Here's a summary of the 5 Basic steps— We've left plenty of room for you to make some notes to personalize this for you!

Fill in a Pedigree Chart

Step 1. Register on *FamilySearch* at – www.familysearch.org

— requires your membership # and birthdate

Step 2. Organize Your Family History Stuff

- a) Gather your family history stuff together into one place
- b) Set up your File Folders
— one folder for each couple on your pedigree chart
- c) Sort your gathered stuff into the right file folders
- d) Enter your family information into a computer
— either into *FamilySearch* only, or also into a software program... i.e. Roots Magic.
- e) Set up your Family history Binder

Step 3. Set up the Bookmarks (favorites) on your internet Browser

– use Google Chrome as your browser for accessing FamilySearch - The website has been optimized for Chrome.

Step 4. Research Your Family

- a) Begin with yourself and your immediate family
- b) Next ask your parents, grandparents, and other relatives
- c) Then begin to search the internet using a handy Checklist
- d) Then begin your search for original records

Step 5. Take Your Family Names to the Temple
Using the www.FamilySearch.org website:

- a) Start connecting your family
- b) Check to see who needs temple ordinances
- c) Select the individuals whose ordinances you want to perform
- d) Print a Family ordinance Request*
- e) Smile! ...and go to the temple and perform the ordinances

Remember, if you get stuck anywhere along the way, we've got fabulous Family history Consultants in each ward and a Stake Family History Center with trained Consultants to give you all the help you need.