

# RootsTech 2024: Syllabus

**Presenter: Cel Soria**

**Class Title:** Getting Started with Family History using the Family Tree App

**Description:** Getting started with family history is simple and fun to do. The familysearch family tree app, made it even simpler. In this class, all the familysearch family tree app features are discussed and ways to utilize them is also discussed by the presenter.

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**Objective:** To help beginners learn the basics of building their family tree using the familysearch family tree app.

1. Start by creating an account by signing up to <https://ident.familysearch.org/identity/login/> and to <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.familysearch.mobile&hl=en&gl=US&pli=1> for the mobile app
2. Begin adding your name, your parents and your grandparents
3. The person details feature-allows you to add all information related to each person like birth, burial, brief life history, alternate name and others.
4. Under person details, if you click on memories, you can add photos, audio recordings and documents
5. Still under person details, if you click sources, you may add sources of the information you add
6. Under Search Historical Records-Just add a person's name, place and year then click search. You will find historical records, which you may save, edit, share or attach to your tree.
7. Find a Person-Just add a person's name, gender, year & birth place, and then click "find", you will find a possible match for the person you are looking for.

8. Map my ancestors-you will find places where your ancestors have been. You will discover cities where your ancestors were born, lived and died.
9. Family History Activities-it will take you to <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/> and you may try different fun family history activities that you may do with family and friends.
10. Record hints-these are records that familysearch system matched with your ancestor that you can compare and validate with your records.

*In doing family history work, I have learned that we are indeed all brothers and sisters and we are all somehow connected to one another.*

*I hope you will also find many discoveries in your family and your ancestry and learn from the stories from the people who lived before us.*

*We read a lot of books and stories of famous men and women but the most important stories that we can ever discover should be the stories of who we are and where we came from.*

*So I think these are the stories that we need to unveil and pass on to our next generation.*

*I hope that this session has allowed you to see how important it is to save all our records, our photos, our memories, all information handed down to us, all our stories and save them for the next generation, to help them to see who we are, our beliefs, our testimonies and our experiences-whatever they are-good and bad, so that they can learn from our experiences and help them see that despite our weaknesses, we have tried to do our best in giving them a legacy that they will always remember and cherish and hopefully be grateful for.*

*Thank you so much and I hope that this has been helpful.*