

Panel Discussion

Temple and family history responsibilities

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is the best place to start with temple and family history in my ward?
2. What resources are available to help members provide saving ordinances?
3. What is the FHAR?
4. What helps are there for me as I serve in my calling?
5. What is new in Family Tree?
6. What is a searchable record? What happened to indexing?

Where is the best place to start with
temple and family history in my
ward?

God's Work of Salvation and Exaltation

- Living the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Caring for those in need.
- Inviting all to receive the gospel.
- Uniting families for eternity.

General Handbook: Serving in the Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1.2



Uniting Families for Eternity

- Making covenants as we receive our own temple ordinances
- Discovering our deceased ancestors and performing ordinances for them in the temple so they can make covenants with God
- Going to the house of the Lord regularly, where possible, to worship God and perform ordinances for our ancestors

General Handbook, 25.0



*“Here is my promise to you:
Every sincere seeker of
Jesus Christ will find Him in
the temple. You will feel His
mercy. You will find answers
to your most vexing
questions. You will better
comprehend the joy of His
gospel.”*

President Russell M. Nelson, “The Lord Jesus
Christ Will Come Again” October General
Conference, 2024



“Never before in the history of the world have there been so many temples and, thanks to the latest technology, so many people (including those not of our faith) adding to their family trees.”

Elder Kevin S. Hamilton, “An Unprecedented Time for Temple and Family History Work,”
Liahona, August 2024.



“Ofttimes, we focus first on genealogy, which leads us to our ancestors, which leads us to participating in ordinances and making covenants in the temple, which then binds us to the Savior. That is wonderful, but we should flip that script. The Savior comes first. We seek a closer relationship with Him, so we go to the house of the Lord and receive ordinances and make covenants with Him, binding us to Him. Then we enable that for our deceased ancestors by seeking them out and performing temple ordinances for them.”


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What resources are available to help
members provide saving
ordinances?

Preparing for First Temple Visits





New Converts • Children Turning 12

ChurchofJesusChrist.org/temples




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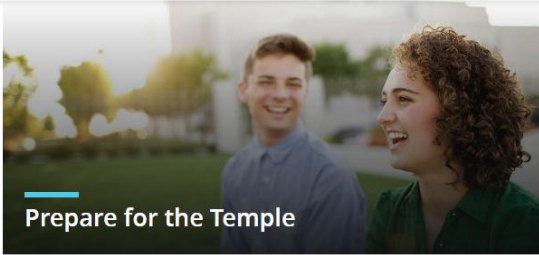
   

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See What Happens in Temples



Prepare for the Temple



See the Inside of a Temple



Planning for Temple

A helpful guide
for your visit to
the temple.



Glad Tidings

The history of
baptisms for the
dead.



Why Baptisms

Church
members
perform
baptisms for ...



Preparing Your Child for

Five-part series of
activities to help
your child prepare.



Why Do We Baptize for

Our desire to
redeem the
dead is an
expression of ...



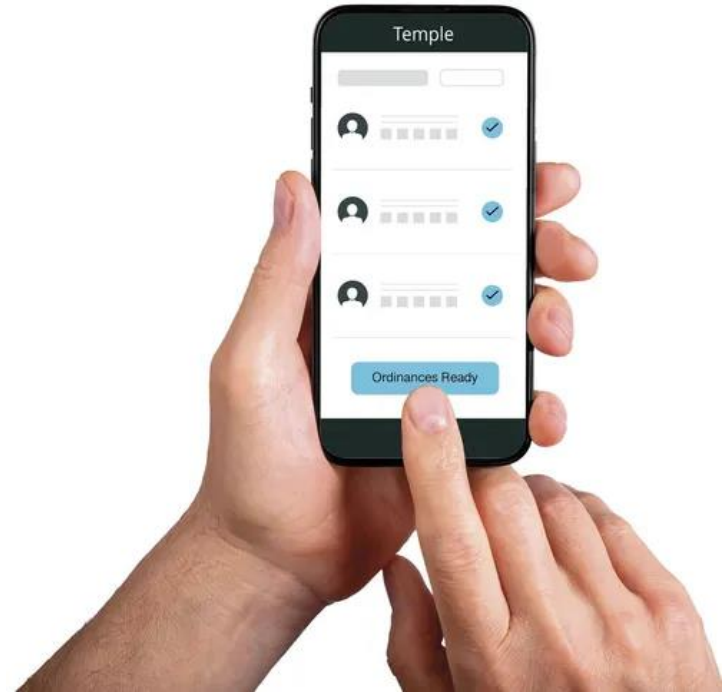
Need family

Use
FamilySearch's
"Ordinances
Ready" feature.

Ordinances Ready

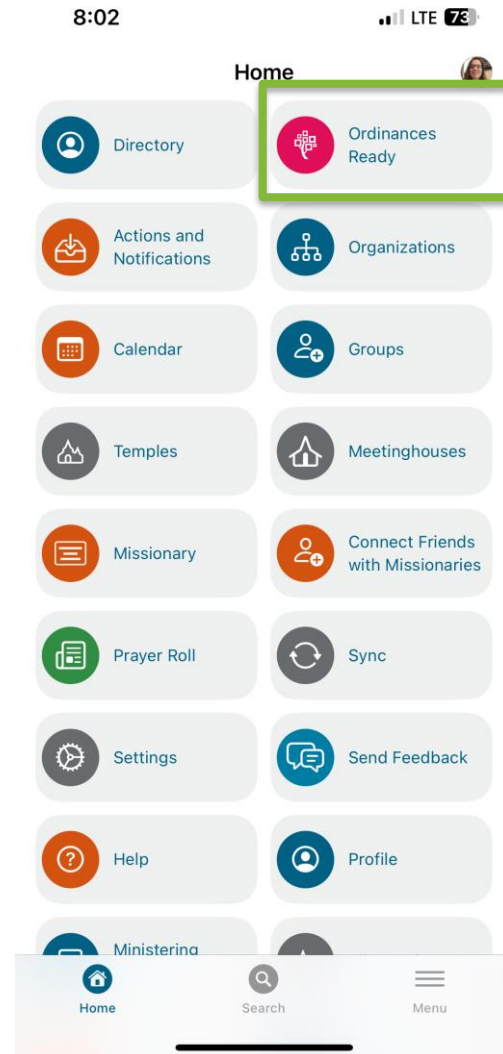
The Miracle of Ordinances Ready

- Enables all members to become submitters
- Breaking of old paradigms
- Temple service within wards and stakes



Ordinances Ready Access

- Member Tools App
- Family Tree App
- FamilySearch.org
- Together App
- Schedule an Appointment



Ordinances Ready Algorithm

1. Your *My Reservations* List
2. Shared reservations from *Family Groups*
3. Other reservations shared by you
4. Your relatives whose reservations have been shared with the temple
5. Your relatives on Family Tree who have ordinance reservations available
6. Reservations from ward and stake shared with the temple
7. General names shared with the temple from members around the world

Family Name Assist

Gather Families to the Savior with Family Name Assist

Use this simple tool that guides the preparation and printing of family name cards for temple baptisms and confirmations.

GET STARTED

TRY DEMO



Help New and Returning Members

See how easy it is to assist new and returning members prepare family names for temple baptisms and confirmations—or quickly find other names if needed.



(English)

Help Youth

Learn how to quickly help youth take their own family name cards to the temple while avoiding the challenges of usernames and passwords.



(English)

Use Family Name Assist

GET STARTED

TRY DEMO

Frequently Asked Questions

☒ All ☐ Leader ☐ Helper

What do I need to use Family Name Assist?



What is the purpose of Family Name Assist?



Why should I use Family Name Assist?



Who can access Family Name Assist?



How do I prepare before using Family Name Assist?



What happens if the member does not have a FamilySearch account?



What happens to information entered into Family Name Assist?



Will submitting names through Family Name Assist show up on the Family History Activity Report (FHAR)?



Additional Resources

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Bishop Helps a New Member Prepare for the Temple

Video

A bishop helps a member prepare names for a



Planning for Temple Baptisms

Article

Learn about Temple Baptism and Confirmation. The online article "About Proxy



About Proxy Baptism and Confirmation

Article

The fourth Article of Faith states that the first

What helps are there for me as I
serve in my calling?

My Calling: Temple and Family History Consultant

What Is My Focus?

As a ward temple and family history consultant, you help individuals and families come unto Christ as they participate in family history and temple work ([General Handbook 25.2.4](#)).

The steps below will help you get started.

[Familysearch.org/en/consultant](https://familysearch.org/en/consultant)



Jesus Christ is the reason we build temples.

President Russell M. Nelson

Help Resources

Temple and Family History Resources

Serving the needs of members in wards and stakes

Resources for Leaders

Gain quick access to temple and family history resources and information.

General Handbook



Temple and Family History Work in the Ward

Guidelines and instructions from the General Handbook (25.2) help ward leaders as they organize and carry out temple and family history efforts.

[Go to handbook](#)



How can Relief Society and Elders Quorum Presidencies



Organizing Temple and Family History Work

This video gives an overview of the Church leaders and members responsibilities in temple and family history work as described in chapter 25 of the General Handbook.



Ward Temple and Family History Coordination Meeting

An insight into an effective ward temple and family history coordination meeting.



Ward Temple and Family History Council Meeting

How to discuss temple and family history in a ward council meeting.

https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states-canada/member_resources

Help Resources

- General Handbook Section 25
- Helper Resources on FamilySearch
- Liahona, August 2024 “An Unprecedented Time for Temple and Family History Work”
- RootsTech classes
- FamilySearch Centers

Helper Resources

Frequently used tools to guide family history journeys.



Recent Articles for Latter-day Saints

Read about family history specifically for members.

[SEE ALL ARTICLES](#)



What's New at FamilySearch

Learn about changes and new features in FamilySearch.



FamilySearch Community

Connect with others, find solutions, and ask questions.



Easy Invitations

Copy and send shareable links personalized for local members.



Family History Activities

Find fun family history activities to share with all ages.



Guided Research

Research helps by locality.

Calling Information

[Temple and Family History Callings](#)

[RootsTech Temple and Family History Callings Videos](#)

[Family History Network](#)

Training

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What is the FHAR?

Who has access to FHAR?

- Stake and Ward Councils and presidency members
- Ward Temple and Family History Leaders
 - Can share with:
 - Stake temple and family history consultants
 - FamilySearch Center Coordinator
 - Ward temple and family history consultants

How to access the FHAR?



Leader and Clerk Resources



Membership ▾

Callings ▾

Missionary ▾

Temple ▾

Reports ▾

Help ▾

Temple and Family History



Search

Reports and Forms

Stake **Temple and Family History**

Family History Activity Report

Salt Lake Wilford Stake (501980)



Tamra Lynn Stansfield

Stake Temple and Family History Consultant

Actions and Messages

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0 Messages

[Official Communications](#)

Resources

- [General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#)

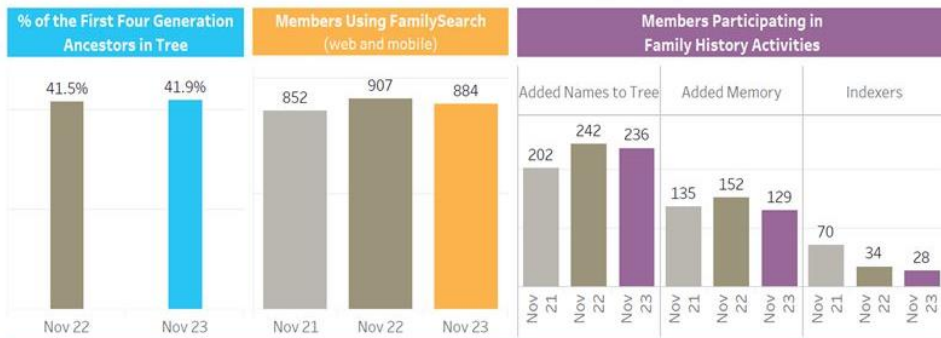
[Organization Training](#)



[Send a Message >](#)

Help

Members Submitting this Year



YTD Submitters Unit Detail

Unit Name	Total		Adult		Youth		New Members		YSAs	
17	198	8.6%	17	183	0	15	0	0	1	11
20	176	11.4%	20	175	0	1	0	2	14	161
84	552	15.2%	70	495	14	57	0	2	2	49
55	275	20.0%	51	239	4	36	0	0	3	32
43	256	16.8%	35	236	8	20	0	0	3	14
58	425	13.6%	50	403	8	22	0	0	1	9
91	417	21.8%	76	362	15	55	0	1	6	43
69	314	22.0%	55	283	14	31	0	1	2	28

Sections:

- YTD Submitters
- Activities
- Unit Information by audience

Family History Activity Report

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Multi Area

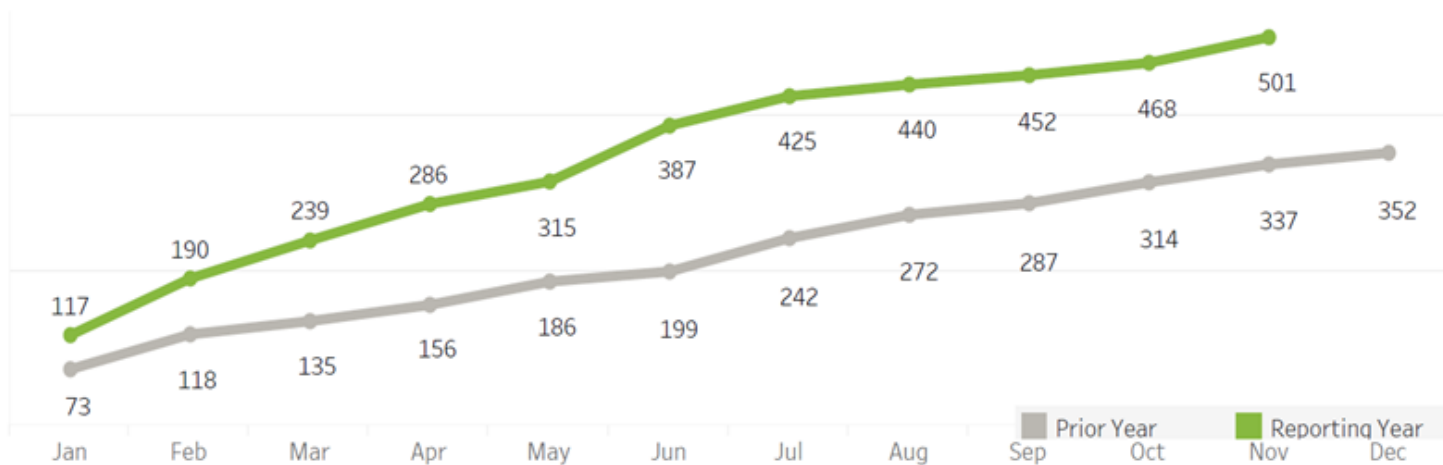
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North America

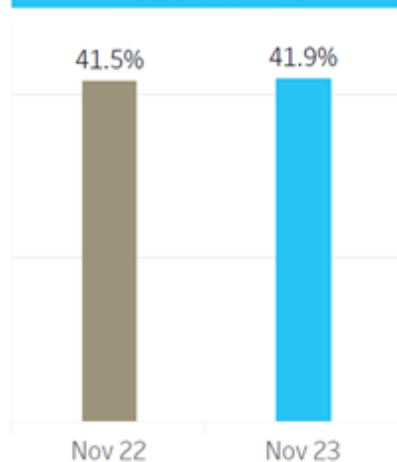
Reporting Month Year

Nov 2023

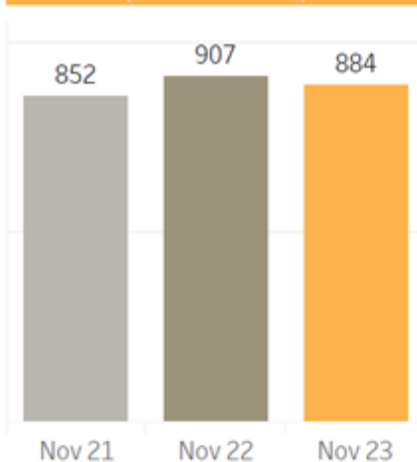
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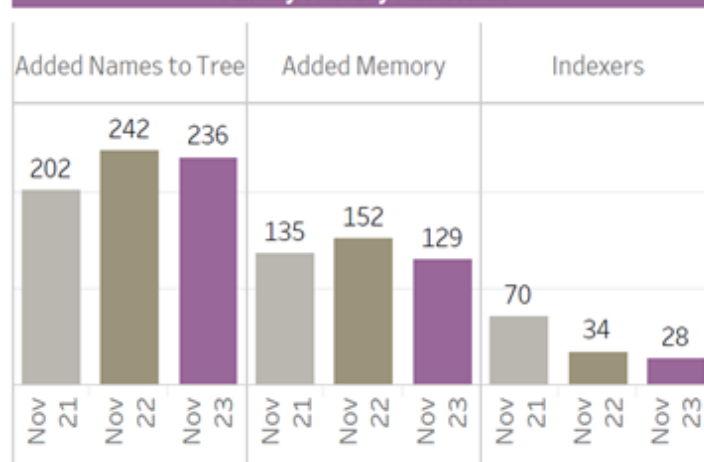
% of the First Four Generation Ancestors in Tree



Members Using FamilySearch (web and mobile)



Members Participating in Family History Activities



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	43	256	16.8%	35	236	8	20	0	0	3	14
	58	425	13.6%	50	403	8	22	0	0	1	9
	91	417	21.8%	76	362	15	55	0	1	6	43
	69	314	22.0%	55	283	14	31	0	1	2	28
	58	322	18.0%	50	299	8	23	0	2	3	49
	6	207	2.9%	6	181	0	26	0	0	1	49
Grand Total	501	3,142	15.9%	430	2,856	71	286	0	8	36	445

What's New in Family Tree?

Build a family tree

Curious about your heritage? Jumpstart your ancestry search for FREE in the worldwide community family tree. Connect now—we may already have details about your family.

[VIEW YOUR TREE](#)



Overview

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How it works

Why use a shared tree?

What is a family tree?

FAQs

Sign up for free

Share:     



FamilySearch

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Memories

Get Involved

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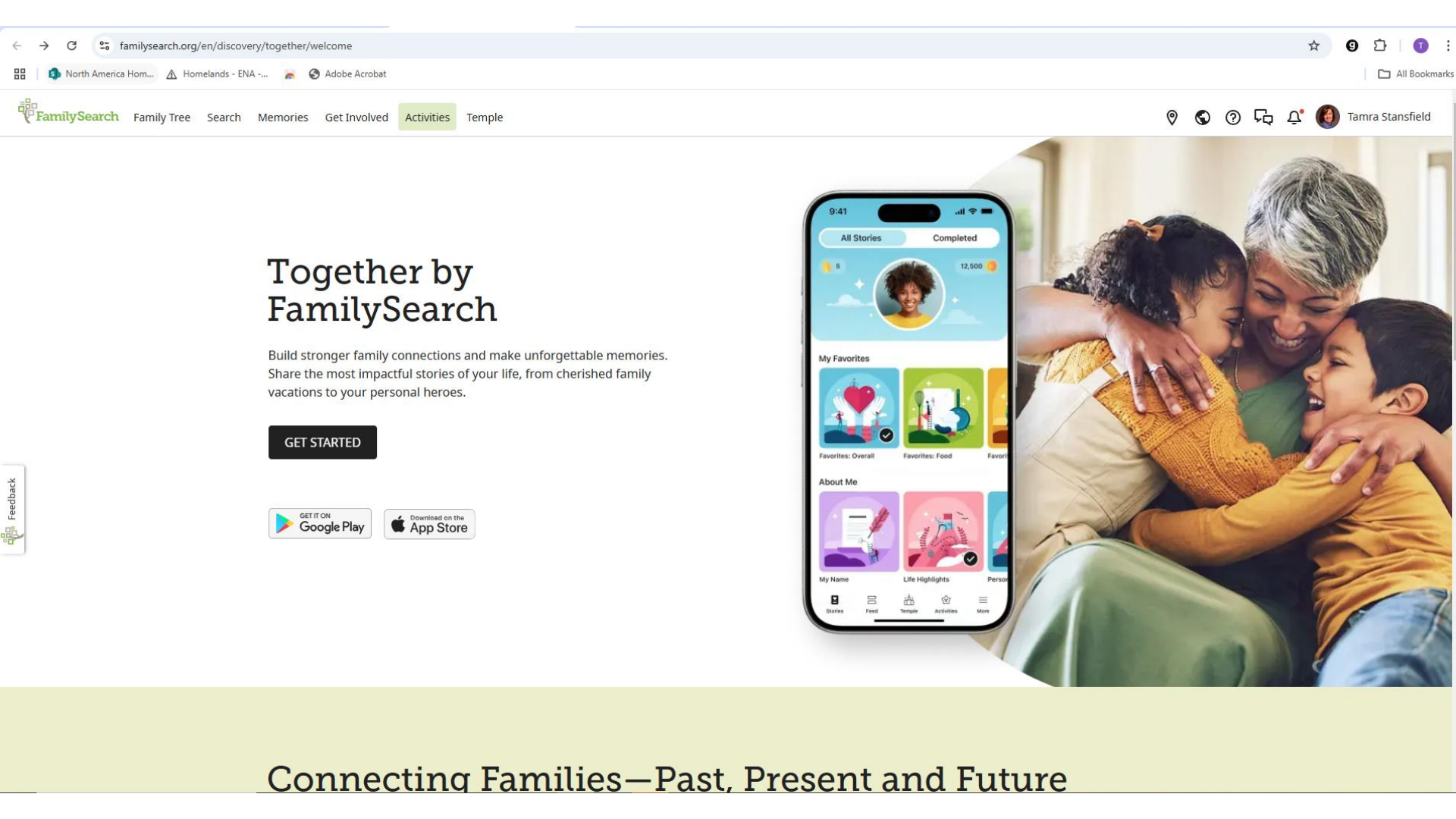
My Contributions

Family Groups

Family Groups

Create a family group to share a tree, send messages, and share ordinances with family members.

+ CREATE GROUP



Together by FamilySearch

Build stronger family connections and make unforgettable memories. Share the most impactful stories of your life, from cherished family vacations to your personal heroes.

GET STARTED



Connecting Families—Past, Present and Future

My Favorites

[EDIT](#)

Favorites: Overall



Favorites: Food



Favorites: Animals



Favorites: Sports



Favorites: Childhood



Favorites: Entertainment



Favorites: Travel



Favorites: Pets

About Me

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Create Your Own



Question of the Week



Personal Journal



Life Highlights



Hobbies



Talents



My Friends



My Hobbies

My Faith

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Spiritually Defining Moments



Gratitude Journal



My Baptism & Confirmation



My Mission



My Testimony



Favorite Stories about Jesus Christ



Missionary Experiences



Temporal Memories

My Family Members



What is a searchable record?
What happened to indexing?

Searchable Records: *a document or collection of information that can be found and accessed through a search*



Get Involved

Help people lost to history get found by their families.
The activities below make it possible to find people from the past.

SEE OPPORTUNITIES



FamilySearch is an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping all people discover their family story.

How It Works

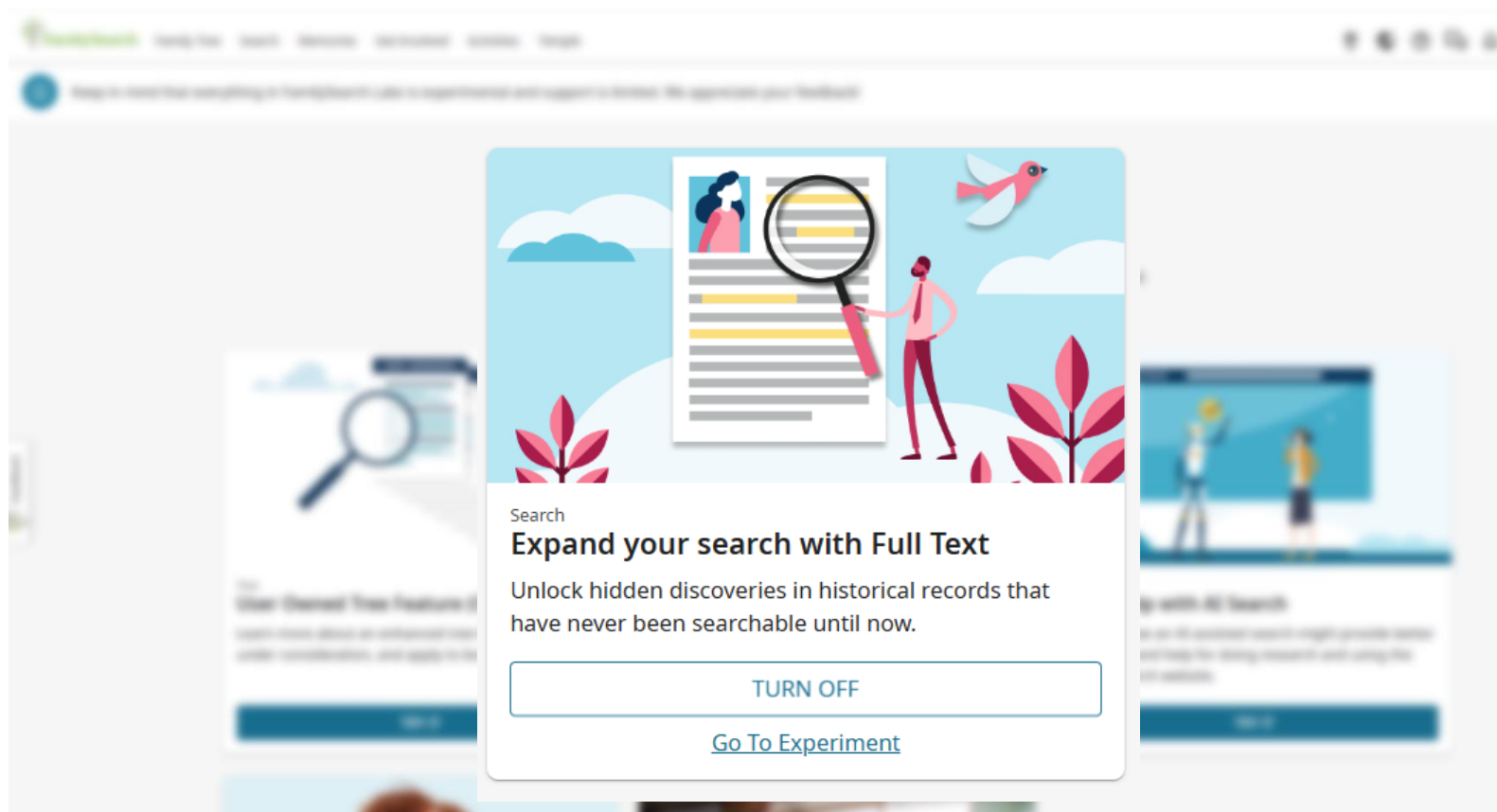
Our computers find names in old documents, but they often make mistakes. Reviewing the names and fixing the mistakes is an easy way to help others discover their ancestors.

NAME REVIEW

Do you know people who would enjoy this activity?
Invite them to participate.



FamilySearch Labs: Full Text Search



Christopher Columbus FTS

- Seven children
location and date of
births (out of 10)
- Name of their enslaver
- Private company A,
68th Regiment US
Colored Troops

*State of Missouri
County of Cape Girardeau*

On this the 9th day
of September 1868 before me Clerk of Court
of Common Pleas in and for said
County and State, Personally appeared
Elizabeth C. Columbus of this County and
a credible witness who being duly sworn
says that she is the widow of Christopher
Columbus late of Co "A" 68th Regt & Vols. that
she was not married in accordance with
the laws of the State, she was married by a
fellow slave. Hence there is no record of
her former marriage: that she lived and
cohabited with said Deed Johnson for
a long years and had ten children
by said Deed Johnson seven of whom are now
living: that they were known as husband
and wife by their owner and the whole
community: that said Deed Johnson wrote to
her and addressed her as his wife while
in the army until he died: that they
acknowledged each other as man and
wife for the period of a long years:

She further says there is no record
Public Record of the birth of her children
but she was attended by Dr. R. B. at
the birth of her children, and she refers
to his testimony as to their name and
ages. Dr. R. B. was the master of household
and husband

Christopher Columbus FTS

- Marriage date, and devotion to each other, name of slave who married them
- Christopher's (enlisted soldier) cause, location, and date of death
- Elisabeth's maiden name, location, and date of death (same surname as the enslaver)

Court in and for said County and State personally appeared Dr John I Roth of Cape Girardeau County Mo whom I certify is a Physician in good Standing in his profession and a credible witness, who being duly sworn according to law declares and says: that he was the owner of Christopher and his wife Elisabeth that they contracted as man and wife for many years: and have the following names

George Washington	Born May 16 1851
Isabella Jane	Born July 5 1853
Mary Alice	" May 2 1855
Ruth Ann	" June 19 1857
Samuel C	" Oct 3 1860
Joseph F	" June 5 1863
Catharine C	" Feb 3 1864

that there are all the children of Christopher and Elisabeth who were born

Left Surviving him

affiant has personal knowledge of the name and ages of the aforesaid children He attended in the mother at the birth of each child as Physician and made a memorandum of the name of each as they were born

Q&A

