# What's New At FamilySearch

For Members of the Church of Jesus Christ for Latter-day Saints

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## Welcome and Thank You!

### For:

- Being here to learn.
- Contributing so many persons of high quality to FamilySearch that are temple ready.
- Helping others to find and gather their family.

# The Why

To **help** gather and unite our families!

To **help** them come unto Christ!





# FamilySearch.Org Facts

## **Current FamilySearch Stats**

1.56 B

TOTAL FAMILY TREE PERSONS

125 M

ADDED LAST YEAR

275 K

TREE CONTRIBUTORS/WEEK

# Largest Single Connected Tree

2022: 737 M

2023: 825 M

## Added 3 New Languages



Languages for FamilySearch.org - 41 Total

## 4 More in 2024

Arabic

Swahili

Guarani

Turkish

# Records Facts

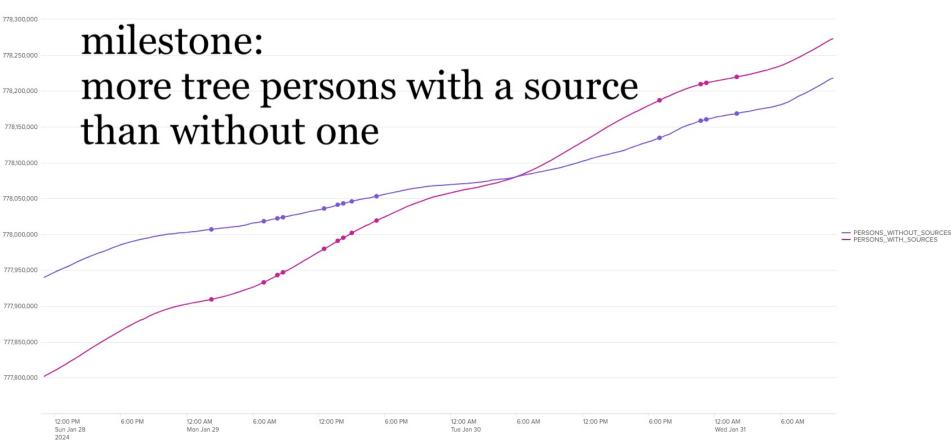
## 18.36 Billion Searchable Names

Published 600 M new records in 2023.

New country collections with over 20% coverage

Democratic Republic of the Congo	Luxembourg
Curacao	Uganda
Guatemala	

## Sources Milestone: Jan 29 2024



# Records

## 2024 Plans

Finding and Imaging records in 75 countries Including places without many online records

- Peru
- Portugal

Advances to Computer-Assisted Indexing: Various languages include: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, English

# Members: Family Name Assist

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### Description

 A simplified experience for Church leaders to easily assist new members and youth to take a close family name to the temple baptistry.

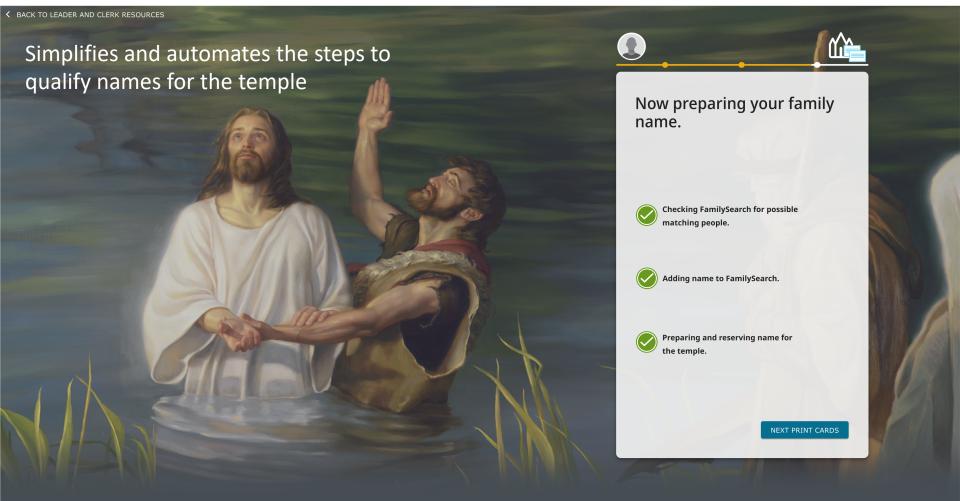
### Value

- Fosters heart-turning conversations between leaders and members.
- Simplifies and automates many processes required to take a family name to the temple.
- Requires no research relies on member's personal knowledge of their family (living memory).









## How to Get?

### When Available:

• 29 Feb 2024 (announced at Leadership Training)

### Where Available:

- Leaders (bishops and ward councils) via LCR (Leader and Clerk Resources → Help Member Print a Name).
- Leaders outside of LCR (T&FHC): www.familysearch.org/temple/guide-me/assist
- Experience Preview: www.familysearch.org/temple/guide-me/leader-preview

# Members: OR Updates

# Ordinance Ready Update

- Added Emphasis on Christ
- Added option to select Male or Female names

### Value:

 Our sequence and focus BEGINS with Jesus Christ



### **Select Ordinance**





**BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION** 

**INITIATORY** 

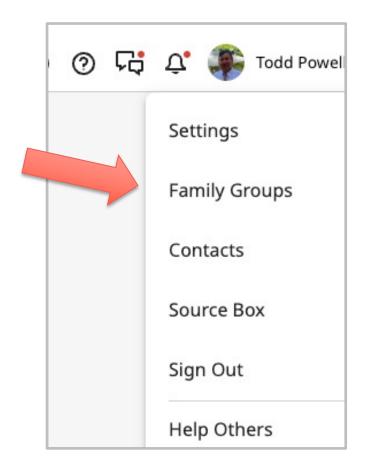
**ENDOWMENT** 

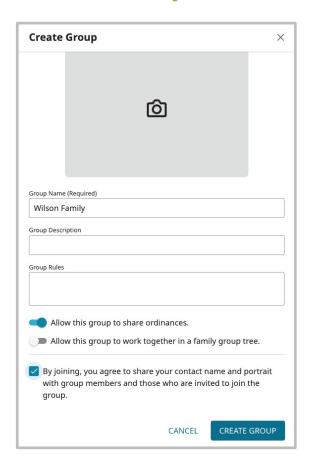
SEALING TO PARENTS

**SEALING TO SPOUSE** 

# Members: Family Group Reservations

# How to Create a Group





# Members: Lang Script

https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/correct-languagetemplate-names-ordinance-reservations

## Name of Feature

Correct Language Template Needed for Names in the Family Tree in Order for Temple Ordinance Reservations to Be Completed

### Value

 Ordinances can be completed at most temples Longest waiting names go out first. Chinese Scripts can be done is Utah for example, with ROMAN names.



# Members: FS Center Resources at Meetinghouses

# FamilySearch Centers

New center locator map
 Https://locations.familysearch.org

New tool where consultants can update center information

All meetinghouses now have access to FSC resources through the Liahona network

# FS Labs

### FamilySearch Labs

Your feedback helps make FamilySearch an inspiring experience. Try some of these experimental features, and give us your feedback.



### **How It Works**

You can influence important decisions on potential FamilySearch features and improvements.



1. Sign in

Sign in, or create an account to see available experiments.



2. Choose an experiment

Choose an experiment. Select Try It to learn more and to enable the experiment.



3. Share feedback

Use the Feedback button on the side to tell us what you think.

LEARN MORE



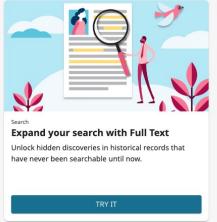
Keep in mind that everything in FamilySearch Labs is experimental and support is limited. We appreciate your feedback!

LEARN MORE

### FamilySearch Labs

### **Available Experiments**

Choose an experiment, try it out, and use the Feedback button on the left side to tell us what you think.





### Family Tree

### **Family Group Trees**

Gather your family into a group, and see the same living tree. Enrich your history with photos, stories, and sources.



### Find Help with AI Search

Explore how an AI-assisted search might provide better guidance and help for doing research and using the FamilySearch website.

**TURN OFF** 

Go To Experiment

### How to Get?

When Available: Early Access Release – Feb 29th

FamilySearch Labs www.familysearch.org/labs

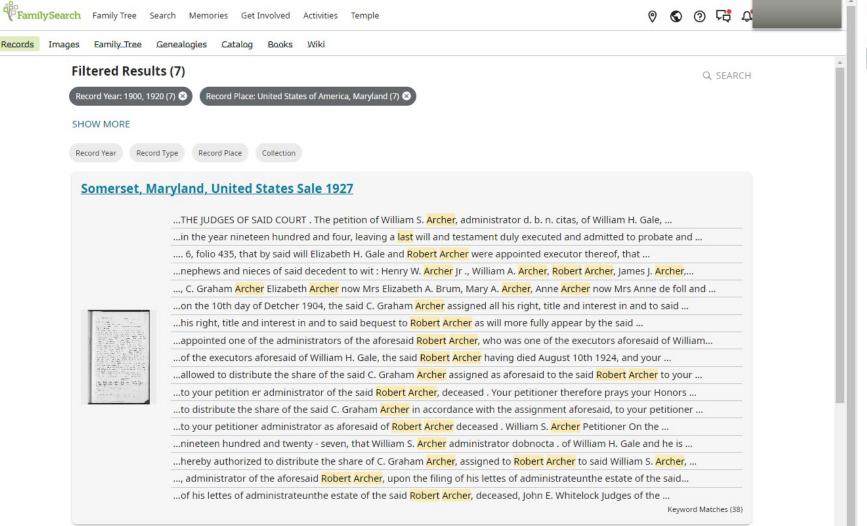
# Search: Full-Text

# Full-Text Search (Experiment)

Our Full-Text Search is a new system for searching historical documents with limited or no structure.

### Value

 Now, you can automatically search for words and names in record collections that have never been indexed.



### Search

Keywords

"last will" +"Rober

## **Initial Collections**

Starting with two collections:

- United States Land and Probate Records (1630 to 1975)
- Mexico Notarial Records (Pre-1900s to 1947)

More collections will be added in the coming months

## How to Get?

When Available: Available now!

FamilySearch Labs <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/labs">www.familysearch.org/labs</a>

# FamilySearch Helper

# FamilySearch Help

A unified Al-enhanced tool for FamilySearch help content.

#### Value

 This tool aims to streamline help, ensuring users find the right answers quickly with Aldriven relevance and natural language understanding.





#### How can I grow my family tree?

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FamilySearch AI can make mistakes. Consider checking important information.

#### FamilySearch AI

To grow your family tree, you can start by visiting the FamilySearch website at familysearch.org [1]. On the website, you can sign in or join for free to access the features and resources available for building your family tree [1]. Once you have signed in, you can begin entering the information that you already know about your family members [1]. It is important to note that FamilySearch does not allow you to research ancestors or descendants who are still living, so it is recommended to start your tree with your nearest ancestors who have passed on [1]. As you enter more information, the website will help you construct your family tree [1]. Additionally, as your tree grows, you may be connected to information from other trees that also contain your ancestors [1]. Building your family tree on FamilySearch is easy, rewarding, and free [1]. Happy researching!

[1] Getting started building your family tree • Family Search

## How to Get?

Available now!

Where is it:

www.familysearch.org/labs

# Family Group Trees

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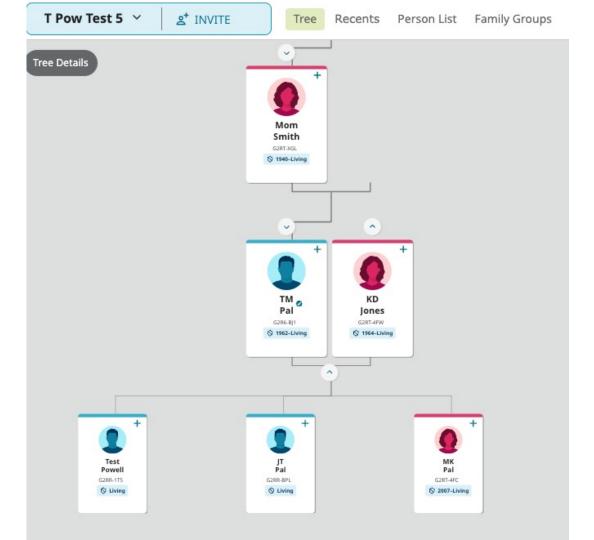
## Description

 A family group tree to share important family memories and information with close living family.

#### Value

- Gather your close living family into a group tree to use a shared pedigree.
- Share memories and milestones in a protected space
- Leave a documented shared family legacy.

# 3 Generation Group Tree



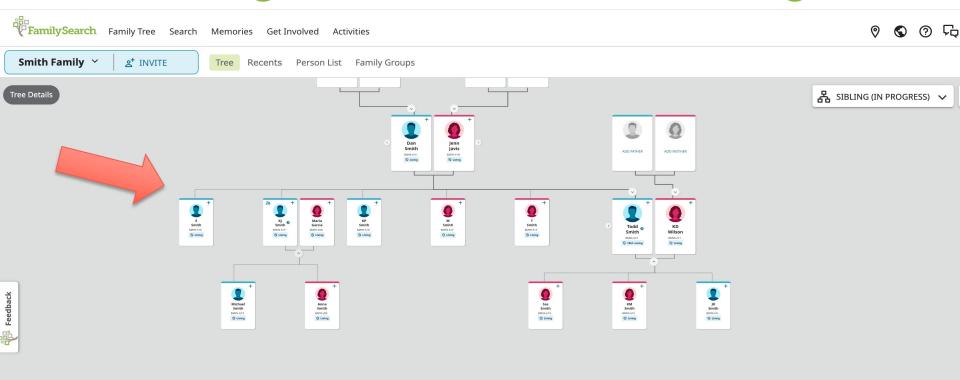
## How to Get?

When Available: Early Access Release – NOW

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# Family Tree Updates

# New Pedigree View: Show Siblings



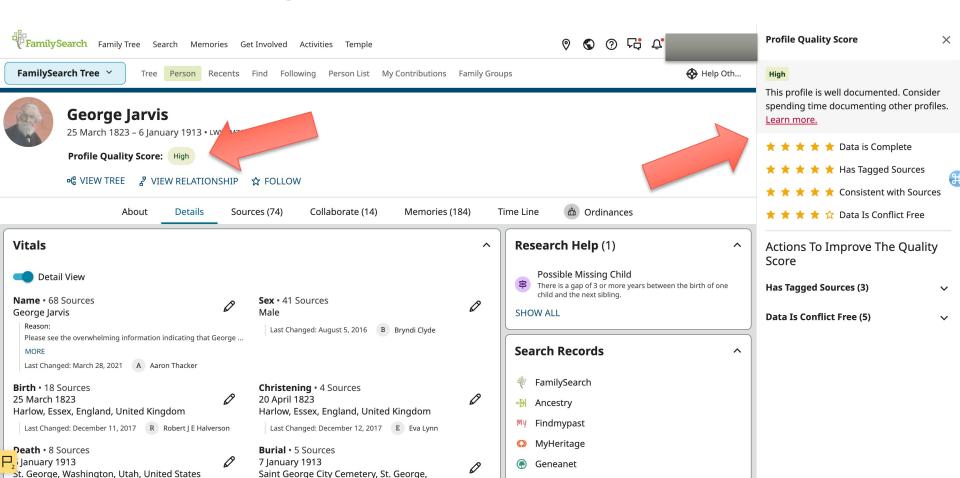
# Tree Person Quality

Profile Data Quality Score

#### Value:

- 1) Help other users understand high quality work
- 2) Provide help to improve profile quality
- 3) Used to help reduce duplicates

## Tree Quality: Profile Data Score



## **How to Get?**

Available Today!

Where is it:

www.familysearch.org/labs

# **Guided Tree**

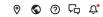
## **Guided Tree**

### Description

 This tool guides new patrons through the process of building their family tree, enabling them to make family discoveries.

#### Value

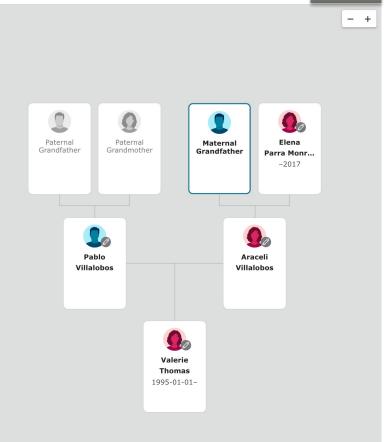
- Guided, step-by-step tree building process.
- Simplifies joining the shared Family Tree.
- Automatic record search.



## Add your maternal grandfather

lame	
Jose Cruz	
ast name	
Perez Vargas	
	NEXT

ADD LATER







#### Your grandfather has been added!

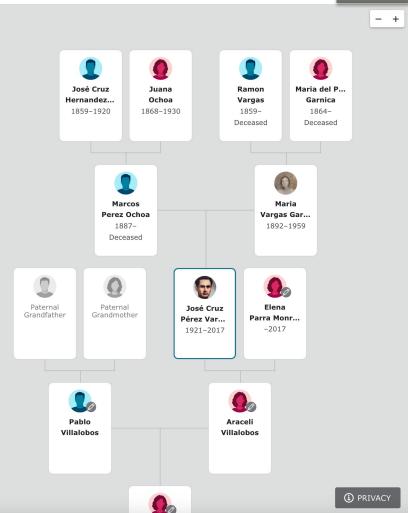
José Cruz was already connected to others in Family Tree. They are now connected to you too.

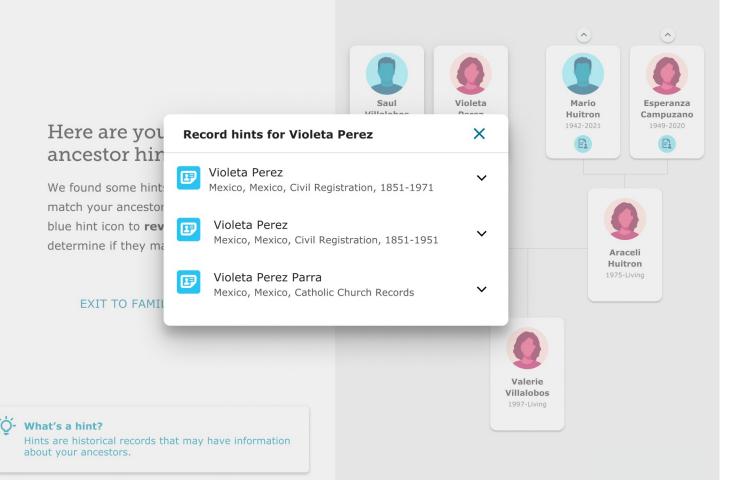
#### ADD GRANDMOTHER

ADD LATER

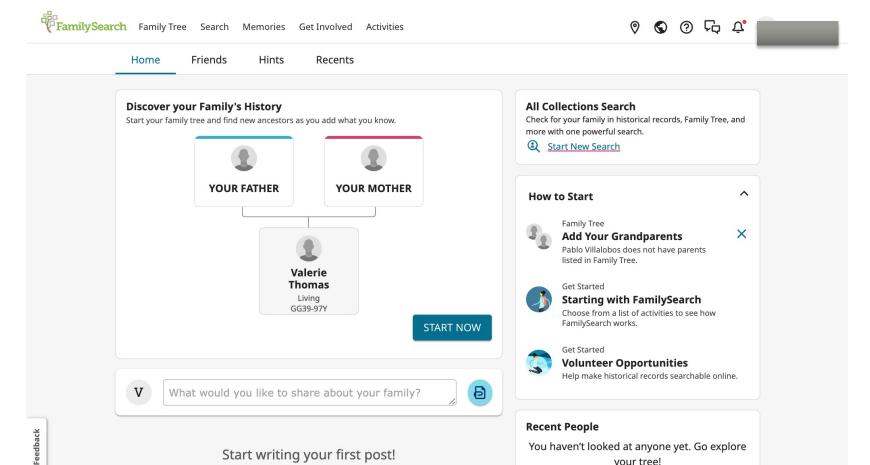
'Q' What's Family Tree?

It's a community family tree. People from all over the world have been adding their ancestors for many years.





## How to Get: Logged-in home page for Empty Trees



# Search: Source Linker

# **Updated Source Linker**

 Added color to links and buttons to help with understanding.

 View records and tree profiles without leaving page.

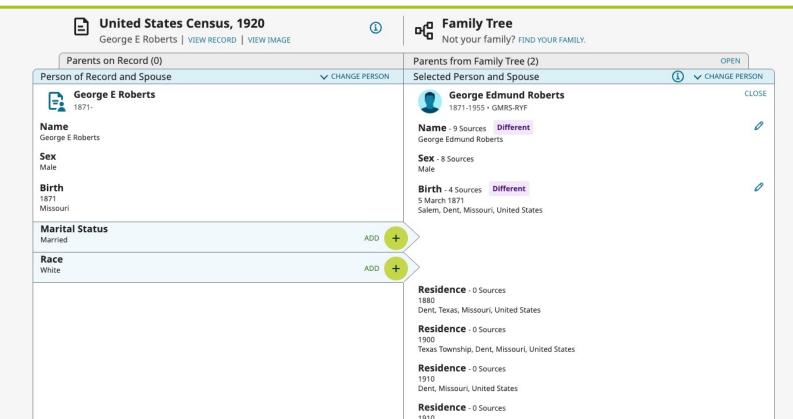
Editing your family tree from Source Linker



#### VIEW GEORGE EDMUND ROBERTS

-Ģ- TIPS AND RESOURCES

#### Attach Historical Records to Family Tree



# Get Involved: How Your Effort Make a Difference

# Get Involved: Your Impact

## Description

 Volunteers at FamilySearch can see the impact their volunteer contributions create

#### Value

 Volunteer contributions really make a difference. FamilySearch wants our volunteers to see those stories and feel validated. Overview Opportunities

Your Impact

Indexing

#### Your Impact

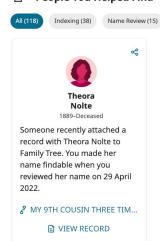
Your contributions help families all over the world find and connect with their ancestors.

Other Review (65)

SEE IMPACT OVERVIEW



#### △ People You Helped Find



















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## How to Get?

When Available: Available now!

Where is it:

www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/your-impact

# Get Involved: Full Name Review

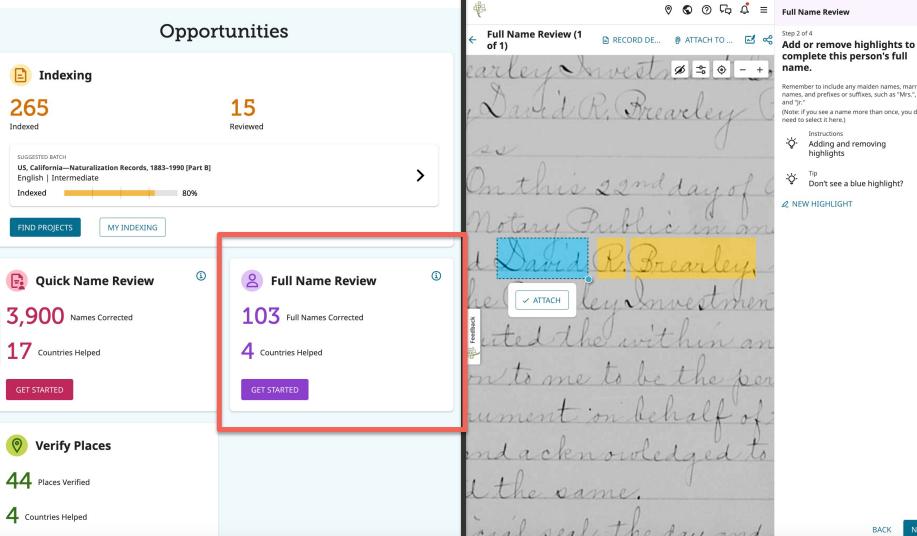
## Get Involved: Full Name Review

## Description

 Volunteers at FamilySearch can now do more to fix names where the AI made a mistake

#### Value

 Full Name Review verifies that all name information is present and correct and ensures those names can be found



Remember to include any maiden names, married names, and prefixes or suffixes, such as "Mrs.", "Mr.",

(Note: if you see a name more than once, you don't need to select it here.)

Instructions Adding and removing

highlights

Don't see a blue highlight?

## How to Get?

When Available: Available now!

Where is it:

www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/opportunties

# Inspire Experience: Campaigns

# Inspire Page

### Repository for Personalized Ancestor Experiences

## Description

 We match your Tree Ancestors across various "themes"

#### Value

- Ability to select any experience
- Learn about our ancestors' experiences
- Share them with others

#### All about your ancestors

Family history experiences designed just for you.



1950 US Census

Discover Your Relatives in the 1950 US Census



**Ancestor Challenge** 

Can you identify your ancestors from their photos? Give it a try.



**Ancestors Calendar** 

Discover Your Ancestors' Life Events



Cemeteries

See what cemeteries your relatives are in!



**Challenging Times** 

Discover Your Ancestors' Challenging Times.



**Female Pioneer** 

Discover your female pioneer ancestors



Honoring Your Military Relatives

Discover your relatives in military records



Juneteenth

Discover your ancestors when the Emancipation Proclamation was issued on 1 January 1863













## How to Get?

Available Now!

# Family History Experiences Designed Just for You!





www.familysearch.org/campaign/inspire

Where is it:

http://www.familysearch.org/campaign/inspire

# Culturalization of home page

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Making homepages around the world more culturally inviting with specific focus on the country or culture's needs

Value Increased interest, increased registrations, increased retention, more joyful experiences





#### Siapa FamilySearch







## How to Get?

### Already available

- www.familysearch.org/australia
- www.familysearch.org/cambodia
- www.familysearch.org/indonesia
- www.familysearch.org/japan
- <u>www.familysearch.org/korea</u>
- www.familysearch.org/malaysia
- www.familysearch.org/newzealand
- www.familysearch.org/pacific
- www.familysearch.org/philippines
- www.familysearch.org/thailand

# Customization of logged in home pages

## Customization of Logged in Home Pages

Making the logged in homepages more customized based on the patron's needs

#### Value:

More targeted help for the individual patron based on the following criteria ...

- New user / returning user
- Empty Tree / Sparse Tree / Full Tree
- Member of the Church / Public Account
- Contributor / Non-contributor

## PHILLIPPINES

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## **KOREA**

🌣 🕏 아시아 지역 회장단 메시지



북 아시아 저역 회장된 메세지 "모든 회원에게는 성진과 가족 역시의 축목이 필요합니다"

북 아시아 지역 회장단이 준비한 성전 및 가족 역사에 대한 메시지를 확인하세요.

시청하기

△ 성전으로 가는 길



패밀리서치는 가족 역사 사업을 시작하는 가장 효율적 인 도구입니다. 지금 가족 역사 사업을 더욱 스마트하 게 시작하세요!

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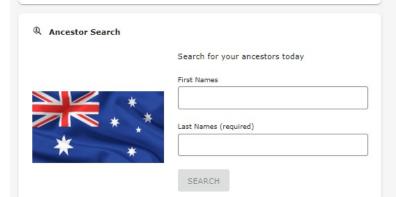
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A Message to Youth and YSAs

MESSAGE FOR YOUTH AND YSAS

#### Learn about Ordinances Ready





# THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS