

## Family Tree App Instructions:

- \*Go to your favorite app store (such as Play Store)
- \*Type in LDS apps
- \*Find the Family Tree app which has a white tree in a light green background
- \*Install (this is a free app)
- \*If you have a tree on Familysearch.org, it will populate on this app as a tree.
- \*Up in the left-hand corner there is an ellipsis; click on it and a list will appear, including the following:

### Tree

#### Tasks

**Search Historical Records**-this is where you can enter names and search the millions of familysearch.org historical records, such as birth, marriage, death, etc.

**Find a Person**-in this section you can add a name and that person's parents if you have them and just that will be searched.

**Relatives Around Me**- have those physically around you open up their Family Tree App and the app will search to find if you are related. This is very surprising! You can then click on the person and the relationship will appear.

**Map My Ancestors**-this will show you a world map with the birthplaces of all your relatives (who have been added to Family Search). This can help you detect patterns and migration flow.

**Improve the Accuracy of the Family Tree**- this is an opportunity to volunteer to help edit some places patrons have entered which are not considered standard and so do not have the optimal search opportunities. Then the search engines on familysearch.org can better find them hints. It also helps you understand the best way to enter place names when adding to your tree.

**My Contributions**-shows you how many names you have added, by month, for the year. This includes any indexing or extraction work you may do on Family Search.

**Family Groups**-you can start a group, name it and invite relatives or others to join you in working on your tree. Then, if you have a discovery, you can share it with that group in a single message.

**Family History Activities**-THIS IS GREAT FOR FAMILY REUNIONS or to spark interest in your progeny. It includes:

Where Am I From-this shows you the countries from which your ancestors come and how many come from each area. If you magnify these, they will become more specific.

Famous Relatives- \*\* this is a very fun option which shows you famous folks to which you are related and what the relationship is.

Compare A Face-this will compare your faces to photos you have entered on Family Search and tell you what percentage of similarity you have with them.

Record My Story-lets you record your recollections by talking directly into your phone. It has lots of questions to prompt you in your recollections.

Picture My Heritage- allows you to add your face to historical pictures in your Family Search.

In-Home Activities- including the following

My name-gives the history of your name

Time Capsule Questions

All About Me Box

Where I'm From

Keep a Journal My Way

My Voice, My Experiences

Remembering My Photos

The Year I Was Born-tells you what was happening in the year you were born. A good thing to look up when sending birthday cards to relatives.

...Plus several others

**Messages**-messages from other Family Search patrons with questions or the opportunity to connect and get info from them.

**Memories**-shows you all the things you have entered in the Memories section of your individual family tree members.

Lots of fun! Enjoy!

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The genealogical proof standard includes these 5 elements:

1. **Reasonably exhaustive research.** Does the fact in question come from multiple sources and what is the quality of those sources? For example, if a birth record is substantiated by a family member, an original church record, and a record in a state birth index, the confidence that the birth date is correct increases substantially. Searching for and recording all of these sources would be considered reasonably exhaustive. When relying on a single source, ensure that it is reliable enough for this purpose (look for an original, primary source that was created at the time of the event vs a secondary source created later or an index that could have been incorrectly transcribed for instance) or look for additional sources to help bolster the likelihood that an inaccuracy is not present.
2. **Citation of sources.** Once you have your sources, write down where you got the information from wherever you are storing your facts (in your tree). Include the title of the record, author if applicable, year of publication, and where the record is kept along with the attached original record. Many online resources include correct citations that you can use to document your sources, often found at the bottom of the page. Many online sites, such as Ancestry and MyHeritage, create citations for you automatically when you add a record to your tree but be careful to always download original records as well.

3. **Analysis and correlation of information.** Does your fact fit together with other facts in your tree? Does it make sense? Are the sources reliable, as discussed above. If not, is there a logical explanation for any discrepancies? Step back and really make sure you have a story that holds up against the evidence, not just something you assume happened.
4. **Resolution of conflicts.** This one is closely tied to number three. Have you been able to address and resolve the discrepancies you found during the analysis or any new discrepancies that arise? Are there any other conflicts you need to address? If so, resolve every single one.
5. **Conclusion and presentation.** If you have a particularly troublesome or complicated fact, make sure that you write up the process that you followed to arrive at your conclusion somewhere in your family tree. Be ready to present this if someone questions the accuracy of your fact.