

Creating a Free FamilySearch Account

FamilySearch is the largest nonprofit genealogical website. It's sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but you don't have to be a member of the church to use it. The historical records database contains over five billion digital images, including digitized books, digitized microfilm, and other digital records. It also houses a Research Wiki, a free, online genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources to help you find ancestors from all over the world. Use of the historical record search and contributing to the One World Family Tree require a free registered account.

One of the classes in our Introduction to Genealogy course will include a 90-minute tutorial on using FamilySearch for genealogy research, and one hour of hands-on computer time using FamilySearch. In order to do this, **each class member needs to create a free FamilySearch account prior to class.** Follow the instructions below to create your free account. If you encounter problems, please ask an instructor or someone at the library for assistance. Be sure to bring your login credentials to class.

1. Set your web browser to <http://www.familysearch.org>.
2. The FamilySearch home page appears.
3. In the upper-right corner of the screen, click the **SIGN UP** link.

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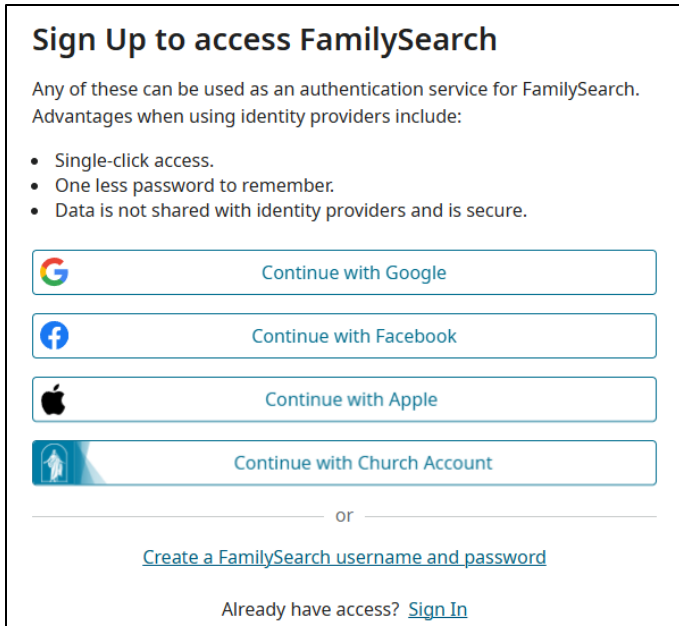
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Search billions of ancestor profiles, photographs, and historical documents at once—absolutely FREE.

Enter your ancestor information:
Not sure who to search for? Try a grandparent or great-grandparent.

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4. The Sign Up to access FamilySearch page appears.

5. You can choose to create an account using Google, Facebook, Apple, or LDS Church account, **OR...**

6. Click the link to **Create a FamilySearch username and password** and fill out the required data including first name, last name, and birth date.

7. Enter a username and password. (Write it down!)

8. Enter recovery and communication options, email and mobile phone number. You will be sent a verification to complete registration and activate your account.

9. Check the following boxes:

a. To receive messages (optional)

b. To add your LDS membership information to enable church features (optional)

c. To agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Notice. (required)

10. Click the **DONE** button.

11. Go to your email or mobile phone to complete registration and verify your account.

12. Once your account is activated, go back to FamilySearch.org to sign in.

13. Click the **Sign in** button.

14. The Sign In page appears, in which you can type your new username and password in the form.

15. Click the **Sign In** button.

16. The FamilySearch home page appears with your name in the upper-right corner.