Quick Start to Family Tree

Family Tree is a new way to organize and record your genealogy online. It is free, is available to everyone, and provides an easy way to discover your place in history with free tools to help you preserve and share your family's story for generations to come.
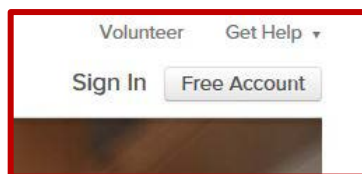
In Family Tree you can:

- See what the system already contains about your ancestors.
- Work with others to fill in missing information and correct errors.
- Add sources and explanations to show that information is accurate.

Login into FamilySearch

To register, follow these steps:

1. Go to www.familysearch.org.

2. Click on Free Account on the top right corner of the home page.

3. Fill in your basic information:

    A. Enter your first name.

    B. Enter your last name.

    C. Choose a username.

A username must meet the following requirements:

  1. Must be 4 to 64 characters long.

  2. Cannot have spaces or periods.

  3. Usernames are not case sensitive - does not matter if you type using uppercase or lowercase letters.

  4. Though Japanese, Chinese or Korean characters are allowed, it is strongly recommended that you use Roman characters.

    D. Choose a password.

Passwords must contain a minimum eight characters. At least one character must be a letter and one must be a number.

4. Enter either an active email address or mobile phone number. This information is used to verify your account.

    A. If you entered an email address, an email is sent to your inbox. That email contains a link that you can use to verify your account.

    B. If you entered a mobile phone number, you receive a text message with a verification code.

5. Verify your account. Put in the Code that was sent to you then click the button.

You are ready to Start your Family Tree!
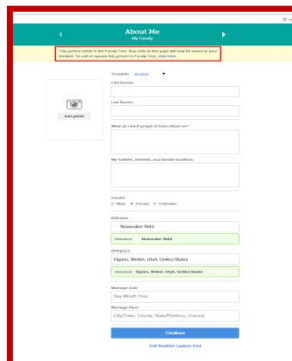
Starting your Family Tree

Building Your Family Tree in My Family Tree Booklet

Now that your Family Tree is ready to be started you will be directed to My Family Tree Booklet. You will be asked to fill in several sheets about your family. If you don't know all the information at this time, don't worry you will be able to add the information later.
 If you *do not* know something leave it blank, unless it is for living (***NOT SURE IF THEY ARE LIVING OR NOT ALWAYS MARK LIVING***).
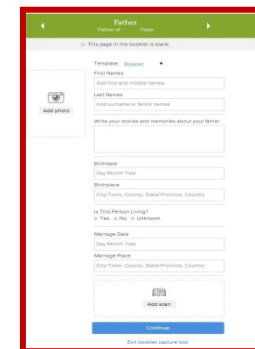If at any time you want to leave My Family Tree Booklet clicking on Exit Booklet Capture Tool

1. The first page is the About Me page. This includes what FamilySearch knows about you. You can fill in additional information in the boxes and add photos (click Add photo, if you have one).
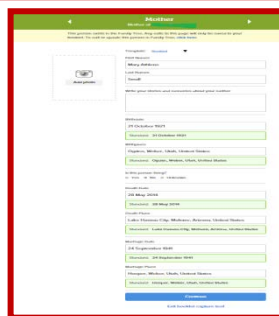
   Click the Continue button at the bottom to move to the next person in your pedigree.

2. Father's Page: It contains information on your father and you can add additional stories or memories, and photos.

   Click the Continue button at the bottom to move to the next person in your pedigree.

3. Mother's Page: It contains information on your father and you can add additional stories or memories, and photos.
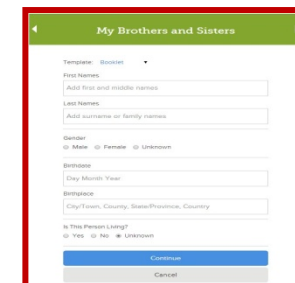
   Click the Continue button at the bottom to move to the next person in your pedigree.

4. After you work on the screen for your mother and click Continue, or advance to the next screen, you have the opportunity to add Your Siblings*.
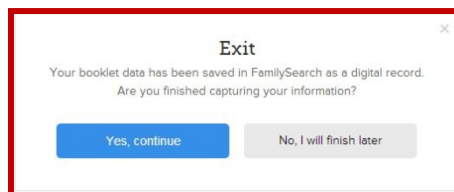
   *To add your Siblings you must Add at least one Parent.

   Click the Continue button at the bottom to move to the next person in your pedigree.

5. After you add all that you have, you can click Exit booklet capture tool.
   This saves your digital My Family: Stories That Bring Us Together booklet and adds family members you have entered into Family Tree.

You can indicate if you are finished or if you want to continue later. If you click Yes, continue, the system saves your digital booklet and provides an option to print a PDF version of your booklet, or go to Memories to add additional photos and stories.

If you click No, I will finish later, you can continue work later. Follow the same instructions above to get into your booklet, and navigate to where you want to begin work.