

Simple Family History Goals that Take Just a Few Minutes

These monthly goals are for **individuals** and **families** and would make great **Family Home Evenings** or **Sunday activities**. The goals should take only a **few minutes** and will be accompanied by an **optional fun activity**. Each goal is **designed to teach a skill** that will create a **framework of essentials** for using FamilySearch. Those completing the goals will gain a **good working knowledge of FamilySearch** by the **end of the year**. Included separately will be **how-to guides** with **step-by-step instructions** for the **PC** and the **Family Tree App** with contact information for consultants if help is needed.

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January

Find Out "ALL ABOUT ME"

See what was happening the year you were born by clicking here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/about/year>

A different year of birth or family member can be selected with **"View a Different Year"**

To **begin an account** or **retrieve your username or password**:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nh4YP3gh5yLkD0RKc5xOey-Pxce_npHvB/view

(Children 8 years of age and up are eligible)

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Surname Discovery: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/surname>

Find the origin and meaning of your surname.

Ward Relative Finder: <https://www.relativefinder.org>

See who you are related to in your ward.

Set up a GROUP: "Groups" Tab>"Create"

Provide group name, password, and link to the ward.

February (Valentine's Day)

Add a MISSING FAMILY MEMBER (Loved one)

LIVING people are private and will only be seen by you. For this

reason, **LIVING people are good to use to practice**

FamilySearch skills. It is not necessary to add living people to your account, but you may desire to add siblings, children, grandchildren, etc. If **parents or grandparents** are missing, they need to be added whether living or deceased to populate your tree.

HYPERLINK

"<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/landscape>"

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OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Interesting facts about your pedigree:

<https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/infographic>

Event Calendar: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/calendar>

See a beautiful calendar of events in your ancestor's lives with short bios included.

Name Keepsakes Artwork: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/keepsakes/#>

Print out these beautiful charts to use as artwork or print out the first tree to use for playing **DON'T EAT PETE!**

March

ADD A PHOTO to a Family Member

Add a photo to the "Person Page" of **yourself** or **another living person** as practice. Living people are private and will only be seen by you. Then activate the photo in the portrait frame next to the name.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN!

Ancestor Photo Matching Game:

<https://ancestorgames.familytech.byu.edu/#!/matching>

See how fast you can match photos. Varying levels of difficulty. Kids and adults love this game!

Family Photo Shoot: <https://ancestorgames.familytech.byu.edu/#!/photoshoot>

Unscramble the puzzle to create the photo of an ancestor. Quick and easy.

Compare A Face: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/compare>

See which of your ancestors you look the most like. Will use a photo from a selfie, your photo file, or your webcam. (A photo is necessary.)

April

Use ORDINANCES READY to Reserve Ordinances for 60 DAYS

Quickly reserve an ordinance even if you don't have a tree.

<https://www.familysearch.org/temple/ordinances-ready>

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

My Ancestor's Temple: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/mytemple>

Enjoy a beautiful view of your ancestors and their temple legacy. See how old they were and what temple or temples their ordinances were performed in.

Come to Nauvoo: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/nauvoo>

See if a relative came to Nauvoo. See their ages, a timeline, and key events that happened in Nauvoo. Even nonmembers find relatives here if they have any U.S. lines.

Virtual Pedigree: <https://familytech.byu.edu/apps/virtual-pedigree.html>

See a quick overview of your whole family tree.

• May (Memorial Day)

View an Ancestor's New DISCOVERY PAGE

Choose a DECEASED ancestor and view their **fun new page** by going to their "Person Page" and in the upper right corner clicking on "Go to New Discovery Page."

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Learn more about your wartime family members in honor of Memorial Day:

World War I Draft: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/wwidraft>

See if a family member's occupation, height, eye color, or hair color is the same as yours.

World War I Service: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/WWIService>

See relatives who served and interesting facts and a timeline about the war.

World War II Enlisted: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/wwiiancestor>

See relatives who served and interesting facts and a timeline about the war.

Ancestors Alive During Pearl Harbor: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/pearlharbor>

• June

View Your FAMILY ORIGINS

Discover where you are from using FamilySearch's **Birth Place Fan Chart**.

HYPERLINK "<https://www.familysearch.org/>"

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OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Print out a Beautiful Fan Chart and display it or use it to play the game **Don't Eat Pete** (5 generations if sufficient for the game):

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/fanchart/>

My Heritage: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/explore/heritage>

Recipes, Traditions, Fun Facts, etc.

Picture My Heritage: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/picture/select>

See your surname heritage while putting your face in period clothing. Uses a photo from a selfie or your webcam, but a photo isn't necessary.

• July (Pioneer Day)

Fake news? READ A RECORD and Verify

Read a **birth, marriage, or death record** on a DECEASED ancestor's "Person Page" "Source List" to **discover documentation** of the event.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Discover Your Convert Ancestors: Learn their conversion story. See this how to guide: (provided later). If you are the convert, record your story and add it to FamilySearch.

Pioneer Ancestors: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/pioneers/> See pioneer relatives with the company they traveled in, their age, and how long they traveled with a timeline included. (Nonmembers with any U.S. lines have success: so, give it a try. You may be surprised!)

Pioneer Children: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/pioneerchild> See relatives who were pioneer children and the company they traveled in, their age, and how long they traveled with a fun quiz to see what pioneer child you are the most like. (Nonmembers with a U.S. lines have success so give it a try! You may be surprised!)

Number of Direct-line Utah Pioneers: For those with pioneer heritage, figure out how many direct-line pioneer ancestors you have. See this How-to-Guide: (provided later)

• August

Add a Document Record Image to MEMORIES

Add a document to the "Memories" section on a DECEASED ancestor's "Person Page" to show **documentation of an event** and **enrich the individual's story**.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Ancestor Challenge: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/learn1>

See if you can recognize the photos of 10 ancestors! What is your score?

Geneopardy: <https://familytech.byu.edu/apps/geneopardy.html>

Select how many generations (I suggest 3) and how many teams/individuals (single player is fine). Play Jeopardy with family questions. See how high you can score!

FamilySearch Scavenger Hunt:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16ou-Xxqq951p8VxmVADIS5XQsJ3n149o/view>

Play against others or pit ancestors against each other. Score points as you explore the information about your ancestor and see who scores the most points!

September

Attach a Source to a Person with RECORD HINTS

Attach a record to a person to help **verify an event** and **add to their story** using “Recommended Tasks.”

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Record Quest: <https://familytech.byu.edu/apps/record-quest.html>
Virtual reality adventure game for kids and kids at heart.

Find a Grave Inventors Fun:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hMAy4RYJmk5dzd_I8Xc25E4bmlY9d8eH/view
Practice using the Find A Grave website by finding out what people invented.

Wheel of Family Fortune:

<https://familytech.byu.edu/apps/wheel-of-family-fortune.html>
Type your name into the player box. Click the trash can to delete unneeded players. Spin the wheel and start guessing letters to fill in the blanks. See how high you can score!

October

Reserve ORDINANCES with a 2-YEAR EXPIRATION

Find temple ordinances you can reserve for two years instead of 60 days using “Recommended Tasks.”

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Women of Faith: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/women-of-faith>
Missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:
<https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/missionary>

Discover when, where, and at what age family members served missions.

In-Home Activities: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/activities/>
As an individual or family choose one to do for Family Home Evening.

November (Day of the Dead & Thanksgiving)

SHARE A “STORY”

In FamilySearch, record either **your own** memory as a **journal entry** or that of a **DECEASED ancestor honoring and being thankful** for them.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

Story prompts for self:

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/recordme/categories>

Allows you to record or type responses about yourself.

52 Stories Ideas for things to write about:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/52stories-printables>

Example: (What Melissa Rogers shared about her grandmother):

https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6551654?cid=mem_copy

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

All the Stories: <https://stories.familyfoundapp.com/> Use this app to gather all your ancestor's stories from FamilySearch into one place. It includes reading time estimates.

Famous Relatives: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/famousrelatives>
Click on a famous person to see how you are related to them.

Famous People Fun Game:

December (Christmas)

Use the MEMORIES “FIND” FEATURE to Find a Christmas Recipe

Using the “Find” feature search for “Christmas Recipes,” pancake recipes, places, people, etc.

(Click this link for a quick look: [FamilySearch Christmas Recipes](#))

OPTIONAL JUST FOR FUN:

Christmas Traditions of Ancestors:

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/explore/heritage/CountryDetails/traditions?cc=US>

Discover the Christmas traditions of your ancestor's homelands.

(Use the drop-down arrow on the upper left to toggle between your countries of origin.)

Food of Ancestor Homelands:

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/explore/heritage/CountryDetails/recipes?cc=US>

Discover the food of your ancestor's homelands. (Use the drop-down arrow on the upper left to toggle between your countries of origin.) Some have specific Christmas food. Use Google if they don't.

Share a Christmas Memory/Treasure On the Person Page of a DECEASED

