

ROADMAP Summary: **"13 EASY STEPS TO SUCCESS"**

IN FINDING NAMES OF ANCESTORS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE AND TEMPLE ORDINANCES

---Using [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org)---

Step 1. Family history starts with you & stories: Preserve your story and collect and enter information and family stories obtained from living family members about deceased relatives--some of whom may not be on your Tree using the Home Page "Family Booklet", Person Page "Life Sketch" and "Memories", Family Tree "Landscape View" and "Person Page".

Step 2. Search for relatives already on your Tree needing temple ordinances by:

- i) Checking the "Request Ordinances" fly-out list from any light-green temple symbol on Family Summary Cards on the Landscape View; and by
- ii) Checking the "Temple Opportunities" tab on FamilySearch

Step 3. Find ancestors by searching from the "Person Page":

- i) Check "Possible Duplicates";
- ii) Check "Record Hints"; and
- iii) Check "Search Records"

(Note: Doing these steps, especially those with extensive trees, in conjunction with the "Fan Chart" can be very productive in finding ancestors at the end of ancestral lines; and in conjunction with "Puzzilla" can be very productive in finding cousins at the end of descendancy lines)

Step 4. Review "Descendancy View" to search four generations at a time starting with a descendant born before 1830 that keeps you within the 110 year rule to find missing cousins, spouses, uncles and aunts using the links for "Record Hints/Research Suggestions" and "Temple Ordinances".

Step 5. Search historical "Records" on FamilySearch to find new family relatives.

Step 6. Search "Genealogies" on FamilySearch to find pedigrees that may match or connect with your family Tree.

Step 7. Check for "Pioneer Ancestors" amongst Mormon Overland Travel Companies, 1847-1868: <https://familysearch.org/pioneers>

Step 8. Discover cousins and famous family connections using "Relative Finder":
<https://www.relativefinder.org>

---Using [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), [Myheritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com) & [Findmypast.com](https://www.findmypast.com)---

To sign-in for free access to these FamilySearch partner websites, as well as AmericanAncestors, go to: <https://familysearch.org/partneraccess>

Step 9. Review respectively on each of the above three websites:

- i) "Hints" on Ancestry that are displayed on your imported tree either from FamilySearch or from a private database using a Gedcom file under "Family Trees";
- ii) "Smart Matches" and "Record Matches" on MyHeritage which are displayed on your imported tree from a private database using a Gedcom file under "Family Tree"; and
- iii) "Hints" on Findmypast which are displayed on your imported tree from a private database using a Gedcom file under "Family Tree".

Step 10. Search family trees on each site from:

- i) "Public Member Trees" on Ancestry under "Search"; and
- ii) "Family Trees" on MyHeritage under "Research"

Step 11. Search historical records on each site from:

- i) "Search" on Ancestry;
- ii) "Research" on MyHeritage; and
- iii) "Search" on Findmypast.

---Using [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org) & [Geneanet.org](https://www.geneanet.org)---

Step 12 Part 1: Search "Databases, Library Catalog & External Collections"; and "Digital Collections & Jewish Heritage Center Archives" for Colonial New England ancestors and their descendants on AmericanAncestors.

Part 2: Search all categories on the "Search" drop-down on Geneanet.

---Using [Rootsweb.com](https://www.rootsweb.com)---

Step 13. Search "Our Most Popular Searchable Indexes" under "Searches", including "World Connect/Advanced Search", "Search Thingy", "Meta Search" and "Mailing List Archives Search".