



GENEALOGY



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BEGIN

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- ❖ Why do you want to research your family?
 - ❖ Ancestor & Descendant Charts
 - ❖ Consult Additional Sources: Others & Individual Sources
 - ❖ Collect Previous Research
 - ❖ Compile the info



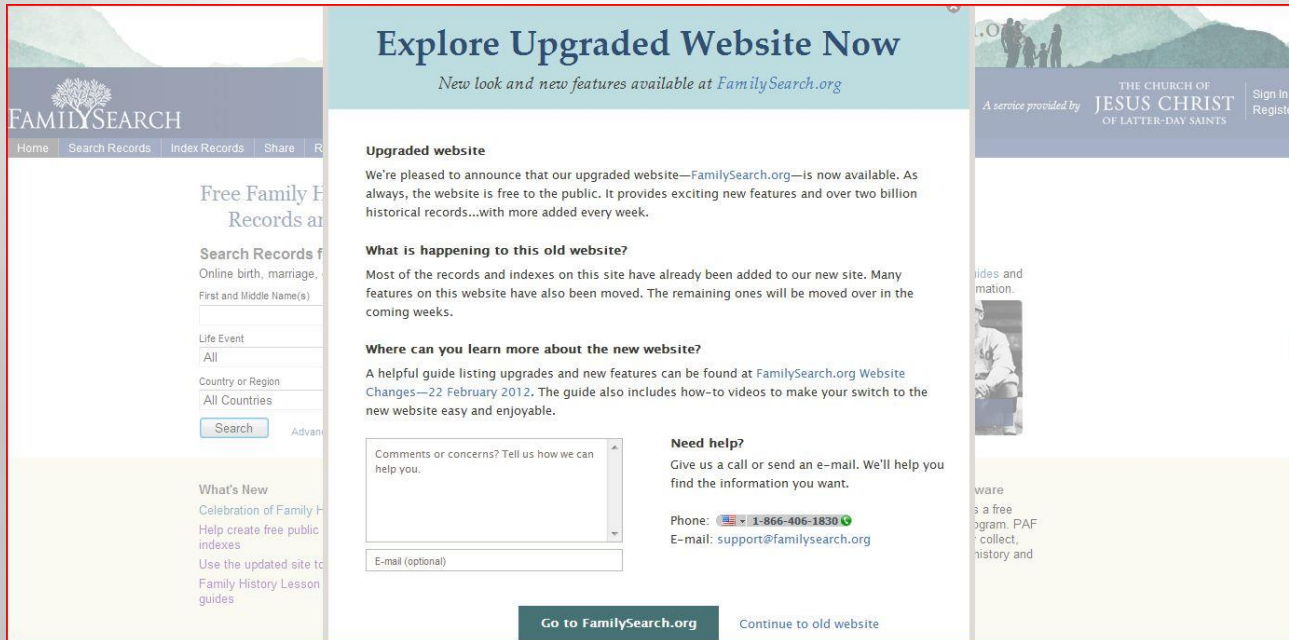
BUILD

- ❖ Buy a Book
- ❖ LDS site
- ❖ MyFamily.com
- ❖ Ancestry.com
- ❖ Family Tree Genealogy Program

FAMILY SEARCH.ORG

- ❖ <https://www.familysearch.org/>
- ❖ Go to Previous Site
- ❖ What's New
- ❖ [Family History Lesson Series provides useful guides](#)
- ❖ 7 Lessons

LDS



The screenshot shows a webpage with a light blue header and a white main content area. The header features the FamilySearch logo and navigation links. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a search form with fields for name, life event, and country, and a 'Search' button. The middle column contains the main announcement text, including a 'What is happening to this old website?' section and a 'Need help?' section with contact information. The right column contains a sidebar with a 'Sign in Register' link and a 'Videos and more' section. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Go to FamilySearch.org' and 'Continue to old website'.

Explore Upgraded Website Now

New look and new features available at FamilySearch.org

Upgraded website

We're pleased to announce that our upgraded website—FamilySearch.org—is now available. As always, the website is free to the public. It provides exciting new features and over two billion historical records...with more added every week.

What is happening to this old website?

Most of the records and indexes on this site have already been added to our new site. Many features on this website have also been moved. The remaining ones will be moved over in the coming weeks.

Where can you learn more about the new website?

A helpful guide listing upgrades and new features can be found at FamilySearch.org Website Changes—22 February 2012. The guide also includes how-to videos to make your switch to the new website easy and enjoyable.

Need help?

Give us a call or send an e-mail. We'll help you find the information you want.

Phone: [1-866-406-1830](tel:1-866-406-1830)


E-mail: support@familysearch.org

Comments or concerns? Tell us how we can help you.

E-mail (optional)

[Go to FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) [Continue to old website](#)

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THE CHURCH OF
A service provided by **JESUS CHRIST**
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

[Home](#) [Search Records](#) [Index Records](#) [Share](#) [Research Helps](#) [Library](#) [Help](#)

Free Family History, Family Tree, and Genealogy Records and Resources from Around the World

Search Records for Your Ancestors

Online birth, marriage, death, census, church and other indexes.

First and Middle Name(s) Last or Family Name

Life Event Year Year Range

All


Country or Region


All Countries

[Advanced Search](#)

Start Your Family History

Get started with research guidance by location, forms, maps, guides and free online resources. [Search records and indexes for more information.](#)



Get started... 

What's New

- [Celebration of Family History event videos](#)
- [Help create free public access to U.S. census indexes](#)
- [Use the updated site to search millions of records](#)
- [Family History Lesson Series provides useful guides](#)

Family History Library

- [Free Online Classes](#)
- [Monthly Class Schedules](#)
- [African American Family History Resources](#)
- [Jewish Family History Resources](#)
- [Hispanic Family History Resources](#)
- [Recursos de Historia Familiar \(Español\)](#)

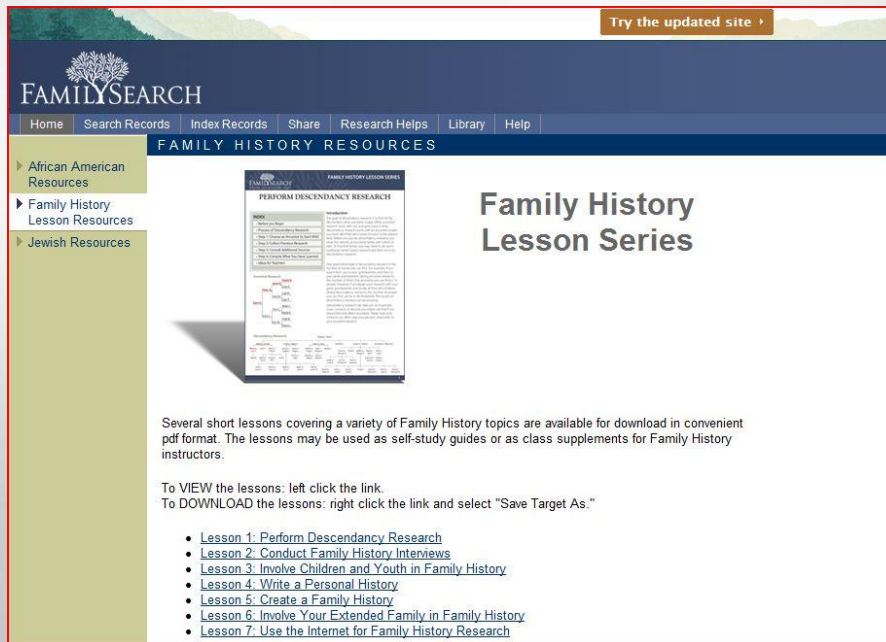
Free PAF Family History Software

Personal Ancestral File (PAF) is a free genealogy and family history program. PAF allows you to quickly and easily collect, organize and share your family history and genealogy information.

[Download PAF](#)

[News & Events](#) [Find a Family History Center](#) [Free Color Charts with PAF Companion](#)

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The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top right, there is a button that says "Try the updated site >". The main header features the FamilySearch logo and a navigation menu with links for Home, Search Records, Index Records, Share, Research Helps, Library, and Help. Below the navigation is a dark blue banner with the text "FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES". On the left side, there is a green sidebar with three expandable menu items: "African American Resources", "Family History Lesson Resources", and "Jewish Resources". The main content area displays a thumbnail image of a lesson titled "PERFORM DESCENDANCY RESEARCH" and the heading "Family History Lesson Series". Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text and a list of seven lesson titles.

Try the updated site >

FAMILYSEARCH

Home Search Records Index Records Share Research Helps Library Help

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES

▶ African American Resources

▶ Family History Lesson Resources

▶ Jewish Resources

PERFORM DESCENDANCY RESEARCH

Family History Lesson Series

Several short lessons covering a variety of Family History topics are available for download in convenient pdf format. The lessons may be used as self-study guides or as class supplements for Family History instructors.

To VIEW the lessons: left click the link.
To DOWNLOAD the lessons: right click the link and select "Save Target As."

- [Lesson 1: Perform Descendancy Research](#)
- [Lesson 2: Conduct Family History Interviews](#)
- [Lesson 3: Involve Children and Youth in Family History](#)
- [Lesson 4: Write a Personal History](#)
- [Lesson 5: Create a Family History](#)
- [Lesson 6: Involve Your Extended Family in Family History](#)
- [Lesson 7: Use the Internet for Family History Research](#)



THE INTERVIEW

- ❖ Whom to Interview
- ❖ Before the Interview
 - Supplies: Charts, forms, pencil with eraser, recorder, camera, photos
 - Questions: Personal, be a good listener
 - Releases: to share information
- ❖ At the interview
- ❖ After the interview



INTERVIEW



- ❖ What is your earliest memory?
- ❖ What were some of your family's traditions?
- ❖ What was the happiest day of your life?
- ❖ Tell a story your mother or father told you when you were young.
- ❖ What places have you visited?
- ❖ What family heirlooms do you have?
- ❖ What childhood games did you play?
- ❖ Tell about a childhood hiding place.
- ❖ What were Sundays like when you were growing up?



INTERVIEW

- ❖ What prayers have you had answered?
- ❖ Describe the most serious illness or accident that you have had.
- ❖ Do you remember any of your grandparents? Any great-grandparents? What were their names? What were they like?
- ❖ What were your siblings like?
- ❖ What trips or vacations do you remember?
- ❖ What special events took place in your neighborhood while you were growing up?
- ❖ What was your hometown like?
- ❖ What were politics like there?



INTERVIEW



- ❖ How many people were in your family? Describe each family member.
- ❖ What kinds of household chores did you do as a child? Which did you enjoy? Not enjoy?
- ❖ What aunts, uncles, or cousins do you remember? What were they like?
- ❖ Tell about family traditions for holidays and birthdays.
- ❖ Did you belong to any clubs or social groups? What were they like?
- ❖ What were your favorite childhood activities?
- ❖ Did you serve in the military? If so, where and when? What was it like?
- ❖ What special school memories do you have? Who were your favorite teachers?



INTERVIEW

- ❖ What challenges did you face as a child?
- ❖ What challenges have you faced as an adult?
- ❖ How did you first meet your spouse?
- ❖ How did your father spend his time?
- ❖ How did your mother spend her time?
- ❖ Tell about ancestors you know about—names and dates and any stories about them.

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INTERVIEW

- ❖ What are the names of your children? What are their birth dates, where were they born, and what were the circumstances of their births, and their lives?
- ❖ Tell about some of the most notable people in your hometown.
- ❖ Tell about some of your neighbors as a child, as a youth, and as an adult.
- ❖ What changes have you seen in your lifetime in technology, society, politics, and so on?
- ❖ Tell about the house in which you live. Where else have you lived?
- ❖ Tell about the house you lived in during your childhood. Do you remember addresses or phone numbers?

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SEARCH

- ❖ Main Persons First
- ❖ Family Tree Maker Software
- ❖ Ancestry.com
- ❖ My Family.com
- ❖ Facebook.com, Yahoo, AOL, Google
- ❖ Magazines, Books, CDs, Libraries, Family History Centers, etc.



INVOLVE THE CHILDREN

- ❖ Interview about lifestyles
- ❖ Stories, personal histories
- ❖ Heirlooms & photographs
- ❖ Attend Reunions
- ❖ Field trips & Games
- ❖ Entertainment – movies, slides, Bingo
- ❖ Tie to school work for the children

DESIGN

- ❖ Check Accuracy of Information
- ❖ Biography, Journal, Oral History, Chronological History
- ❖ Brief Personal Narratives, Life Highlights, Memoirs
- ❖ Electronic
- ❖ Add Pictures / On-line Photo Books
- ❖ Scrapbooking
- ❖ Appendix: Questions on all websites, books & magazines
- ❖ Appendix: Care and Preservation: photos, recordings, artifacts

Archival safe products, humidity free, frame, shadow boxes



CREATE A PERSONAL HISTORY

❖ Start With Yourself

- ❖ Record spontaneous thoughts.
- ❖ What do you want people to know or remember?
- ❖ Start looking through photos.
 - Pick favorites or life milestones.
 - Organize chronologically.
 - Scan the photos, slides or movies.
 - Add titles, notes, stories.



CREATE A FAMILY HISTORY

- ❖ What is a Family History?
- ❖ Why
- ❖ When
- ❖ Before you Begin
- ❖ Layout
- ❖ Things to consider

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CREATE A FAMILY HISTORY

- ❖ Start - names, dates, forms, confirmations
- ❖ Things to Include - pictures, documents, stories
- ❖ Review - accuracy
- ❖ Evaluate - flow
- ❖ After the Review



INVOLVE THE FAMILY

❖ Family Helpers

- Gather information
- Compile data
- Family Newsletter
- Family Website
- Family Reunion – books, magazines, software
- Family Artifacts – quilts, slide shows, family movies
- Family Health and Genetic Data Base



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SHARE

- ❖ World Family Tree
- ❖ Family Web Site
- ❖ CD
- ❖ Printed Book – loose-leaf binder, hard bound



WHAT'S NEW?

- ❖ **DNA** for Family Migration and Trace Health
- ❖ Tablets, PDAs, GPS
- ❖ Hand Scanners, Portable Printers,
- ❖ Phones, Cameras, Tape Recorders
- ❖ Flash Drives, Portable Storage Devices