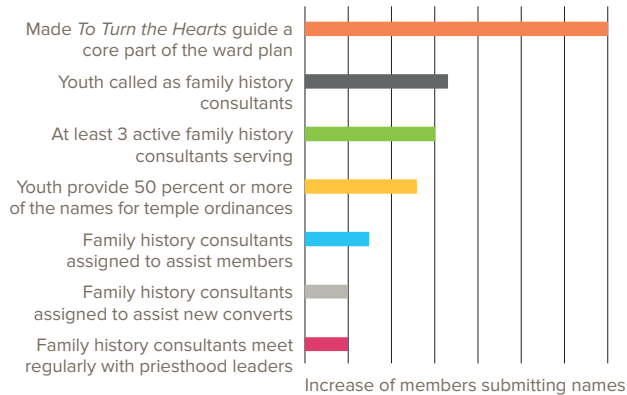


Ward and Stake Support

In 2013, we also said as a department we would need to make family history a part of Church culture. (See change 6 in the *Change a Life* trifold.) Family history would need to be implemented through priesthood leaders and councils. We have since learned that when a ward council uses the leader's guide *To Turn the Hearts* to guide the work of salvation and does 5 or more of the activities shown below, the number of members submitting ancestors' names for temple ordinances doubles.

SEVEN KEYS TO SUCCESS



What You Can Do

- Use the *My Family* booklet to talk with living ancestors or introduce youth or others to family history.
- Add and share your favorite family photos and stories. Encourage others to use the booklet or the Get Started feature on FamilySearch.org.
- Have a family activity using FamilySearch.org.
- When appropriate, share a FamilySearch experience with your home or visiting teaching families.
- As appropriate, share personal family history moments or what's new at FamilySearch with ward and stake members.
- Check for temple opportunities on FamilySearch.org.

Additional Information

Copies of the *My Family* booklet are available through Church Distribution Services (store.lds.org, item 10974).



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Family History Progress Update



"We discover something about ourselves when we learn about our ancestors."

President Thomas S. Monson

"Constant Truths for Changing Times," *Ensign*, May 2005, 21

Purpose

In 2013, the Family History Department said that we as a department would help more Church members fulfill their divinely appointed responsibility to find ancestors and submit their names for temple ordinances. To do this, we knew we would have to create:

1. Fun new online experiences that help members young and old get started. (See change 4 in the *Change a Life* trifold.)
2. Opportunities for spiritual experiences with family history without technology. (See change 1 in the *Change a Life* trifold.)

As Church employees and missionaries, you can be FamilySearch ambassadors, use these new resources, and share them with your family, friends, wards, and stakes.

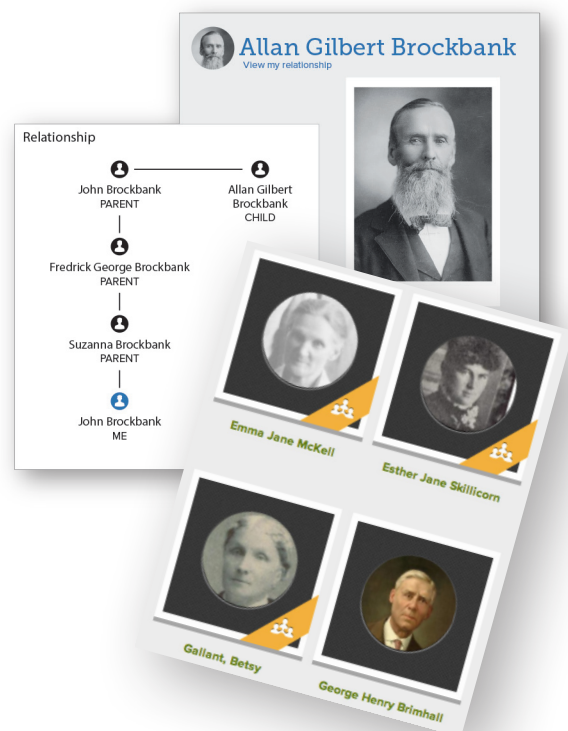


Photos and Stories

On April 16, 2013, we launched the Photos and Stories features on FamilySearch.org to create fun new patron experiences online. Patrons have been uploading 5,000 family photos daily. And 98 percent say they want to come back to do more.

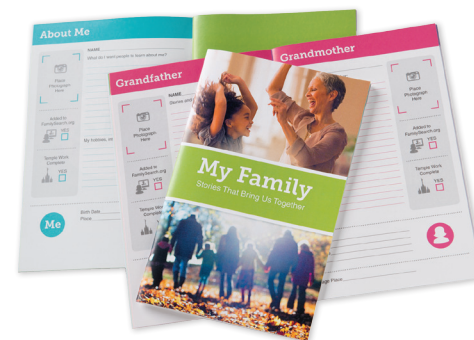
You and your family can use the new Photos and Stories features at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) to share and preserve precious memories. Then encourage others to use them too.

For photos that others have posted, use the new View Relationship feature to quickly see how the ancestors shown in the photos are related to you. (See change 4 in the *Change a Life* trifold.)



My Family Booklet

In simple steps, the new *My Family: Stories That Bring Us Together* booklet guides members and their families through the creation of a handwritten family history, with stories, photos, and family trees that can be transferred to FamilySearch.org by a helper.



Once this family history is transferred by a helper to FamilySearch.org, it will be preserved and accessible for future generations, and names can be prepared for temple ordinances. The booklet helps all Church members around the world, especially those without technology or Internet access, participate in, share, and enjoy the blessings of the temple. This booklet can also provide a good activity or spiritual experience for youth, new converts, and less-active members.



TALK with your family, and fill in this booklet with stories, photos, and information about your family.



ENTER the information collected into [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), and print a variety of forms for keepsakes. If you need help, ask a family member or ward consultant for assistance.



ATTEND the temple on behalf of your ancestors, or ask others to help.