

## Family History 101 — Handout 3

### Tips for researching your ancestors:

1. *Record hints.* FamilySearch is always developing new algorithms to make it easier for us to find sources to validate ancestors in our family trees. When FamilySearch thinks it has found a matching record, it appears in the “record hints” section of an ancestor’s profile page. Simply click the link to review and attach the record.
2. *Descendancy view.* The descendancy view gives us a wealth of information at a glance. It not only includes our direct lines (grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.), but has also the descendants of those ancestors (our cousins). It shows icons for things like record hints that are ready to be reviewed and attached as sources, temple work that can be done, as well as issues that need to be attended to such as possible duplicate information. The descendancy view is a divinely inspired innovation that allows us to start digging into family history work quickly and easily.

### Family History ‘to do’ for the week:

Prayerfully choose an ancestor from your family tree. Click on their name, then click “Tree” to view their tree, then change the view from “traditional” to “descendancy” in the upper-left corner. See if there are opportunities to add records as sources or to do temple work.

“Do you young people want a sure way to eliminate the influence of the adversary in your life? Immerse yourself in searching for your ancestors, prepare their names for the sacred vicarious ordinances available in the temple, and then go to the temple to stand as proxy for them to receive the ordinances of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost. ... I can think of no greater protection from the influence of the adversary in your life.”

—Elder Richard G. Scott, October 2012 General Conference