

# Family History 101 — Handout 1

## FamilySearch.org:

FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services each year to learn more about their family history. FamilySearch provides: free service to all, 3 billion names from all over the world, 4,745 family history centers worldwide, 24/7 free expert phone support.

## Ancestry.com:

Ancestry is the world's largest online family history resource. It is home to 13 billion global historical records, millions of family trees from around the world, and a whole lot more. Using continual innovation and ever-evolving technology, Ancestry.com has an easy-to-use interface with access to historical content to help people everywhere discover, preserve, and share their family history.

## FindMyPast.com:

FindMyPast offers more than 1.8 billion international family history records and newspapers from the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and beyond with records going back to A.D. 875. Many record collections are available only at findmypast. New records are added every week.

## MyHeritage.com:

MyHeritage is designed to help you discover unknown ancestors from all around the world. Combining rocket-science technology, millions of international family trees, and exclusive global record collections, MyHeritage automatically finds new family tree connections and historical records for you, making family history research easier than ever.

## Google Doc organization pointers:

1. Keep track of the work you have done
2. Record thoughts and impressions
3. Keep notes that will help you pick up where you have left off

## Family History 'To do' for the week:

Spend 15 minutes this week familiarizing yourself with FamilySearch, and write down any questions you have and bring them to class next week.

“Just a little time on a consistent basis will yield the joy of the work.  
Make the decision to take a step, to learn and ask others to help you.”

—Elder Allan F. Packer, Oct. 2014