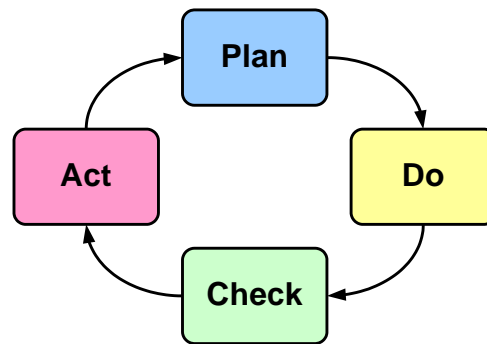


Using Ancestry and FamilySearch Together to Improve Our Family Tree

The class first describes various approaches and helps to improve our searching efforts to find our ancestor-cousins. The class then presents how to use “Ancestry” (ancestry.com) together with “FamilySearch” (familysearch.org) to find our ancestor-cousins and to use sources to help achieve a complete and accurate family tree.

Searching approaches

- Process diagram for searching approaches
 - Unstructured
 - Technological
 - Spiritual
- Application of parables from the scriptures
 - Lost sheep
 - Lost coin
 - Prodigal son



Searching helps

- Have fun being a detective
- Follow the golden rule
- Listen

Reasons for using “Ancestry” and “FamilySearch” together

- Features and record collections
- Synergy
- Differences

Process description and examples

- Determine what you want to accomplish (**Act**)
 - Identify the scope and the information needed for your family tree
 - Find out how many
- Create a plan and make commitments (**Plan**)
 - Consider effort, time, and finances
 - Consider the help of others
 - Communicate plan and commitments
- Follow plan and commitments (**Do**)
 - Review and verify direct line ancestors and enter them in both web-sites
 - Do the same for any children already found for the selected direct line ancestor
 - Find and use sources within “Ancestry” for those children
 - Match information and sources between “Ancestry” and “FamilySearch”
 - For external sources, add to both “Ancestry” and “FamilySearch” (use “RecordSeek”)
- How to match sources between “Ancestry” and “FamilySearch” (**Do**)
 - Copy sources from “Ancestry” to “FamilySearch”
 - Copy sources from “FamilySearch” to “Ancestry”
 - Use the little green tree in “Ancestry”
- How to edit and organize sources in “FamilySearch” (**Do**)
 - Edit titles of sources to clarify content
 - Organize in chronological order or in groups
- Review and evaluate results (**Check**)
 - Compare results with other family trees
 - Use icons in “FamilySearch”
 - Resolve duplicates in “FamilySearch”
 - Use “Roots Magic” and “Find A Record” (or other such programs) to find issues
 - Collaborate with relatives

Start process again

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Ancestor-cousins: Relatives of direct-line ancestors such as brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, spouses, and parents of spouses.

Searching helps

- Have fun being a detective
 - Think like a detective; questioning, curiosity, skepticism and a desire for fact finding can be valuable assets
 - Understand where, why, when, and by whom a record was created; determining where (location) is key to finding records
 - Review a record more than once for clues
 - Be systematic as you descend down your family tree and keep track of where you are in your family tree
 - Look at the cousin's family members for clues
 - Address questions to "FamilySearch," "Ancestry," consultants, and relatives
- Follow the golden rule
 - Treat your ancestor-cousins' lives like you would want your life to be treated
 - Realize that name spellings, dates, place names, and relationships may be different than expected
 - Be accurate with names, dates, and place names; correct errors; evaluate and use any new information
 - Be persistent for each ancestor-cousin; do not sell them short
 - Be forgiving and kind to those working on the family tree since everyone makes mistakes
 - Be grateful for the efforts of those contributing to the family tree
- Listen
 - Begin with prayer
 - Follow promptings and impressions; trust the Spirit over technology
 - Keep revising search criteria; be creative
 - Do not ignore unfamiliar records
 - Personal bias is hard to deal with; it is easy to take wrong paths; verify hints
 - Stay focused on your current plan; keep a to-do list of other findings of interest
 - Take a break; stand back
 - If you need the windows of heaven to open to you, see Malachi chapters 3 and 4

Instructions for adding sources

- **Adding sources found within a database**
 - In "Ancestry" go to the **SUPPORT CENTER** under the **HELP** menu and then search for the article "Adding Records to a Tree"
 - In "FamilySearch" go to the **HELP CENTER** under the **GET HELP** menu and then search for the article in the **FAMILY TREE** section "Attaching Historical Records to an Entire Family"
- **Adding sources found external to a database**
 - In "Ancestry" go to the **SUPPORT CENTER** under the **HELP** menu and then search for the article "Manually Adding Sources to Ancestry Member Trees"
 - In "FamilySearch" go to the **HELP CENTER** under the **GET HELP** menu and then search for the article in the **FAMILY TREE** section "Creating a source in Family Tree"
 - In "Ancestry" go to the **SUPPORT CENTER** under the **HELP** menu and then search for the article "FamilySearch Integration on Ancestry"
 - To use "RecordSeek" go to the recordseek.com and follow instructions