

OPPORTUNITIES with "Record Hints"



Step 1: Understand what an "Opportunity" is. An "Opportunity" is a person in FamilySearch is one of the following:

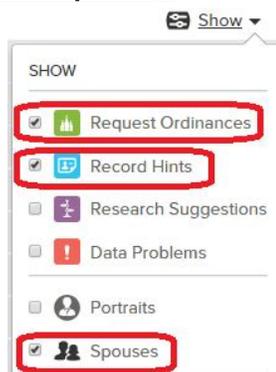
- Children without a spouse
- Couples who do not have children

Step 2: Find Opportunities

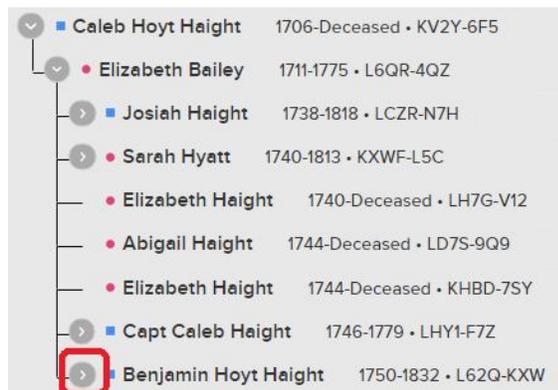
Locate a Direct Line Ancestor born around 1750 as discussed in the "Find—Take—Teach" lesson and put that person in the 1st position of the Descendancy

View represented by this icon =

Step 3: Click on the boxes (Request Ordinances, Record Hints & Spouses) in Descendancy View.



Step 4: Expand all arrows next to names. Start with the person on the bottom. Keep clicking on the arrows at the bottom until there are no more arrows.



Step 5: Watch for "Opportunities" with a "Record Hints" icon next to their name



In the above example, Elizabeth Kendrick married Fred Paiton, but they have no children showing and they have a "Record Hints" icon next to their name.

Step 6: Click on the "Record Hint" icon

In this example, we know the name of the parents, but not the children. The 1901 census is of interest because it might reveal the names of children.



Click on "Fred Paiton" to see the indexed record of the census. It reveals they did have a daughter! This is a new name you can add to FS!

HOUSEHOLD	ROLE	GENDER	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
Fred Paiton	Head	M	37	Castleton, Lancashire
Elizabeth Paiton	Wife	F	35	Chatteris, Cambridgeshire
Edna Paiton	Daughter	F	5	Milnrow, Lancashire

Step 7: Click on

[Review and Attach](#)

FS will open the record on the left & FS on the right.



Click on "Add" to add Edna Paiton as a new person to FS. Follow instructions. Don't forget to click the [Attach](#) button and [Return to Family Tree](#) buttons.

[Attach](#)

[Return to Family Tree](#)

This step adds Edna as a new person and attaches the census record to her person page as a source.

Step 8: Check for duplicates

Click on Possible duplicates while in the Person View and resolve them.



Step 9: If there are no duplicates, click on "Request Ordinances" and reserve the name

[Request Ordinances](#)

Step 10: Repeat for Other opportunities

Return to the Descendancy Pedigree view and expand the tree as you move up and look for other opportunities. On occasion you will also find a Record Hint that completes missing dates/places that will allow you to reserve a name for the Temple.