

# FamilySearch 201

Opening prayer

Why most people avoid genealogy

I don't know where to start

Lots has been done and the rest is too hard

I don't know what to do or how to do things

Using GPS to know where to go in your family history quest

<http://www.bgc certification.org/resources/standard.html>

LDS Standard of Excellence: D&C 128:24 "...worthy of all acceptance."

No gaps, no errors, documentation of all facts (see FindaRecord.com in final hour)

MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION GOAL:

Birth record

All census records for which each ancestor was alive (see TreeSeek.com in final hour)

Marriage record

Death record

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS:

When you add someone to the tree

WHERE TO START

"Landing page" upon signing in to FamilySearch

Become your own consultant

IMPROVING THE FS "WIKI" BY ADDING ESTIMATES, THEN REPLACING WITH PRECISE FACTS ("trolling")

Hints: convert a robot's "match" into an **evaluated source record**.

"Triangulation:" find a minimum of three coinciding facts to "prove" that any record is relevant to your ancestor

Unusual name, exact date or place, parents and children in order in family, profession

Searching in FamilySearch, and in partners, for more documentation that is not in FS hints

CREATING ACCOUNTS IN 5 PARTNER SITES

**Easy to remember, secure passwords**

- Part 1: related to the website. Part 2: long, easy2Remember; has number, capital
- fsNearermygod2thee, ancNearermygod2thee, fmpNearermygod2thee, mhNearermygod2thee, aaNearermygod2thee, gnNearermygod2thee

**How to create source records** in FS from records on other sites (see RecordSeek in final hour)

TAGGING

to apply a given source to all the Vital Events it documents

Homework:

1. Evaluate at least one hint on your landing page
2. Become your own consultant
3. Add estimated birth year and place with "Bread crumb" to at least one ancestor
4. Create an account in at least one partner site likely to document your ancestors.
5. Search for facts in records not in hints for at least one ancestor in at least FS
6. Add tags to at least one source that has none
7. Keep going: Set small weekly goals 📌 a stack of 52 accomplishments each year
  - a. E.g., set aside time every Sunday for Family History
8. Make your Temple & Family History Consultant or "FHC staff member" your "best friend."