

Temple and Family History skills

Self-Assessment Grid

	Beginner		Intermediate		Advanced	
Skill	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
Setting up a FamilySearch account	Can create an account with assistance	Can create an account with minimal assistance	Can create an account independently	Can manage account settings	Can troubleshoot login issues and understand privacy settings	Can assist others with account setup
Building a four-generation pedigree	Unable to add individuals to the pedigree	Can add individuals with assistance	Can add individuals and their details independently	Can link parents and children	Can handle incomplete information and understand pedigree symbols	Can assist others with pedigree building
Using Ordinances Ready	Unable to navigate Ordinances Ready	Can use Ordinances Ready with assistance	Can use Ordinances Ready independently	Understands temple ordinances and can reserve ordinances	Can troubleshoot exceptions (green or gold icons)	Can assist others with Ordinances Ready
Understanding genealogical basics	Unaware of genealogy's purpose and significance	Familiar with genealogy's purpose and significance	Understands genealogy's importance in LDS beliefs	Can explain temple work for the deceased	Can guide others in understanding genealogy's significance	Can teach genealogy basics
Exploring genealogical resources	Unfamiliar with available resources	Familiar with resource names	Can navigate and search resources (e.g., familysearch.org, local ward consultants)	Utilizes resources effectively	Expert in using all available resources	Can guide others in resource exploration
Interviewing relatives	Unable to collect information from older family members	Can talk to older family members	Collects names, dates, and stories	Gathers detailed information from relatives	Can conduct effective interviews	Can guide others in interviewing relatives
Documenting sources	Unaware of the importance of documenting sources	Recognizes the need to document sources	Records where information was found	Understands the significance of accurate documentation	Can teach proper source documentation	Can guide others in documenting sources
Online research skills	Unaware of online research tools	Familiar with basic online research tools	Can effectively use search features on FamilySearch	Can find and verify records related to ancestors	Expert in online research	Can guide others in online research
Temple names preparation	Unaware of temple ordinances	Understands the purpose of temple ordinances	Can find ancestors who need temple work	Reserves names for temple ordinances	Can handle complex cases (e.g., green or gold icons)	Can guide others in temple names preparation

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Research Skills						
Investigative Skills	Unable to analyze data	Can sort and piece together data	Can analyze complex puzzles			
Analytical Skills	Unable to evaluate evidence	Can identify patterns	Can draw meaningful conclusions			
Transcribing and Abstracting	Unable to transcribe or summarize	Can transcribe and summarize with assistance	Can accurately transcribe and summarize			
Making Research Plans	Unable to develop research strategies	Can create basic research plans	Can organize effective research approaches			
Evaluating Sources	Unaware of source assessment	Recognizes reliable sources	Can assess source reliability and relevance			
Citing Sources	Unaware of proper citation	Recognizes the need for citations	Properly documents sources			
Understanding Records and Sources						
Vital Records	Unfamiliar with vital records	Understands birth, marriage, death records	Familiar with other vital records			
Census Records	Unaware of census data	Understands census records	Extracts relevant details from census data			
Probate Records	Unfamiliar with probate records	Understands wills, estate inventories, etc.	Knowledgeable about probate proceedings			
Land Records	Unaware of land records	Interprets land deeds and transfers	Understands land ownership records			
Church Records	Unfamiliar with church records	Utilizes baptismal, marriage, burial records				
Military Records	Unfamiliar with military records	Explores military service records	Understands pension files			

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DNA and Genetic Genealogy						
Understanding Genetics	Unaware of DNA inheritance	Basic knowledge of DNA testing	Understands genetic genealogy			
Using DNA Tests	Unable to interpret DNA test results	Understands autosomal, Y-DNA, and mitochondrial tests				
Mobile Apps	https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/church/news/new-family-history-apps-take-ancestor-hunting-on-the-go?lang=eng					
Family Search Memories App						
Family Search Tree app						
Teaching Children	Use coloring pages for young children	Teach own children to write about themselves	children answer questions to begin writing about themselves			
Writing my own life story	No idea where to start		Answer questions to begin writing about myself			My up-to-date life story is posted in my tree