

ORIGINS of NEW FAMILYSEARCH

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| <u>Church MEMBERSHIP Records</u> | <u>Official TEMPLE Records</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>Member Responsibilities</u> & information |
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| <i>Journal History of the Church</i> | | 1830 | Some kept diaries or journals. |
| Membership Card Index – by M. Margett | | 1830's | |
| | Kirtland Temple dedicated - NO ordinances. | 1836 | |
| | 1st <u>proxy</u> baptisms in Mississippi River -- (*1) Ordinance Journals for recording (beginning with handwritten ledger books). | 1840 | Families instructed to record personal data and ordinances in **Family Journals (ledger type record books). |
| | 1st sealings to spouse for living couples -- Proxy baptisms in Nauvoo Temple font. | 1841 | |
| | Endowments performed for living select few. | 1842 | |
| Ward Membership Records | Endowments begin in Nauvoo Temple. | 1845 | |
| | Nauvoo Temple dedicated. Endowments and sealings only for living. | 1846 | |
| | Endowment House for living endowments & sealings to spouses by proxy & living (to 1889). | 1855 | |
| Printed forms & books used (long books) | St. George Temple: <u>first proxy</u> endowments & sealings to parents. | 1877 | |
| | W. Woodruff: revelation children should be sealed to parents, not Church leaders. | 1894 | Genealogical Society of Utah founded for preservation of records, research, filing and collaboration within families. |
| Annual Form E (or 42FP) Reports | | 1907 | |

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| | (*1) Temple Ordinance Registers - initiating <u>typed</u> pages; bound into registers. | 1913 | |
| 1st Churchwide Census | | 1914 | |
| 2nd Churchwide Census - cont'd. every 5 yrs.(exc. 1945) to 1960 | ** Temple Records Index Bureau (TIB) to index endowments and avoid duplication. (incl. unofficial record of baptisms). | 1920 | |
| | <u>TIB</u> - Endowment Index recorded on cards (previous endowments to 1842 were added). | 1924 | Beginning of Book of Remembrances - submit Pedigrees & F.G Records for filing, sharing & avoid duplication to 3rd & 4th Generation Record Collections . |
| Membership cards used to record each individual(when moved,sent to new ward); - (*) Deceased Members File started | Temples began recording official baptism dates with <u>TIB</u> Endowment cards. | 1941 | |
| | Sealings submitted on Fam.Group records, proxies added - filed in (*) ARCHIVE section of Family Group Record Collection (FGRC). | 1942 | Family Group Record forms were submitted for temple ordinances. |
| | <u>TIB</u> - Baptisms & Endowments on cards with notes of sealings from <u>Archive</u> section, then filmed. | 1962 | PATRON's section of Family Group Record Collection (FGRC) established, included previous submissions with addendums added each year, then <u>microfilmed</u> . |
| Card Memberships are computerized | Computer File Index (CFI) - Ordinance data automated -- for easier, quicker access to ordinance dates -- to avoid duplication. | 1969 | Individual and Marriage Entry forms submitted to clear names for temple ordinances. 1st "World Conference on Records" in SLC. |
| | <u>CFI</u> available on microfiche; Pre-1970 sealings started to be added. | 1973 | |
| | | 1977 | <u>Stake Record Extraction Program</u> to index microfilmed records for research and provide names to temples for ordinances. |

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| | | Dec-78 | End of 4-generation program and submissions. |
| | | 1979 | **Ancestral File started with submissions of FamilyGroups & Pedigrees. |
| | **International Genealogical Index (IGI) from <u>CFI</u> - at FH Centers on microfiche - included ordinances done from extraction projects data. | 1980 | 2nd "World Conference on Records" in SLC. |
| | Temple Recording System (TRS) began with SL Temple automation. | 1981 | |
| | | 1987 | <u>Family Record Extraction Program (FREP)</u> - included extracting official temple ordinance data and microfilmed vital records. |
| | | 1990 | FamilySearch released, including Ancestral File (with descendency charts & submitters), IGI & extracted data to simplify research -- <u>Ancestral File</u> submissions only on computer disks (no paper sheets to be microfilmed) |
| | TRS - Ordinance automation placed in temples - NO submitter listed in index. | 1991 | TempleReady software, the computer process for clearing names |
| | IGI - microfiche version discontinued. | 1992 | |
| | | 1993 | New manual <i>A Member's Guide to Temple and Family History Work</i> . |
| | | Jun 1995 First Pres. Letter | <u>"Because of the sacred nature of this work, members should be diligent in ensuring the accuracy of all information submitted."</u> |
| | **Ordinance Index , part of <u>FamilySearch</u> included many pre-1970 (not complete, yet); ordinances taken from <u>IGI</u> data. | 1997 | |

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| | | 1998 | <u>Family Name System</u> allowed temple patrons to track their submissions on colored cards. |
| | | 1999 | Pedigree Resource File (PRF) ; submitted Family groups & pedigrees (similar to Anc.File) for collaboration & avoid ordinance duplication. |
| | | 1999 | FamilySearch.org -- available via internet; including all previous FamilySearch data, Pedigree Resource File & websites. |
| | Ordinance data available <u>only</u> to members who register. | 2007 | FamilySearchIndexing.org - internet program for members to index records - a research aid. |
| <u>Membership</u> records are added to NewFamilySearch.org , including names of immediate family (only LDS members) | Official Temple Records are included in NewFamilySearch.org, to registered members only. | 2008 | **NewFamilySearch.org - released only to a limited number of temple districts. Also a pilot program - <u>Labs.FamilySearch.org</u> is introduced including Record Search , the results (+ some images) from Extracted records & FS Indexing. |
| (*) After a member dies the Membership card is transferred to <u>Deceased Members File</u> . | Official Temple Records with data submitted (or extracted), ordinance dates added, signed by recorder & microfilmed, consequently <u>cannot</u> be changed. *(1) -1840s-1913, ordinances were recorded manually. 1913-1969 ordinances were typed (know as pre-1970 ordinances)-in Oct. 1969 recording process automated. *(2) - Sealings didn't have a comprehensive index previous to 1942, consequently many duplications of sealings occurred. | | <u>** Families are responsible for avoiding duplication of ordinances.</u> Before 1930s, members were to record in family temple or Books of Remembrance. ** The Church created TIB, Ancestral File, PRF, IGI, FamilySearch & Ordinance Index to help. ** New FamilySearch -- will be a combination of these and other records. To <u>avoid duplication</u> , coordinate with family members. If ordinances are not listed, do NOT resubmit if it is known by family that it was done or if ancestor was LDS and possibly did their own ordinances while living. |