

## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY #1: Using Puzzilla.org to Find a Family to Research**

- Go to [puzzilla.org](http://puzzilla.org) and click sign in
- Sign in with your FamilySearch login
- Click “OK” to allow Puzzilla to load your tree from FamilySearch
- Change generations to 7 or 8
- Look at your ancestor chart and find an Ancestor born about 1800 Click on the blue square or red circle
- Click on “Descendants”
- Watch the descendant chart fill in
- Look for the yellow line, this is your direct line of ancestors
- Look for family members who are missing children or are the end of a line, without yellow or gray squares
- Click on that person's square or circle, then “view in family tree”
- Click on “Possible Duplicates” on the right side of the Person Detail’s page.
- If there are duplicates, write down the ID’s of each individual so you can research the family before merging to make sure the duplicate individual(s) is really the same.
- Look for missing details on the person’s page on FamilyTree (birth date? death date? spouse? children?, etc.)
- Write down the name of person you want to research, their FamilySearch ID# and your questions on your research log

## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY #1: Using Pandora's Hope Chest to Find a Family to Research**

- Open the Chrome browser (this app will only work on Chrome)
- Google: Pandora Hope Chest LDS.
- Follow the link to the "Chrome Web Store."
- Click on the "Add to Chrome" button and then "Add Extension."
- Exit the "Hope Chest" window
- Go to FamilySearch.org and sign in.
- On the Landscape view of Family Tree go back to someone in the 1700s or early 1800s, click on that person and view his/her tree. (Keep a list of which ancestors you have crawled.)
- Click on the "Hope Chest" icon in the top corner of your browser window.
- Click on "Search Descendants"
- A window will pop up asking if you want to Upgrade to Hope Chest Plus, click on "Just do Search."
- On the "Select Label" window, click on the "Start Search" button
- Hope Chest will crawl your tree which takes a few minutes. (The further back you start, the longer it takes to crawl.)
- When Hope Chest has finished checking your tree, click the Icon, then click the Icon again at the top of the drop down menu to get a list of the individuals found that need temple work.
- In the Hope Chest window click on the green tree next to the person's name to view them on Family Tree.
- Click on "Possible Duplicates" on the right side of the Person Detail's page.
- If there are duplicates, write down the ID's of each individual so you can research the family before merging to make sure the duplicate individual(s) is really the same.
- Look for missing details on the person's page on FamilyTree (birth date? death date? spouse? children?, etc.)
- Write down the name of person you want to research, their FamilySearch ID# and your questions on your research log

## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY #2    Learn About Your Family on FamilySearch**

- Go to FamilySearch.org and sign in
- Click on Family Tree, then Person
- Find the individual you are researching; hint - click the arrow next to the Person tab to see your history, your individual should be listed
- Click on “Sources” or scroll to the bottom of the Person page.
- Review the sources, if any, write down any questions you might have
- Look at “Research Help” on the top right of the Person page
- Standardize any dates or places
- Attach any record hints that are correct
- Click on your individual’s father or mother to learn more about the family
- Standardize any dates or places
- Attach any record hints that are correct
- Look at their sources to see what records are listed
- Click on “FamilySearch” under “Search Records” on the Individual’s details page to see if there are other records. Try changing the filters to broaden your search.
- Attach any records that are correct.
- Write down any questions you have about the family on your research log.

### **ADOPT-A-FAMILY #3: Use the WIKI to Learn About Your Family's Home**

- Go to FamilySearch.org and sign in
- Click on Family Tree, then Person
- Find the ancestor you are researching; (click the arrow next to the Person tab to see your history, your individual should be listed towards the top)
- Write down the birthdate and birthplace of your individual in your research log
- Click on "Search" at the top of the page, then "Wiki"
- Type in the name of the place in the search box, you may have to go to the county or state if the city doesn't come up
- Look at a map of your ancestor's birthplace
- Look for any records you can search to help you answer your research questions and find out more about your ancestor
- Choose one of the suggested records and write it on your research log
- Click on your suggested record and search for your ancestor
- Write down what you find on your research log

## **Adopt -A - Family #4: Find your Family on Partner Websites**

- Go to [familysearch.org/partneraccess](https://familysearch.org/partneraccess) to create your Personal Accounts with [ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com), [findmypast](https://findmypast.com), [MyHeritage](https://myheritage.com), and [American Ancestors](https://americanancestors.com)
- Click on the blue “Join for free” button (you’ll do this for each of the different websites)
- Sign in to FamilySearch
- Click on the red “Create your Free Ancestry Account” button
- Follow the prompts to create your account for each website, this will let you search their records, TIP - use the same log in information and password for all of your family history websites
- For Ancestry, you’ll link your family tree on FamilySearch and download the first four generations of your family tree
- Search for the individual or family you are researching on Ancestry.
- Search for the individual or family you are researching on Find My Past
- Search for the individual or family you are researching on My Heritage.
- Write down any records that you found for your family in your research log.

## **Adopt -A - Family #5: Resolve Possible Duplicates and Reserve Temple Ordinances**

- After you have learned about your family and attached records, search for possible duplicates again.
- Merge any duplicate individuals, make sure to add all children and spouses to the main individual so they are not lost.
- Merge any of the spouses or children that you add to the main individual.
- Once all family members have been merged, reserve temple ordinances.