

How to Get Started

Begin by remembering information about each member in your family that will identify that person. Each person can be identified by personal information, such as the following:

- Name
- Other members of the family
- Dates and places of important events such as birth, marriage, and death
- Ancestral village
- Occupation



Get forms you can use to record your family information. They make the task of recording and organizing easier. You will need pedigree charts and family group records. Record the information you remember about your family on the forms.

Pedigree Chart—A pedigree chart lets you list your pedigree (your parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and so on).

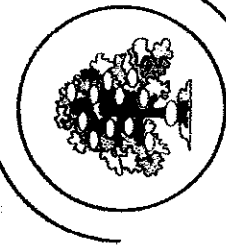
Family Group Record—A family group record lets you list an entire family and their information (grandmother, grandfather, your parent, and his or her siblings).



Boy recording names and information about his ancestors.

*The Laurel Ward of the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Invites You to Participate in*

Genealogy Classes



The Church is located at:
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On the corner of Van Dussen and Contee
Across from the Laurel Hospital

Family History Research

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is well known for its interest in family history and its efforts to gather and research genealogy. Members of the LDS Church believe that contem-



The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah

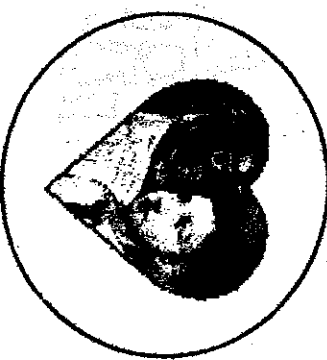
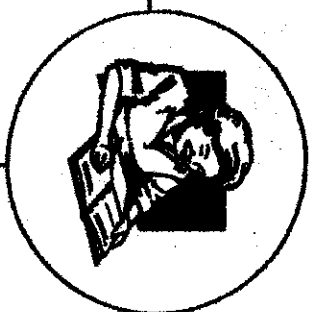
porary interest in genealogy is a fulfillment of the prophecy of Malachi as recorded in the bible: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers . . ." Members of the LDS Church are encouraged to trace their ancestry back four generations and farther if information is available. For this reason the LDS Church maintains the largest genealogy library in the world in Salt Lake City, Utah with branches across the country. Branches near to Laurel are in Columbia and in Silver Spring. In addition the LDS church website provides information to help you start working on your family

history. You can search for names of your ancestors in the records' collection and view numerous research aids with step by step instructions to help you know where to look and how to find information on your ancestors.

In addition to LDS Church genealogical resources, the Washington D.C. area has many resources for family history research such as the DAR library, the National Archives, and local government offices.

The genealogy classes will held each month on the fourth Thursday.

- The first class will be a beginning level class. This class is perfect for those who are interested in their family history but have little or no experience doing research. Topics will include skills such as pedigree charts, journals, oral histories and photographs, database searches for precompiled information. Every other month we will hold another beginning class.
- The more advanced classes will focus on a different topic each time. These topics will include searching in census records, vital records, military records, church records, immigration records, etc and help in finding missing people or links in your family tree.



Classes will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm. Class topics for the coming months are listed below.

- January 27 - Beginning Skills
 - February 24 - Census
 - March 24 - Beginning Skills
 - April 28 - Vital Records
 - May 26 - Beginning Skills
 - June 23 - Bring your brick wall
- Please let us know you are interested by calling Nancy Daniels at (301) 490-2365 or Hilary Ligon at (301) 604-5133 to register.