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Years ago, we only had hand-written records. Now most of us use the computer to save our genealogical finds. We might find a source record and just save it to our personal computer or an online server. But there are times when I want to actually write it down on a form, or have a complete form on the computer. Some records are only housed physically and we are not allowed to take pictures. One source of blank forms that I have found very helpful is at [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogy\\_Research\\_Forms](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogy_Research_Forms). The forms which are available are as follows:

- Census Worksheets – *British, Canada, & United States*
- Family groups, pedigrees, and research logs
- National Archives and Record Administration
- Non-population Census Forms
- 1880 Census Supplemental Forms: Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
- Immigration Forms
- Military Forms
- Wiki forms:
  - To Do List for My Ancestor
  - Blank Analysis Chart for a Possible Match
  - Blank Analysis Chart for My Ancestor
  - Blank Time Line for a Specific Record for a Possible Match
  - Blank Time Line for My Ancestor

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***Need Help with a Membership Problem? Have a Suggestion for presentations?  
Contact a Society Officer!  
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## ***Pierre/Fort Pierre Upcoming Society Meetings Schedule***

The Pierre/Fort Pierre Genealogical Society meets each month, except December, at 7 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Our meetings are usually held in the LDS Church at 506 N. Jefferson, Pierre, SD. If there is a change, the members will be notified via email or phone.

February 19 – Virginia Hanson will be presenting the program “Quirks and Coincidences, the Human Side of Genealogical Research”.

March 19 – The program time will be spent in the Family History Center researching on Internet newspaper sites available at no cost in the Center.

April – This meeting will be at the SD Archives.

If you haven't been to the society's website lately, it is well worth a visit. It is located at <http://myweb.midco.net/sdgensoc>. You'll find databases and up-coming events.

## **10 Easy Tasks to Enhance Your FamilySearch.org Experience**

During the 2018 RootsTech conference, presenter Devin Ashby discussed 10 easy tasks to help you get started in FamilySearch. To see the complete conference video, go to <https://www.rootstech.org/video/familysearchorg10-easy-tasks>

### **Task 1: Create an Account**

This may sound a bit redundant, but it is truly the first step in getting started using FamilySearch. FamilySearch has always been completely free, and always will be.

Signing up for a free FamilySearch Account gives you access to free storage, mobile apps, collaboration of resources, and billions of records from around the world.

### **Task 2: Add a Name**

Adding names and discovering our ancestors allows us to stay connected to them and learn about them. The autofill features on the website are helpful when adding names and making sure dates and locations are standardized.

### **Task 3: Download Your Fan Chart**

This one is a pretty easy task to complete. You can download your fan chart and save the document to your computer, send it to others through email, and all sorts of other things. Print one out today to share with your kids and other family members.

#### **Task 4: Find a Record or Hint**

FamilySearch has billions of records to search through to find sources for your ancestors as well as to help you fill gaps in your family tree. FamilySearch allows you to search records from all over the world. Many records also include images you can look at either on FamilySearch directly or on one of their partner websites.

#### **Task 5: Index a Batch**

Users who index records are the reason that all these record hints are possible. Previously you needed to download software onto your computer in order to index. Now it is all online!

#### **Task 6: Download the Mobile App**

FamilySearch has developed two different apps to help you with your family history. The FamilySearch Memories app allows you to focus on and manage your memories. The FamilySearch Tree app provides the full FamilySearch experience with some added mobile benefits you can't experience on a traditional browser.

#### **Task 7: Upload a Photo**

Recently the developers at FamilySearch have added the ability to import photos directly from Facebook, Instagram, and Google Photos. As a final hint, make sure to tag people in the photos that are uploaded so those images can be attached to them.

#### **Task 8: Add a Story**

Adding stories to your personal profile and attaching them to your ancestors can help add greater depth to your family history. Think of FamilySearch like a filing cabinet. You can use it as a way to file away those stories, photos, and documents of you, your children, and your ancestors, and they will be stored safely and never destroyed.

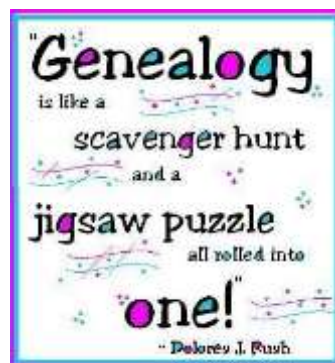
Devin also encouraged you to make it a family activity. It really is the simplest way to keep a journal. All you have to do is upload a photo and write about it!

#### **Task 9: Upload a Document**

Before you upload any document, make sure it does not contain sensitive information. However, uploading documents like obituaries or other newspaper articles, pages from family bibles, letters, and other documents can help add more details about your ancestors' lives.

#### **Task 10: Record Audio**

The last task, and consequently the last type of source you can add to your family tree, is to record audio. This allows you and those who come after you to hear your family members tell their own stories in their own voice. Think of how priceless an heirloom that will become for your family and the generations to come.



**To Join or Renew a Membership:**

Membership is for calendar year. If membership is paid anytime in the year up to November, it is for the current year. If paid in November or December, it is for the next calendar year.

Individual: \$10.00 per year.

Family Membership: \$12.00 per year.

Memberships include a subscription to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Newsletter emailed as a pdf file, so an email address is required.

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