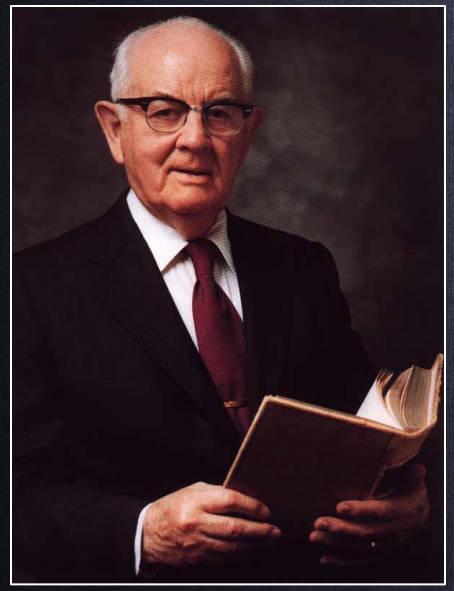
Family History

Lesson #4

Temple Ordinances & Descendancy Research

"Thousands of our faithful people seldom go to the temple, and of those who do go, most are not working on their own ancestral lines. They are not saving their own dead. They seem to believe they are fulfilling their responsibilities by merely attending the temple occasionally. This is simply not so. We all must learn to save our own dead. We must properly identify them so that we can then perform the work for them in the temples …"



- Spencer W. Kimball, Regional Representatives Seminar, Sept. 30, 1976

LDS Ordinances

- Once you have found & added vital documents to your ancestor's record, merged duplicate records, edited other info, and established relationships, you are ready to print a Family Ordinance Request (FOR) & take the name to the temple.

Family History Checklist

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Your Name

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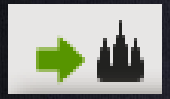
LDS Ordinances

- By now, you probably know a lot about this relative which will make your temple experience more special.
- You can feel confident that the research is done right, the ordinances are being done for the first time and will not be duplicated.

Understanding Temple Icons



At least one person in the family has incomplete ordinance information.

The ordinances for all family members are reserved or in progress.

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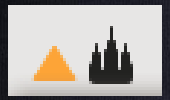


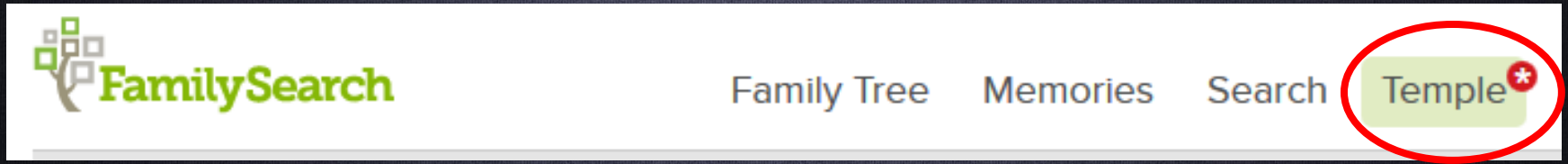
A family member needs ordinances, but needs more information first. Or, he or she has not been deceased for one year.

Ordinances Complete!

Important: Even when you see this icon, some members of the family may have incomplete sealings. The parents may not be sealed to their parents. The children may not be sealed to their spouses.

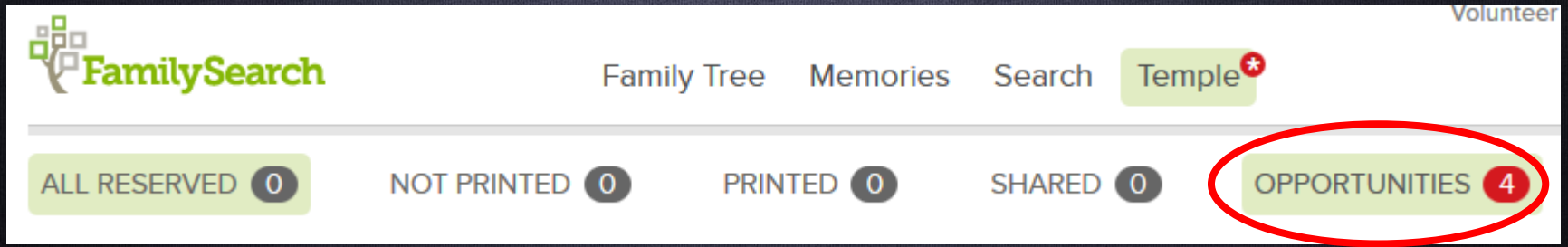
Temple Opportunities

- Your Temple Opportunities list may contain the names of your ancestors who need temple ordinances.
- If it does, you see a small, red icon on the Temple tab.



Temple Opportunities

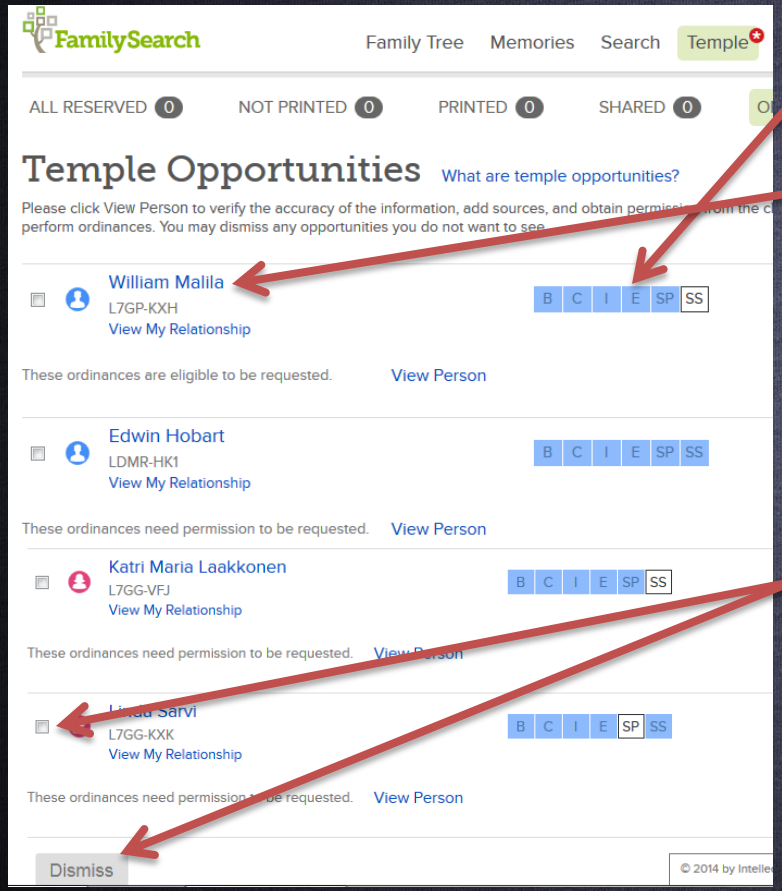
- After clicking on the Temple tab, click on the Opportunities tab.
- The number of possible opportunities will be indicated with a red number.



Temple Opportunities

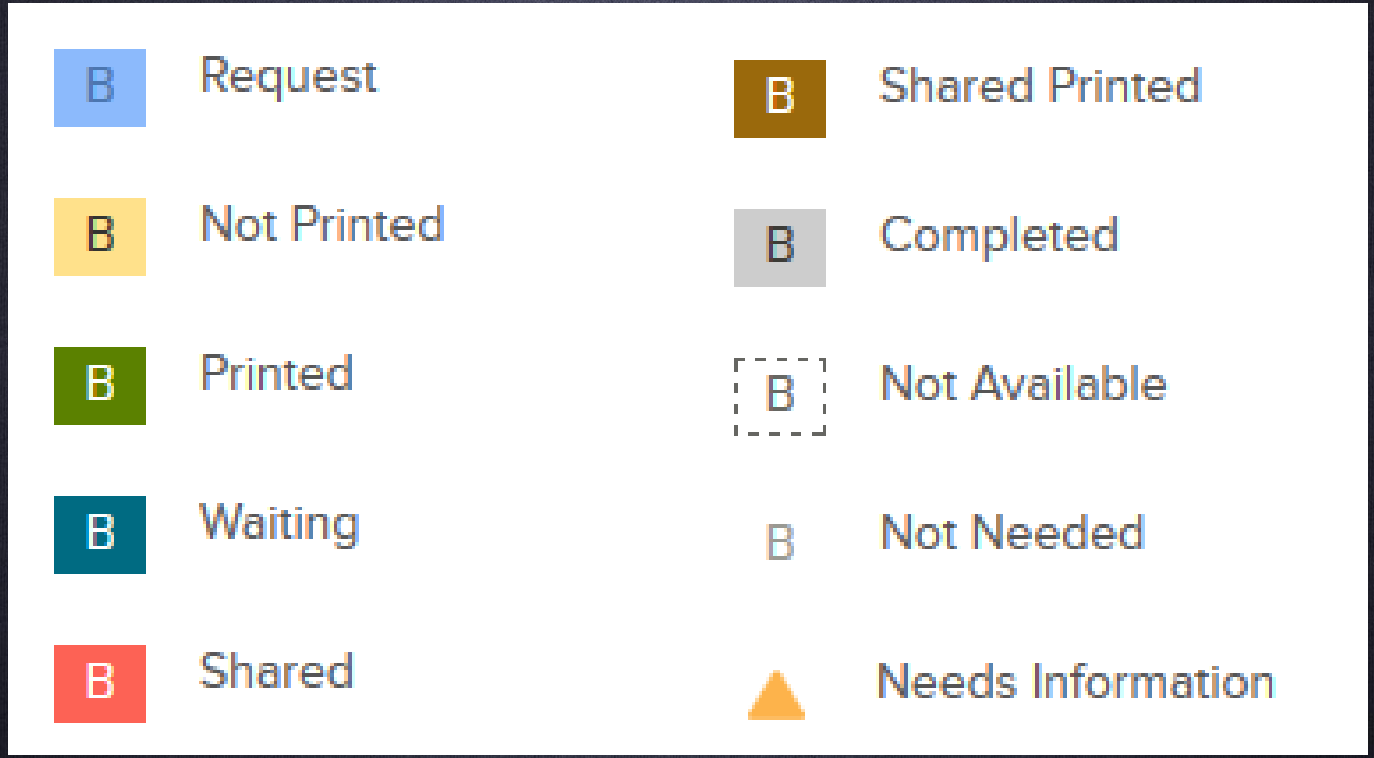
- FamilySearch.org searches for possible ordinances through four generations of your ancestors (through your great-great-grandparents). It also searches your ancestors' spouses, their children, and their children's spouses.

Temple Opportunities



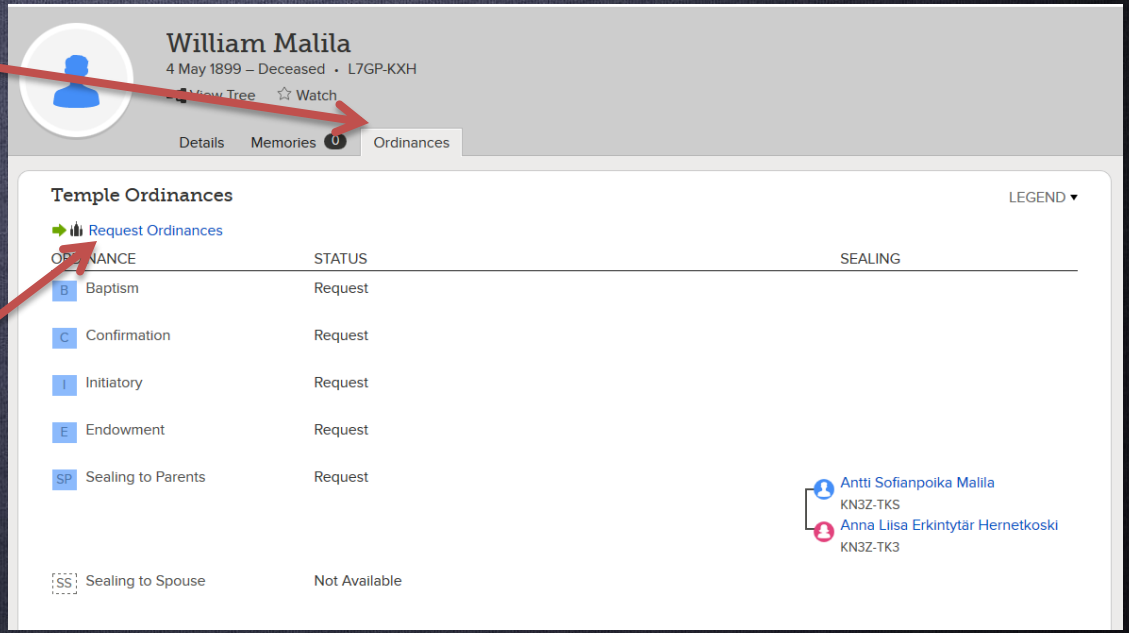
- All available ordinances are listed.
- To reserve ordinances and print Family Ordinance Requests (FOR), click on the ancestor's name to go to their page view.
- To remove a person from the opportunities list, click the check box next to their name and click the "Dismiss" Button.

Ordinance Legend



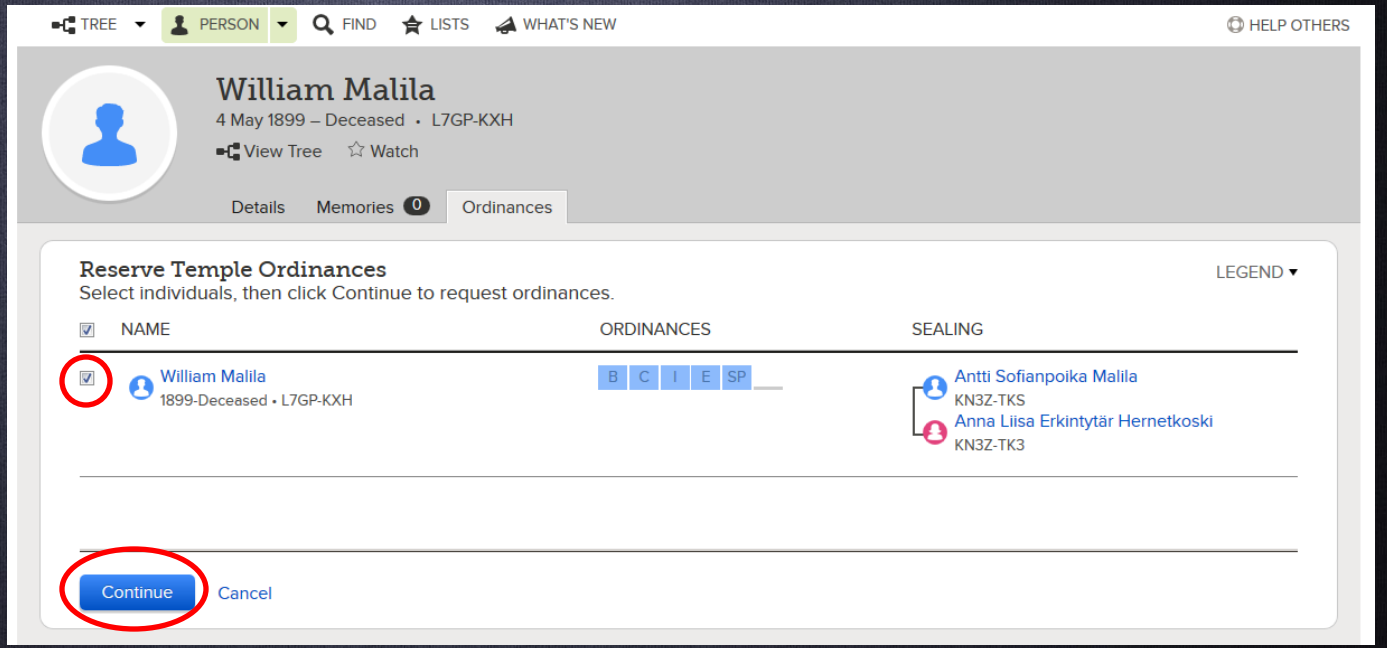
Requesting Ordinances

- In Person View, click on the Ordinances tab.
- If there are ordinances available to request, click on "Request Ordinances.



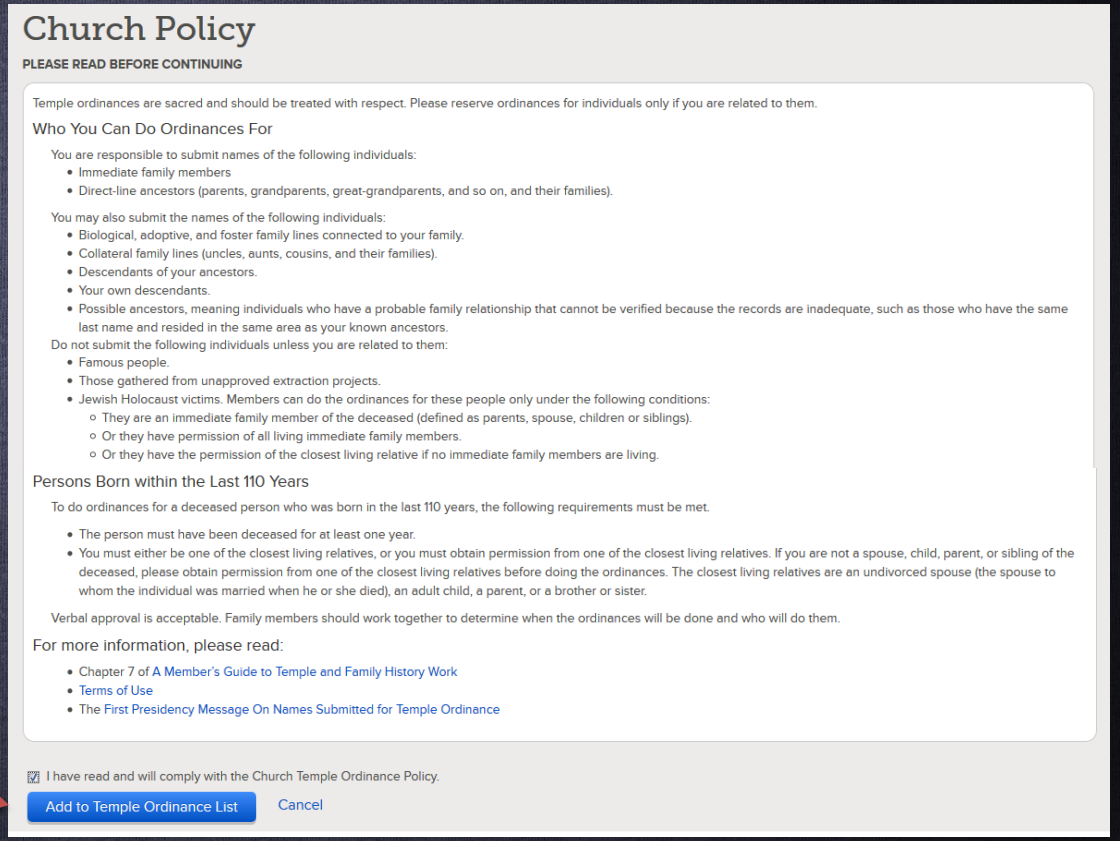
Requesting Ordinances

- Select the person for whom you wish to request ordinances. You may select several at a time.
- Click the "Continue" button.



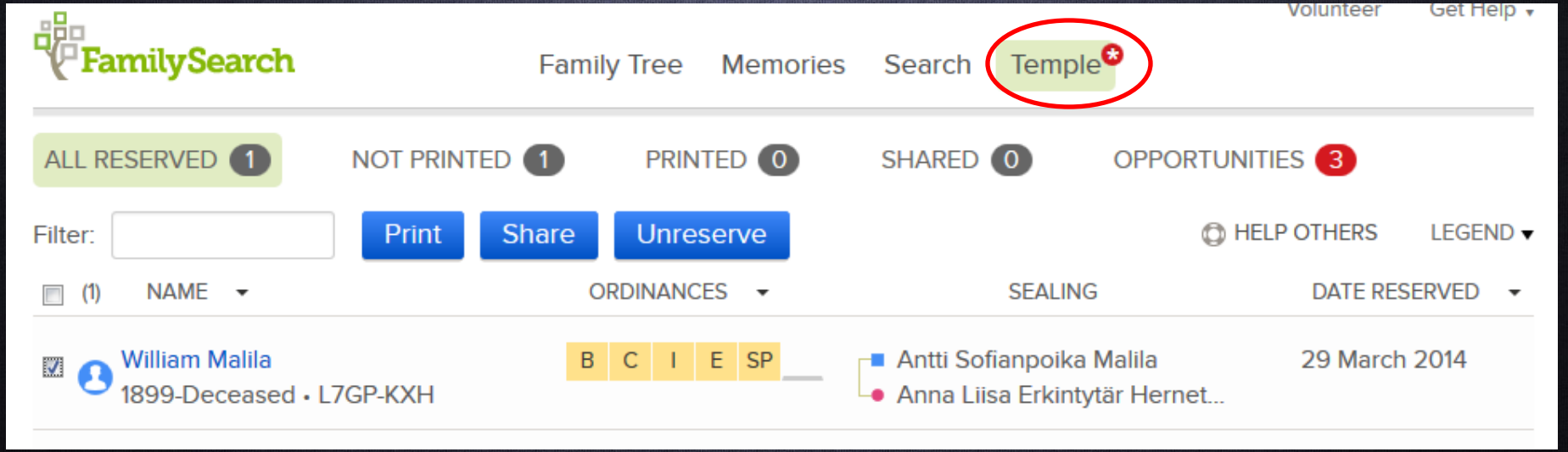
Requesting Ordinances

- Read through the Church Policy on ordinances.
- If you agree to the terms, check the box that you agree and click on the "Add To Temple Ordinance List" button.



Requesting Ordinances

- Click on Temple again. You will now see the reserved ordinances.

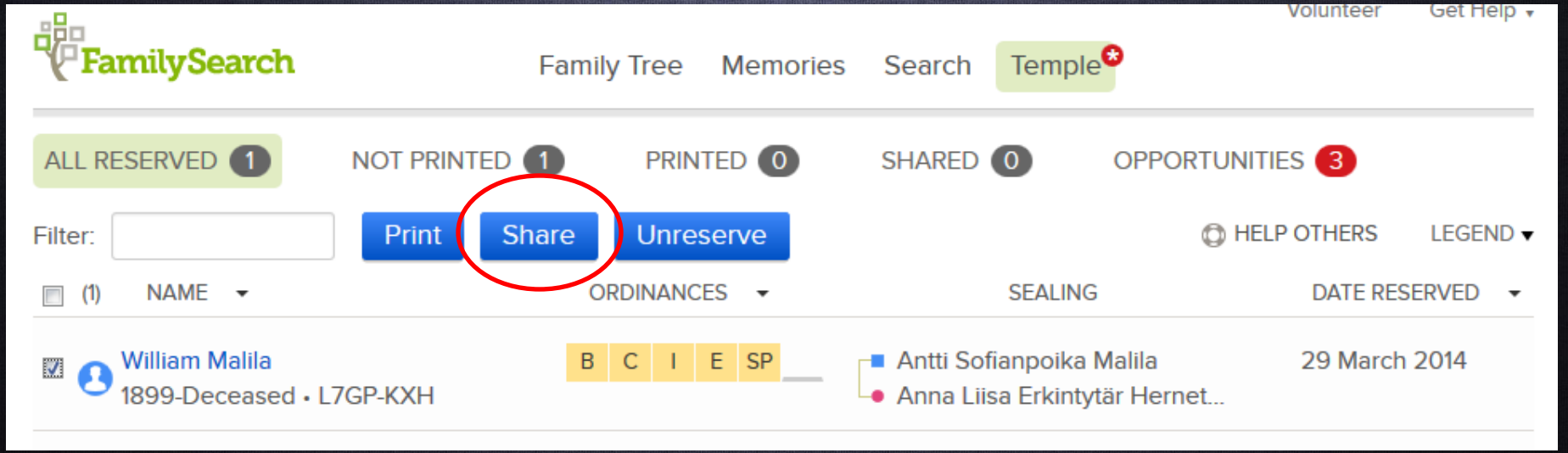


Unreserving Ordinances

- To Unreserve ordinances, click on the “Unreserve” button.

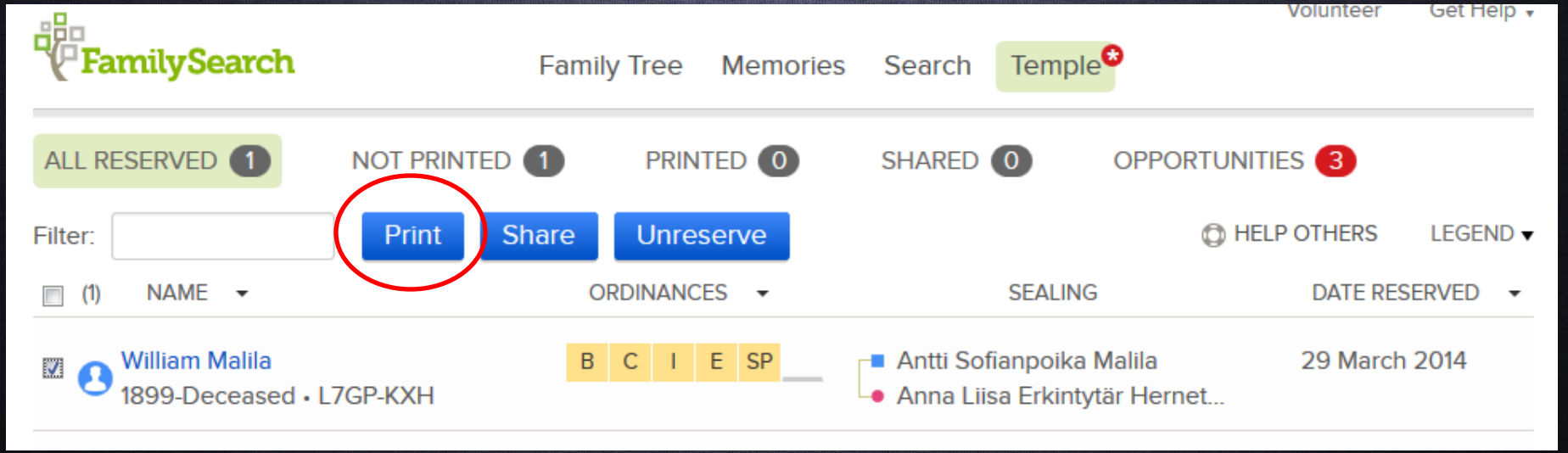
Sharing Ordinances

- To allow these ordinances to be added to the Temple File, click on the “Share” button.



Printing an FOR

- To Print an Family Ordinance Request (FOR), select the ancestor(s) you wish to print, and click on the "Print" button.



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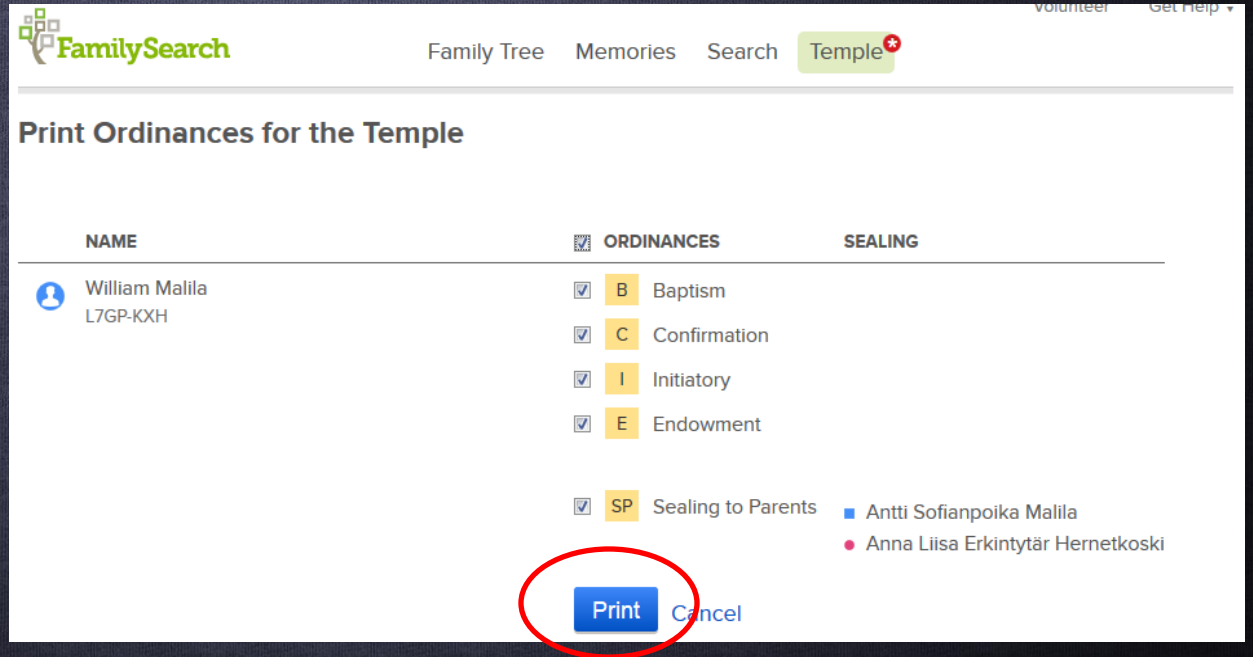
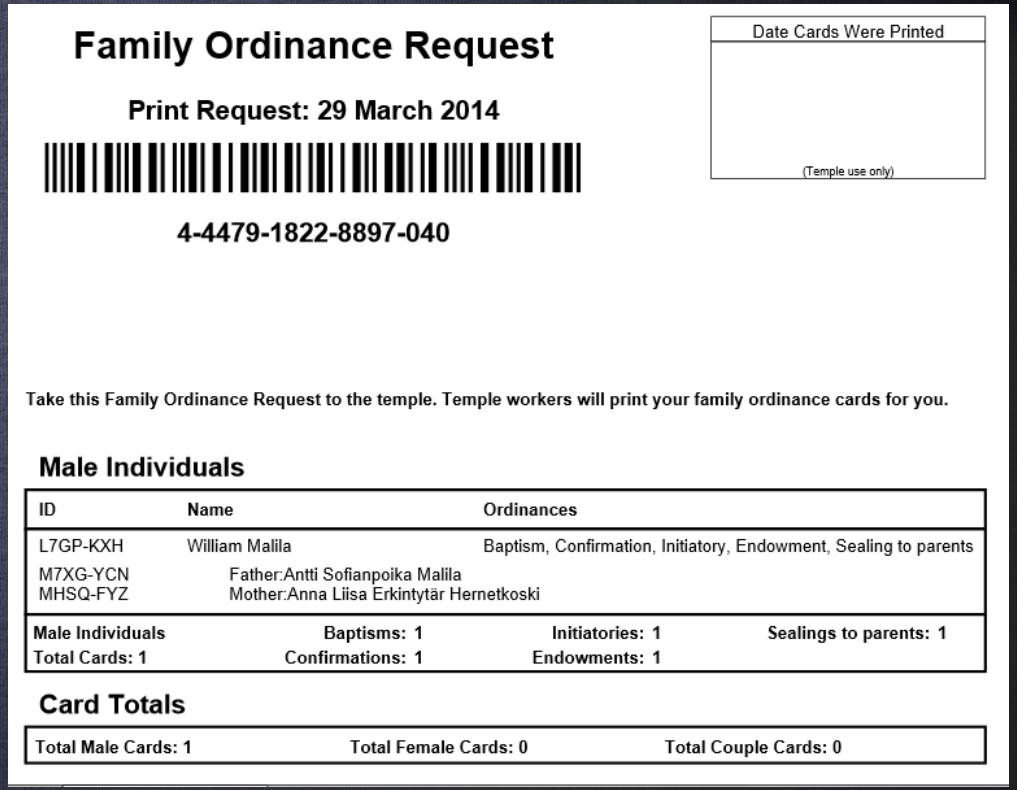
- Select the ordinances you wish to print then click the print button.
- You can print up to 50 on one sheet. This saves paper and time at the temple.



Printing an FOR

- A .pdf file will be created that you can print and take to the temple.
- At the temple they will scan this FOR and print your blue, pink and yellow cards.



Family Ordinance Request

Print Request: 29 March 2014

4-4479-1822-8897-040

Date Cards Were Printed
(Temple use only)

Take this Family Ordinance Request to the temple. Temple workers will print your family ordinance cards for you.

Male Individuals

ID	Name	Ordinances
L7GP-KXH	William Malila	Baptism, Confirmation, Initiatory, Endowment, Sealing to parents
M7XG-YCN MHSQ-FYZ	Father:Antti Sofianpoika Malila Mother:Anna Liisa Erkintytär Hernetkoski	

Male Individuals	**Baptisms: 1**	**Initiatories: 1**	**Sealings to parents: 1**
Total Cards: 1	**Confirmations: 1**	**Endowments: 1**	

Card Totals

Total Male Cards: 1	**Total Female Cards: 0**	**Total Couple Cards: 0**

Family History Checklist

- As ordinances are completed, check them off your checklist.

Family History Checklist

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Adding More Names To Your Checklist

- As you finish all the names on your checklist from your pedigree chart, you can add names of cousins using descendancy research.

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Descendancy Research

Watch the video to learn how descendancy research can help you find.

Hands-On!

- Login to familysearch.org and click on “Temple” and “Opportunities” to see if you have any possible temple opportunities.
- Explore your family tree looking for other opportunities.
  - See if you can find any additional names using descendancy research.

Homework:

1. Practice reserving, printing and unreserving an FOR.
2. Use Descendancy Research to find additional names (cousins) to add to your checklist.