Setting up your FamilySearch.org Account

If you already have a familysearch.org or lds.org account, you are ready. Login! If not? Follow these steps:

Before you begin, you will need an email address that you can access to confirm your newly created account, and if you are a member of the church, your member ID Number (found on your temple recommend, from your ward clerk or bishopric member).

1. Open your Web Browser (Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc...)
2. Go to familysearch.org.
3. Click on Sign In in the upper right corner of the screen.
4. Click on Create an Account in the upper right corner of the screen.
5. Enter your:
   a. First Name, Last Name
   b. Username (remember this to login)
   c. Password (remember this to login)
   d. Email Address (one that you can access now to activate your account). If you don’t have an email account you can get to now, enter stakefh@gmail.com as your email address. You can change it later.
   e. Contact Name, Gender, Country, Birth Date
   f. Member of the Church? Yes or No? If Yes, enter your Member ID Number.
   g. Type the pictured security word
   h. Read and agree to the rights and use information
   i. Click on the Create an Account button.
6. The following message will appear on the screen:

   ![You're Almost Done](image)

   Don’t forget to activate your email for account recovery.

   Sign in to your email, and click the link to verify that you own this email account. This step must be taken within 48 hours for your email to be used for account recovery.

   Don’t see the email? Check your junk mail.

   OK, I’m done.

7. Go to your email account. Open the email you have just received titled FamilySearch Account Activation.
   a. If in step 5 you used the stakefh@gmail.com email address, go to www.gmail.com and login using username: stakefh@gmail.com and password: higleystake.
8. In the email, click on the **Activate Account** button. (Display images in email if disabled)

9. Return to familysearch.org and Sign in using your new username and password (steps 5b and 5c above) by clicking on **Sign In** in the upper right corner of the screen.

10. Once you are signed in, click on **YOUR User Name** in the upper right corner of the screen. A menu will appear, click on **Settings**.
11. Once the settings screen appears, fill out your important account and contact information. This will allow other researchers to contact you if they have questions or additional information.
   
a. If you used the stakefh@gmail.com email address in steps 5 and 7 above, change it now to your email address. Also make sure that you check the box so your email address shows as public. This will allow others to contact you. Family History is a joint effort, lets share information and work together.

12. Click on the **Save Changes** button at the bottom of the screen.

13. Your **FamilySearch.org** account is now setup and you are ready to start your family history. Click on **Family Tree** at the top center of the screen to see the pedigree chart view of your family as it appears today.

14. Happy Researching!