

Strengthening Your Teaching Skills as a Consultant

Knowing how to DO family history and knowing how to TEACH others to do family history can be two very different things.

★ #1 ★ PREPARE

- Pray for the help of the Holy Ghost
- **Get to know the individual or family first**
- Unless directed otherwise by the ward council, approach families or individuals at times when they will be most open to family history (Examples: child turning 11; mission call; death in the family)
- Work on your own family history and develop your own testimony of the work
- **REFERENCE:**
- <https://www.preservingtime.org/uploads/7/5/3/4/7534482/q-guide-consultantresponsibilities-26aug2019.pdf>
- **PreservingTime > Toolbox > Consultants > Quick Guide for Consultants**

★ Digital Copy of THIS Handout and one with Expanded Information and Live Links at: <http://www.preservingtime.org/>. (Toolbox > Consultants)

#1- Understand your Calling: <https://www.familysearch.org/help>

#2- Study and Learn the Doctrines of Temple and Family History Work; Understand and Feel the Spirit of Elijah by Turning Your Own Heart to Your Fathers
The "Promised Blessings of Family History" transcript w/ photos:
<https://www.preservingtime.org/uploads/7/5/3/4/7534482/the-promised-blessings-of-family-history-2018-21-essay.pdf>
Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G11C12-22> The promised Blessings of Family History

#3- Experience Family History Work for Yourself
The Many Facets of Family History:
https://www.preservingtime.org/uploads/7/5/3/4/7534482/findingplace2work-individual_2.pdf

★ What perishable knowledge or items do you have? Please make PERISHABLE family history a priority.

#4- Ask for Help; Become Comfortable with FamilySearch.org
See Checklist and Training Below

#5- Learn to Help Others with Family History

- Approaching those who will be most open to family history at the time will bring better results.
- WHAT IS YOUR GOAL? (What do they have or know that is perishable?)
- Play to be led by the Holy Ghost—Vital Key! Get to know the person—Vital Key!
- Prepare a Personalized lesson; Be sure to be sensitive to a person's unique situation.
- Quit while they are still excited (and before they look the deer in the headlights).
- Invite them to act; Schedule a follow-up visit or call...and then follow up with them.


ALWAYS AND FOREVER—ONE ON ONE WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY IS BEST!

#6- Be PROACTIVE in Fulfilling Your Calling

- If at all possible, serve at the Migration Family History Center; bring family or ward members to the center. We have found many people are more comfortable working at the center rather than in their home.
- Share your testimony of this work.
- If there is something you don't know how to help with—ASK for help!

Remember—you were called to be a "Salesman," "Marketer," and "Cheerleader"! You are not expected, or required, to know everything there is to know about family history.

HAS YOUR HEART BEEN TURNED?


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- **Prepare your own set of teaching tools**
- **Learn—or better yet prepare a cheat sheet of—where to quickly find the teaching tools you use**
- **Make note of specific examples or stories that illustrate techniques you will be teaching (see notes that follow)**
- **Observe other good teachers when they are helping someone**

Approaching an individual or family...

Group activities are great, but generally don't produce the same results as working with an individual person or family

- Approach people personally—not a “call me if you need help” type invitation
- Try to access if their heart has been turned to their ancestors...What is their WHY?

• Key Help: Promised Blessing of Family History

Reference:

<https://www.preservingtime.org/uploads/7/5/3/4/753482/bboard-the-promised-blessings-of-family-history-2018-01-21-copy.pdf>

- PreservingTime > Toolbox > Consultants > Promised Blessings for Doing Family History



Approaching an individual or family...

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- What are their family history goals and interests?
- Many Facets of Family History

REFERENCE:

https://www.preservingtime.org/uploads/7/5/3/4/7534482/findingplace2work-individual_2_.pdf

- PreservingTime > Toolbox > Consultants > The Many Facets of Family History Work
Finding YOUR best place to work on family history



Prepare an individualized lesson

--Not a one shot deal...usually

--Quit before they become deer in the headlights



--Schedule a follow-up time and actually follow up



--Take notes that will help you remember their information and help you prepare for the next visit

Prepare an individualized lesson

Know where to locate the resources you need

- Consultant Planner and other help on FamilySearch.org (another class at another time)

FamilySearch.org> Sign in> Help> Helper Resources

Hint: Go to the planner and practice on yourself.

Access others information through the planner. Invitations by email or access through a person's helper number. Helper numbers are the last 5 digits of a membership number and can be found by a person clicking on their name after signing in and then clicking on Settings.

Know where to locate the resources you need

- **General navigation of FamilySearch.org**

Good Basic Navigation of FamilySearch Tutorials in Short Videos (5-10 min.) with a Printable Handout Included:

<https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/basic-tutorials/>

- **PreservingTime.org**

<https://www.preservingtime.org/>

- **Effective internet search techniques**—Don't "lose" the person you are working with by doing searches that don't produce good results (Help: <https://www.preservingtime.org/limiting-internet-searches.html>)

Prepare for the concerns, reasons and excuses!

- Our work is all done
 - OR—Aunt SoSo is doing it
- I'm NOT interested in family history
 - I'm NOT interested in family history I only like _____ (saving photos, going to the temple, indexing etc.)
- I don't like the computer
 - I don't know how to use the computer or the programs
 - I don't want anyone messing with my information
- I don't have time
- I don't know where to start
 - It's too overwhelming
- I'm too Old/ too Young

Our work is all done OR—Aunt SoSo is doing it

"I'm off the hook...our
work is all done."

"It doesn't matter whether your computer is able to compile all the family group sheets for everyone that every lived on the earth, it remains the responsibility of each individual to know his kindred dead...Even if the work is done, then it is still each person's responsibility to study and become acquainted with his ancestors."

— President Joseph Fielding Smith - Turned to the Fathers - p.184



"I'm off the hook...our
work is all done."

"Your genealogy has not all been done. My own grandparents performed 'all' the temple work for their deceased relatives fifty-five years ago. Since that time our family has discovered sixteen thousand others."

— Elder W. Grant Bangerter

Or your own story about the work not being all done.

REFERENCE:

<https://www.preservingtime.org/teaching-tools.html>

PreservingTime.org> Toolbox> Teaching Tools> Quotes to Motivate

"That isn't our family because our name is spelled DAWE and that is spelled DAW." (Actual quote from someone I helped)

**Be Open
Minded
and Flexible**

REFERENCE:

<https://www.preservingtime.org/ocupsyshun-census-taker.html>

PreservingTime.org>Toolbox>
Good to Know Basics>
Ocupsyshun- Cencus Taker

Preserving Time Project--preservingtime.org

HOME HANDOUTS WEB-SITE PROJECT TOOLBOX PHOTOS AND STORIES MORE...

This could very well be one of the most important documents you read in learning to do Family History!

genealogyfix.tripod.com/poems.html (Scroll WAY DOWN)

OCUPSYSHUN - CENCUS TAKER

I am a cencus takers for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in resent years & now in 1865, it has become a hard & time consuming job to count all the peephill. There are not many that con do this werk, as it is nessessarie to have an ejucashun, wich a lot of pursons still do not have. Another atributeart needed for this job is god spelling, for meny of the pephill to be counted can hardle speek inglish, let alon spel there names.

Courtesy of: Marie Louise Gray

I don't like the computer!
or
I don't know how to use the computer or
the programs!

--GCF LearnFree.org--

REFERENCE: <https://www.preservingtime.org/computer-and-tech-basics.html>
PreservingTime.org> Toolbox> Good to Know Basics> Computer and
Tech Basics

(They have classes on MANY Different subjects—Please check them out)

OR: Web-site tutorials from many other locations; The site above is the best at BASIC computer skills

I don't want anyone
messing with MY
information!



- Explain that FamilySearch Family Tree is a shared tree so individuals can collaborate, but also to help stop the duplication of temple ordinance work
- Recommend using "Research Trees," private or shared, on Partner sites (such as Ancestry) or in programs (such as RootsMagic)

This tutorial is available as a PDF

OR

Online at:

<https://www.preservingtime.org/strengthen-teaching-skills.html>