

Preparation for Trek

Sign On to FamilySearch Family Tree and Link to Your Family

1. Go to <https://familysearch.org/>
2. Sign in using your LDS Account user name and password.
3. Click on the *Family Tree* link at the top of the page
4. Most of the time you will see your parents and grandparents. If you only see your name, then your family is not linked. You will need to enter your parents and possibly your grandparents with their full names, birth dates and places. If you do not have all this information, enter as much as you can.
5. If needed to add parents, click on *add husband* and *add wife* to the right of your name. You may need to do the same for your grandparents.



Find Your Pioneer Ancestors and Their Stories

1. Click until you are 7 or 8 generations to the right of yourself on the pedigree chart on Family Tree. Pioneers will be born somewhere like England, Ohio or Maine and die somewhere like Utah, Idaho or Arizona.

One of my pioneer ancestors is _____

His/her birthdate and place are _____

His/her death date and place are _____

2. To find which pioneer company your ancestor came in, go to *Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel* <http://history.lds.org/overlandtravels/searchPage>
 - a. Type your ancestor's first and last name and birth and death dates if known. Then click on *Search*.
 - b. In the results, click on your ancestor's name and individual information will be shown as well as the company name and a list of sources.

- c. Click on the name of the company and scroll to see the various listed sources. From the sources listed, look for and click on and read the *Trail Excerpt*.
- d. Click on *View a list of individuals known to have traveled in this company* to see who else was in your ancestor's company.

Hints:

- Remember names are frequently spelled differently in original journals and rosters. If you don't find what you are looking for on the first search, you might try different spellings or searching for just the first of last name. This will increase the number of results but the extra time going through a list of names might be worth it.
- Some pioneers traveled using a nickname. For example, the name might be Polly instead of Mary.
- Some women traveled under their maiden name.

3. Research tools for Pioneer History

- Daughters of Utah Pioneers: <http://www.dupinternational.org/>
- Mormon Migration, a BYU site to search passenger lists: <http://mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu/>
- Names and other information about pioneers: <http://www.earlylds.com/>
- Google the name of an individual or company.

Create a Fan Chart with your FamilySearch Pedigree

Go to <https://familysearch.org/>, sign in and click on *Family Tree*. In the upper left of the tree, click on *Fan Chart*. When the fan chart is displayed you may click on the print icon to print your chart.



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