

CHAPTER 7



Which Ancestors Need Temple Ordinances?

STEP 2 3 Simple Steps to Get Started



Nauvoo, Illinois Temple

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Let Your Perseverance and Works be Redoubled

“The temple and family history work has one overriding message: This work must hasten! The work waiting to be done is staggering and escapes human comprehension. Last year we performed proxy temple endowments for about 5.5 million persons, but during that year about 50

*million persons died. This may suggest futility of the work that lies before us, but we cannot think of futility. Surely the Lord will support us if we use our best efforts in carrying out the commandments to do family history research and temple work. The great work of the temple and all that supports it must expand! It is imperative!... My beloved brothers and sisters, may we be valiant in hastening our family history and temple work. The Lord said, ‘Let the work of my temple and all the works which I have appointed unto you be continued and not cease. And let your diligence and your perseverance and patience and your works be redoubled, and you shall in no wise lose your reward, sayeth the Lord of Hosts.’” (D&C 127:4) (Howard W. Hunter, “We Have a Work to Do,” *Ensign*, Mar. 1995, 64)*

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Suggested Activities

1. Pray for guidance to choose an ancestor to work on.
2. Search other web sites for your family ancestral records.
3. Continue your search for missing ordinances for your ancestors using FamilySearch, plus family members.

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In order to submit names for temple work, you must first determine what ordinances your ancestors are lacking. Here's how to do that.



The 5 steps are described in detail below. After you have completed these steps, then you can go to the last step of submitting the names that need ordinances through TempleReady in preparation to doing their temple work.

5 Steps to Finding Out Who Needs Ordinances

These are the necessary steps for checking on already completed temple ordinances and avoiding duplication of ordinances.

1. First, utilize the "Update My Records" feature in the TempleReady program
Note: A good option is using PAF Insight software. See pages 105-106.
2. Then, print specific lists (illustrated below) in your PAF program
3. Examine each list carefully to determine what information you're missing
4. Check the IGI in FamilySearch Internet. Search individual names whose ordinance work appears to be incomplete or missing from the lists by checking the IGI Internet; record the new information in your PAF file.
5. Lastly, confer with other family members who may have information you're missing, and again record new ordinance information in your PAF records.

1. Utilize "Update My Records".

Gather information on ordinances that may already be done by utilizing the *Update My Records* feature in the TempleReady program in your Family History Center. TempleReady is currently only available in Family History Centers, and is NOT available on FamilySearch Internet. Take a backup copy of your PAF records to your Family History Center near you. (See *How To Update...* below.)

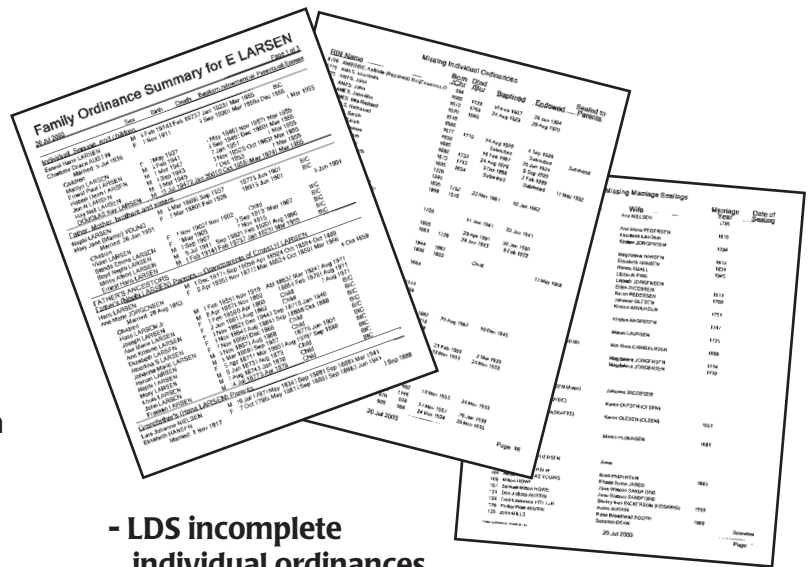
This step checks the names you select from your PAF database with completed ordinance data in the Ordinance Index. If there are matches, it automatically inserts and updates the ordinance data in your PAF database and can save you a lot of time. Then you import the updated data into your PAF at home.

How To "Update My Records"

Take a backup of your PAF data to a Family History Center and "restore the file" in PAF on a computer that also contains the TempleReady program. Open the TempleReady program, select "Update My Records", and open your PAF file. Select the names to check with in boxes. Decide if a match is the same person in your file. When finished, make a backup of your updated PAF file and restore the new file on your PAF records at home.

2. Then, print the following lists in your PAF program.

- Open your PAF records
- From the *file* menu at the top of the screen, select *print reports*
- Click the *lists* tab
- Click on each of the lists below, then click: *print*



- LDS incomplete individual ordinances.

An alphabetic list of every individual that is missing at least one Latter-day Saint ordinance. All available ordinance information is printed.

- LDS incomplete marriage sealings. An alphabetic list of marriages that do not have a Latter-day Saint sealing date.

- LDS family ordinance summary. A report showing an individual and his or her parents, grandparents, and their Latter-day Saint ordinance information.

3. Examine each list carefully

to determine what information you're missing. The accuracy of these lists obviously depends upon the accuracy of the information you have in your files. But the lists are your starting point for determining which ancestors need temple ordinances. Names listed may be missing dates in the baptism, endowment, or sealing columns.

A missing date indicates either that the ordinance has *not* yet been done, or that the ordinance has been done but is not yet been recorded in your data.

4. Check the IGI in FamilySearch Internet.

This step enables you to update your records with the latest completed ordinances and minimize duplication. It includes all of the OI data from the Family History Center, plus up-to-date ordinance data submitted by temples. The Online Ordinance Index (OI) must be searched manually for each individual.



The Ordinance Index (OI) on CD's in Family History centers has not been updated since March 2000, and the Church has no plans to update it further. So this step gathers ordinances up to that date, but is only the first step.

See PAF Insight on pages 106-107 for another way to do this.