



# Latter Day Saint Ancestral Families Association

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## **LDSAFA**

LDS Ancestral Families Association (LDSAFA) is a free registration, publication and support consortium for LDS Ancestral Family Organizations (AFOs). An Ancestral Family Organization is larger than a parent or grandparent family and includes the descendants of a common ancestral couple.

LDSAFA encourages the continuation of LDS AFOs through freely registering, publicizing and supporting their genealogical and historical activities. In fact LDSAFA can be considered a free "one-stop-shop" for locating links and information about LDS AFOs. There are no costs for LDS AFOs to register and participate in LDSAFA, and all LDSAFA members are entitled to use the LDSAFA Member Seal and receive free listing, publicity and news reports on LDS matters pertaining to AFOs.

LDSAFA identifies resources, practices and activities that various LDS AFO's have found meaningful and successful for family members through the years, including information and links on documents and photos, genealogies, histories, videos, technologies, organizational structures and governmental incorporations, pioneer memorials, publicity methods, publishing endeavors, research activities, fundraising projects, family reunions, and suggestions and best practices for AFOs.

## **Free Registration**

There are only three Registration Requirements to freely join LDSAFA: 1) You must be an officer or designated representative of an LDS Ancestral Family Organization; 2) Your LDS Ancestral Family Organization must have a dedicated and viewable Internet site; and 3) Your LDS Ancestral Family Organization must be active and post updates to its website yearly. (An "active" LDS Ancestral Family Organization is one that shows yearly functionality--with genealogical projects or historical activities for its members, and structure--with specific officers and organizational objectives.)

If you meet the above three requirements, please submit or email the following five items of LDSAFA Required Registration Information to: [officer.ldsafa@gmail.com](mailto:officer.ldsafa@gmail.com). LDSAFA Required Registration Information includes: 1) Your organization's name; 2) Your organization's URL (Internet) address; 3) Your full name; 4) The position you hold within the organization; and 5) Your email contact information.

## **Ancestral Family Organizations (AFOs)**

Ancestral Family Organizations (AFOs) are often able to accomplish much more than individual families or grandparent family associations. Because of their extensive membership and databases, AFOs are often able to locate and obtain genealogical and historical information much faster and cheaper than individual families or grandparent associations. Also, because of their broad membership and extensive number of contributors, AFOs can usually afford and support extensive research by professional genealogists much easier and for longer durations than small family associations.

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