

FamilySearch Family Feed and Family Groups: *opens up new portals for success!*

FamilySearch is introducing new tools for family history collaboration: **Family Feed and Family Groups**. Using them, you can set up lists and groups to share memories, documents, and messages with others. [This comparison document at docs.google.com/document/d/1YgHzKTbY2jLKKfMBBGrr16EFGEqnzYwC3ITaOgNYbs/edit](#) by Kathryn Grant gives you a good overview of the similarities and differences between the two features. For more tips on collaborating with your family history, see [Goal 3](#) in Project 6: Help. (See all tips at <https://www.thefhgguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html>). Kathryn Grant writes excellent, informative articles covering a variety of topics and has been featured with previous posts in this Facebook group.

Comparison of Family Feed and Family Groups

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Feature	Family Feed	Family Groups
Description	<p>Family Feed is similar to typical social media feeds. You invite people to connect with you, and then you can share photos and stories with them.</p> <p>Users can set up lists to organize their connections. For example, you may have a list for your side of your family and a separate list for your spouse's side. Lists are not shared between users.</p> <p>When you create a post, you can select whether to share it with all connections or just the connections on one of your lists. You can also make a post public.</p>	<p>Family Groups allow family members to join a family group. Members can send messages to and share ordinances with the group.</p> <p>A user can set up one group and invite others. Currently a user can only set up or be a member of one family group. (In the future, users will be able to join up to 10 groups.)</p> <p>The group creator is the default admin. Admin can invite and delete users. All members can invite others, but only an admin can approve the user's request to join.</p>

Closing Comments with Creative Options to Explore

FamilySearch.org is the largest free family history website, offering many ways to add to your family history research with [97,282](#) article to date. The fastest ways to start is to create a free account. A good starting place to begin your research is at www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

With a world map waiting for you, click on the appropriate box to further define the origin of your research by its geographic location preference. From there, **FamilySearch.org** can give you options of what to do next in terms of finding [birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources](#) for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below. It can be an exciting journey on **FamilySearch.org** to efficiently exhibit its depths of information both conveniently and readily available for you.

Suggest You Consider Joining Family Group?!

Every FamilySearch user can join one family group. To join a family group, you must receive an invitation from a group administrator. This invitation could come in a variety of ways, such as an email. You could also receive an invitation through text message, or another messaging system that both you and the group administrator use.

Steps

1. Find and open the invitation. If it was sent by email, be sure to check your spam folder.
2. Click the link in the invitation.

3. Sign into FamilySearch. (You can be a member of one group at a time. If you are already a member of a group, a message will ask if you want to leave your current group and join this one.)
4. Click the check box to agree to the terms.
5. Click **Yes, Join**.

Your invitation to join is in a pending state. A group administrator needs to finish it by approving your request.

Related articles

[What are family groups?](#)

[How do I message the members of a family group?](#)

[How do I leave a family group?](#)

Start Your Own FamilySearch Community Group With Steps To Proceed

To find all resources on a specific topic, use the Search box at the top of any page.

1. Enter your search terms and press **Enter** on your keyboard.

Search Results

Groups are listed at the top of any search. Groups are identified by an icon of a group of 3 people in blue text. Another way to identify a group is by looking at the first text under the title. If it says, "Group by..." you know it is a group. Once you have navigated to the group page, you can click **Join** to join a group and ask for or give help.

Each search result has a title that links to the original post. You can identify where the information came from by looking at the first words under the title. The words will be one of the following:

- Group by...
 - This link takes you to a group.
- Discussion by...
 - This link takes you to a discussion in the Group section.
- Idea by...
 - This link takes you to an idea in the Idea section.
- Comment by...
 - This link takes you to a reply to an idea in the Idea section.
- Question by...
 - This link takes you to a question in the Q & A section.
- Answer by...
 - This link takes you to an answer in the Q & A section.

Related articles

My Feeds in FamilySearch Community

[How do I edit the topic or description of a Community group?](#)

What Can You Do on a **FamilySearch Genealogy Research Community**

FamilySearch has recently created a new tool for you to get genealogical help in the comfort of your own home. If you can't make it to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, use the area groups within the online community to find the research help that you need. Of course, it's free!

You will need a FamilySearch account in order to join the research groups. If you do not have an account, click the "Free Account" button.

Here's the link to join: Community.FamilySearch.org

You can:

- ask questions
- upload documents and get help with translation
- participate in discussions
- learn about upcoming webinars
- discover new resources

Using your knowledge and skills, you can also:

- answer questions
- translate documents for others
- share new resources

Come get involved and make the group more valuable for everyone!

Community Research Groups [\[edit | edit source\]](#)

There are many groups, some focused on specialized research and others on specific countries or groupings of countries.

Click on the name of each group you wish to join.

[Austro-Hungarian Empire](#)

[Belgium, Luxembourg, and The Netherlands](#)

[Chinese](#)

[Germany](#)

[Italy](#)

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