

4 Free Family-Friendly Websites for Family History Help and Games

1. The Family History Guide <https://www.thefhguide.com/index.html>

This is an excellent free source for learning how to do family history research more easily and efficiently, while enjoying the search. It will help you learn about and how to best use the four major family history websites: FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, and Findmypast.

2. BYU Family History Technology Lab <https://fhtl.byu.edu/index.html>

Don't be put off by the name, this very fun website has amazing games and activities that link to and draw information directly from your own family tree as found in FamilySearch. Games include Geneopardy, Wheel of Family Fortune, crossword puzzles, word searches, and a matching photo game which can be played by even the littlest family members. It also has some great tools including Relative Finder (showing how you are related to famous people in several different fields), Virtual Pedigree, Descendancy Explorer, and Tree Sweeper (it helps you to find and fix errors in your family tree). Finally, but not least, it has three great visualization tools: Pedigree Pie, One Page Genealogy, and Family Calendar.

3. The Activities section on FamilySearch <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/>

There, you can:

Learn where in the world you came from

Learn what is special about your name and birth year

Compare your face to those of ancestors and see who looks most like you

Tell and record stories of your life and the lives of other family members

Add your face to historical photos

And more

4. The Pioneer Database of those who came to Utah from 1847-1868 <https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/overlandtravel/?lang=eng>

Check out the stories, companies, and names of those who trekked west before railroad travel arrived.