

# Ultimate Guide to Mastering FamilySearch

## FamilySearch Skill Scorecard



Before you can improve your genealogy skills, you need to understand where you're starting. This FamilySearch Skill Scorecard helps you measure your current abilities and identify the areas where stronger tools and techniques will make the biggest difference.

If you're ready to turn these numbers into real research breakthroughs, take the next step with Dana Ann Palmer's [Ultimate Guide to Mastering FamilySearch](#)—the book designed to elevate every skill you'll score today.

👉 Get the guide [HERE](#) and start mastering FamilySearch with confidence.

### Core FamilySearch Skills – Historical Records Search

- Run effective searches
- Use filters & collections
- Adapt searches when results are poor

### FamilySearch Catalog

- Find places in the Catalog
- Understand record formats
- Identify useful entries

### Image-Only & Unindexed Collections

- Locate image-only collections
- Browse efficiently
- Extract data from unindexed images

### Full-Text Search & Advanced Tools

- Know when to use full-text
- Adjust keywords
- Combine tools strategically

### Research Wiki

- Learn about locations & records
- Find substitutes
- Consult before new research

### Family Tree

- Understand shared Family Trees
- Evaluate & correct entries
- Attach sources correctly

### Memories

- Upload & tag memories
- Link memories
- Preserve family history intentionally

### Research Planning & Methodology

- Start with clear questions
- Use multiple tools together
- Build step-by-step plans

### Brick Wall Problem-Solving

- Apply strategies for stubborn problems
- Switch creatively between resources
- Experiment confidently

### Confidence & Consistency

- Feel confident using FamilySearch
- Use it regularly
- Explain your approach to others

For each box checked, you earn a score of 2 pts out of a possible 60 points.

Your score: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summary & Goals

### ***Strongest Areas:***

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### ***Growth Opportunities:***

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### ***Specific Research Problem:***

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### ***Goals for 30–60 Days:***

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## Reflection (After Using the Guide)

1. Which skill improved the most?

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2. What feature do you now use confidently?

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3. What breakthrough did you achieve?

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4. What advanced technique will you master next?

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