

Using Third-Party Connections with FamilySearch

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1. FamilySearch has made an alliance with six companies to offer members of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints free subscriptions. Access to these third-party companies is available at local FamilySearch centers worldwide for anyone visiting the center, not just church members. Also, any FamilySearch user can have access to these and many other web services, mobile apps, and desktop software. These alliances with Industry Friends aid FamilySearch with its goals to help members find the names of their ancestors and take them to the temple.
2. Go to <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/partneraccess> to find the links to create your own account with these six companies. Go to the web address and sign up for each site individually. (If you already have a paid subscription, this site will allow you to link your current account with your church account.)
3. The first time you connect to one of these sites, you must go through this access portal and cannot just log in from the company's website. After the initial entry through this access page, you can sign on to that site directly for each future use.
4. To view your accounts connected to FamilySearch industry friends, sign in to www.FamilySearch.org. Click on your username in the top right-hand corner of the page. In the drop-down menu under your name, select Settings.

Click on the Permissions tab in the settings screen. This allows the user to see what accounts they have already connected using the access portal. If the revoke access button is selected, it does not delete the account from the third-party site; this action only deletes the connection to your FamilySearch free access. If the user is having issues accessing their account that has already been connected, go through the process of retrieving a forgotten password and username on that specific site.

5. The six major FamilySearch alliances are with: Ancestry, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, American Ancestors, Geneanet, and Filae. Learn information about each third-party company in the FamilySearch Research Wiki at https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page.
6. The FamilySearch Solutions Gallery helps any FamilySearch user discover the best mobile, web, and desktop apps to meet their Family History needs. This is the best place to find genealogical websites and products that work with FamilySearch. Explore the FamilySearch solutions gallery at <https://partners.familysearch.org/solutionsgallery>.
7. Thanks to FamilySearch's alliances with Industry friends, members have access to more family history resources than they have with FamilySearch alone. Access to more software and tools that members can use for family history means that more people can find records of their ancestors. I encourage you to explore the records and information on these various websites.