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Relative Finder

About Relative Finder

Relative Finder is a fun and easy tool to use to help you find *possible* famous relatives.

How it Works

You must first login to your <u>FamilySearch.org</u> account. If you do not have a FamilySearch account, it is free and easy to create one. Just go to FamilySearch.org and choose Create a Free Account.

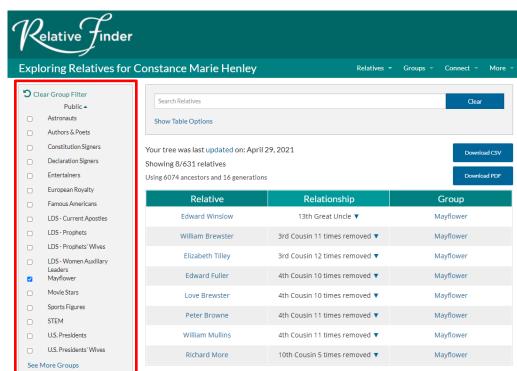


You do not need to be a member of the LDS Church (in case you are wondering). FamilySearch should be a part of everyone's research strategy regardless of your religious affiliation.

Once you have logged in, Relative Finder research the world collaborative tree at FamilySearch to seek out all connections to famous people you may be related to. "Famous people" come in a variety of

forms, everything from astronauts to U.S. Presidents and their wives. It includes movie stars, royalty, sports figures, church leaders, and even ancestors who came to the U.S. on the Mayflower.

After I login, my results came up immediately. You can then filter the results using the left side filter panel.





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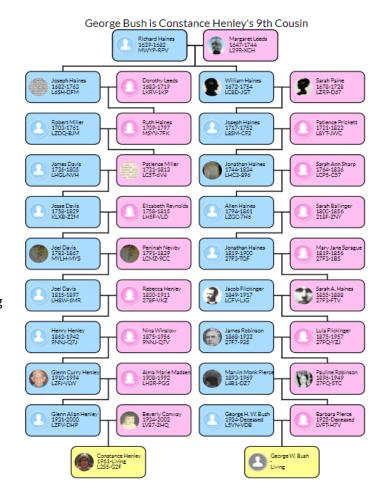
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Finding Your Connection to A Person

Click on one of the people in the list and it will reveal the exact path between you and that person. At the top of the list, you'll find the Common Ancestral Couple. You can download this chart to a PDF. Also be sure to explore the various Chart Options (under the Download Chart button).

WARNING

Keep in mind that Relative Finder is using the FamilySearch world tree. The FamilySearch tree is created by people like you and me. Therefore, it may contain mistakes in the lineages. You need to verify every link before you can claim that you are a relative of say... a U.S. President. Verify with traditional genealogical proof methods, using records and documentation.



Search Someone Else

You can find the famous relations of another person if you know their PID number in the FamilySearch tree.

- 1) First go to your tree and find the person you want to change to (instead of yourself). For example, if you want to find the famous relatives of your spouse. Go to the tree and find your spouse, then copy the PID number. Everyone in the collaborative tree has a unique PID number.
- 2) Click on the Relatives tab at the top of the screen. Then drop down to Masquerade. Type in the PID number. You are now viewing the famous relatives of the PID number you used.

Connect Any Two People

Use the PID numbers of any one or two people to predict their relationships. Click the Connect tab at the top of the screen and choose the how you want to connect using their PID numbers. They do need to be listed in FamilySearch for this to work.

