Tree-Extending Hints

Helpful websites

- familysearch.org/campaign/hints
- familysearch.org/ask/planner
- bit.ly/rll_volunteer

Tree-extending hints

A tree-extending record hint is a record hint where part of the family is on the Family Tree and part is not. In the example to the right, William Kilburn is already on the Family Tree but his wife and child are not. Both of these additional people were born before 1908 so this would provide temple opportunities as well.

Accessing these hints

The following website will allow you to access tree-extending hints for people you are related to: familysearch.org/campaign/hints

Each of these hints has the potential to add new people to the Family Tree. Focus first on any that are for the 1900 or 1910 US Census.

Helping others access these hints

In the consultant resources on FamilySearch, you can help others with their tree-extending hints. The following website will allow you to invite others to let you help them: familysearch.org/ask/planner

Once you are logged in as them, you can go to the hints url above and see the tree-extending hints for them. This will allow you to go and find the ones that are going to be the best experience for them and do the ones that will be challenging. This will create a great experience for them.

Help expand the Family Tree

The BYU Record Linking Lab has set up a volunteer portal that allows you to access tree-extending hints for other parts of the Family Tree. The website for this portal is: bit.ly/rll_volunteer

The first task in this portal are tree-extending hints and it includes instructions, videos, and a link to the hints that you can do. This is a great way to improve your skills at family history and add lots of new people to the Family Tree. When we do indexing, we make it possible for others to find their family. This project does the same thing but in a more direct way on the Family Tree.