



Notice from the Temple Department Regarding Family Name Cards

In 2020, the Temple Department implemented a policy of not returning family name cards to patrons unless requested. The purpose of this policy is to improve recording accuracy and minimize duplication of ordinances.

Since implementation of this policy, recording accuracy has increased significantly, and there have been fewer incidents of ordinance duplication.

Some temple patrons have expressed a desire to have their family name cards returned to them upon completion of an ordinance for their ancestors. Once the completed ordinance has been recorded by temple workers, patrons may request their card(s) in the temple office that same day. Cards will not be kept on file in the temple.

Patrons can verify the completion of ordinances at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or on the Family Tree app.

Stake and ward temple and family history leaders and consultants are encouraged to share this information with members in their units.