

HOW TO FIND RECORDS THROUGH FAMILY SEARCH

To access these collections, click "Search" on the homepage and then select the corresponding collection from the dropdown menu.

RECORD SEARCH

"Record Search" is a great option for when you are first starting your research. Here, you can search records that have already been indexed by inputting the information you know about the ancestor you are looking for. Examples may include their birthdate, place of birth, relationships, etc.

GENEALOGIES

FamilySearch genealogies is a compilation of family trees from multiple different sources such as computer-generated family trees, oral genealogies, community trees, and the International Genealogical Index. If somebody has already created a family tree for your ancestor then you may be able to find it here.

CATALOG

The catalog contains information regarding films, books, or fiche from various libraries. If you are searching for a specific collection or type of document, you may be able to search for it in the catalog. You can search by place, name, title, subject, author, or keywords. After you find a collection that interests you, the catalog will list whether or not it is available online and give you information regarding where and how to access it.

BOOKS

In the Books function, you can search through thousands of books that have been digitized by FamilySearch. Books can be incredibly helpful in your genealogical research and may contain family genealogies, stories, local histories, yearbooks, maps, and other information that may give you clues regarding your ancestor's life.

RESEARCH WIKI

This is a great place to learn about the region your ancestors lived in and what types of records might be found there. Think of the research wiki as a sort of Wikipedia for family history. The research wiki will help direct you towards resources that will aid you in your research, provide links to helpful record collections, and give useful information about how your ancestor's residence may have affected the records they appear in.