

FamilySearch.org Primer

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FamilySearch

Reasons to have a FamilySearch account:

- More records will be available to you
- Allows you to export results to a spreadsheet
- Needed to index records
- Allows you to have a family tree at FamilySearch.org
- Allows you to have a Source Box even if you do not have a family tree on FamilySearch
- Allows you to order microfilm and microfiche
- Allows you to add photos, stories and documents to FamilySearch

Get Help:

- Learn on your own articles
- Free video classes
- Wiki articles
- Research assistance through a phone call and/or on-line chat
- Local Family History Centers
- Email your questions or use toll free number for assistance

Source Box:

- Can access Source Box from dropdown arrow by your name
- Can access Source Box from a record page
- Can add to Source Box from an image on FamilySearch
- Can add to Source Box when finding a record from a search of records on FamilySearch
- Can create a new source from resources other than FamilySearch at Source Box or Person Page
- Can attach from Source Box at Person Page
- Clicking on source link in Source Box allows you to remove, copy, view
- Can create folders to organize your sources in Source Box

FamilySearch Tour

Family Tree

- Tree
 - To find pedigree of person selected from list.
 - Can use ID number. Drop-down list shows recently reviewed persons
 - Fan Chart – Printable
 - Traditional Chart – Printable

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- Portrait View – Can increase or decrease size
- Descendancy View – Can change settings for research suggestions, data problems, show portraits and spouses
- Person
 - To get to the details window of the person selected.
 - Details – Information for this specific person
 - Vitals, Other, Family, Sources, Discussions – Move to selected part of Person Page
 - Life Sketch for deceased individuals - limited to 10,000 characters
 - Add and edit relationships and information
 - Sources – View, create and add from Source Box and other resources
 - Add Notes
 - Print or view pedigree, fan chart or family group sheet
 - Latest Changes - Show changes made by you and others
 - Tools - Merge duplicate individuals
- Find
 - To search for anyone on FamilySearch's Family Tree.
 - Can use ID number
- Lists
 - Shows people added to your watch list
 - Watch – Be notified if someone else makes changes to this person's page
- What's New – Most recent articles about Family Tree on FamilySearch blog

Memories

- Photos
 - Add photos, stories and documents. Photos in jpg and png formats are limited to 5mb and documents in jpg, png and pdf are limited to 15mb. Combined total of 5,000 items can be uploaded per account.
 - Shows all photos you have entered.
- Stories – Shows all stories entered by anyone about people in your Family Tree
- Documents – Shows all documents entered about anyone in your family
- People
 - Shows photos that anyone has entered about your Family.
 - Offers a way to put them on one pdf sheet
- Albums – Can create albums of the photos you or others have uploaded.
- Find – Search for photos, stories and documents you or others have uploaded into Family Tree.

Search

- Records
 - Global Search Home Page:

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- Can limit search by type, batch number, film number, life event, any place, relationship
- Can attach a record to Family Tree and your Source Box and export results to spread sheet
- Specific Collection Search: ○ Search criteria availability will vary with each collection
- Can attach a record to Family Tree and your Source Box and export results to a spread sheet
- Genealogies
 - Ancestral File
 - Pedigree Resource File
 - Upload a GEDCOM
- Catalog
 - Can limit search by surname, title of record, author, subject, keywords, call number, or film number
 - Can limit results to some Family History Centers
 - Previous version of FamilySearch Catalog is available and up-to-date
- Books
 - Digitized books from major genealogical libraries
 - Can print or download
- Wiki
 - **Wiki Tools** will explain the different tools that are available to you to enhance your Wiki experience.
 - **About the Wiki** is the page that describes the ways that the Wiki can help you to find your ancestors and build your family tree.
 - **Browse by Country** is an alphabetic listing of countries, linked to that country page on the Wiki.
 - **Resources for Individual Help** An important and useful feature of the wiki is that we have volunteers available to answer your questions in a number of different ways: including email and instant message. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the Wiki.

Indexing

- Overview
- Find Project
- Help Resources

Blog: News for the genealogy community