



Introduction to the FamilySearch Website

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FamilySearch.org is the website for the Family History Library. With millions of rolls of microfilm and hundreds of thousands of books, it is the largest genealogical library in the world. Many of these resources have been digitized and are free to access at FamilySearch.org. Join us for an introduction to the website, and learn how you can further your family history research online.

Home

The toolbar at the top of the home page is the primary path to the website's features.

- Clicking on any one of the five tabs at the top of the page will produce drop-down menus
- The FamilySearch logo at the top of the page functions as a home button
- Very little of this website can be accessed without creating a free account
- If you get stuck, try the help button

Help

FamilySearch makes it easy to find the answers you need

- The help button is a question mark with a circle around it in the upper right-hand corner of the home page
- Research wiki
- Contact us

Memories

FamilySearch allows you to save photos, documents, written stories, and audio recordings.

- You can keyword search the memories of other users
- FamilySearch can provide an alternative to subscription websites and/or expensive software
- FamilySearch memories app

Indexing

Use your experience with historical documents to help others.

- Only a small percentage of original records found at FamilySearch are indexed
- The process is simple and requires no commitment
- You can choose from a wide variety of current projects

Search

There are a number of resources to access at the website. Which one should you choose?

- Records
- Genealogies
- Books

Family Tree

FamilySearch makes it easy to create a family tree.

- There are no trees, there is only “THE TREE!”
- Anyone can edit the data you enter
- Source box

Catalog

The Catalog at FamilySearch is your primary path to original documents.

- The Catalog contains all of the library’s holdings, including books and microfilm
- The results of your search will be in alphabetical order by subject
- If a film has a camera beside it, the film has been digitized



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