



Overview of FamilySearch.org

Objectives

By the end of this class, you will:

- Learn how to create an account, find historical records, and get help.
- Get an overview of **FamilySearch.org** resources and features.
- Learn to navigate **FamilySearch.org**.

SIGN IN/CREATE ACCOUNT (FREE)

- **Create Account:** Fill in personal information fields, then verify with your e-mail or a code sent to your phone. REMEMBER your Username and Password for future sign-ins.
- **Sign in:** You must sign in to view your Family Tree and other resources:
 - Settings: Manage your account. (Account, Contact, Preferences, etc.)
 - Family Groups: Access the different groups you have either joined or created.
 - Contacts: List of other collaborators you want to contact quickly.
 - Source Box: Create and store sources.
 - Sign out: Close FamilySearch.org on your browser.
- **Sign up/Sign in with:** You can create/sign into an account with one of the following other accounts: Google, Facebook, Apple, ChurchofJesusChrist.org. See the help tab for more information.

TABS

Family Tree – Find people on the Family Tree, follow changes, and view your contributions.

Search – Find records from many databases, including the FamilySearch Research Wiki.

Memories – Add your photos, records, and audio recordings to FamilySearch.org.

Get Involved – Volunteer to make records searchable online.

Activities – Family history activities that are fun for the whole family, including the Together App.



Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

FAMILY TREE TAB

The Family Tree is one worldwide pedigree. This allows you to collaborate with cousins and others to share a more accurate and complete family genealogy. Every person created on FamilySearch.org has a computer-generated Personal Identification Number (PID).

Learn more about the FamilySearch Family Tree by going to <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/overview>.

SEARCH TAB

There are various ways to search for Historical Records:

- **Records** → search by name, collection, or place.
- **Images** → search groups of images in the world's largest collection of historical documents.
- **Family Tree** → search for individuals in our community Family Tree databases.
- **Genealogies** → view this large directory of family trees, also known as lineages or pedigrees, that people and organizations have shared with FamilySearch.
- **Catalog** → search the catalog of genealogical materials such as books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications.
- **Books** → search FamilySearch digital library of over 500,000 genealogy books, family histories, maps, yearbooks, and more.
- **Research Wiki** → search by place or topic. Find links to websites, resources, record collections, and guided research.
- **Cemeteries** → search by ancestor or by cemetery name. You can drop pins that show where in the cemetery your ancestor is located

MEMORIES TAB

You can preserve your family photos, stories, documents, and audio file recordings on FamilySearch. The Gallery allows you to upload and manage your memory items and add them to various people in the Family Tree. You can add Memories from the FamilySearch website or the mobile app.

GET INVOLVED TAB

Your help is needed! You can join in the effort to make records searchable online. You can find projects such as "name review" or fixing place names. You can start indexing or get indexing help with a guided tour and articles.

ACTIVITIES TAB

You can find many different in-home and online activities designed for the whole family. It's family history in a whole new way!

HELP ICONS



- **Locations** → search locations of the 5,400 FamilySearch centers and affiliated libraries.
- **Select a Language** → choose any of the over 40 languages.
- **Help Center** → find answers to frequently asked questions or search by topics. Scroll to the bottom of the page to sign up for in-person help, learn how to get started, and join FamilySearch Community.
 - **Suggested Topics** - will automatically generate based on the page you are viewing when you click the Help button.
 - **Help and Learning** – search for help articles, blogs, and videos in various topics.
 - **Community** - Join a group pertaining to your research topics or places, where you can ask questions and find your answers from others who may be able to help.
 - **Contact Us** - find local help, phone numbers, and live chat support in some areas.
 - **Helper Resources** - find out what's new at FamilySearch, quick links, FamilySearch YouTube, volunteer opportunities, Getting Started, and other sources.
- **Chat** → communicate with other FamilySearch users.
- **Notifications** → messages from FamilySearch about record hints, changes to ancestors you follow, etc.