

FamilySearch Community

Objectives

By the end of this class, you will learn:

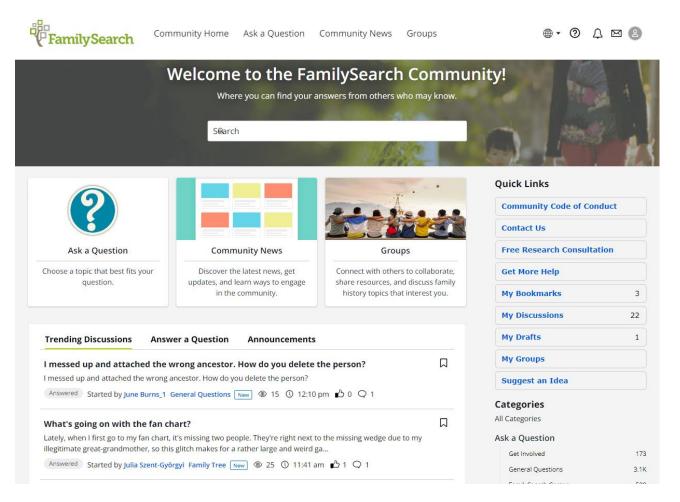
- How to navigate the FamilySearch Community.
- How to post/answer questions in the FamilySearch Community

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Purpose: The FamilySearch Community is an online resource that helps people interested in family history connect with each other worldwide.

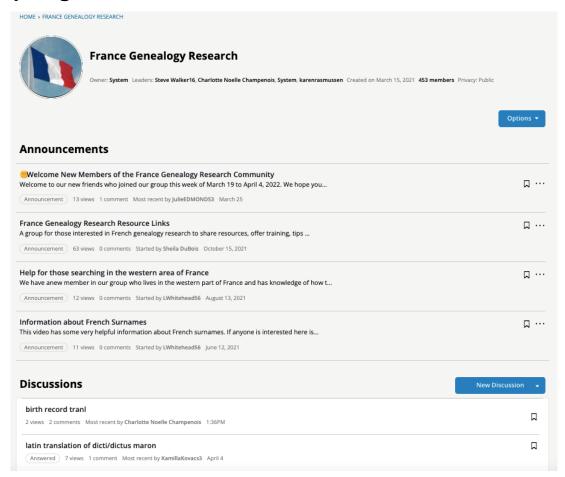
To get started in the FamilySearch Community, go to: https://community.familysearch.org

Landing Page



- 1. **Search Box** This is where you can search for a question, answer, discussion, topic, or group. You can either hit the search button or select from the dropdown menu that appears.
- 2. **Ask a Question** Ask a question about FamilySearch.org. If your question is about research in a specific locality, it is better to use Groups.
 - a. **Get Involved:** Ask about Get Involved volunteer activities and opportunities
 - b. General Questions: Can't find a category that fits? Post your question here
 - c. **FamilySearch Center:** Ask about center locations, hours, and services offered
 - d. FamilySearch Account: Ask about your FamilySearch.org settings
 - e. Family Tree: Ask about the worldwide community family tree
 - f. **Search:** Ask about searching the historical records on FamilySearch.org
 - g. Indexing: Ask about making historical records searchable online
 - h. **Memories:** Ask about adding, editing, or sharing photos, stories, and documents on FamilySearch.org
 - i. **Temple:** Ask about the temple features on FamilySearch
 - j. Other Languages: Ask a question in a language other than English
 - k. **Suggest an idea:** Have an idea for how to make FamilySearch better?
 - I. Blog Comments: Discussions from the blog
- 3. Community News: Here you will find updates coming to FamilySearch.org.
- 4. **Groups:** This is the best place to ask for help with locality-specific research. You can pick the group corresponding to the area of the world your ancestor lived in and ask for advice, document translation, etc.
- 5. **Trending Discussions** Selecting this option allows you to see discussions that are popular or currently have a lot of activity.
- 6. **Answer a Question** Select this option to see questions that still do not have answers.
- 7. **Announcements** Select this option to see announcements.
- 8. **Quick Links** These links will send you to the groups, bookmarks, discussions, or drafts that you have created.
- 9. **Categories –** This is an expanded list of all the categories that are currently listed in the Community.

Group Page



1. Group Name

- **2. Group Member Information –** Here you can see the owner, leaders, and see a list of the members.
- **3. Options –** This allows you to leave the group.
- 4. **Announcements –** These are announcements for the group. Check back periodically as they may change from time to time. You may also find resource links.
- 5. **Discussions –** These are the different discussions, questions, or events posted to the group.
- 6. **New Discussion –** This button allows you to create a new discussion, question, or event for the group. Click here to get your own questions answered.

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