

What Will You Learn?

A variety of search techniques with tips along the way to help you maximize your results and find elusive ancestors in places you may have missed previously.

Types of Searches

- Global Search
- More search options
- Full-text search
- Using computer-aided indexed records
- Searching via the FamilySearch catalog
- Browsing images

Important Tips

Always search by name first
Always view the image of the original record
Attach sources to your Family Tree
Search using a variety of methods
Less is more when entering information
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Global Search

Global Search

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Thank you for trying the new homepage. What do you think? Let us know with community.

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George W. Crowder

Thomas Luther Johnson

1878-1954 • KZRP-VQB

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Historical Records
Anna Barbara Christin

1680-1749 • GWQW-333

② Search for an Ancestor

First Names

George W

Last Names

Crowder

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Possible Location

Dallas, Arkansas

Estimated Birth Year

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1851

All results for George W Crowder

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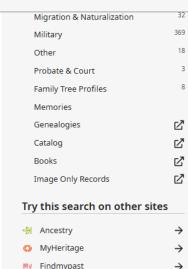
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Spouse A. J. Jeanes

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George W Crowder

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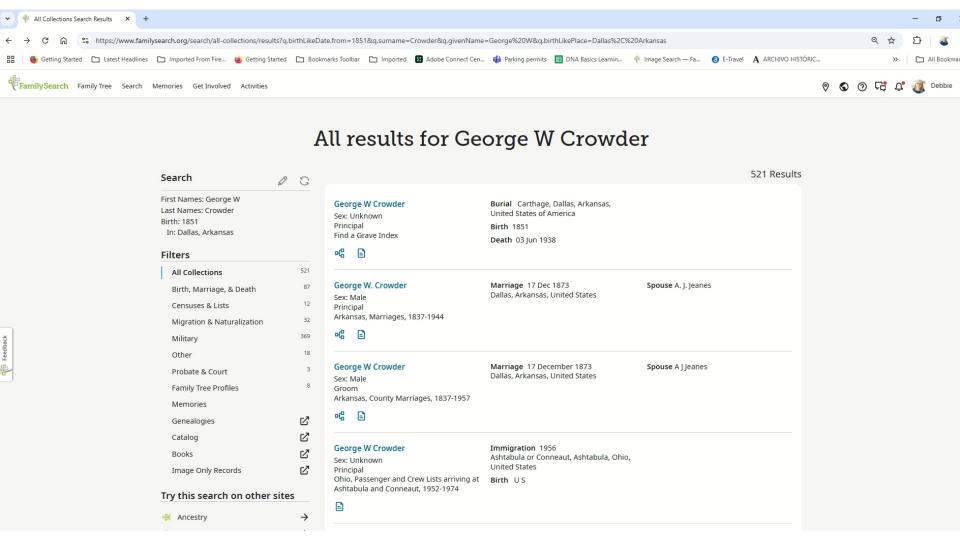
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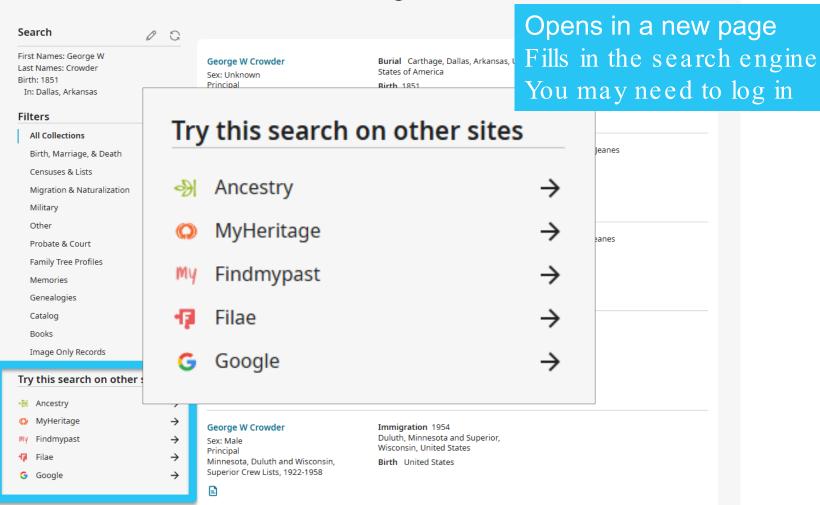
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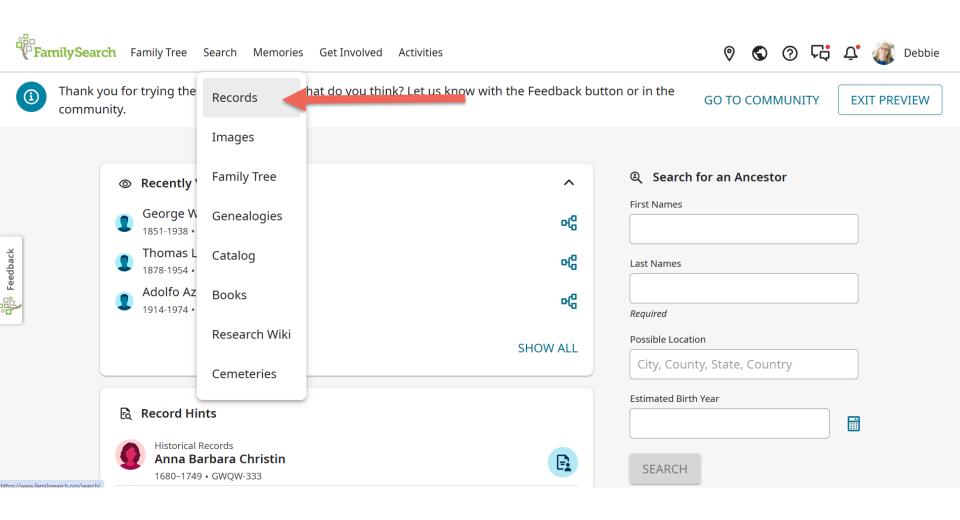
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521 Results



All results for George W Crowder





Search > Records More Options











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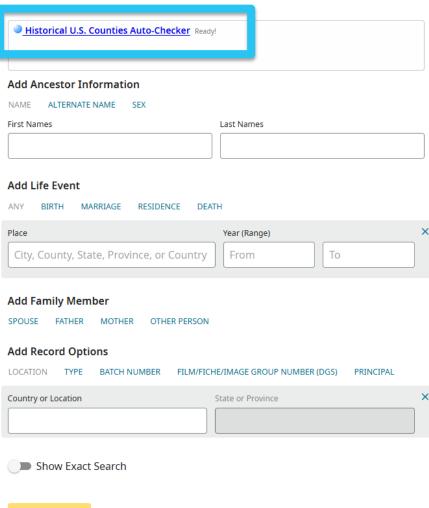
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Search Historical Records

Records create a paper trail for your ancestors and can lead you to important details about their life. Enter a name, and we'll look for it in birth certificates, marriage registrations, census records, and other official documents.

☑ TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE SEARCHES

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Search primarily using only one surname

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Historical U.S. Counties Auto-Checker

Historical U.S. Counties Chrome extension

Genealogy lovers: let this FREE tool do the location work for you as you search on Ancestry & FamilySearch!

While searching on Ancestry or FamilySearch, the free Historical U.S. Counties Auto-Checker extension for Google Chrome* automatically checks that the county existed in the year you are searching.

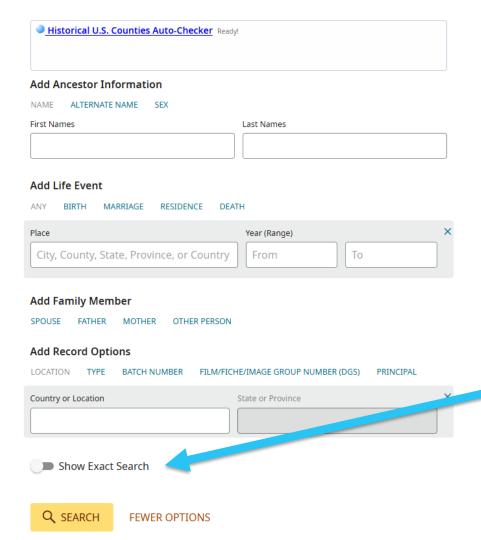
It also checks for valid places, warns of boundary changes, and links to historical county boundaries on Google Maps for the place and years you are searching!

Install for free today and never let an ancestor fall off the map again!

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U.S. county boundaries have changed over 17,600 times since America was settled in colonial times. Don't sabotage your search for ancestors by not knowing the correct county for the historical years you are researching.





Check this button to limit your searches to exact names and/or places.

Not recommended

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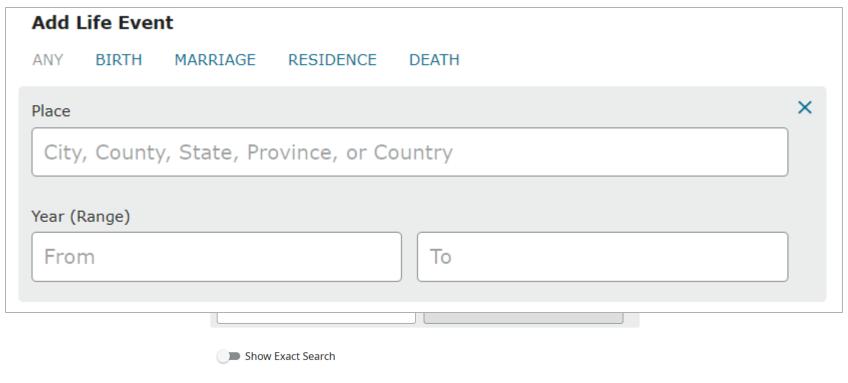
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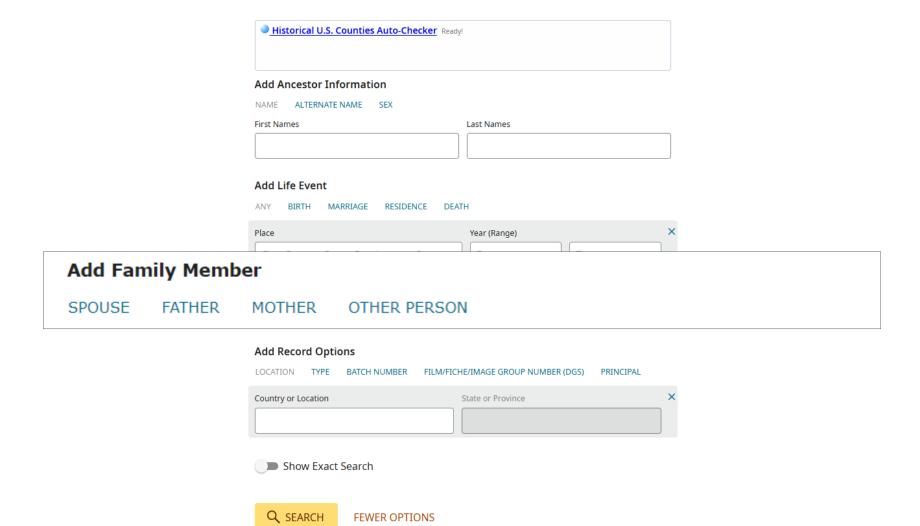


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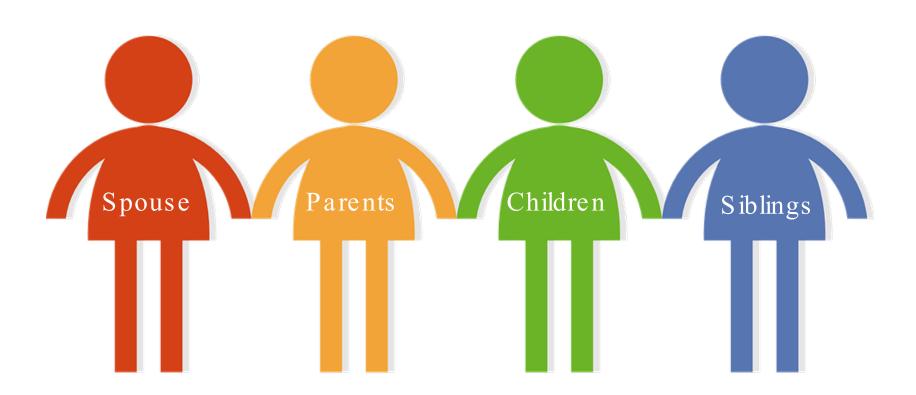




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Searching With A Relationship

Family Connections



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Spouse – search for the person with the name of his spouse.

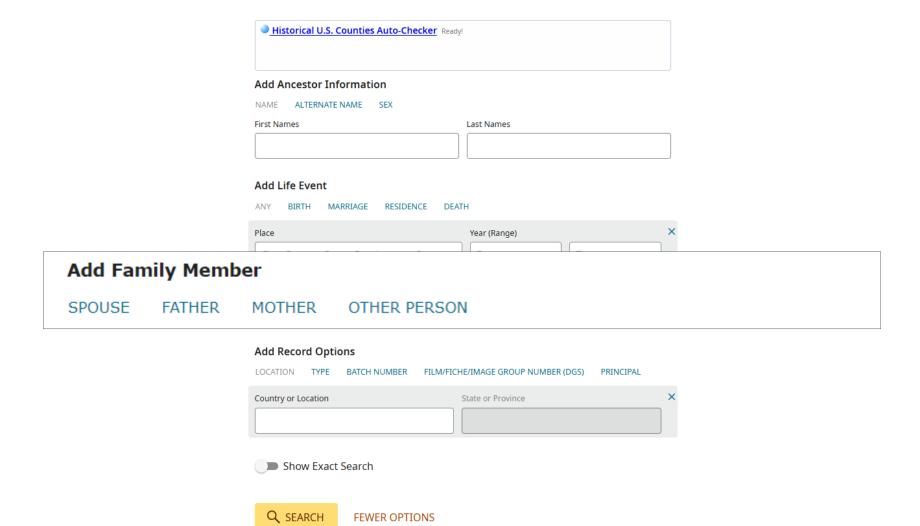
You can search with multiple spouses.

Searching With a Relationship

Parents – search for the entire family using just the names of the parents.

You can search using multiple parents.

You can also search for the family using only the paternal and maternal surnames.



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Try adding more places: Any, Birth, Marriage, Residence or Death



Marriage

Using the name of the couple and a place.

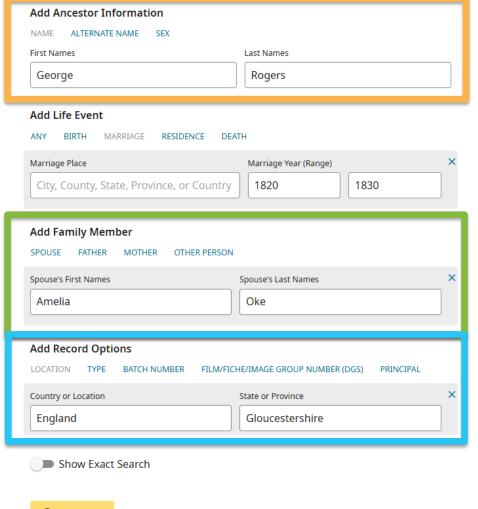
George Rogers and Amelia Oke

Gloucestershire, England



Let's search for the marriage of George Rogers and Amelia Oke

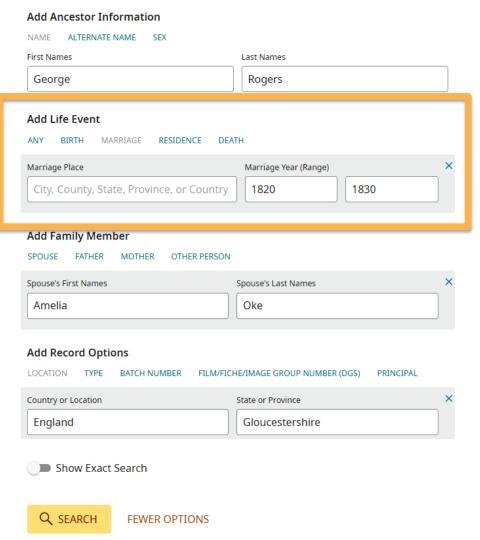
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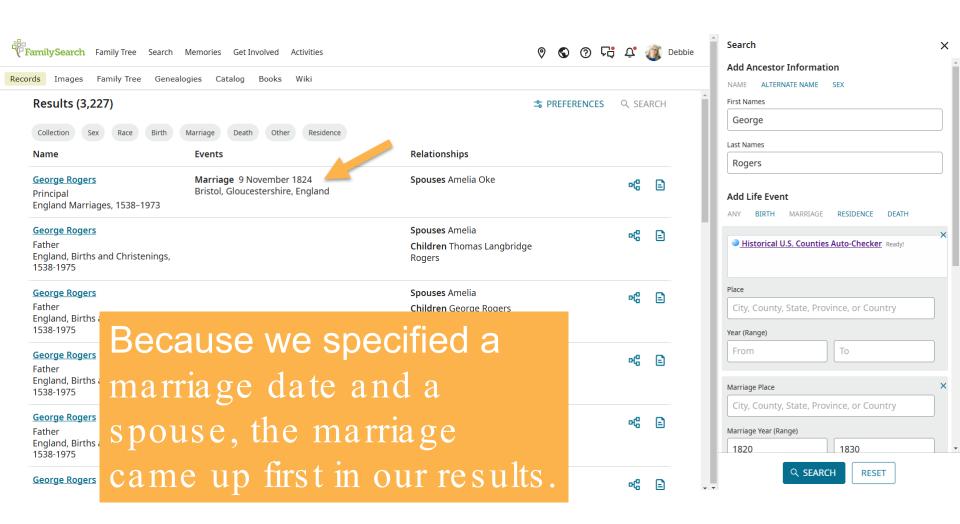


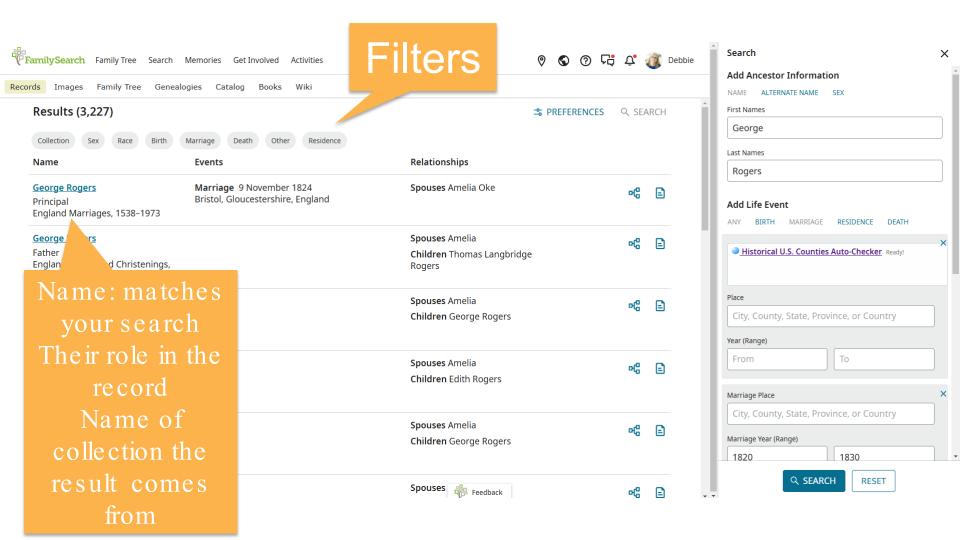
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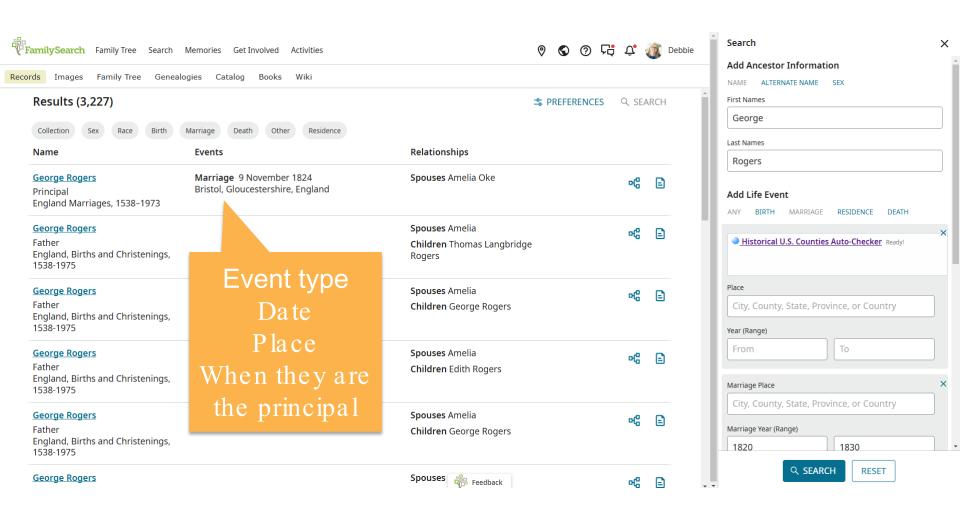
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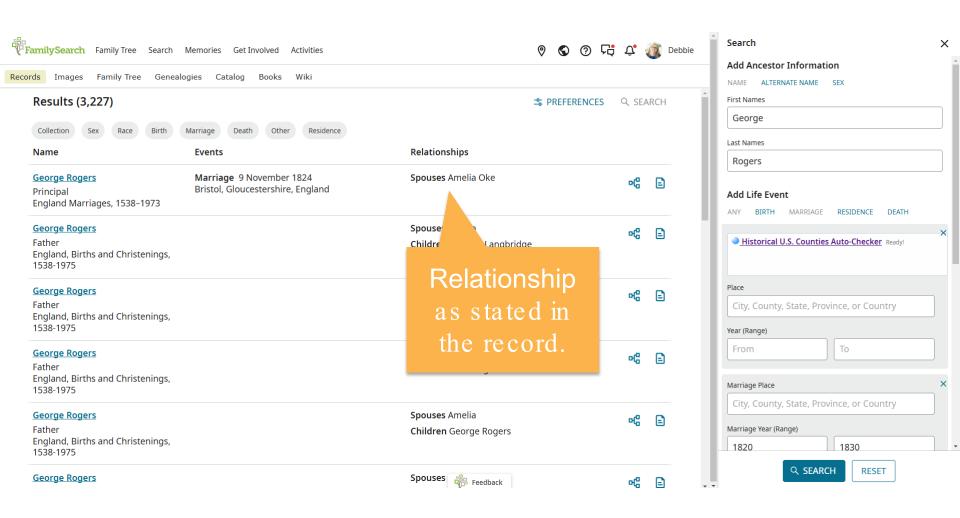


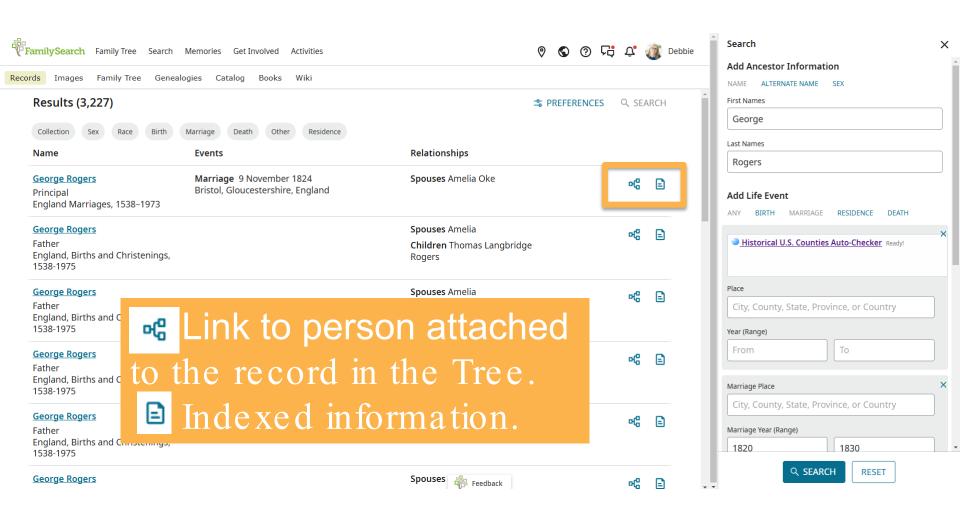












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George Rogers

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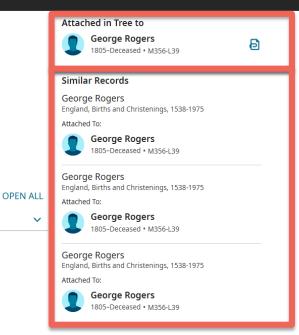
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George Rogers's Spouses and Children

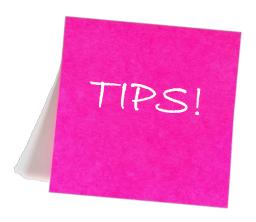
Amelia Oke

Wife



Parent Search

To find all the children of a couple, try a parental search.



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Samuel Robert Rogers

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Christening 7 April 1844 Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

Relationships

Rogers

Parents George Rogers, Amelia Rogers

Edward Rogers

Principal England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

Christening 13 September 1829 Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

Birth 27 January 1828

Amelia Rogers

George Rogers

Principal

1538-1975

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Christening 7 November 1830 Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

Christening 27 May 1832 Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

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Henry Rogers

Principal England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

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Christening 4 June 1837

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What if there was no image, only document information?

Finding the image of an indexed record

Let's take a look

Start by reviewing each result

- Is there an image attached? You may still need to browse images.
- Is there a film number?
- Is there an item or page number?
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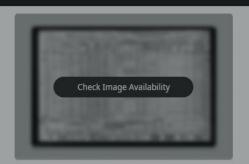
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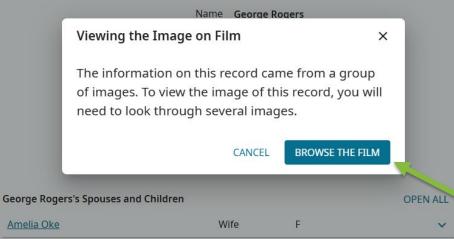
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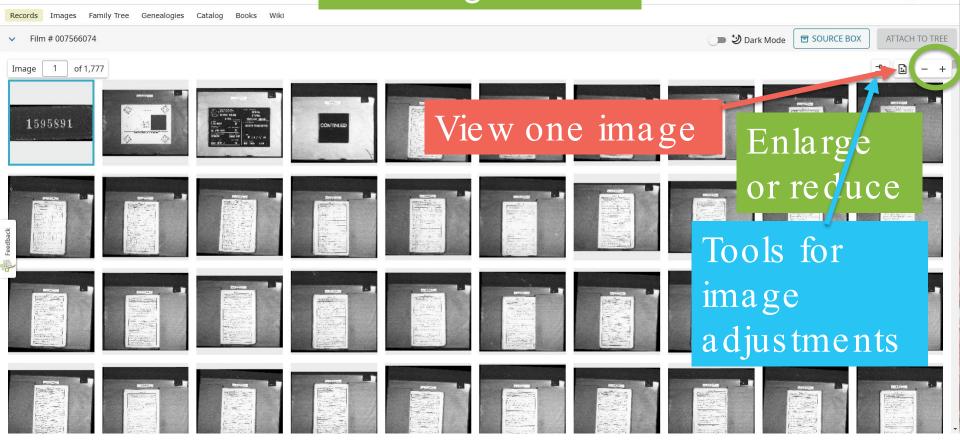
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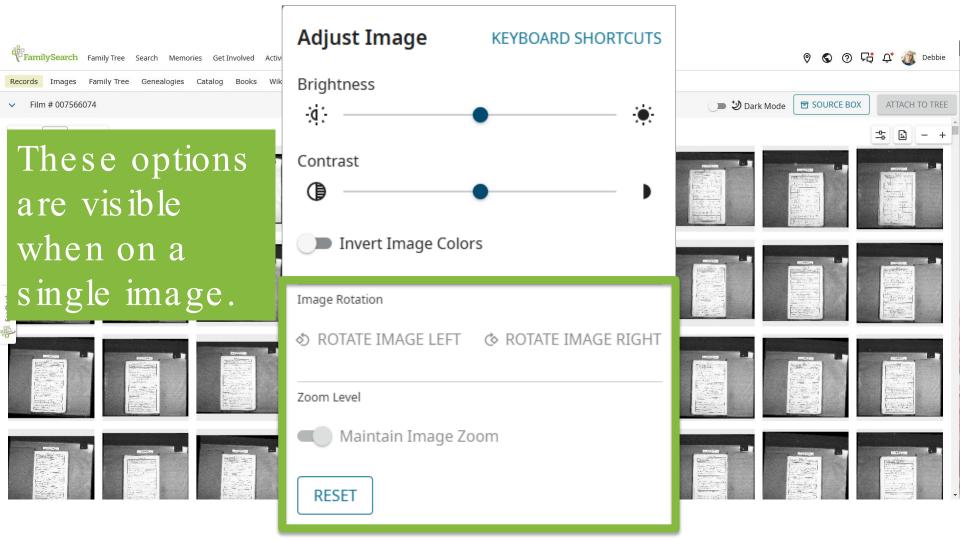
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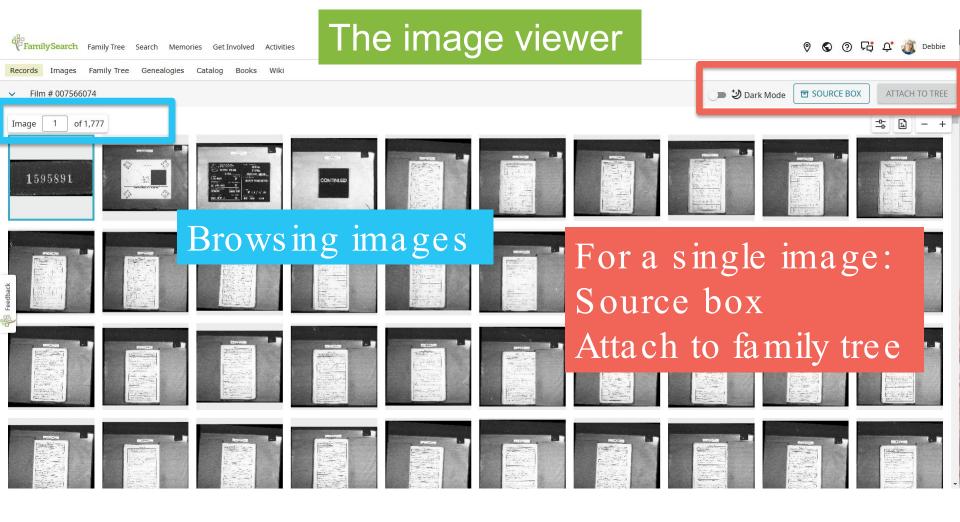


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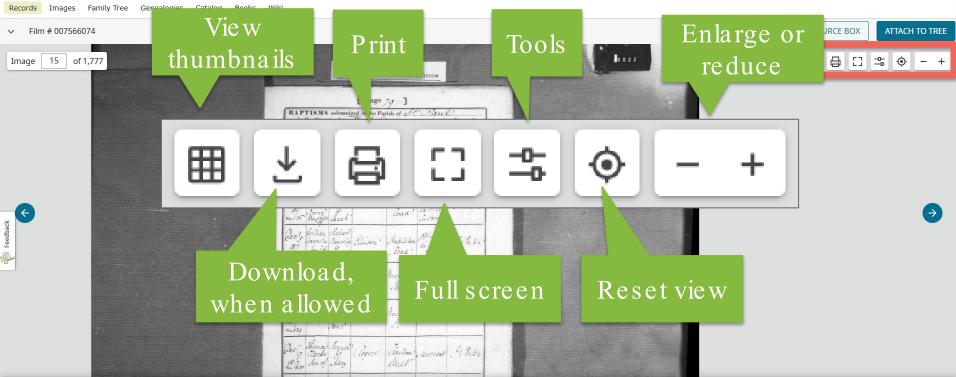






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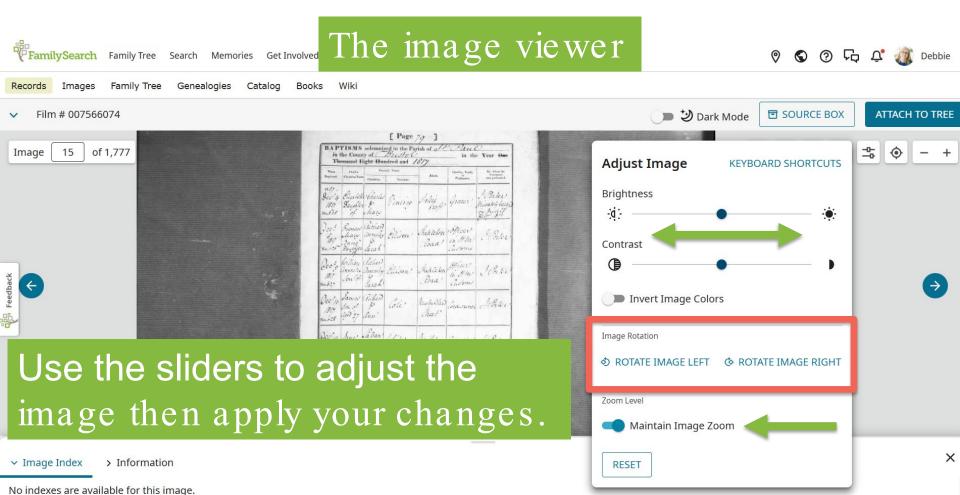
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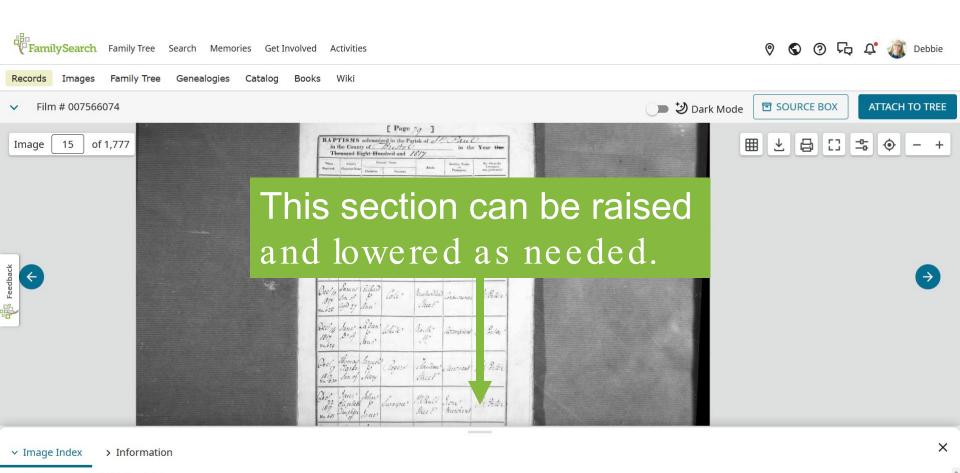






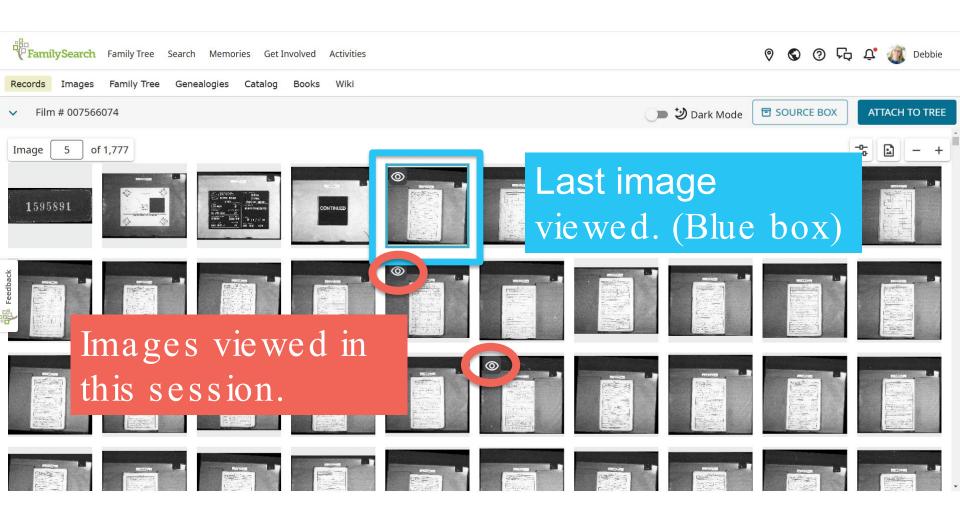
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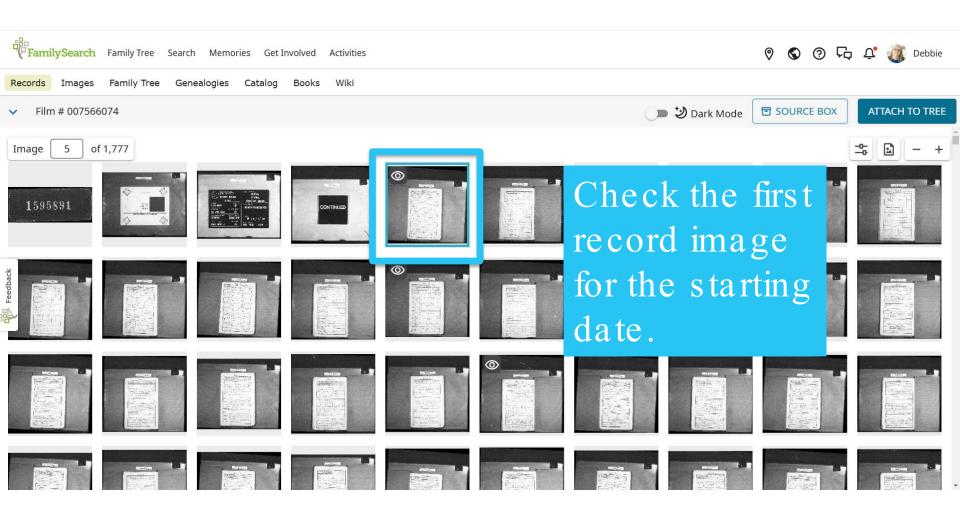
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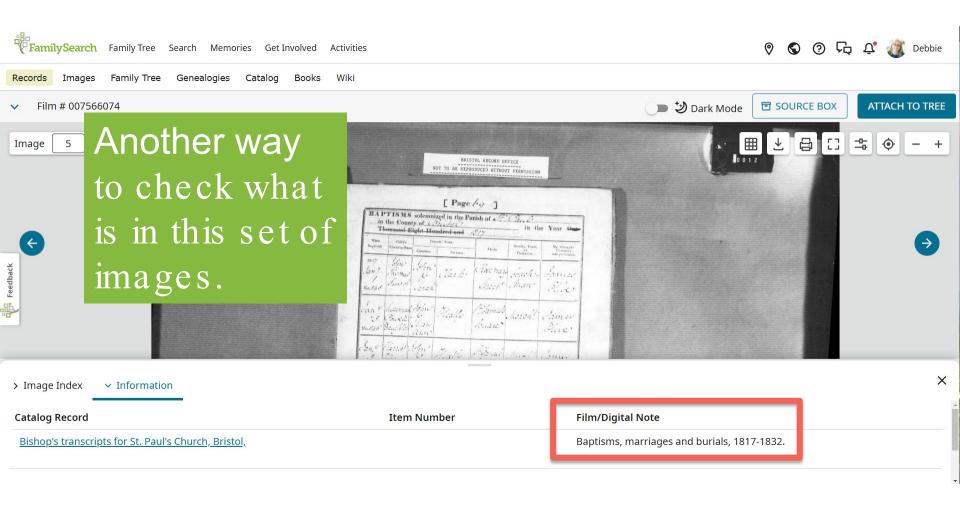
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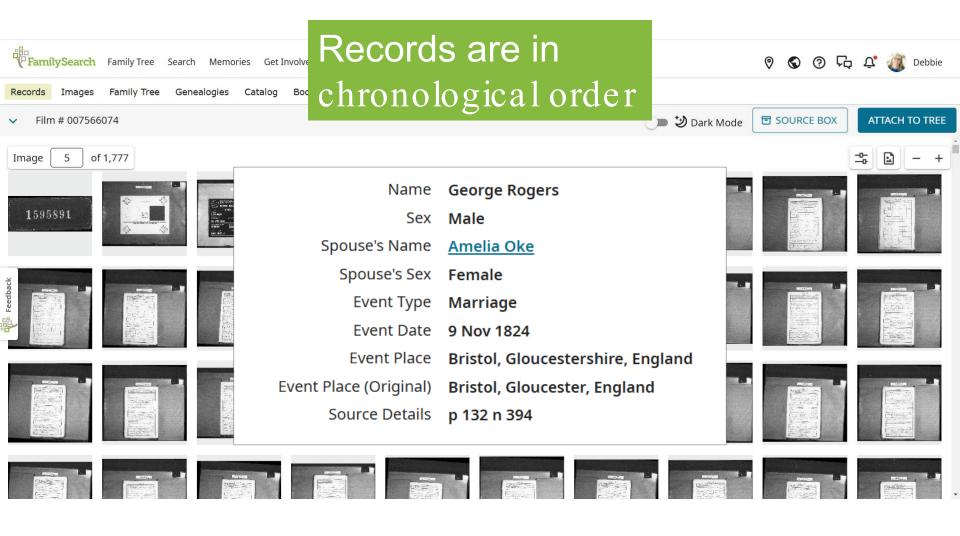
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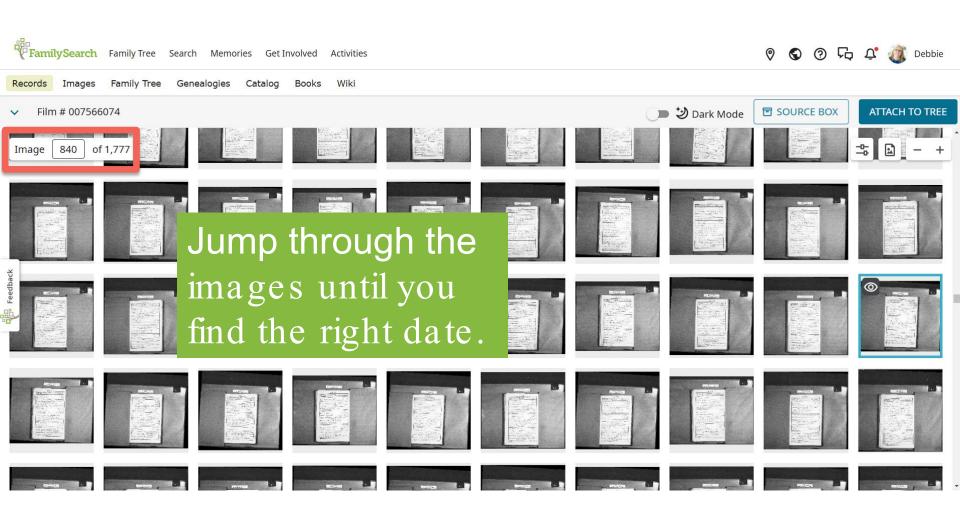


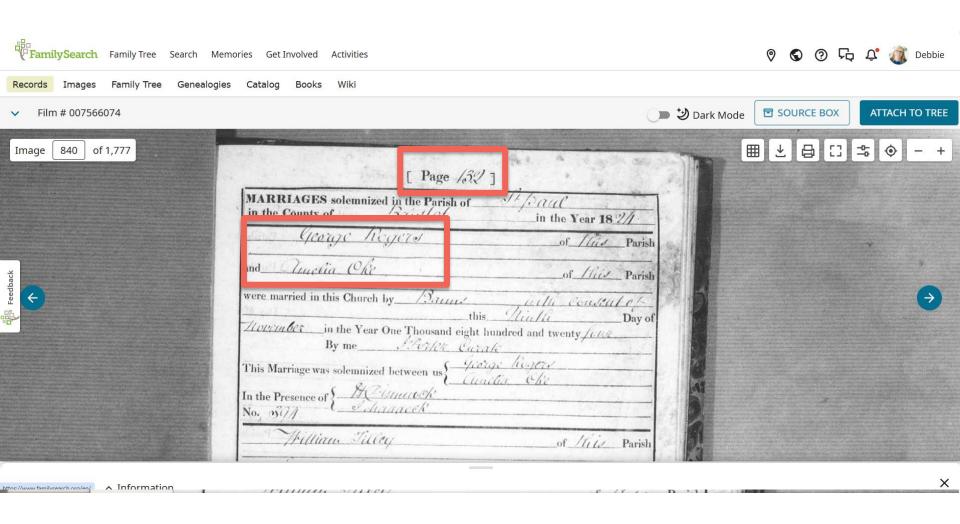












Helpful tips

- Always locate the image of an indexed record
- Open a second browser tab, if needed for fast recall of the indexed information
- Read through the record carefully
- Attach the image to Family Tree



Full-Text Search

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Allows records to be fully searchable

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- Court Records
- Probate
- Vital Records
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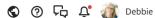
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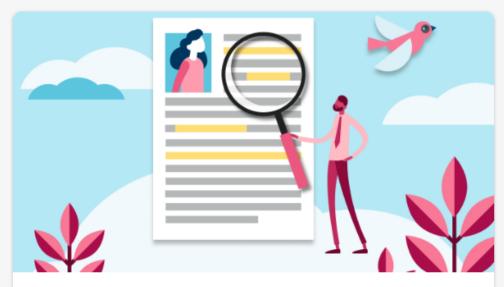


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Keywords

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Your ancestor's record belongs to a collection of similar documents. Searching a specific collection is one way to narrow your search. If you don't know the collection's exact title, start typing, and we'll try to help you.

Collection Title

Search for a specific collection title

e.g. Alabama, Wills and Deeds, ca. 1700s-2017

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Use quotation marks. Example: "Henry Jones"

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Find different spellings

Use the ? symbol. Example: Jens?n will return Jensen and Jenson

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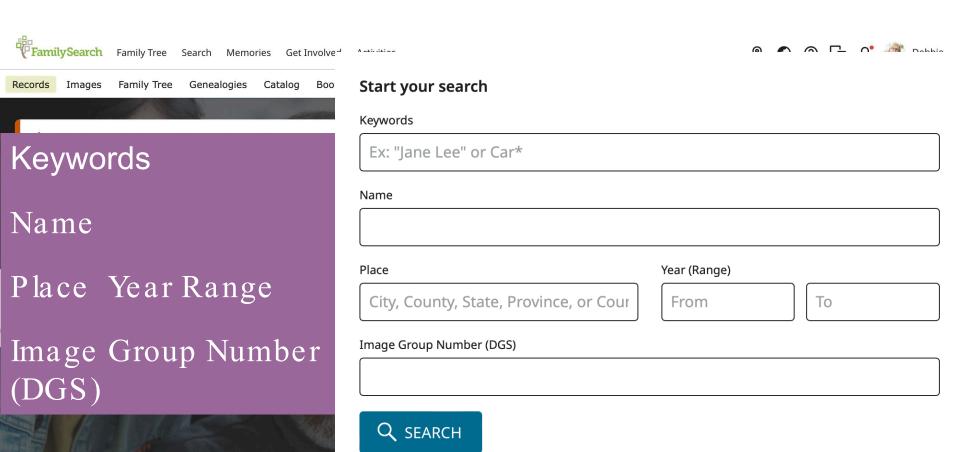
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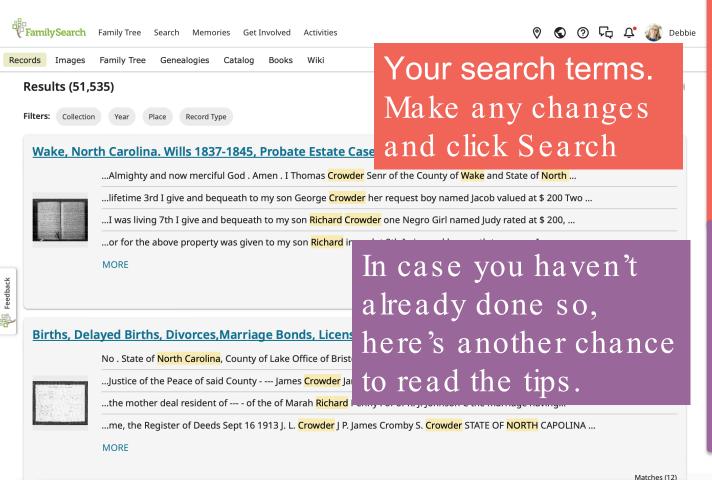
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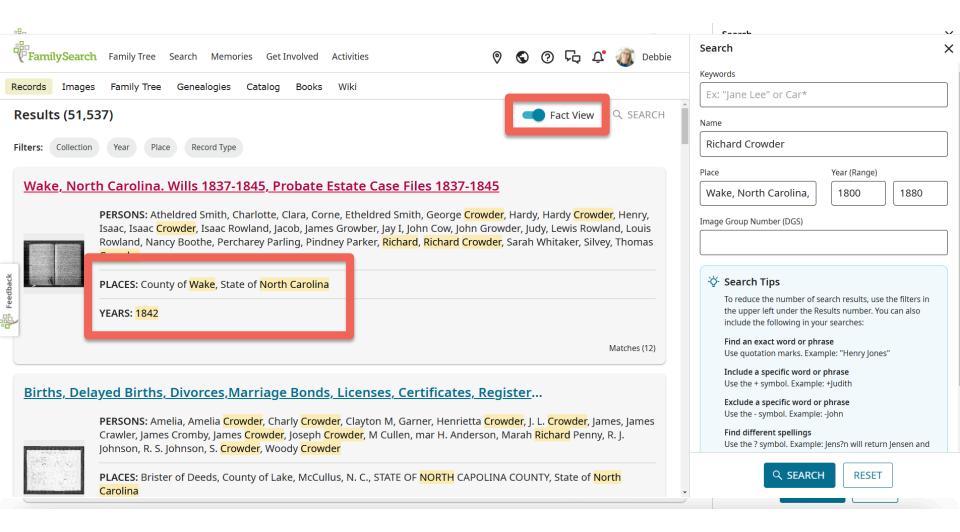
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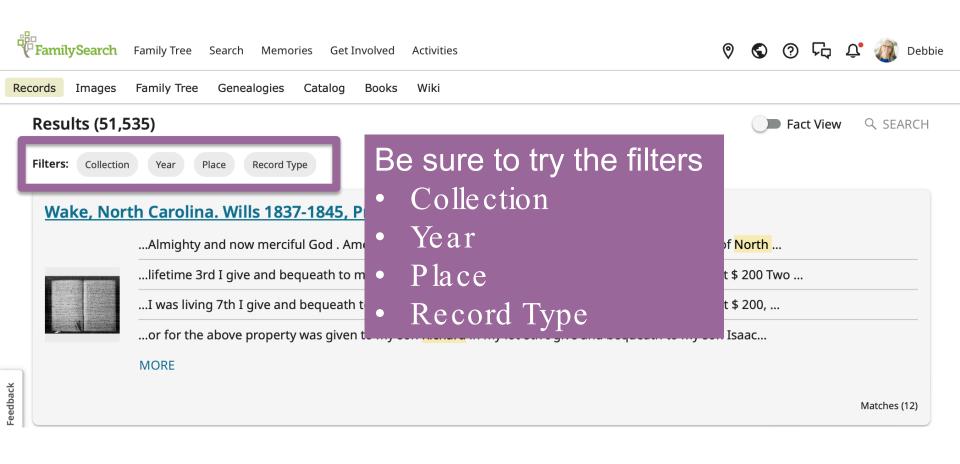
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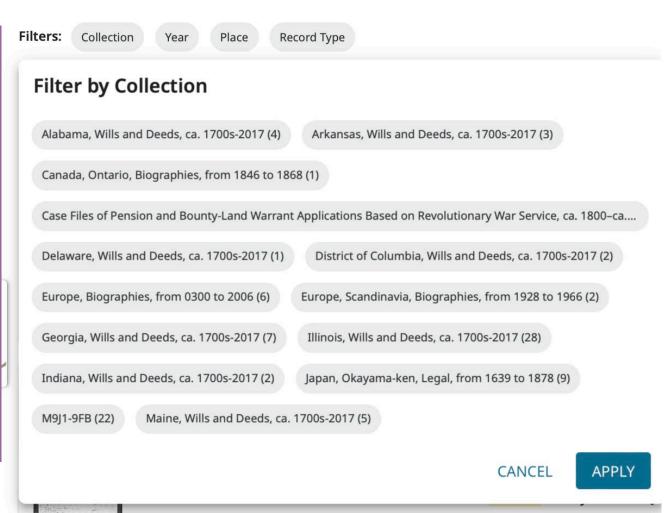


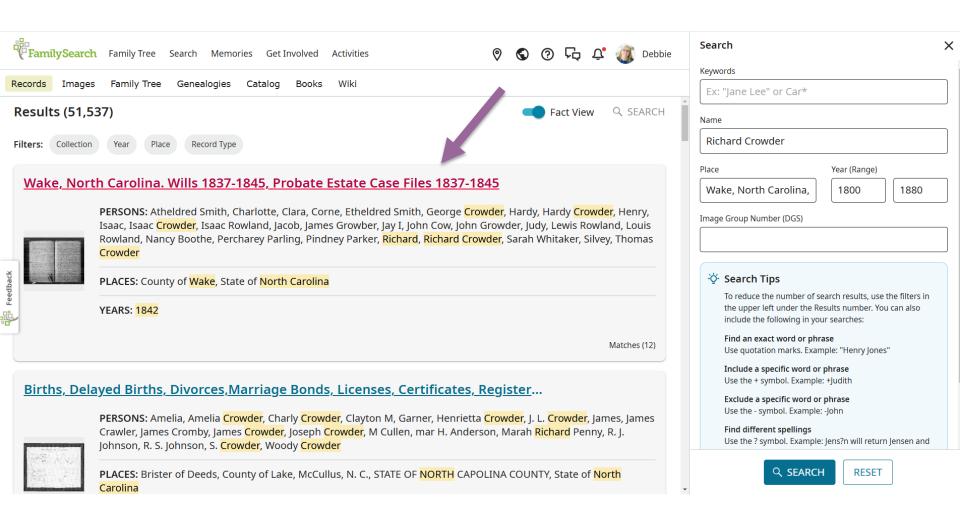
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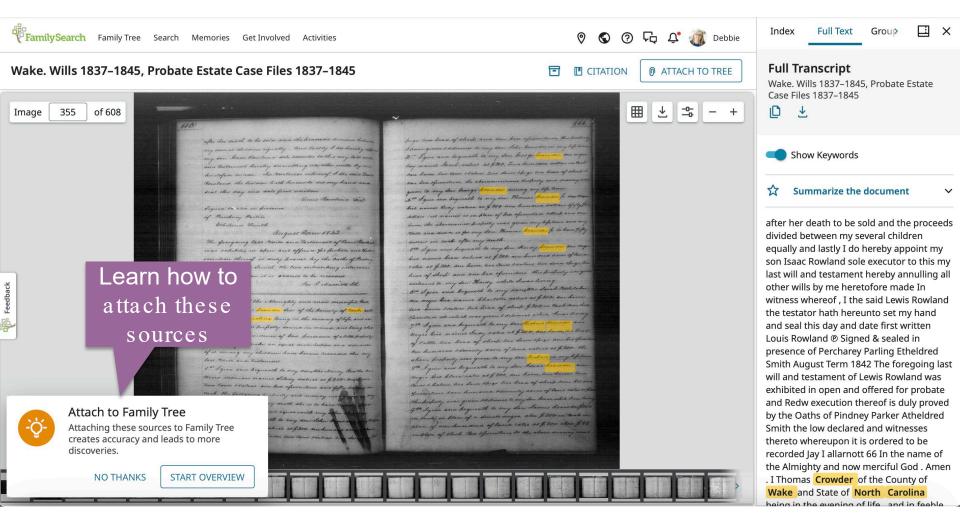
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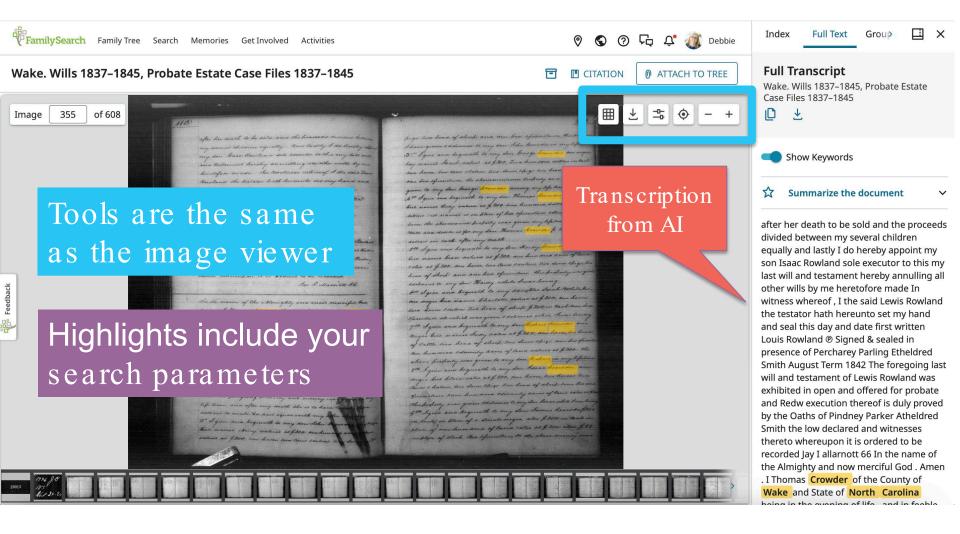
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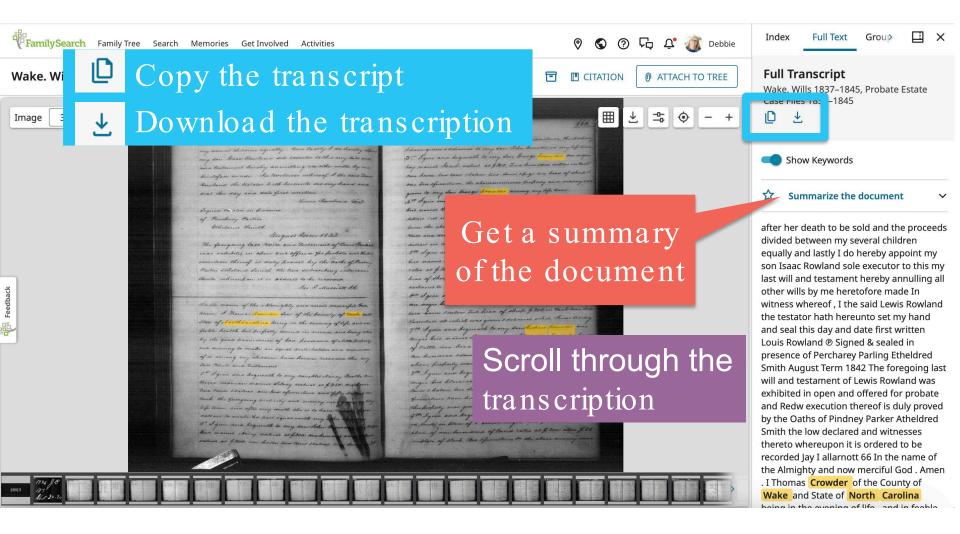
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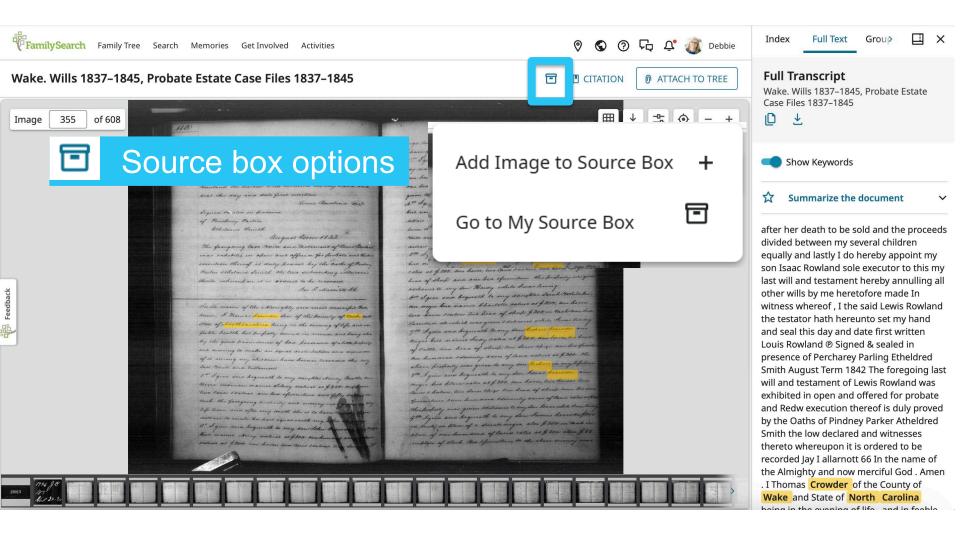


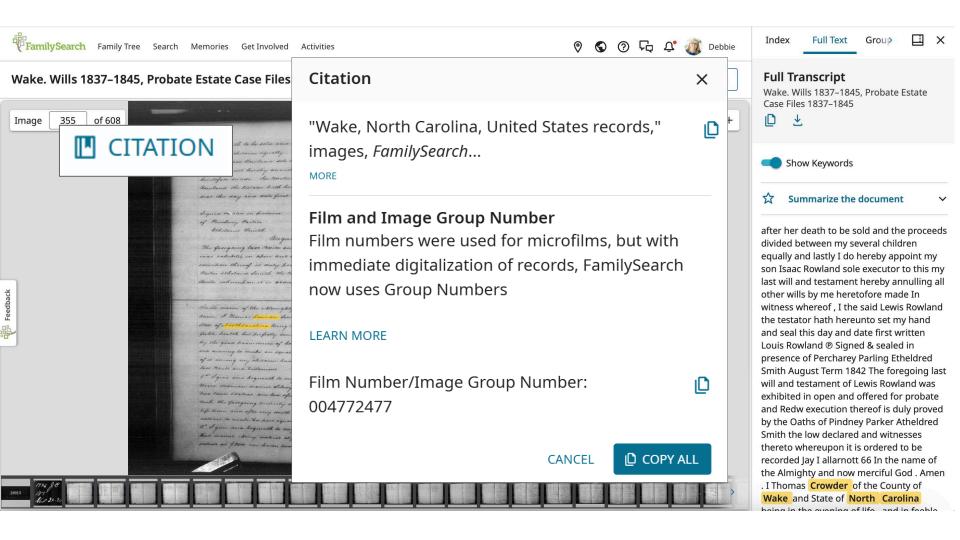












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Group of letters: Cro*

Try spelling variations

Read through the entire document Watch the short video: Link in your syllabus

Using Computer Aided Indexed Records

Tips

Review the image of any hit Be creative in your search terms:

- 1. Full name
- 2. Partial name
- 3. Name of parents (first names only, last names only, and full names)
- 4. Name of spouse (first name only, last name only, and full name)
- 5. Search a particular record group

Searching Via the FamilySearch Catalog

FamilySearch Catalog

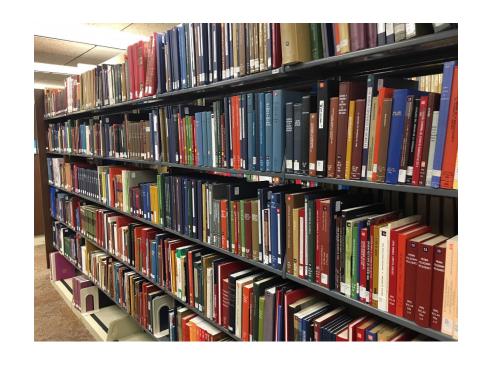
Digitized images
Books
Periodicals
Maps
Other resources



Why use the FamilySearch catalog?

The FamilySearch Library has extensive holdings.

Are the records I need digitized?



Why use the catalog?

- TIPS!
- Verify if a microfilm has been indexed
- Locate other items available for your locality or surname

Search for records at the jurisdictional level that created the records – national, state, county, or city

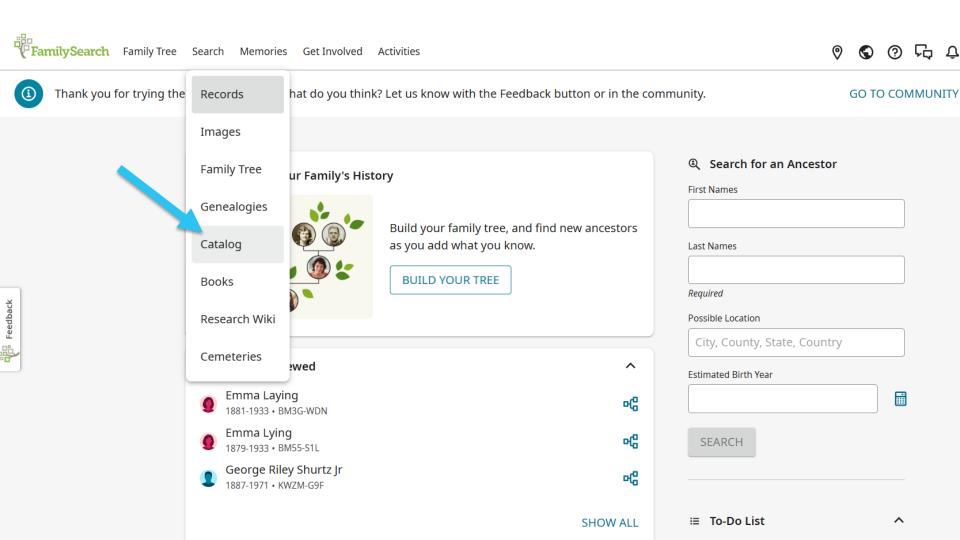
Note: You must spell the name correctly or use Places within ... [name of state or province]

Ways to search

Place Author
Surnames Subjects
Titles Keywords

Try a combination search!



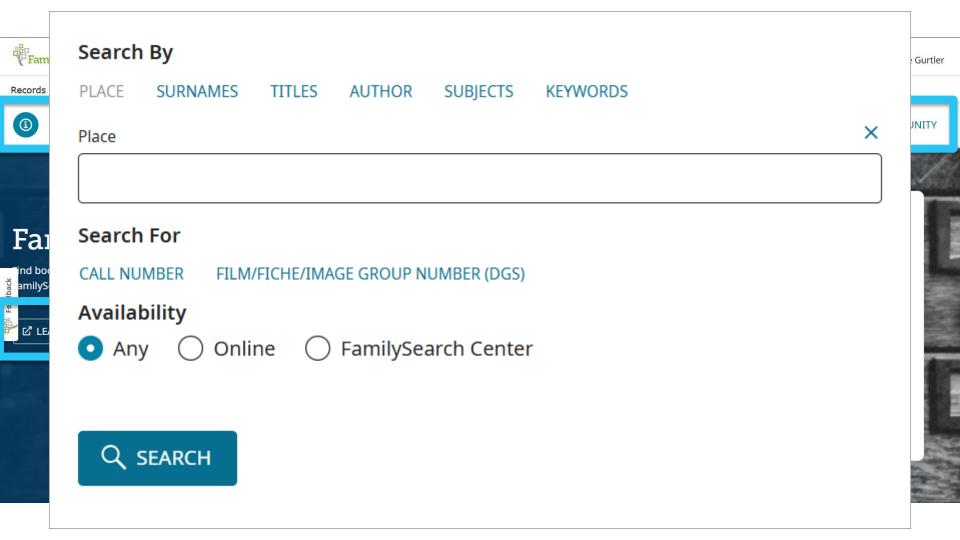


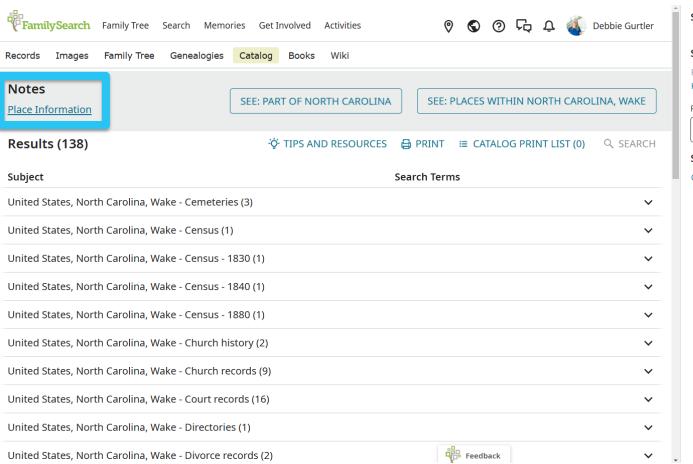
You Changed The Catalog!!

- Replace 15 years old technology
- Improved Data All library holdings!
- Enhanced Places

Same search features
Same ability to search various jurisdictions
Same ability to create print lists

Send feedback!



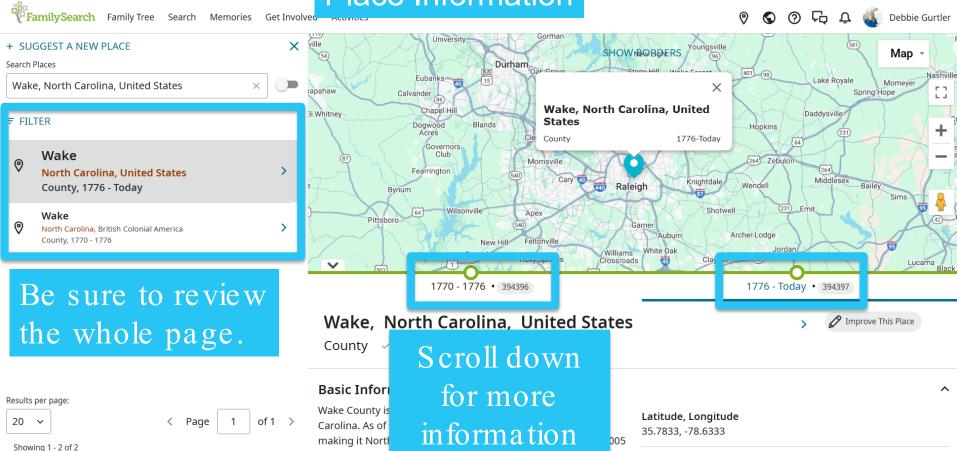


Search X Search By **SURNAMES SUBJECTS** TITLES **AUTHOR KEYWORDS** \times Place Wake, North Carolina, United States Search For CALL NUMBER FILM/FICHE/IMAGE GROUP NUMBER (DGS)

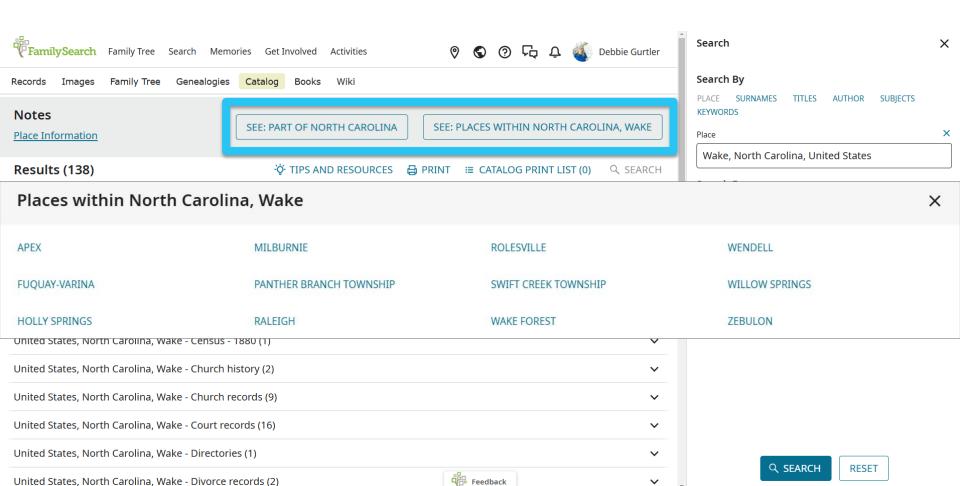
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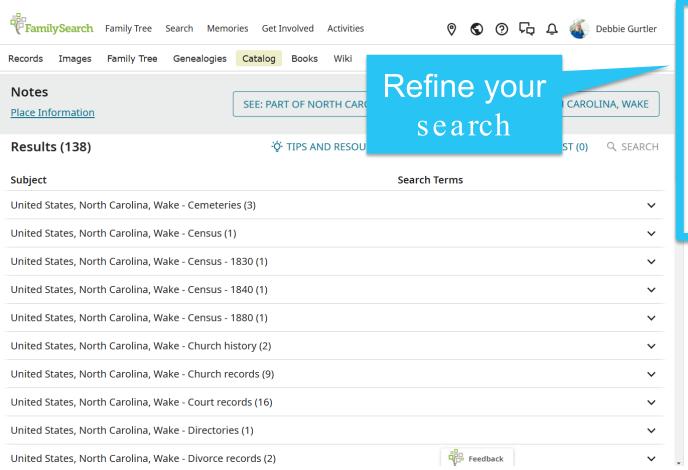
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Place Information



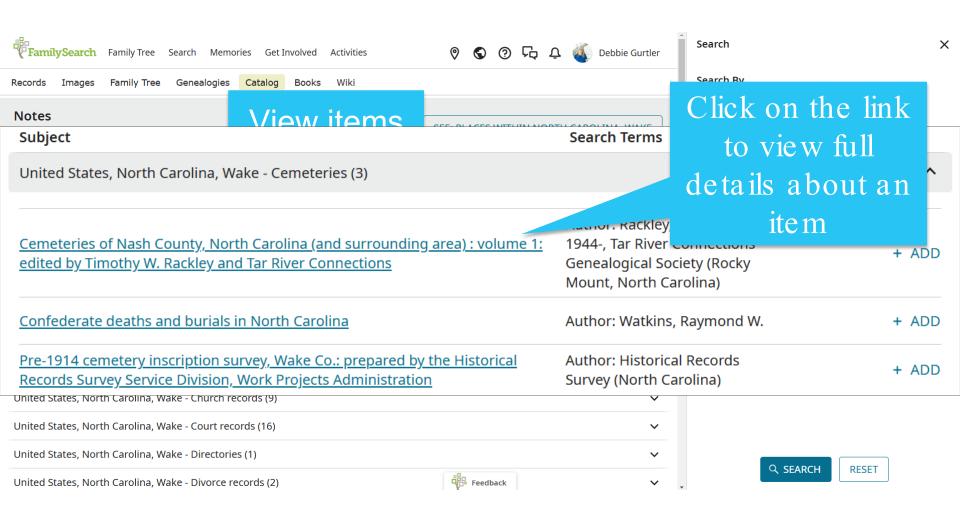
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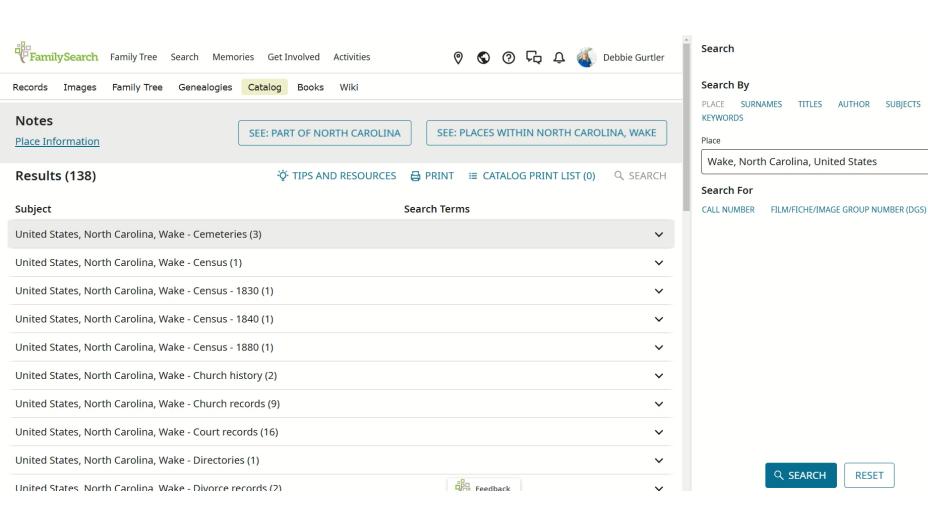






Q SEARCH RESET





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Results per page:

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Aci Castello, Catania, Sicily, Italy

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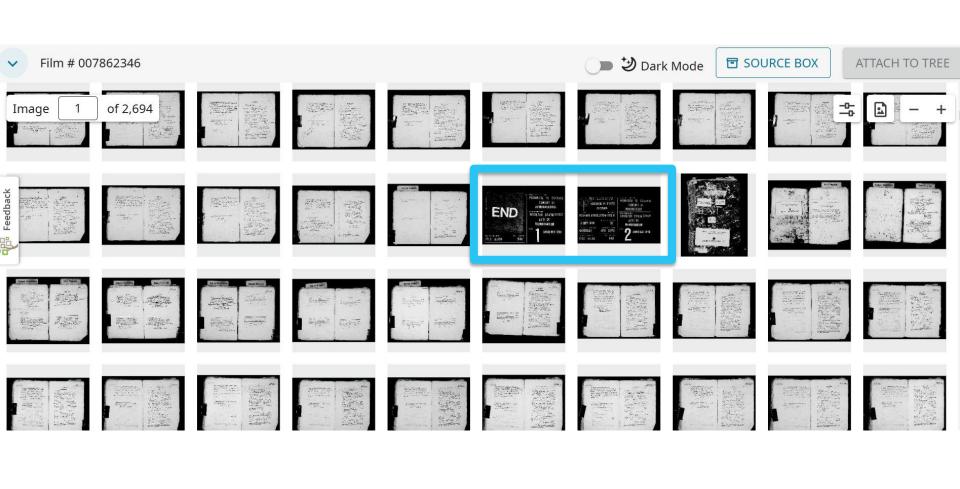
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Film/Dig	jital Notes
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Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	age Group Number (DGs)	Format	
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Nati 1851-1865 Nati (proietti) 1841-1865 Matrimoni 1822-1861	<u>FamilySearch Library</u>	International B1 Floor Film	1388630	7843079	Q	Ô
Matrimoni 1840	<u>Granite Mountain Record</u> <u>Vault</u>	International Film	1568190 Item 1	7859752	Q	Ô
Matrimoni 1862-1865 Morti 1820-1865 Atti diversi 1836- 1865	<u>Granite Mountain Record</u> <u>Vault</u>	International Film	1388631 Items 1 - 76	7837170	Q	Ô
Processetti 1841-1860	<u>FamilySearch Library</u>	International B1 Floor Film	1568383 Items 4-5	7859720	Ô	
Processetti 1860-1862	<u>FamilySearch Library</u>	International B1 Floor Film	1568384 Items 1-2	7859721	Ô	
Notificazioni 1841-1849	<u>FamilySearch Library</u>	International B1 Floor Film	1692929 Item 2	7862346	Ô	
Nati 1866-1893 Pubblicazioni 1866-1891 Matrimoni 1866-1875	<u>Granite Mountain Record</u> <u>Vault</u>	International Film	1801810 Items 6 - 9	7842706	Q	Ô

What Can I See from Home?

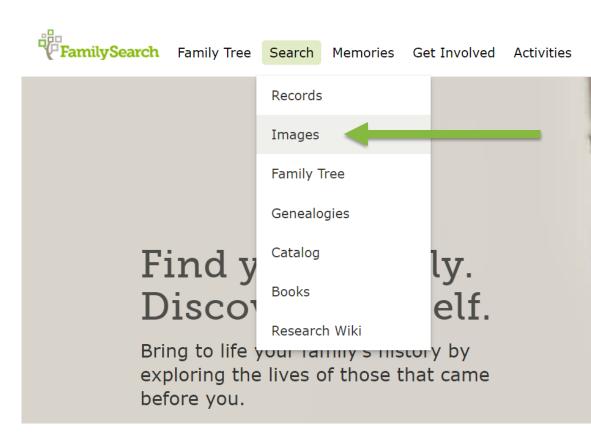
- Magnifying glass icon : At least one record from this collection is indexed. Click on the magnifying glass icon to search this collection by name.
- Camera icon: Digitized and online. Click on the camera icon to view the images.
- Camera icon with exclamation point : Records are viewable with additional restrictions. Click on the icon to see the restrictions.
- Microfilm roll icon: Everything is digitized but may not be viewable online. Usually means there are heavy restrictions.

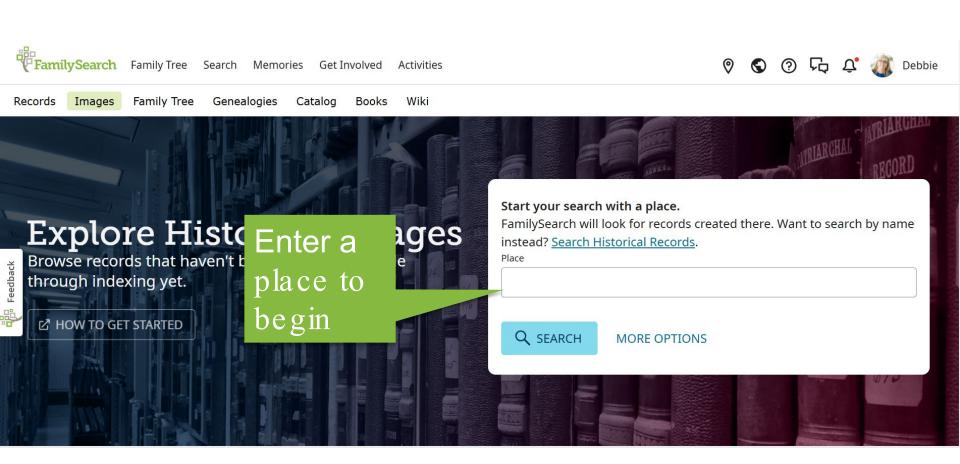


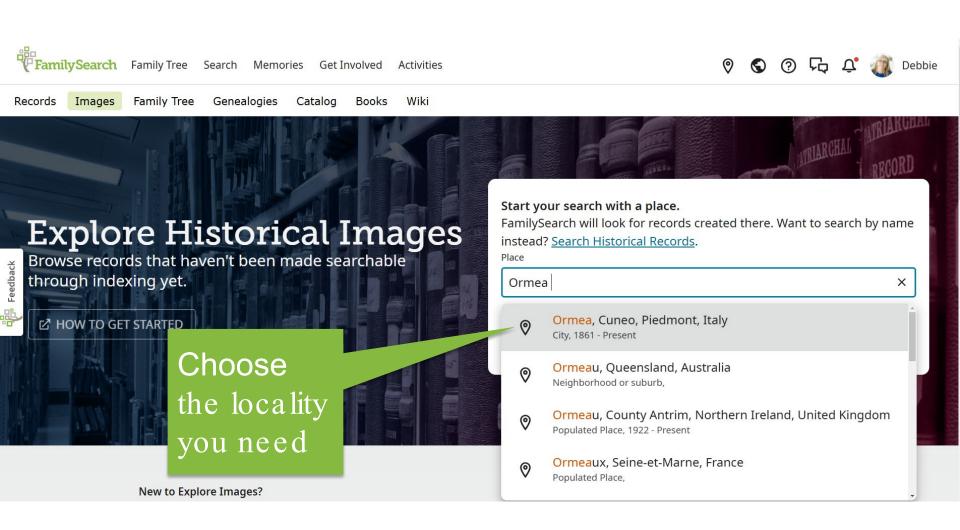
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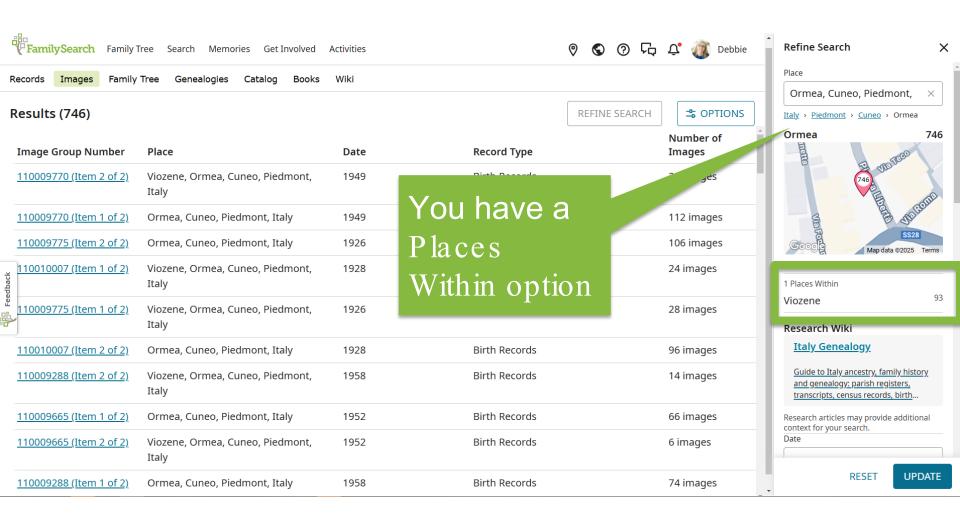
FamilySearch Images

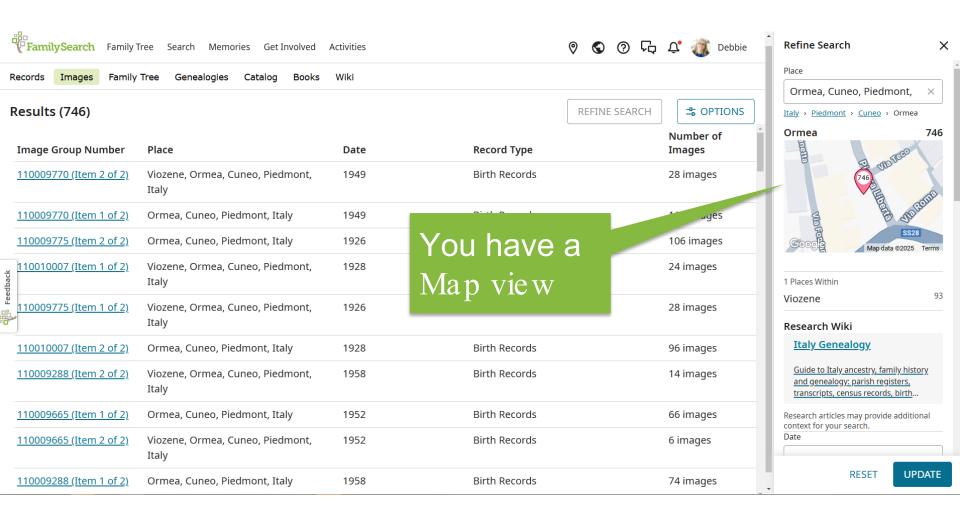
- Newly digitized images
- Not always found in Catalog
- Not a place to search by name
- Same viewing restrictions apply

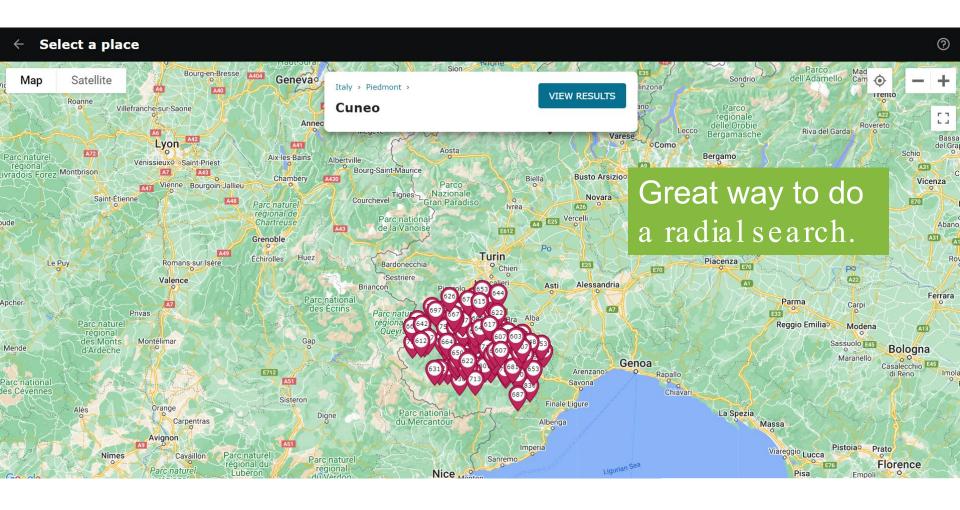


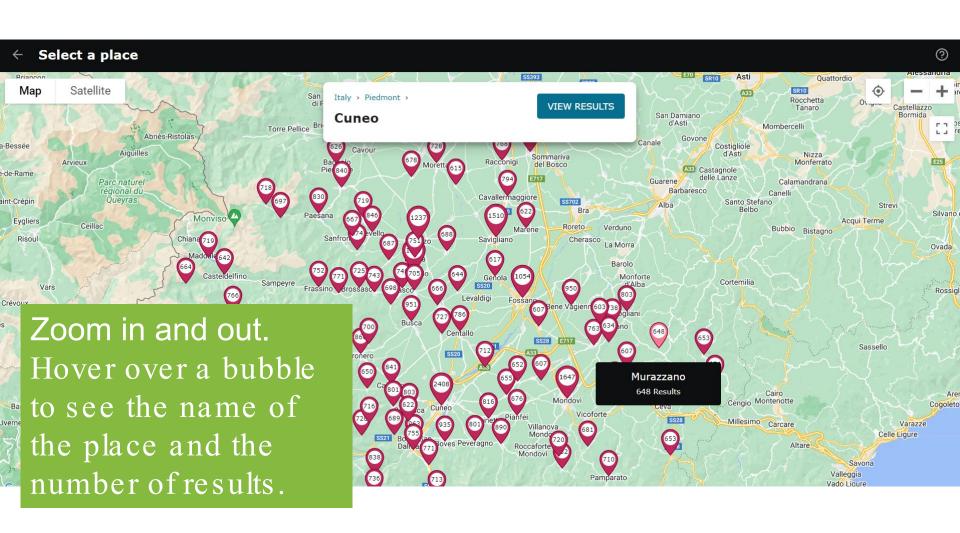


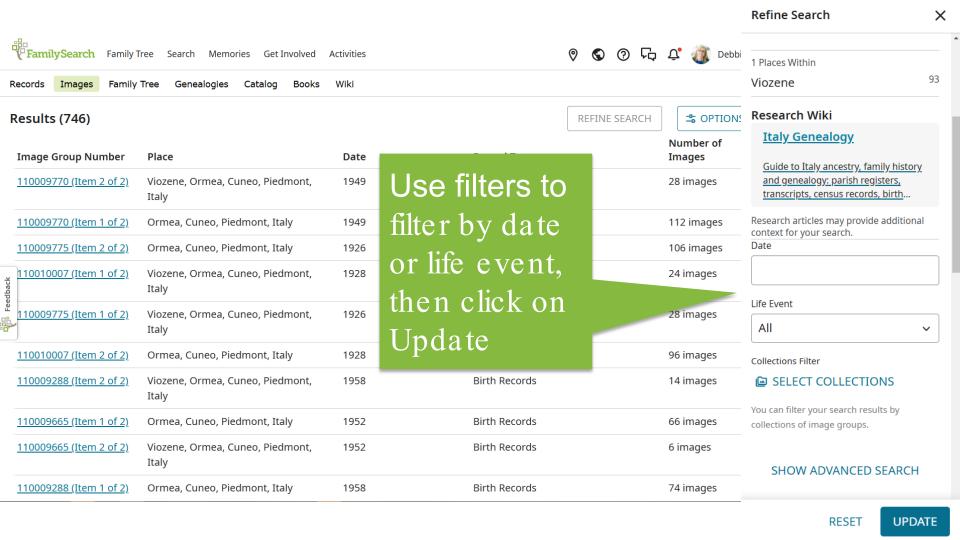


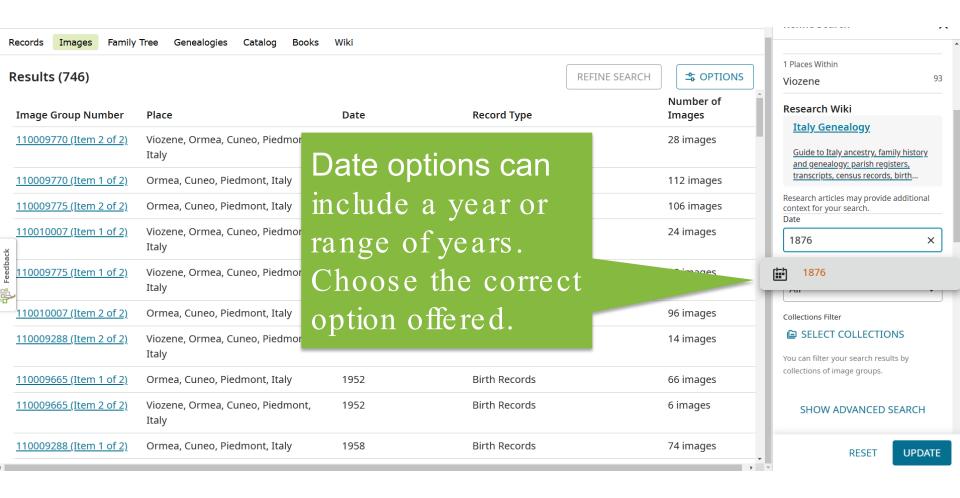


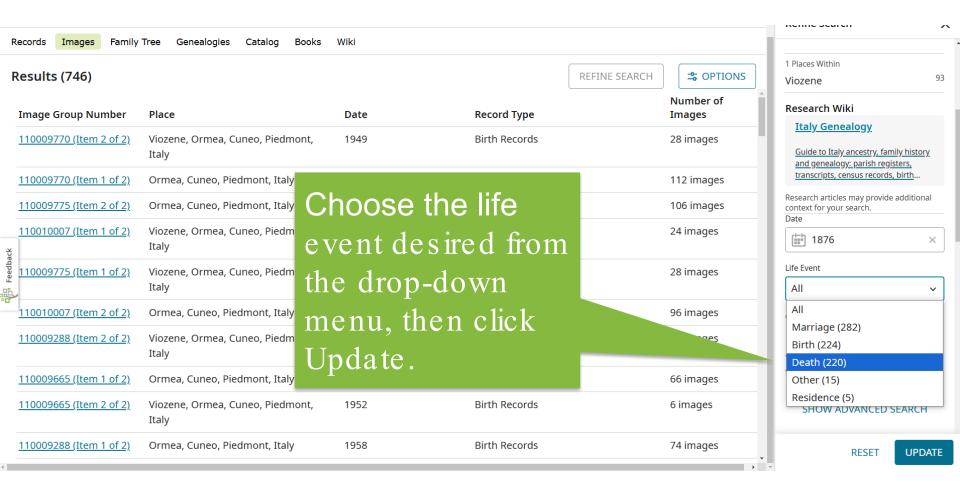


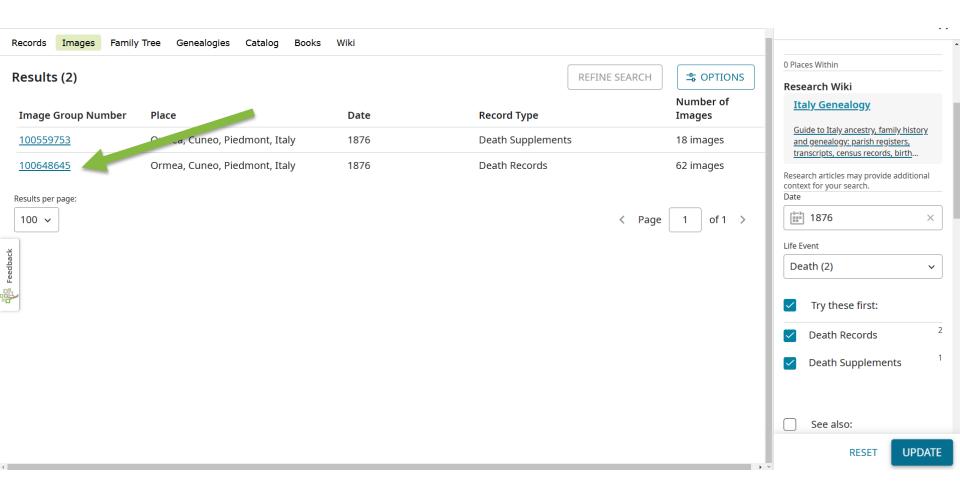


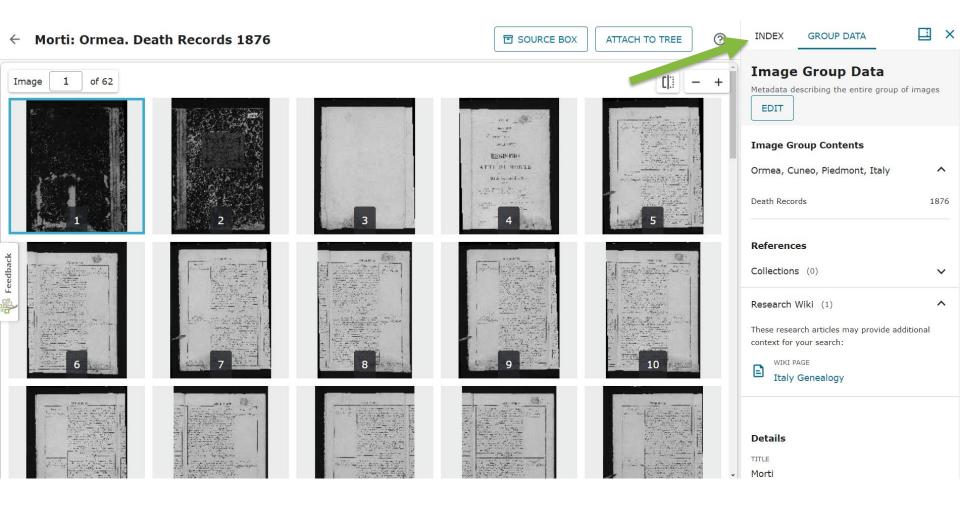














Indexed Data



GROUP DATA



Tips for image collections

TIPS!

Look through indexes first, if any

The page number in the index rarely matches the image number.

Begin with date of the event (birth, marriage, death) working forward in time.

If the event is not there, try a few years before or after.

Tips for image collections

Take notes or use a research log

Be patient

Don't give up

Search > Images is best for newly acquired images that may not be catalogued yet.



Class summary

Try ALL The Places!!

- 1. Search > Records
 - Try a variety of search terms
- 2. Full-text Search in FamilySearch.org/Labs
- 3. Search > Catalog
 - Try all jurisdictions
- 4. Search > Images



Thank you!

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