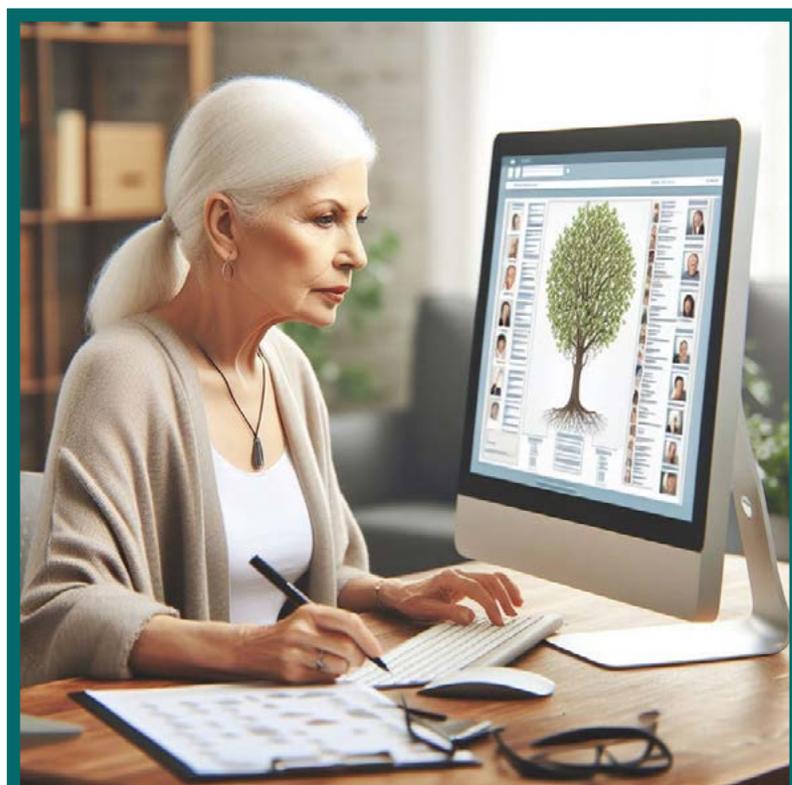




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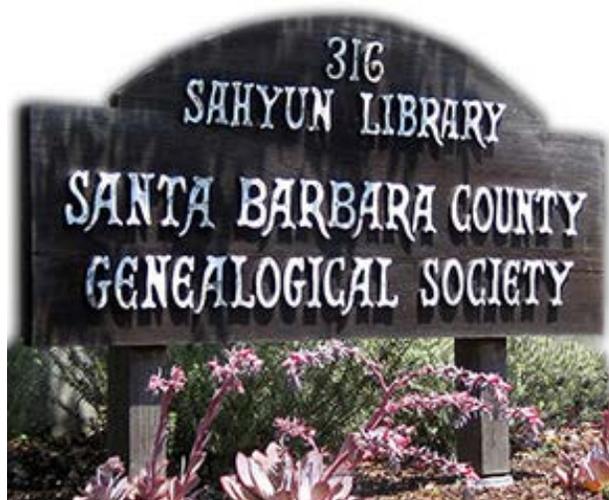
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FROM THE EDITOR

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PROBABLY THE BEST piece of advice I was ever given about doing genealogy research was from our former beloved *Ancestors West* editor and my mentor, Debbie Kaska.

It was simple: **Historic records were not compiled to help future genealogists.**

In 1085, when William the Conqueror sent out his agents to survey every shire in England, it was to list his holdings and dues (\$\$\$) owed to him, not to provide information for future generations to trace their ancestry. You have to chuckle at the irony that Will now has over 5 million descendants doing just that, and all of us thanking him for his meticulous record keeping in the *Domesday Book*.

All vital records are crucial in creating and maintaining stability of a village, city, state or nation. Once destroyed, as many were during wars, natural disasters and (sigh) agencies thinking them no longer necessary to maintain, there may be no way to prove who owned which plot of land or other property, if they had completed their term of indenture, if they qualified for a military pension or bounty land, the legitimacy of a marriage or of children named in wills.

All of these collected records are the puzzle pieces genealogists love to pursue and collect. They are what give life to our ancestors and their worlds. Happy to say – today's genealogist has millions of records as close as a keyboard. Especially those folks who come to the Sahyun Library to take advantage of our superior technology and database subscriptions.

I am so grateful that our leadership has funded these rather expensive tools. We budget about \$10,000 each year to provide our members and guests access to billions of online records.

The Library Committee and many of the volunteers thought it would be beneficial for our members, especially those who do not visit the library very often, to know about what we have to offer them in the way of research tools. And so, this edition of *Ancestors West* is a real departure from our usual editions.

A reflection on technology and genealogy.

I've never given much thought to the huge industry genealogical research has spun off in the past few decades. How many people work in the genealogy field?

What kind of earnings do the companies they work for make? Be prepared to be shocked! According to FutureWise Research*, the market for genealogy related products and services in 2023 was...*drum roll*...US\$ 5.4 billion. They project it will reach nearly US\$13 billion by 2031. Now that is a serious chunk of change!

I've been so busy at the library having fun selling books and helping visitors that I have neglected my own research – but, I thought I had found all there was to find years ago.

As I read the articles in this *Ancestors West* edition (thank you to all our generous contributors), I recalled another tidbit of wisdom I heard somewhere: **You don't know what you don't know.** And there was sure a lot I did not know.

While my piles of research were gathering dust, all those newly formed genealogy-related companies kept finding more and more records. And more companies emerged, each seeming to specialize in just a few types of records. MORE seems the theme in genealogy today! Not being shy about admitting my own shortcomings, I am delighted to say that I have found more new bells and whistles than I could have imagined existed – and many on websites I had visited in the past. And so much more on the newer subscription sites we now have at the library.

To be sure, **I did not know what I did not know.** But now I do!

So, my Birthday Resolution is to get out the butt glue, go to the library and start playing with all new ways I can do research, produce documents, and best of all... help new genealogists. So, bring your own glue and Come on Down!!

I do want to remind everyone of the mountains of material NOT available online that is waiting on our library shelves: Books! I still really love them the best!

* <https://www.futurewiseresearch.com/healthcare-market-research/Genealogy-Products-and/1273>

Editor's Note: I have not researched this company or the accuracy of its article.



An Introduction to the Sahyun Library Subscription Databases

By Laurie Hannah, Library Director

A WELL-KNOWN ASSET of the Sahyun Library is access to eight different paid subscription databases specifically about genealogy! The Society provides these resources on site to all folks who walk into the library to do research. They are accessible through each of the thirteen workstations in our computer lab (eight PCs, three Macs, two Chromeboxes) or, using your own laptop, through a web browser.

Logging in is usually seamless through the library's IP address, **with the exception of Findmypast and FamilySearch, which utilize a username and password.** To complement your work, the lab also has eight scanners of all kinds and an air printer for those using their own laptops, while all the desktop computers are connected to our printer/photocopier. Copies can be made for a small fee.

This is the current list of databases that the Sahyun Library subscribes to, with the exception of FamilySearch, which is free for anyone to use:

- **Ancestry.com** Library Edition — world's largest collection of online family records
- **ArkivDigital** — Records of Sweden
- **Newspapers.com** World Edition — access to almost 20,000 historical newspapers in the United States and other countries
- **American Ancestors** — New England Historical Genealogical Society's multiple databases of 1.4+ billion records spanning the United States, the British Isles, and continental Europe
- **Fold3** — military records for North America, Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand
- **Findmypast** — U.S. and U.K. records
- **FamilySearch** — As a Research Affiliate Library, we provide free access to digital records, books, and images, some of which are available to the public only at Affiliate Libraries
- **PRDH** — Quebec's Catholic baptisms and burials as well as all of Quebec's marriages for 1621-1861

Library Edition versus Individual Subscription

Many people have a personal subscription to *Ancestry.com*, *Newspapers.com*, or *MyHeritage*, but did you know that the library edition of these databases covers many different record groups and provides worldwide coverage? One strategy some people use is to have their own subscription to use at home and then use the library's version to search different record groups or newspapers titles. According to Ancestry's website, the

library version differs from the individual subscription in that the **following services and record groups are not available in the library edition:**

- Family trees
- The Member Directory
- Ancestry Message Boards
- AncestryDNA®

The following record collections:

- Historical Newspaper Collection
- Family and Local History Collection
- Obituary Collection
- Passenger and Immigration Lists Index
- Biography Genealogy Master Index
- Freedman's Bank Records

This means that you must log into your own Ancestry account while at the library, in order to access your family trees or DNA account.

Similarly, because some record groups are not available, such as the Historical Newspaper Collection or Biography Genealogy Master Index, you must search other services like Findmypast, *Newspapers.com*, or FamilySearch to access similar records.

Remote Access

During the pandemic when the library was closed, several companies, such as Ancestry.com and Genealogy Bank allowed our members to have remote access to their databases. After a couple of years, that remote access was discontinued. Some of our members have requested that we reinstate that remote access. While some companies such as Ancestry no longer offer that service, we are exploring the possibility of subscribing to new databases and some old favorites that do offer the remote alternative. Over the next few months, the Library Operations Team will be researching options. Stay tuned — this may become your favorite member benefit!



Laurie Hannah is a retired librarian and archivist. She has been a member of SBCGS since 2013 and is currently the Director of the Sahyun Library. Her research interests are her French, American, and German ancestors in early Missouri Territory, Louisiana, and Illinois going back to the 1740s.

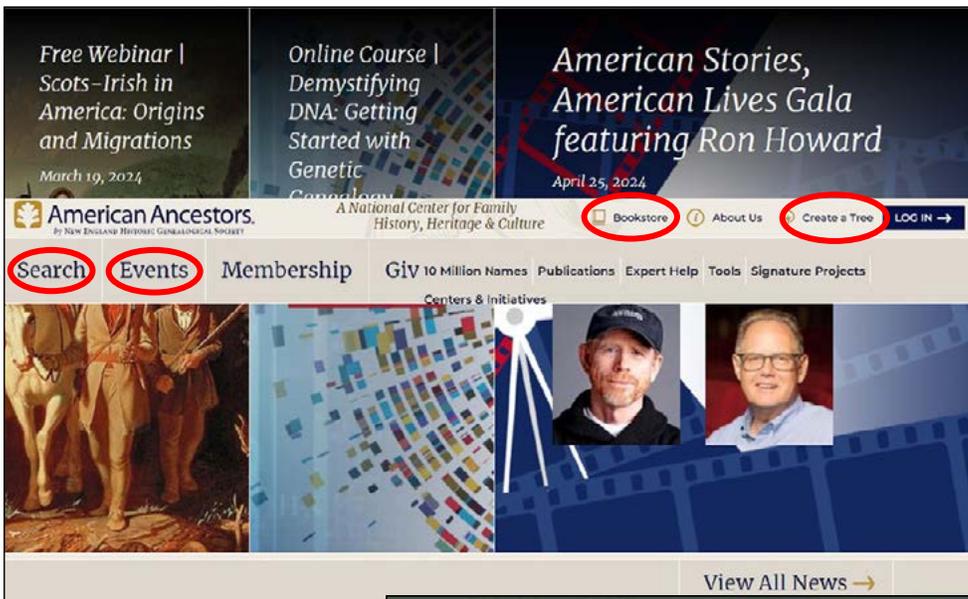
Americanancestors.org is the address for the website of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Founded in Boston in 1845, this organization was the first genealogical society established in the United States. And though its name would seem to indicate its collections are focused only on the New England area, its collections have expanded far beyond that region to include the ancestral origins of more and more Americans. Its online repository boasts of more than 1.4 billion searchable names.

Upon entering the website, you'll encounter the Home Page, where you'll be allowed to enter a name into the Search format or search the Library Catalog. You may also see upcoming Events, shop in the Bookstore or create a standard family Tree, all without logging in. If you choose the Search format, you'll be given a response showing whether or not the site has information on the name or keyword you've just entered. However, you won't be able to access the information unless you log in. There is a Guest Membership, but it is limited to 39 mostly minor New

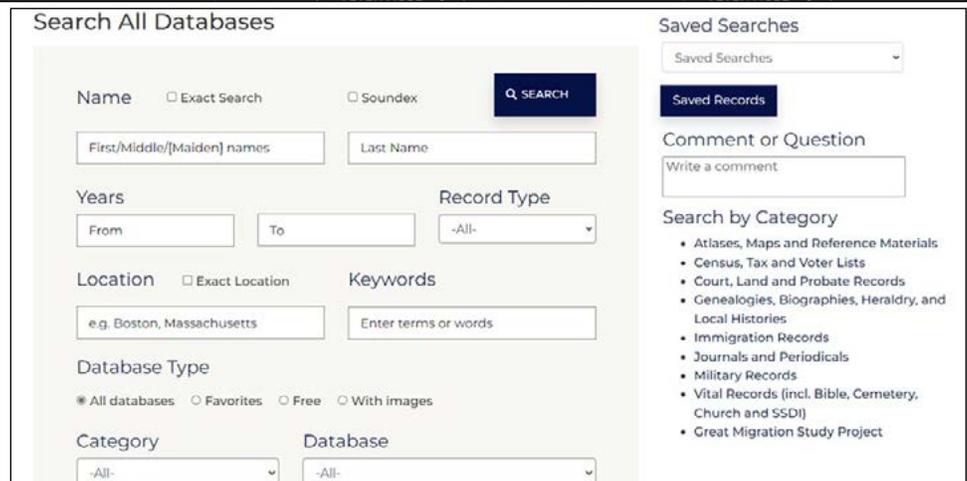
England databases. Fortunately, the Sahyun Library has a full-service membership.

Once logged in to the website, you'll undoubtedly want to begin searching. Click on Search in the toolbar and then click on Go to Search, or you can explore the list of databases, the Library Catalog, or the Digital Library and Archive. (Note: the external databases require a higher-level membership.) Be adventurous! You never know what you'll find.

The Search format will give you Advanced Search capabilities. You can use the many



filters available to restrict your search to certain locations, dates, categories – census, tax and voter lists, vital records, etc. – or databases. They have 498 of those, including genealogy pages from the *Boston Evening Transcript*, 1911-1940; *Caribbean Marriages*, 1591-1905; *Castellammare di Stabia (Italy) Civil Registration*, 1809-1936; and *Swedish Marriages*, 1620-1930. They also have almost all issues of *The American Genealogist* (TAG), 1932-2016, and the *New England Historic Genealogical Society Register*, 1847-2021.



As with any database, your results will depend on the search criteria you enter. For instance, if you enter the name Samuel Adams with a location of Massachusetts, you'll get 1,543 results. Update the location to Otis, Massachusetts, and add the years 1800-1810, and the first two of the 278 returns will be a vital record and a probate record for my 4th great-grandfather, Samuel Adams (not the presidential line). Most of the remainder of the returns are for men named Samuel Adams in an Index of Revolutionary War Pensioners. Of course, your search will be easier and require less specificity in your search terms if your ancestor has a less common name.

You'll notice on the left-hand side of the return that the categories of the databases found using the criteria you entered are listed. In the case of Samuel Adams in the years 1800-1810, there are 206 Military Records, 42 Vital Records, 26 Censuses, Tax and Voter records, 26 Censuses, Tax and Voter

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 1 - 50 of 278 records for Name: Samuel Adams, Location: Otis, Massachusetts, Years: 1800 - 1810 for All databases

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Lists, 3 Court, Land and Probate Records, and 1 Genealogies, Biographies Record. By clicking on one or more of these categories, you can narrow your search to just the type of information you're searching for.

Each entry in the return will have either a camera icon or a page icon which indicates the view of the information available to you. By clicking on the name of the subject, you'll get expanded information about the return, including the citation indicating where the information was obtained. However, if you're lucky enough to have the camera icon appear on your return, click on View Image and you'll get a complete image of the document along with the citation information.

So now you've got an image of 4th great-grandfather's will. At the top of the return, you'll see a number of options to choose from. Obviously, if you wish to download the data to your

computer or a flash drive, use the Download button. If you wish to print the return, don't use the Print button. In my opinion, it just doesn't give you a satisfying printout. Instead, use the Print Range button. If you're printing a single page document, put 1 in the box provided, making sure you're on the page you wish to print. However, in the return for Samuel Adams' will, there was a Note which said "page 1 of 28." If you'd like to print all 28 pages, put 28 in the box provided, making sure you're on the first page of the return. This will print all 28 pages without having to do them one at a time. Clever, isn't it? Unfortunately, clicking on the Transcript button will not give you a typed transcript of the document. Presumably, some documents have been transcribed, but I've yet to find one.

OK, so you've searched and searched and found everything available from the databases. Now what? Is that all there is? No, no, no, my friends. Let's go back to the page where we clicked on Go to Search, but instead let's click on Library Catalog. Here you can search for books, e-books, manuscripts, and microform. Be sure to read the Search and About sections in the title bar, which will give you additional information to maximize your search. You'll be amazed. Looking for a 400-year-old diary or church record? Who knows – they might just have something for you in their manuscript collection.

Why don't we enter Chapman Family in the Keyword Search box and see what happens? Suddenly a whole new world opens up, and as you can

The screenshot shows a library search interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'New Search' and 'Modify Search', and a search history dropdown. A search box contains the keyword 'Chapman Family' and a 'Search' button. Below the search box, it indicates '227 results found. Sorted by relevance | date | title.' and 'Result Page' with pagination links '1 2 3 4 5 Next'. There are also buttons for 'Add to email/print queue', 'Select All', and 'Save to My Lists'. The main content area is titled 'KEYWORDS (1-50 of 227)' and shows a list of search results. Each result includes a book icon, a checkbox, the title, author, publication info, and availability. A table below each result shows the location, call number, and status.

Location	Call No.	Status
E-book - Family History	CS71 .C466 2013	AVAILABLE
7th Floor Stacks	CS71 .C466 2004a	AVAILABLE
7th Floor Stacks	CS71 .C466 1987	AVAILABLE
7th Floor Stacks	CS71 .C466 1985	AVAILABLE
7th Floor Stacks	CS71 .D269 1931	AVAILABLE

see from this small sample, there is a generous mixture of book titles, manuscripts, and microforms, some of which are available on line. Of the 227 results found, the most relevant items appear first, based on our search criteria. In the case of the Chapman Family, a book written by a woman from Pennsylvania in 2013 is at the top of the list, and it is available online. By clicking on the website icon, we can see the title page of the book, a description of the contents, and thumbnails of the individual pages. Options are available to search within the volume and to print or download any of the material you might like to save.

Items 2 through 5 are available only at the library and will require a visit to Boston or a written Research Request. Photocopies are available to both members and guest members. Use the About tab in the title bar and click on Using the Library for further information and forms.

Finally, going back to the page where we clicked on Go to Search and Library Catalog, we have the last category of searchable materials, the Digital Library and Archives. Unlike the two previous categories, this section focuses only on three collections unique to the New England Historic Genealogical Society. They are the Wyner Family Jewish History Center, the R. Avery Stanton Special Collections and the Research Library.

The Wyner Family Jewish History Center focuses on archival documents, including photographs, personal papers, organizational records and other materials unique to the Jewish community of Greater Boston and other New England communities. If you're interested in researching Jewish history, this collection is certainly worth checking into. Contact the librarian at jhresearch@nehgs.org.

The R. Avery Stanton Special Collections contains unpublished manuscripts covering family and personal papers, records of family associations, and the papers of professional and amateur genealogists. This collection is certainly worth a look if you have a brick wall and suspect the family you're interested in might have produced papers that were donated to the society. Contact the librarian at library@nehgs.org.

The Research Library, in addition to including genealogies, local histories, reference works and periodicals, also contains rare books, maps, microfilms, and other materials not available online. Contact the librarian at library@nehgs.org.

One other project in which the New England Historic Genealogical Society is involved is the 10 Million Names Project. Begun just last April, the project "is dedicated to recovering the names of the estimated ten million men, women, and children of African descent who were enslaved in pre- and post-colonial America (specifically, the territory that would become the United States) between the 1500s and 1865."¹ As I'm sure we are all aware, research into African-American genealogy prior to the Civil War is extremely difficult, and if you've ever come across a list of enslaved people in a family will and thought, "Gosh, I wish I could share this information with a descendant who might be looking for it," this is that project. For additional information, including ways you may contribute or research your own family, click on the tab in the toolbar on the Home Page of the website or write to 10mn@nehgs.org.



Americanancestors.org is truly a valuable resource for all genealogists, not just those researching New England genealogy. It is constantly being updated and expanded, so if what you're looking for isn't there now, it may be in the future. And if you're ever in Boston, I highly recommend you visit the library in person. The staff is very friendly and anxious to help you in any way they can. No more cold stares from overworked county clerks. You are the exact person they are dedicated to serving. Happy researching!

1) 10 Million Names, www.americanancestors.org website

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Discover Your Swedish Heritage Using ArkivDigital

By Kathy Meade

INTRODUCTION

If you have Swedish heritage, you are fortunate because the Swedish records are so extensive and complete. To explore your Swedish heritage, you will want to discover ArkivDigital, an online service that provides access to newly photographed color images of Swedish historical documents. The company's goal is to make Swedish research easier and faster. To do this, ArkivDigital is busy indexing many collections so the researcher can search by name. Individual subscribers can access a family tree to document their research findings. ArkivDigital is a gold mine for genealogists and other historical researchers.

COMPANY INFORMATION

ArkivDigital is a Swedish company headquartered in Lyrestad in northeastern Västergötland, Sweden, founded by genealogists for genealogists. ArkivDigital's business started in the spring of 2004 as a hobby business. In the autumn of 2005, the hobby business was reorganized into the limited company Arkiv Digital AD AB. As early as 2000, GH Microscan was founded, also as a hobby business. Microscan was reorganized in 2004 into the limited company HH DigiArkiv AB. On May 31, 2008, the board of ArkivDigital and the owners of DigiArkiv agreed to merge. The company has about 30 employees who work on digitizing historical source documents, developing IT solutions, customer service, finance, and marketing. Today, ArkivDigital is Sweden's premier service for genealogists.

ArkivDigital's business goal is to digitize the original historical records using modern and high-quality technical equipment and to sell the digitized images via the Internet to genealogists, local history researchers, historians, associations, libraries, and other interested parties.

Today, the service has over 96 million newly photographed color images. Types of documents include Swedish church books, estate inventories, tax registers, military records, court records, Swedish American church books, maps, aerial photographs, and many others.

The English public website is <https://www.arkivdigital.net>, and you can access the application by going to the URL: <https://app.arkivdigital.se>. When you access the service, you will see the following screen and five tabs on the left side: archive search, index search, map search, family tree, and bookmarks. The family tree and bookmarks are only available in individual editions, not in the library.

ARCHIVE SEARCH

The archive search allows you to search for an individual archive such as a parish, court, military, or other type of archive. The online archive comprises over 200,000 volumes, corresponding to over 97 million digital color images. ArkivDigital has more than 100 archive types. Many are very specialized.

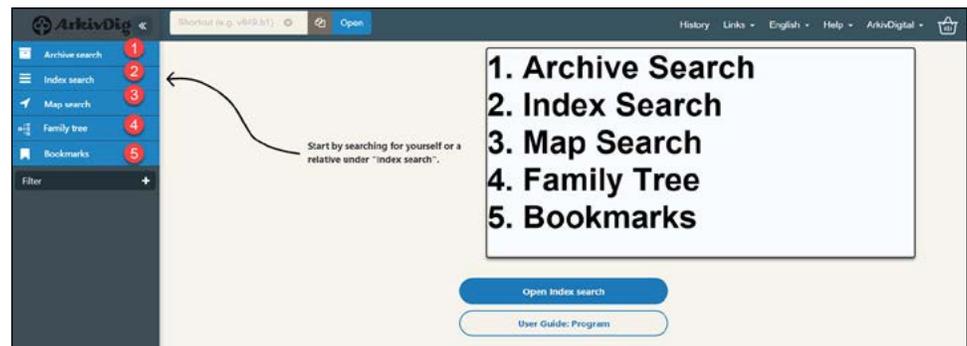
To search for an archive, click on

Archive Search. If you know the name of the archive, you can enter the name of the archive under the box **archive holder** and click search. You can then open the archive, and a volume list for that archive will appear.

You can also search by archive type and country. The default country is Sweden, and you can further limit your search in Sweden by county and province. For the United States, you can restrict the search by state. The most popular archives are parish/congregation for church books, city and district courts for estate inventories, emigrants for ship manifests for persons leaving Swedish ports, and military archives.

INDEX SEARCH

ArkivDigital regularly adds new indexes to aid the researcher. There are two types of indexes: name searchable indexes for specific collections such as the Swedish church books, estate inventories, military records, and other types of documents, and also indexes that work as search tools in navigating an archive. These search tools make it easier to search tax records, general muster rolls, and the SCB extracts or extracts of birth, marriage, and death records from 1925 to 1947.



Index Name	Category
Population of Sweden 1800-1947	Church Books
Census of Sweden 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990 and Census of Sweden 1940-1990	Census
Population of Stockholm 1945	Census
Estate Inventories	Estate Inventories
Military Service Cards (1902-1950)	Military
General Muster Rolls	Military
Swedes in US 1940	U.S. Census
Emigrants	Emigrants
Births (Parts of Sweden)	Church Books
Marriages (Parts of Sweden)	Church Books
Deaths (Parts of Sweden)	Church Books
Move certificates	Church Books
Prison Portrait	Prisoner Photos
Portrait Collection	Stockholm Portraits
Agriculture Statistics 1944	Agriculture
Boatswain active list	Military
Employees at Papyrus	Employee List
Riddarhuset, Collection of Portraits	Nobility

MAP SEARCH

Parish maps are now available on ArkivDigital. These maps make it easy for you to locate nearby parishes. There are two methods for finding parish maps:

1. Method 1:

- Go to Map search.
- Click on "Parishes."
- Select the region you are interested in and then see what parishes are located there.
- Click on a parish, which will open up the church archive. Then you can directly select a book to browse.

2. Method 2:

- Click on the archive info box for a parish.
- Then click on "Show on a map."

CHURCH BOOKS

The Swedish church books are usually the first Swedish records used when tracing one's Swedish heritage. These records are a "gold mine" because they are complete and contain detailed information about each individual. In many cases, one can trace a person's life in the church books from birth to death or emigration.

The Swedish Church Records include 14 record types. The most commonly used by the genealogist are the birth (*födde*), marriage (*vidge*), death (*död*), moving in/moving out (*inflytning och utflytning*) and household examination records (*Husförhörslängd*).

Within ArkivDigital, you will find church books for all of Sweden from the earliest times (1600s) until the law of privacy. There is legislation in Sweden that prohibits some records, such as birth, death, and household/congregation records, from being published online if they are younger than 70 years. The cut-off year is 1953. ArkivDigital is indexing by name the birth, marriage, death, and household/congregation books for all of Sweden.

You can search in the church books using *Archive* and *Index Search*.

USE SEARCH ARCHIVE TO FIND CHURCH RECORDS

To search within the Swedish Church books, you need to know the parish where your ancestor came from and their Swedish name. Then, it is helpful to have a date such as a birth date, marriage date, emigration date, or some other time frame to begin the search. Before jumping the pond, having as much information as possible about your ancestor is crucial. Parish is the key since the church books are organized by parish. With the new indexes in ArkivDigital, it is now possible in some cases to find an ancestor without knowing the parish. While name or index searching makes Swedish research easier, learning to do archive searches is still very important for a successful researcher.

Here is an example of using the Archive Search to find the birth record for Erik Eriksson, born February 19, 1859, in Rödön parish in Jämtland county. Select Archive Search, enter Rödön in the box under archive holder, and search. Three archive holders match the search criteria. Select the parish/congregation archive.

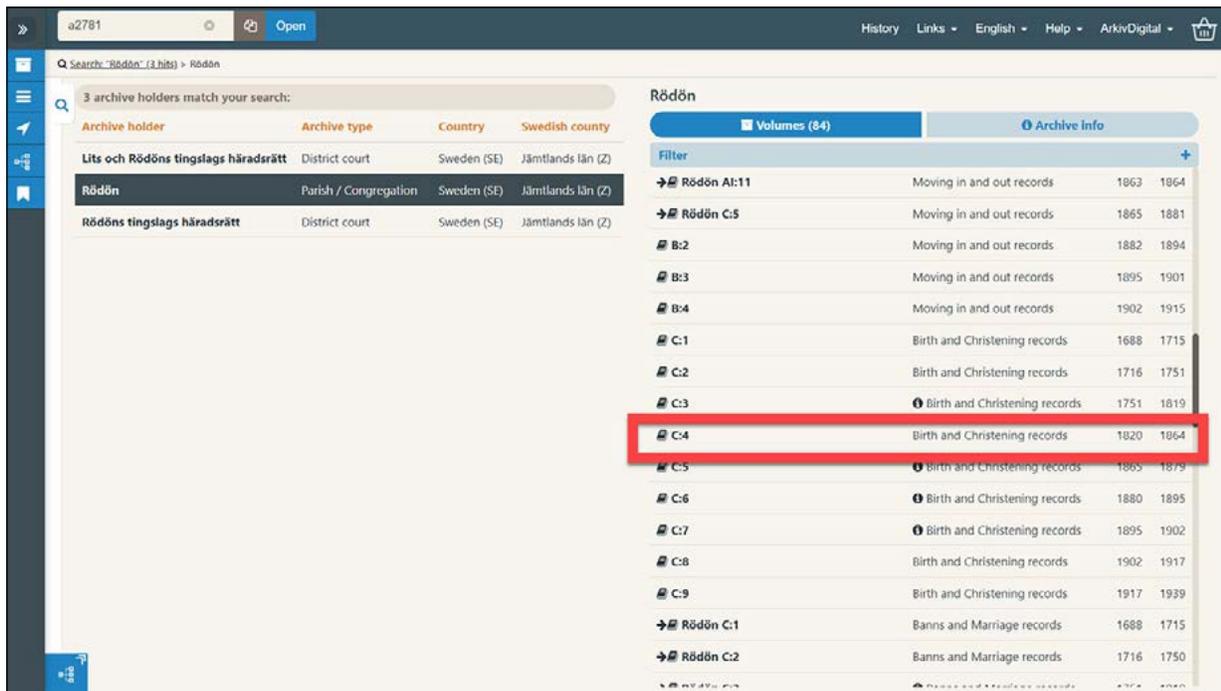
The screenshot shows the ArkivDigital search interface. The search term 'Rödön' is entered in the 'Archive holder' field. The search results table displays three entries:

Archive holder	Archive type	Country	Swedish county
Lits och Rödöns tingslags häradsrätt	District court	Sweden (SE)	Jämtlands län (Z)
Rödön	Parish / Congregation	Sweden (SE)	Jämtlands län (Z)
Rödöns tingslags häradsrätt	District court	Sweden (SE)	Jämtlands län (Z)

Below the table, a text box contains the following instructions:

1. Select archive search
2. Enter the parish name, Rödön, under Archive holder
3. Three archives match
4. Open the Parish/Congregation archive

Once you open the archive, you will see 84 volumes. Scroll down the volume list and search for a birth book that includes 1859. You will find volume C:4 Births and christening records 1820-1864. Open the volume and browse the book for births in 1852. Look for the birth record on February 19, 1859.



Birth record

The birth record shows the following information

1. Birth date - 19 February (1859)
2. Baptismal date - 27 February (1859)
3. Child's name - Eric (the letters C and K are often interchanged, so you often use Erik or Eric for the same person in the records.)
4. Parents - Worker Eric Ersson and his wife Maria Olsdotter from Dvårsätt, mother's age between 25 and 30, date mother received back into the church 3 April 1859.
5. Baptismal witnesses - Farmer Ol. Olsson and his wife from Torp. Pehr Pehrsson and his wife from Dvårsätt, Olof Olsson from Krogsgård, and maid Anna Lisa Olsdotter from the same place.

USE INDEX SEARCH TO FIND CHURCH RECORDS

Indexing is making searching for your ancestor much easier and faster. ArkivDigital is indexing the birth, marriage, death, and household/congregation books by name. Today (February 2024), all birth and marriage records for all of Sweden between 1750 and 1840 are indexed, all death records between 1750 and 1799 are indexed, and all household/congregation records between 1800 and 1947 are indexed. In addition, birth, marriage and death records from the 1600s to about 1900 are indexed for Kronoberg County, most of Värmland County, 80 parishes from Södermanland County. Also, some other parishes and years are indexed. The company's goal is to index all birth, marriage, and death records from the 1600s up to around 1900 and later by name.

The Population of Sweden (1800-1947) is Sweden's largest searchable name index. The index is a searchable name index of household/congregation books for the years 1800-1947 for all of Sweden, with approximately 165.8 million posts. Currently, indexing is being done for records between 1945 and 1952. Once this is complete, indexing will begin for household records before 1800. This robust index has powerful search features that help researchers break down brick walls

There are two search methods: simple search and advanced search. In the simple search, you enter the variables. The advanced search allows you to have a more controlled search by field. You can search by first name, last name, gender, or a combination of these fields in the birth section of the advanced search function. In the birth section, you can search by birth date or select between years (for example, between 1865 and 1870). The entry format for the birth date is YYYY-MM-DD. You can also search by birth parish, birth county, or birth country (if the birth country is not Sweden). The household search possibility is one of the most exciting and usable. Here, you can combine information about persons living together in a family to find matches in cases where you do not have much information about the family.

INDEX SEARCH EXAMPLE

Earlier, we used the archive search for Erik Eriksson's birth record. With the birth index, we can search for his birth record. To do this, go to Index search, select Birth Index, Parts of Sweden under Index source, and enter his birth date, 18590219 (YYYYMMDD format), and his birth parish, Rödön, in the Simple search field and click search.

In this example, we are searching for a birth record, using birth date and birth parish. This works well in a rural parish but one might want to add more detail in a city parish.

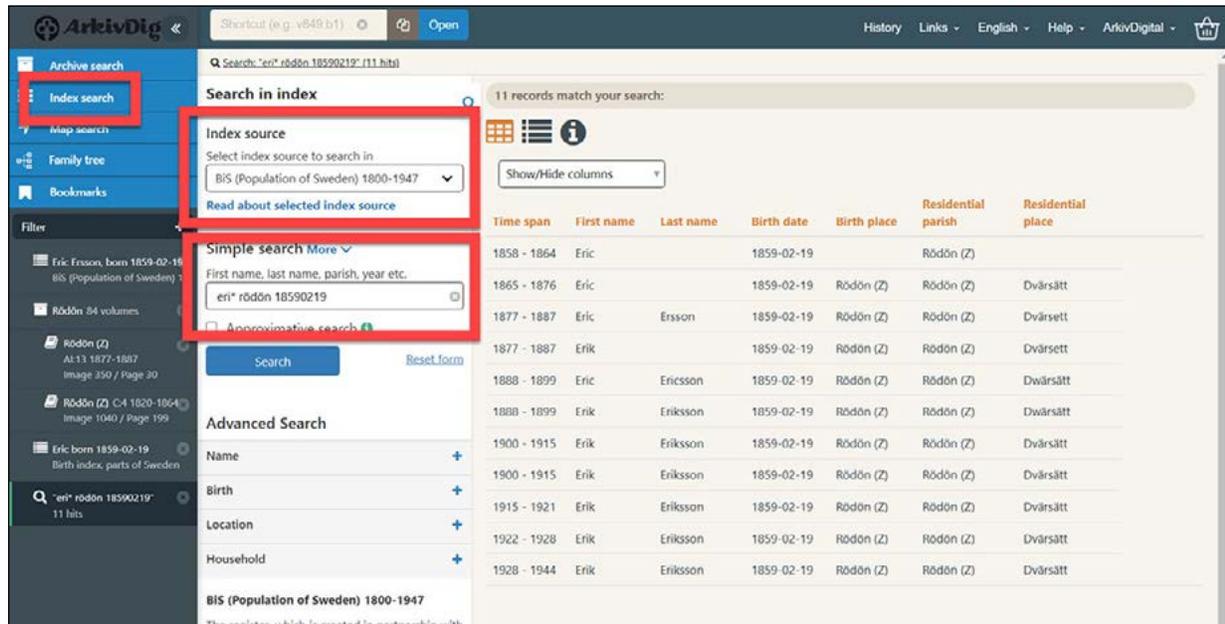
Birth date	Birth parish	First name	Birth place	Father first name	Father last name	Mother first name	Mother last name
1859-02-19	Rödön	Eric	Dvärsätt	Eric	Ersson	Maria	Olsdotter

We get one match. Click on the match. You will see an index record with the headings in English. The index shows the child's name, birth date, birth location, birth parish, birth county, father's name and occupation, and mother's name. Not all the information from the birth record is included in the index record, so it is important to review the source. In this case, finding the birth record using the index search versus the archive search was much faster.

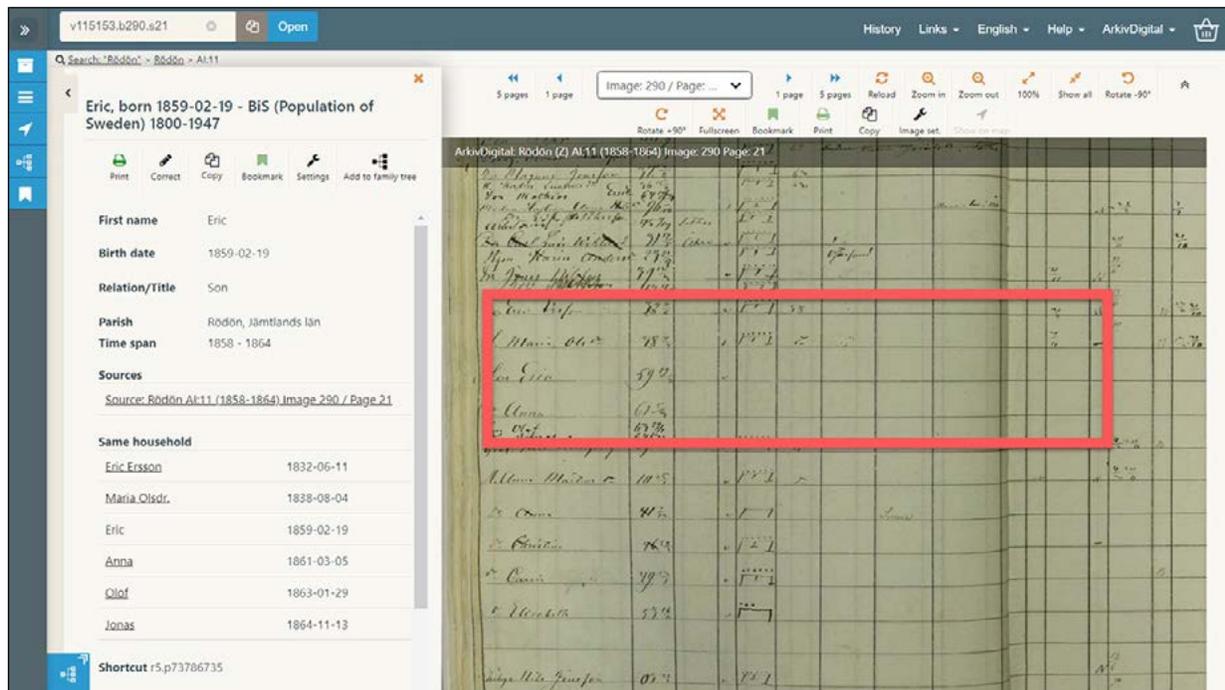
The result is an index record with English headings and a link to the source.

In this case, the information not included in the index were the baptismal date, mother's age, date mother received back into church and the names of the baptismal witnesses.

Now, we will search for all the household records for Eric Eriksson using the Population of Sweden (1800– 947) index. To do this, select Index search, select the Population of Sweden (1800– 947) under Index source, and enter the following information in the Simple Search box: Eri*, 18590219, Rödön. The asterisk is a wild card. As mentioned before, the letters Ks and Cs were interchanged, and one record might show Erik while another shows Eric even though it was the same person.



The result is eleven matches, and all these records are household/congregation books showing where he lived and details of his life from birth to his death in 1938. The first book in the result list is a household book for 1858-1864. The last book in the list is for 1928 – 1944. With one search, we found all the household books and can open each one by one to trace Erik’s life. Each result has an index record with a link to the source. The index record shows the person’s name, birth information, residence, household members, and a link to the source. You can click on the member’s name and secure their index record. Again, it is important to check the source to verify the index and for additional information in the source.



You can learn more about ArkivDigital by reading their blog, watching tutorials on YouTube, or reading ArkivDigital’s handbook, *Explore Your Swedish Heritage*.

BLOG

ArkivDigital publishes an English blog, usually once a week. There are now nearly 400 blogs. You can search by keyword or by category. Many contain tutorials on various types of records. You can access the blog directly at the URL: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/>, or if you like us on Facebook, you will be notified of new blogs in your newsfeed.

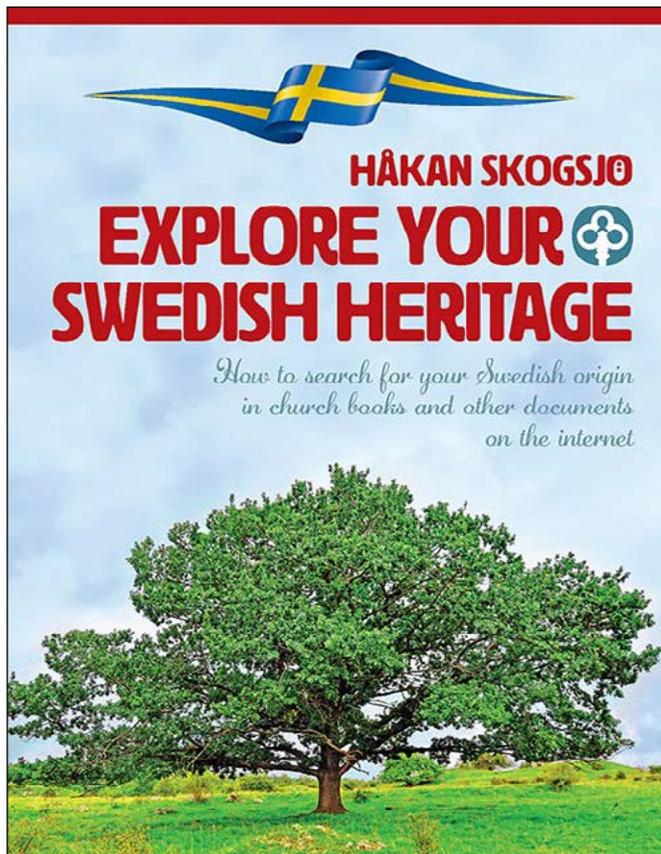
YOUTUBE CHANNEL

ArkivDigital has a YouTube channel where you can view instructional videos. While many are in Swedish, we do have some in English. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArkivDigital/playlists?app=desktop>.

BOOK, EXPLORE YOUR SWEDISH HERITAGE

ArkivDigital's handbook, *Explore Your Swedish Heritage*, written by Håkan Skogsjö, one of Sweden's most experienced genealogists, leads you from the first steps of doing Swedish genealogy to the more advanced methods. Original source materials and indexes are explained in detail, emphasizing how to avoid errors in your research. All case study examples use ArkivDigital, showing you the search steps for finding the records. Best of all, the book is written from beginning to end from an ArkivDigital perspective.

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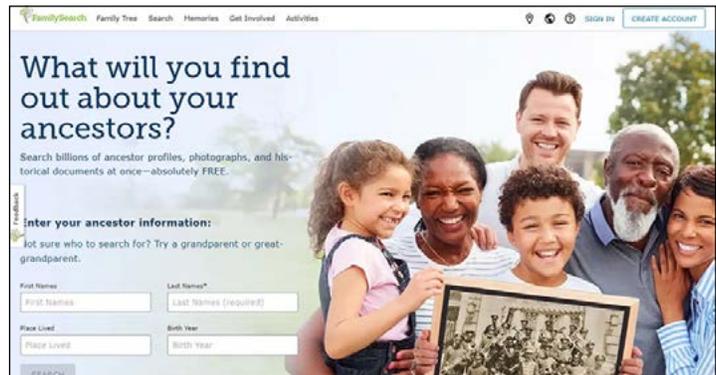


What You're Missing at *FamilySearch.org*

By Terry Marks and Dr. Larry Basham

First, let's hear from Larry:

I'M OFTEN ASKED WHICH GENEALOGY website I use and I reply that I always begin with FamilySearch when I'm researching a new person. Here's why: it's the world's largest shared family tree with over 9 billion searchable names on records, over 5 billion record images, 3 billion sources (44 million added each month) and 2 billion total persons in the shared tree. And to top it off, it's FREE! There's also an app for your smartphone so you can literally carry your family tree in your pocket, do research while you're sitting in your doctor's office or take a photo or record your grandchild's first words and upload them to "Memories" on your **private** personal page. Living peoples' "Person Page" cannot be seen by others. Your privacy is protected and not sold to other companies.

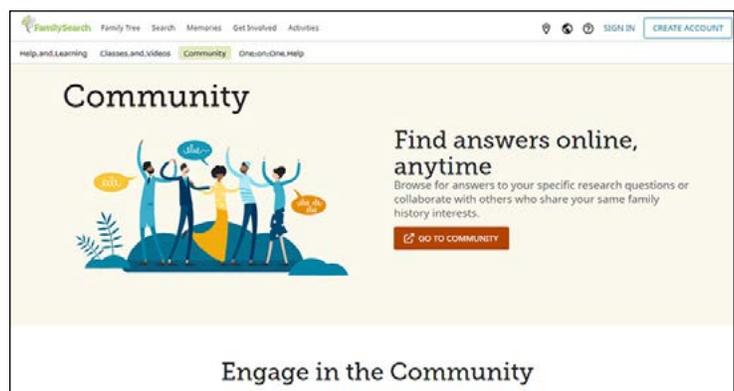


Collaboration is also a big plus. With such a large database of names and records, it's rare to do a search and NOT find the deceased person you're looking for! People are amazed when they begin to enter their ancestors names and go three or four generations back and suddenly the tree populates with extended generations and branches they had never known about. Often the people who added these ancestors are your distant cousins. They may have documents, photos and family records of which you have no knowledge. Often these important items have been uploaded to the "Memories" section on the ancestors' personal pages and

you can see them and download them. The people who added these and those who added the ancestor and their vital information can be contacted through FamilySearch and you can begin a dialog. FamilySearch will even state how you are related to this person. There's also a little known "Community Groups" section in FamilySearch where you can connect with people in other countries or special interest groups for research help and sharing information.

There is so much information on FamilySearch, I always start with it to see what other people may have added

– and that's the good and bad of it. There may be names, dates and places for a given person, even sources, but until I double check them, I don't blindly accept another person's information as correct. However, not everyone is as careful, and they may copy and add information without fully checking its accuracy. Also a "shared tree" means there is no **personal** tree and others may add or change information you have input for a person. However, you can change it back by using the "Change Log," then message the person, add "Alert Note" and "Follow" the ancestor so that you are notified if changes are made. All genealogists should know that it is essential to verify all facts, dates, and information before accepting anything as fact.



Sometimes there may be duplicate people in the database and FamilySearch will alert you to this. There is a “Merge” function which allows you to compare and merge information into one person. Although it can be frustrating to have other people add incorrect information, I find the positive aspects of a huge database, billions of searchable names and records far outweigh the negative.

You can access some resources without an account, such as seeing if it has the historical records you want to look at through the “Catalog,” or using the Research Wiki and other research helps which will be discussed in depth further on by Terry Marks. You need a free account to have unlimited access to all the tools and records within FamilySearch. These include: indexed (searchable by name) digitized historical records, digitized records which have not been indexed yet but can be viewed, online genealogies, and scanned books.

I think most of us who spend years connecting to our ancestors also want to preserve our family history for future generations. We know all too well that paper can be destroyed but technology allows genealogies to be saved to the cloud. That’s wonderful, but which cloud should you save to? Genealogy companies have their own clouds but they can go out of business or be sold and what happens to their cloud? I have no concern about that with FamilySearch, which is owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and which has been collecting and saving historical records since 1894! If a safer and better way to save records is developed, FamilySearch will use it. It’s come a long way since microfilm and “floppy discs.”



This leads to one of my favorite sections in FamilySearch: “Memories.” I can add documents, stories, photos, and audio (think interviews) to my tree quickly and easily and they can’t be changed by others, but rather shared and saved for future generations. I can also make photo albums and share them with family and friends who have FamilySearch accounts or share my discoveries on social media with a “click.”

Another fun section is “Activities” which has various parts. After you add ancestors to FamilySearch and connect with others, “Famous Relatives” will show you how you’re related to famous people. In “All About Me” you can see what world events happened the year you were born and “Where Am I From?” indicates where your surname comes from and what it means. These and others are great activities which are sure to interest your family in their family history!



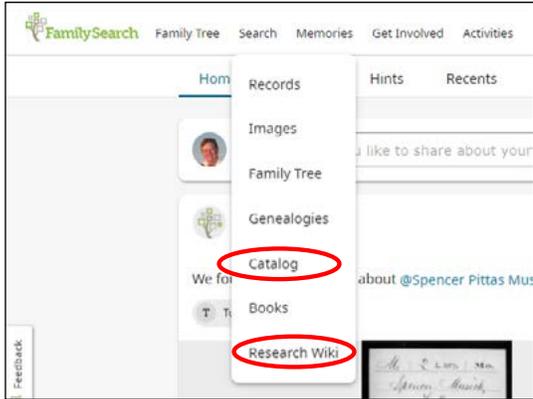
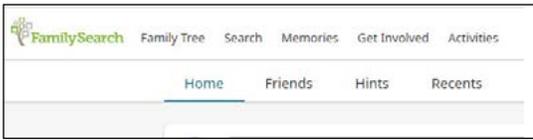
You may also choose to receive email notifications from FamilySearch when a new record or photo which relates to one of your ancestors is added to the tree, or if you have a message from a relative. You may also choose how you want to view your tree: the traditional landscape view, or portrait view, and even a fan chart view. The fan chart can be set to show four to seven generations and which ancestors have sources or memories added and which have hints waiting to be researched. You don’t have to search each individual in your tree to find these out, it’s all on one chart. There’s also a descendency view which allows you to follow the descendants of a chosen ancestral line. This is very helpful when you are trying to find relatives with additional family information.



Other features include a searchable “Help” page for when you have a question AND a “Help Line” you can phone! There’s a “Person Page” with an AI generated brief biography which you can edit, “Research Hints,” and sections to add “Other Relationships,” “Alternate Names,” and user defined “Events and Facts.” There is also a “Timeline” with life and historical events for each person and much more! (See what you’ve been missing?)

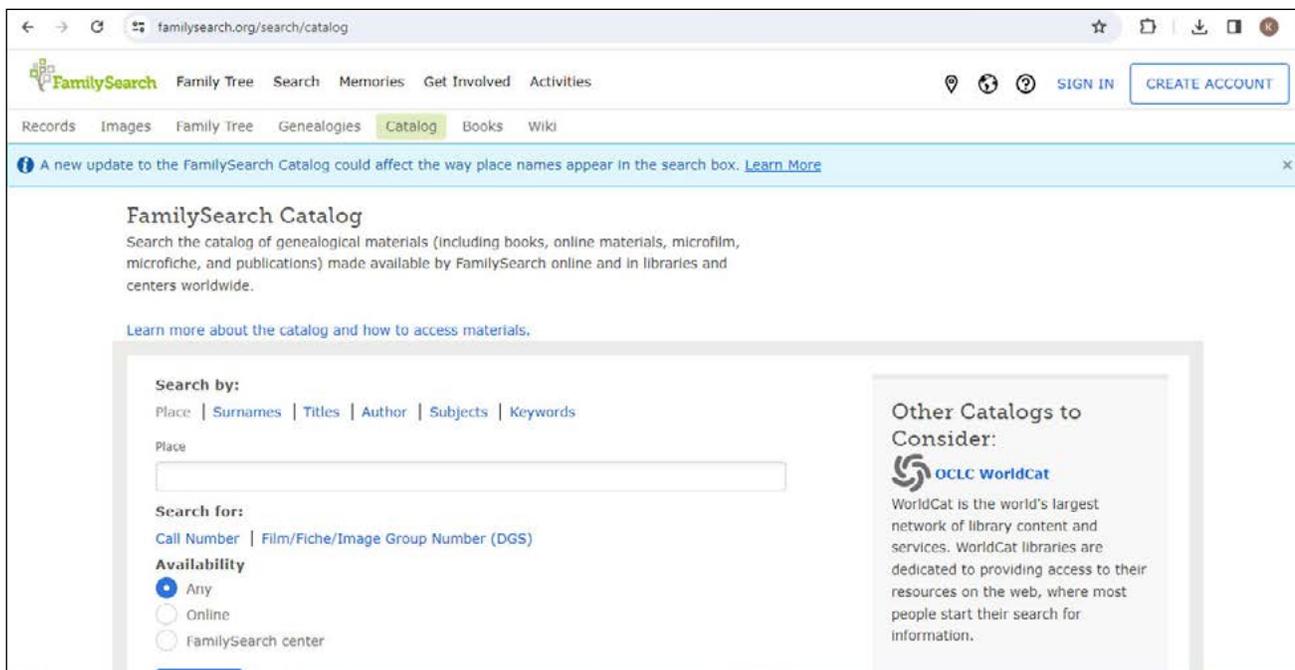
Terry B. Marks has more to share.

TWO OFTEN OVERLOOKED RESOURCES ON *FAMILYSEARCH.ORG* are the **FamilySearch Catalog** and the **FamilySearch Research Wiki**. The Catalog can be found under the Search tab in the Main Menu. The Catalog describes the genealogical resources held by FamilySearch, the FamilySearch Library, and selected FamilySearch Centers. The Catalog contains civil records (birth, marriage, death); census records; church registers; books; periodicals; family histories, and many other records that contain genealogical information. Many of these records may be searchable online. Some entries in the FamilySearch Catalog include digital images of records. When an image is available in the Catalog, a camera icon will appear to the right of the microfilm note associated with that image. Many books have been digitized as well.



This information can be accessed through several different searches. The most common search is the “Place” search. Through this search you can look for records that are available in a locality where an ancestor lived. For example, type in the name of the place from the largest locality to the smallest, i.e., United Kingdom, England, Wiltshire, Trowbridge. The records available from this locality will be shown. Some of these records include cemeteries, census, church records, civil registration, emigration, military, taxation, vital records, and more. Depending on the location there can be more or fewer records available.

Clicking on the subject link will give a drop-down list of records that are available for that subject. Records are listed by date and place for



ease in finding the records you are looking for. For example, Trowbridge has 30 data sets for Church Records. Clicking on the link will show which churches and time period the records come from. Many records have been digitized and indexed. If an entry has been digitized, a small camera icon will appear next to it. If it is indexed, an image of a magnifying glass is shown. Occasionally some records can be viewed only in a FamilySearch Center or affiliate library such as the Sahyun. Sometimes the records can only be viewed in the Salt Lake FamilySearch Library. These restrictions are due to copyright agreements between the owners of the records and FamilySearch.

Other searches available are the “Surname” search which can help find published family histories by a particular family name. The “Title” search will help you find a record by its title. The “Author” search will find the works of a particular author. The “Subject” search will help you discover works based on the topics they cover. You can also search by “Keywords,” “Call Number” and “Film/Fiche Number.”

The Catalog handles more than 5 million searches each week. At this time the Catalog is being updated to use the newest FamilySearch place standards. Place standards provide a consistent experience for how place information is organized and presented. They must be updated regularly since place names around the world are changing. With

the new system, searches can be more precise, and the results will be sorted better. For example, doing a place search for China now returns resources in English and Chinese.

New collections are constantly being added to the Catalog and many collections are being updated. Check back regularly to find these new resources that are being added.

The **FamilySearch Research Wiki** is a free, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites and other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for your ancestors. Articles included are locality pages for countries around the world and topic pages that include genealogy record types explaining how to use the record, what it contains, and how to find it.

In the Research Wiki you can search for places or topics, but not for people. Using the "Online Genealogy

FamilySearch Wiki: FamilySearch Research Wiki

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Records" link will bring you to a page that contains links to online records for different states, provinces, or countries. These online records may include birth records, marriage records, death records, censuses, church records, and much more. Some examples are African American records, U.S. Military records, records from each state in the United States, as well as records from countries in Europe, the Caribbean, Africa, Mexico, the Middle East, etc. Clicking on a link here will take you to a list of links of online databases. Some of the sites are free, but the sites marked with a (\$) require a subscription or payment. Some of the subscription sites can be searched for free at a FamilySearch Center or affiliate library.

The Research Wiki also has a "Guided Research" section which is the best resource for finding birth, marriage, and death information. At this time, the Guided Research is available for all the states in the United States, the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and several islands in the South Pacific. Clicking on the state or country link will bring you to some simple questions so the Wiki can help you find what you are looking for.

If you haven't looked at FamilySearch recently you owe it to yourself to do so.

Terry and Larry lead classes at the FamilySearch Center, 2107 Santa Barbara St. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 10 - 11 a.m. The center is open every Wednesday (except holidays) for research and help from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Center also has "Premium Websites" such as Ancestry, American Ancestors, Fold3, MyHeritage, and others at no charge. You may have found out that some images can only be viewed at a FamilySearch Center due to copyright restrictions. Come in and meet our friendly and helpful staff.

Google us at Santa Barbara FamilySearch Center for more information.



Dr. Larry Basham joined SBCGS in 2022 and is currently the Outreach Speaker Coordinator for the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society. He was born and raised in Taft, California. After attending UCSB and the University of Pacific Dental School in San Francisco, he began his dental practice in Santa

Barbara in 1974 and retired in 2015. He has been married to his wife, Julie, for 52 years and they have five children and five grandchildren. Larry inherited his mother's passion for genealogy and has been doing research for over 32 years. Since his retirement, he has served on staff and is currently Director of the Santa Barbara LDS FamilySearch Center located at 2107 Santa Barbara St. He teaches classes there on a variety of genealogy topics, specializing in the use of FamilySearch.org.

He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, an independent member of Eevalogue.Life Professional Writers Network and is currently helping people save their family stories through his business, ForeverYours-LifeStories.com.



Terry Marks is a Santa Barbara native. She is retired from the Santa Barbara School District where she worked as the director of the Adams School Computer Lab for over 20 years, designing curriculum and teaching computer skills to children in grades K through 6. She is a former director of the Santa Barbara FamilySearch

Center and has volunteered there continuously since 1990. There she developed a deep interest in family history and was pleased to be able to use her computer skills to help others as they search for ancestors. She has one son, five grandsons, and five great-grandsons, all of whom are her "favorite boys."



Findmypast: A Great Source for the United Kingdom

By Laurie Hannah

<http://findmypast.co.uk>

History of the Subscription Service

Originally known as Title Research, the first website was launched in 2003 as *1837online.com*. According to their website “in 2011 Findmypast embarked on a 10-year project to digitize 40 million pages from the British Library’s collection of historical newspapers, [and] this partnership was renewed in 2021.”

Strengths

In terms of record sets, there is a lot of overlap with Findmypast and other subscription services, such as Ancestry, FamilySearch, and GenealogyBank. For North American records, standard searches of U.S. and Canadian censuses, the Social Security Death Index, obituaries and marriages are included, as are a wealth of other record sets for North America that might also be found elsewhere (see figure 3).

While it is handy to be able to search other regions and countries, the real strength of Findmypast lies in its records from the United Kingdom, including Great Britain, Scotland, and Wales. It is the exclusive online home of Great Britain’s 1921 Census. Our current subscription does not include that collection; however, records are available on a pay-per-view, on-demand basis.

Other specialized record collections include over 8 million British army records from 1760 through 1939, the Wales Collection, which include Welsh baptisms, banns, marriage and burial records from the National Library of Wales, and 3 million British trade union records from the Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick.

Where to Start

A general search can include all collections, or you can narrow a search to specific types of records. Here is the main Search screen.

If you are unsure of where someone lived, you can search a radius of anywhere from 0 to 100 miles (see arrow in figure 1.)

There are many ways to search in Findmypast besides just filling in the boxes. You can filter your search by a diverse list of categories and subcategories or you can choose a specific record set from the dropdown menu to search.

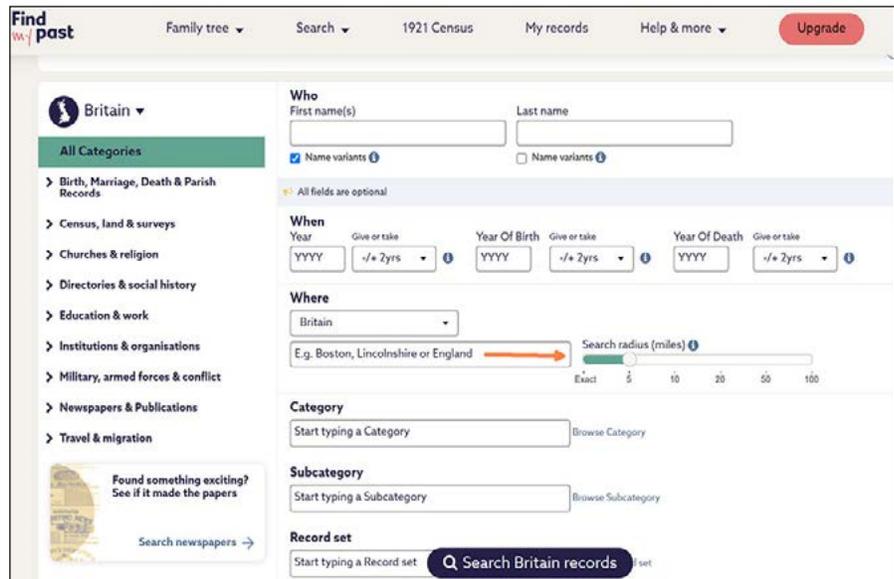
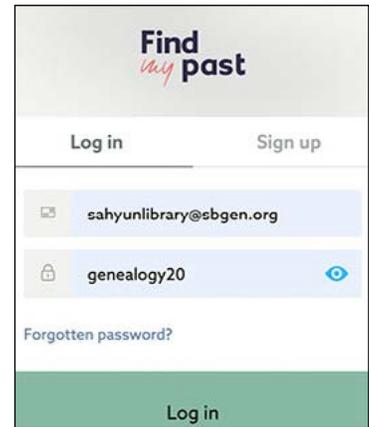


Figure 1. Basic search screen.



Figure 2. A search of record sets for Britain.



Figure 3. A search of record sets for Missouri.

If you scroll to the bottom of the main Search page, there is a section called “Special Collections.” Here you will find subject- and locality-focused record sets that might be of interest. A portion of the list is shown on next page.

Searching Newspapers

Findmypast gives you access to the British and Irish Newspaper Collection, with many titles going back to the 1700s. <https://www.findmypast.com/search-newspapers>. You can search by name or keyword or browse by location. You can search for big cities or little towns in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. 35 titles alone have the word “London” in them, while even more were published there. There is even a sprinkling of papers from other countries, such as the *Chicago Citizen* from 1890-1897. It is a lot of fun to browse the titles in the scroll-down menu, but make sure you take advantage of keyword searching for events and names in American history, which were often reported in the British, Irish, and Scottish press.

Other Features

Findmypast has a way for users to add family trees that are then public (searchable) or private, similar to other subscription sites. You can start from scratch or upload a GEDCOM file. Please note that this feature is more beneficial to those who have their own personal subscription to Findmypast than our library subscription.

History Hub, the blog of Findmypast, is full of delightful, well-researched stories and how-to articles on a variety of topics such as Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton, the family tree of King Charles III, and how to do a one-place study.

To get the most out of the website, be sure to read the short article “A beginner’s guide on how to search Findmypast’s family records” for tips and Youtube videos. <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog/getting-started/search-genealogy-records>.

Special collections

Findmypast is proud to offer you a varied range of special record collections. Select a collection from the list below to discover vital new information about your ancestors.

- British India Office Collection**
 - British India Office Army & Navy pensions
 - British India Office Assistant Surgeons
 - British India Office Births & Baptisms
 - British India Office Deaths & Burials
 - British India Office East India Company & Civil Service Pensions
 - British India Office Marriages
 - British India Office Wills & Probate
- The Manchester Collection**
 - Manchester Apprentices
 - Manchester Baptism Register
 - Manchester Birth Register
 - Manchester Cemetery Records
 - Manchester Death Register
 - Manchester Industrial School Registers
 - Manchester Jewish School Admission Index
 - Manchester Marriage Register
 - Manchester Naturalisation Society 1896-1909
 - Manchester Prison Registers 1847-1881
 - Manchester Rate Books
 - Manchester School Admissions Registers
 - Manchester Workhouse Registers 1800-1911
- The Canterbury Collection**
 - Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Banns
 - Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Baptisms
 - Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Burials
 - Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Marriages
 - Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Parish Registers Browse, 1538-1913
- The Royal Archives Collection**
 - Monarchs since 1485
 - Publications relating to the Royal Household
 - Royal Household Staff 1526-1924

Figure 4. A partial list of Special Collections found in Findmypast.

Explore our collections

We have 2,344 newspaper titles to explore, with issues dating back as far as the 1700s. Take a look at what's in our collections.

Leicester Journal

Search this newspaper

Leicester Journal

- Place of publication
Leicester, Leicestershire, England
- The first issue was added in 2013 with the latest issue added on 19 March 2023
- There are a total of 8,141 issues for this publication, containing 45,008 pages
- Years covered
1759-1782, 1786-1920
- Publisher
Reach PLC

Figure 5. Browsing newspapers by name.

Finding Your Ancestor's Military Records at Last Getting Started on "Fold3"

By Kate Lima

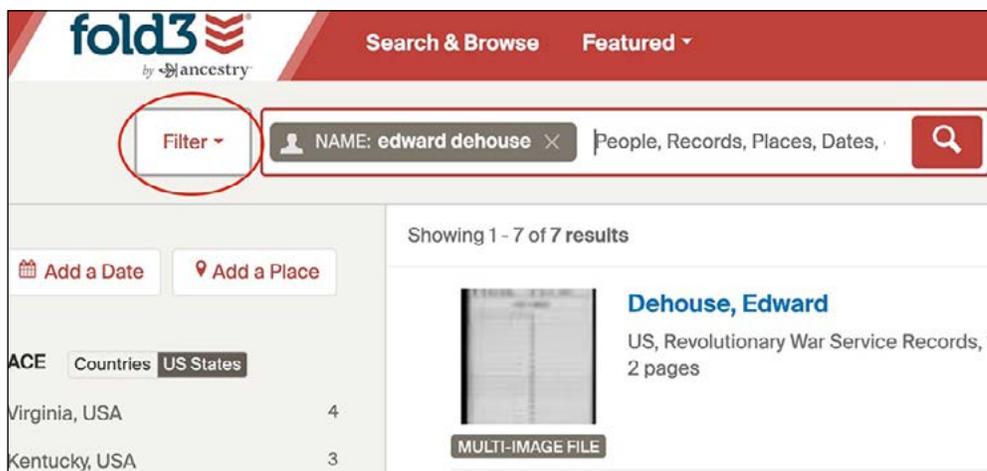
FOLD3 IS A FEE-BASED website owned by *ancestry.com* that houses over 600 million military records. You can access these records in the library through our subscription. The collection includes records for the United States, Canada, Australia, and Great Britain. You can purchase your own subscription, but many of our members have taken advantage of being able to search the records without having to pay for a personal subscription.

It is not the easiest website to use, and I highly recommend using the Fold3 Help Pages to get started. For this article I am going to use the information they provide in order to help you search and browse. This will be the key to starting your research.



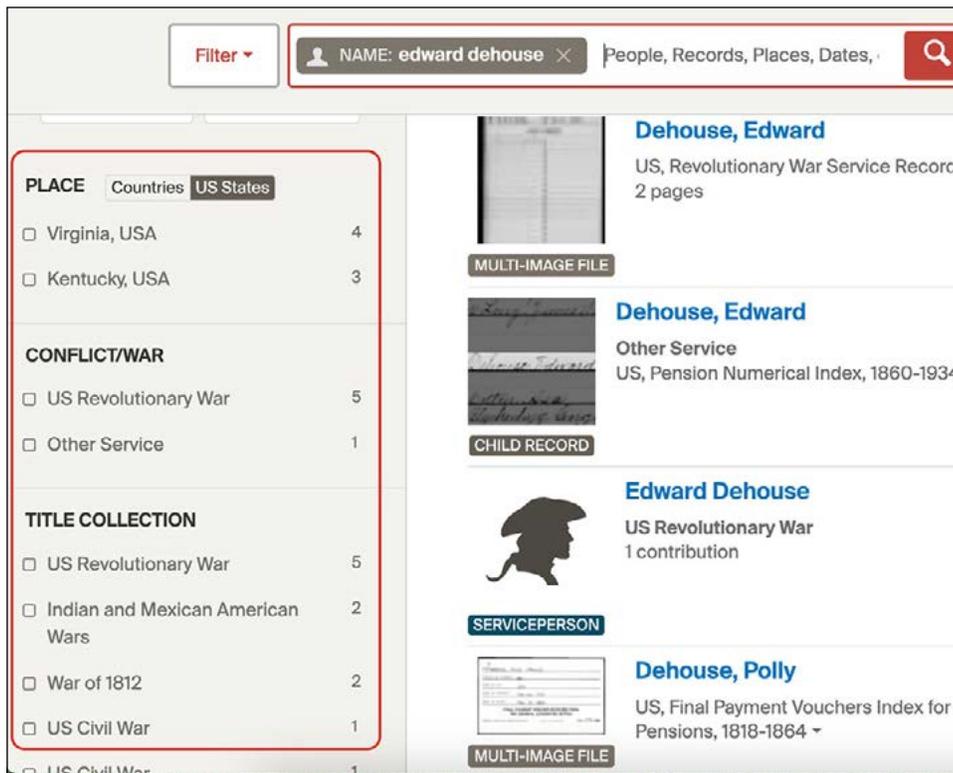
SEARCH

The Fold3 search engine lets you search all available record collections. Begin by entering a keyword on the home page. You'll notice that as you type in your search term, you can select a keyword, name, or place. This filter will help refine your results quickly. You may also see additional hints to guide you in narrowing your search.



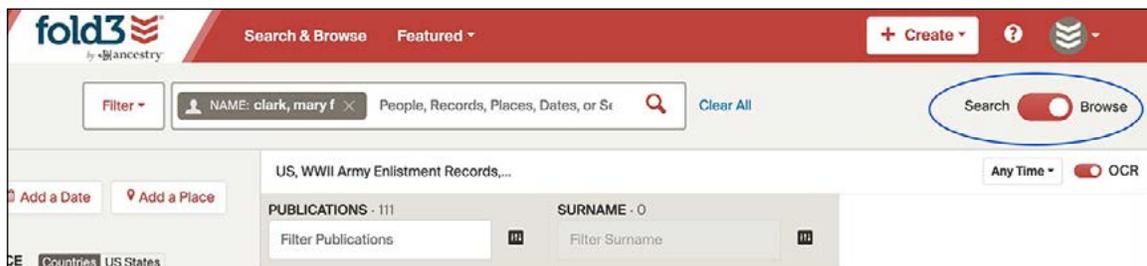
You can further narrow your search results in three ways:

1. Add additional search terms in the Search field. For example, you can enter a date or location alongside your original search term.
2. Select the Filter tab next to the Search bar. This calls up a drop-down menu that allows you to select additional filters like a military service number.



3. A third option is to select from filters along the left side of the page. You'll see options like conflict, title collection, place, and more.

Once you've located your desired record, you can save it, share it, download it, annotate it, or add it to a Fold3 Memorial. You can also organize your records using Fold3 custom tags.



BROWSE

To browse, click on Browse and Search in the top menu bar, then start entering search criteria in the search bar to filter and narrow the results. You will toggle between Search and Browse in the top right corner.

Browse contains features that allow you to:

- Explore individual record collections in depth.
- Filter to see recently added content.

Alternate between View Results in Browse/View results in Search to explore records where your ancestor's name may appear in a record rather than their own (such as vouching for another soldier in his pension record).

There is a video from Fold3 that shows you how to browse: <https://www.fold3.com/help/browse>. It's a bit outdated; the Search and Fold button is separated into two (that's how it used to look). The information they give, though, is still helpful.

It's a really good idea to try Fold3 for free before you purchase. Also, as my piano teacher used to frequently remind me, "Practice makes perfect." (This was incorrect, by the way; I was never perfect.) The more you use Fold3 the more adept you'll become. So please, stop by the Sahyun and try it out. We have volunteers who would love to tackle this with you!

Read All About It !!! Newspapers as a genealogy tool

By Chris Klukkert

OF OUR MANY SUBSCRIPTIONS available at our library, a new favorite is *Newspapers.com/World* edition. *Newspapers.com* is owned by Ancestry. It is important to know that *Newspapers.com* has two separate editions: a Library edition (World) and a Home edition. The Home edition is not available to libraries, so we are unable to offer that edition to our patrons. The two editions do differ somewhat: which newspapers they have, and the dates they cover, for instance. The Library edition has 21,389 newspapers available, while the Home edition has 24,547. With either edition, you are likely to find something if you approach the collection prepared to vary your search strategy. Here are some hints on how to access and use it to its full advantage.

As you sit at a computer at the library, find the tab for Newspapers/World tab on top and click to open it.

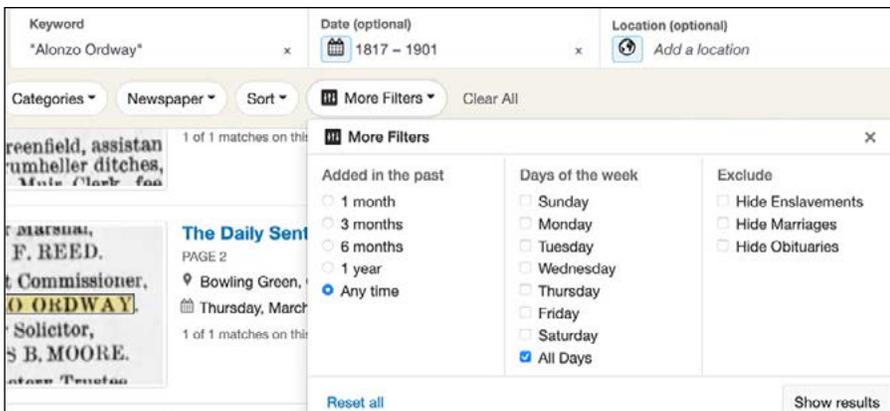
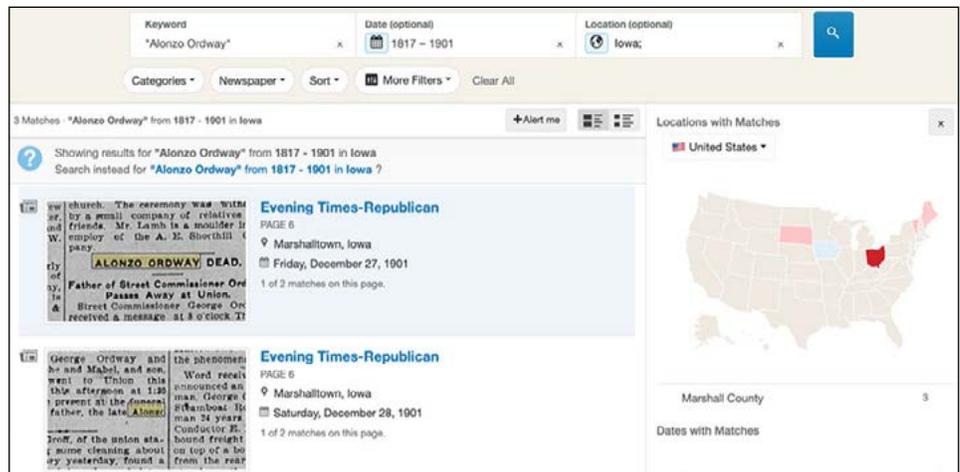
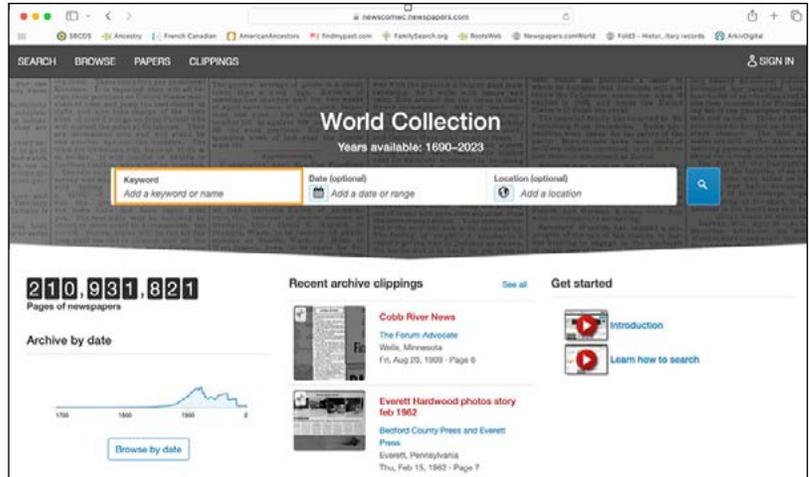
Although it shows SIGN IN in the right upper corner you do NOT need to sign in or have a password.

Begin with the KEYWORD box. When I am hunting for an article about a particular person, I put the surname and/or the given name of a person I am looking for. It is helpful to put quotation marks around the name to narrow the search more specifically on exactly who or what I want to find. In this case, I start my search by entering my relative's name in the KEYWORD field, "Alonzo Ordway" with quotation marks. Next, since I have the dates of his life, I enter those in DATE field. I know that he likely died in Iowa, so I would start by putting that in LOCATION, but will make sure to do another search without putting a location so as not to rule out other newspapers or areas where he was written about.

There were two very good results for Alonzo with that search.

Also be aware that *Newspapers.com* has another wonderful feature of choosing More Filters.

Using More Filters is helpful if you want to read a week's worth of newspapers from a certain area or perhaps a specific event, and you want to narrow your search. For instance, I wanted to know what the newspapers in my grandparents' towns published during the start and end of WW 2, and how it impacted their lives.



Notice too that the FILTERS option can exclude searches that you may not want.

Another way to approach newspapers is to start with a LOCATION and do a search to see if any newspapers from that area are available and for which dates. In this instance I would search NEWSPAPERS and what is available for Iowa. A list of newspapers and their available dates on the site pop up for reference.

After you find an article on *Newspapers.com* that you want to save or upload for your genealogy files, there is a procedure for that. Although it seems intuitive to select the CLIP button in the upper right corner, that does not work with the Library edition. Instead, click on the PRINT/DOWNLOAD button.

A window comes up asking if you want to save the entire page or to “select portion of the page.” If you just want the article and not the entire page, chose the portion option by arranging the blue dots to the desired shape and size around the article to highlight what in particular you want to save on the page. Then choose either to save as a JPEG or PDF in order to print your selection. The finished product looks like this:

It is then easy to print that clipped article while you are at the library. You will have a good quality copy with the citation and the date you accessed it for reference. Better still might be to save it to your own memory stick to use and share as you desire.

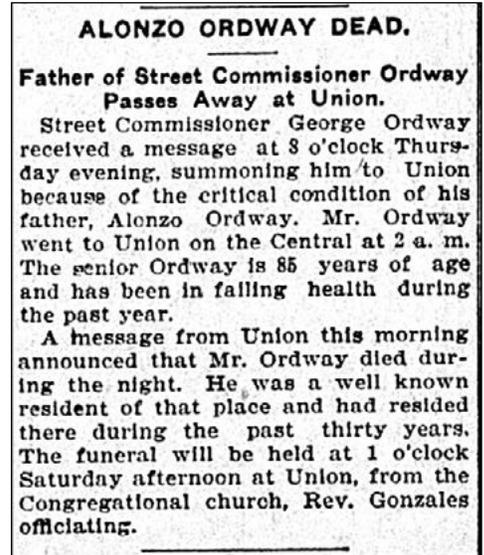
Another kind of search you may want to try is using a key word or phrase in the search box instead of a surname. For instance, I wanted to find information about a buggy accident in my family in Santa Cruz, California, but I do not know who was involved or when. So, I will do an open-ended search that looks like this:

I can go through each article to see if I can identify a relative of mine and get the story of what happened.

There are advantages to having one’s own subscription to *newspapers.com* Home edition. As mentioned previously, there are over 3,000 more newspapers available on the Home edition. Nor are the newspapers on that edition archived the same. In addition, you are able to CLIP an article and upload it directly to your *ancestry.com* account.

You also have the option to SHARE the clipped newspaper article with others, though I have only done that successfully with others who also have a subscription, and can successfully open it and read it. Those without a subscription get a message that they need to become members. There are other options with the Home edition, like sharing it to Facebook, Twitter (X) and Pinterest.

I personally use newspapers in my research so frequently and have so many articles that I want to attach to my Ancestry Trees that I find it is worth having my own subscription.



Newspapers are a valuable resource in finding more about your family stories and history.

We are so fortunate that our library provides access to this source of information. Having the gift of time at the library with all the subscriptions (and help!) that we offer can really take your research to the next level.

Come on in and give it a try.

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PRDH—Programme de recherche en démographie historique. Research program in historical demography.

To best explain our library’s subscription and usage of the French Canadian database PRDH, I am using the latest information from Drouin Genealogical Institute.

An important update was announced on February 7, 2024. A subscription to *PRDH-IGD.com* will now give you access to all French-Canadian individuals and families who lived in Quebec from the very beginnings of the French colony to 1861!

This massive update adds over a decade of coverage to the database, and represents the addition of 738,696 vital records, 544,537 individuals and 94,264 families.

What is PRDH-IGD?

All individuals mentioned in these records receive their own “individual file” which centralizes the information available on the individual, along with links to the records in which they are mentioned. “PRDH-IGD.com is a database of all Catholic baptisms, marriages and burials recorded in Quebec between 1621 and 1861 (nearly 3.2 million records) as well as a genealogical dictionary of families commonly known as “Family reconstructions.”

In addition, each married couple is assigned a “family file” which fulfills a similar role as the individual file, but in relation to a family unit. It contains the list of all the couple’s children with links to their individual files, the list of all baptisms, marriages and burials of these children with links to the records in question, and additional information on the married couple.

As such, the PRDH-IGD database can be seen as a comprehensive family tree of the French Canadian population from the beginnings of the colony to 1861.

All the information available on the site is maintained and corrected in collaboration with the demography department of the University of Montreal and is of unparalleled reliability in the field of genealogy.

To better understand the importance and value of family reconstructions, we will explore the database by using the case of Charles Trudeau, (my 5th great-grandfather) who lived in Longueuil, Quebec, Canada, in the 18th century. His father, Etienne Trudeau, was the first of the Trudeaus to come to Canada and the ancestor of Prime Ministers Pierre and Justin Trudeau (and my 6th great-grandfather).

1 Subscription access page:

ALL of Quebec's Catholic baptisms and burials as well as all of Quebec's marriages for 1621-1861

Flash info...

New version of the database with the addition of the years 1850-1861, approximately 30% more data (feb. 2024) (here)

[->>More Info...](#)

Today's Commentary...

I would first like to say that the PRDH is the best genealogy resource I have found. It has saved me literally years of work!!!!

[->>More comments...](#)

2 types of access...

Public access to the database

Subscriber and institutional access to the database

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Access limited to subscribers.

Institutional access : Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society's Sahyun Library

1. Limited use license of the website

This license allows you to use the content only to perform genealogical research on a personal or professional basis, and you may only download content that is relevant to this research.

You may not use the content for any other purpose whatsoever. Downloading all or large sections of the database is prohibited.

Live publication or other new publication of the content is prohibited except as unique data elements that are part of a family history or unique genealogy.

A new authorized publication of the content must include a reference to Programme de Recherche en Démographie historique with mention of the following website: <https://www.prdh-igd.com/>

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To begin the search, the information is entered in the Search field. In this case, we are searching for any mention of a Charles Trudeau in the database, without limiting the search to a specific period or parish.

Vital Events - Dictionary - Couples - Help

Search for an individual in the repertory of vital events (baptisms, marriages, burials) 1621-1861 Quebec and French Canada

<p>Name: <input type="text" value="Trudeau"/> & <input type="text"/></p> <p>First name: <input type="text" value="Charles"/> & <input type="text"/></p> <p>Likeness: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>de: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> - <input type="text" value="mm"/> - <input type="text" value="dd"/></p> <p>à: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> - <input type="text" value="mm"/> - <input type="text" value="dd"/></p> <p>Role: <input type="text" value="All roles"/></p> <p>Type: <input type="text" value="All types"/></p> <p>Sex: <input type="text" value="M+F"/></p> <p>Parish: <input type="text" value="All parishes"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See the parish map</p>	<p>Nicknames with TRUDEAU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> barbier (9) arnaud (2) aubuchon (1) charpentier (1) crevier (1) deschenaux (1) desmarais (1) dubuc (1) lisse (1) longue (1) point (1) prefontaine (1) richer (1) scalixte (1)
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PRDH search template.

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Vital Events Dictionary Couples Help

New search 1 2 3 4 5 6 1 to 100 on 557

idActe	date	type	Parish	role	sex	age	standard name	standard first name
2229	1684-03-25	b	Boucherville (Ste-Famille)	subject	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4744	1702-01-14	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
42654	1703-07-24	b	Montréal (Notre-Dame-de-Montréal)	subject	f		TRUDEAU	Charlotte
5275	1705-11-23	m	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4806	1705-12-31	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
5383	1706-01-04	s	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
5385	1706-06-22	s	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
18135	1708-01-02	b	La Prairie (La-Nativité-de-la-Ste-Vierge)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
11562	1710-11-17	m	Montréal, Pointe-aux-Trembles (St-Enfant-Jésus)	subject	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4905	1711-11-22	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	father	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4921	1712-12-18	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	father	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
5412	1713-05-19	s	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	father	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
44161	1713-10-18	b	Montréal (Notre-Dame-de-Montréal)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4934	1714-02-21	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	father	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
5415	1714-04-23	s	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	father	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4951	1715-05-08	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	subject	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4951	1715-05-08	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	father	m		TRUDEAU	Charles
11591	1716-08-20	m	Montréal, Pointe-aux-Trembles (St-Enfant-Jésus)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4968	1716-08-21	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
5444	1717-01-01	s	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4975	1717-01-11	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		m		TRUDEAU	Charles
4977	1717-03-27	b	Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	father	m		TRUDEAU	Charles

Search results for any mention of Charles Trudeau in the PRDH database

We obtain a list of results for our search.

- The first column gives us the record number, which is used to identify the record in the database.
- The second column gives us the date of the event.
- The third column gives us the type of record (baptism, burial or marriage).
- The fourth column gives us the parish in which the event was celebrated.
- The role column tells us what role the individual has in the record.
- The sex, standard name and standard first name columns are self explanatory.

We will select the first result, which is the baptism of Charles Trudeau, celebrated on the 25th of March 1684 in Boucherville, Quebec, Canada.

5 Charles Trudeau's baptism file sourced from the PRDH

Baptism # 2229
view the original document on GenealogyQuebec.com

Boucherville (Ste-Famille) 25-Mar-1684
Birth : 24-Mar-1684

Rank	Name	Age	M.	Pr.	Sex
01	Charles TRUDEAU Residence : LONGUEUIL	---	c	p	m
02	Etienne TRUDEAU FATHER OF 01 SPOUSE OF 03 Occupation : CHARPENTIER Residence : LONGUEUIL	---	m	p	m
03	Adrienne BARBIER MOTHER OF 01 SPOUSE OF 02 Residence : LONGUEUIL	---	m	p	f
04	Charles PATENOSTRE Occupation : DOMESTIQUE DE M. DE LONGUEIL Residence : LONGUEUIL	---	---	p	m
05	Helene BENOIST Residence : LONGUEUIL	---	c	p	f
06	Paul BENOIST FATHER OF 05 Occupation : CHARPENTIER Residence : LONGUEUIL	---	---	---	m
07	Isabelle GOBINET MOTHER OF 05 Residence : LONGUEUIL	---	---	---	f
08	Pierre DECAUMONT Occupation : CURE Residence : BOUCHERVILLE (STE-FAMILLE)	---	c	p	m

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Record Certificate

Click on...

- a name to be redirected to that person's Individual File
- a parish name to view the parish location on a map

This baptism file was created from the original record. It extracts all the relevant information from it and presents it in a convenient manner.

In a PRDH-IGD baptism, marriage or burial file, every name is a link to that person's individual file. By clicking on Charles Trudeau's name, we are taken to the following file:

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Individual # 71755

Charles TRUDEAU
Father : Etienne TRUDEAU
Mother : Marie Adrienne BARBIER MINIME
Family

Birth : 24-Mar-1684
Baptism : 25-Mar-1684 Boucherville (Ste-Famille)
Death : 20-Mar-1742
Burial : 21-Mar-1742 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)

First marriage 17-Nov-1710 Montréal, Pointe-aux-Trembles (St-Enfant-Jésus) with
Marie Madeleine LOISELLE
Father : Joseph LOISELLE
Mother : Jeanne LANGLOIS LACHAPPELLE LANGLAIS
Family

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Charles Trudeau's individual file from PRDH-IGD

The individual file centralizes all of the mentions of an individual in the database, such as the person's baptism, burial and marriage. The individual file also mentions the parents as well as the spouse(s).

Again, every name is also a link to that person's individual file. Additionally, written dates can be selected to be taken to that event's certificate.

Finally, the "First marriage" and "Family" mentions links to the appropriate family file. Let's explore Charles Trudeau and Marie Madeleine Loisel's family file.

of **Charles TRUDEAU**and **Marie Madeleine LOISELLE**Father : Etienne **TRUDEAU**
Mother : Marie Adrienne **BARBIER MINIME**
FamilyFather : Joseph **LOISELLE**
Mother : Jeanne **LANGLOIS LACHAPELLE LANGLAIS**
Family**Marriage : 17-Nov-1710 Montréal, Pointe-aux-Trembles (St-Enfant-Jésus)**

Children born before 1850 :

Sex	Birth (Baptism) Place	Marriage Place	Death (Burial) Place	First name of the child Name of the spouse
f	1711-11-21 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1731-08-27 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1750-02-19 Montréal (Notre-Dame-de-Montréal)	Marie Madeleine Marguerite [Family] Francois ROY
f	1712-12-17 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		1713-05-19 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	Angelique
m	1714-02-21 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		1714-04-23 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	Joseph Marie Nicolas
m	1715-05-08 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1737-08-19 Varenes (Ste-Anne)	1756-12-09 Verchères (St-François-Xavier)	Charles [Family] Marie Anne LUSSIER
f	1717-03-24 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1735-07-11 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1762-06-13 Varenes (Ste-Anne)	Marie Joseph [Family] Paul LUSSIER
f	1719-10-16 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1743-02-11 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		Marie Charlotte [Family] Michel Pascal DUBUC
f	1721-11-14 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1744-01-13 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1798-08-07 Verchères (St-François-Xavier)	Marie Barbe [Family] Joachim TETREAU DUCHARME
m	1723-05-04 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		1724-06-12 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	Louis
m	1725-02-17 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1747-10-09 Montréal (Notre-Dame-de-Montréal)		Joseph [Family] Marie Louise LEFEBVRE
m	1727-03-29 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1752-01-17 Varenes (Ste-Anne)	1800-04-12 Chambly (St-Joseph)	Toussaint [Family] Marie Joseph CHAPUT
f	1728-10-10 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		1728-10-14 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	Genevieve
m	1730-03-09 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	1750-02-02 Verchères (St-François-Xavier)	1804-09-06 Verchères (St-François-Xavier)	Louis Nicolas [Family] Marie Anne CHAGNON CHAILLONS CHAILLON
m	1732-06-10 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		1733-03-18 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	Francois
m	1735-11-02 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)		1735-11-19 Longueuil (St-Antoine-de-Padoue)	Francois

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Charles Trudeau and Marie Madeleine Loiselles family file from PRDH-IGD

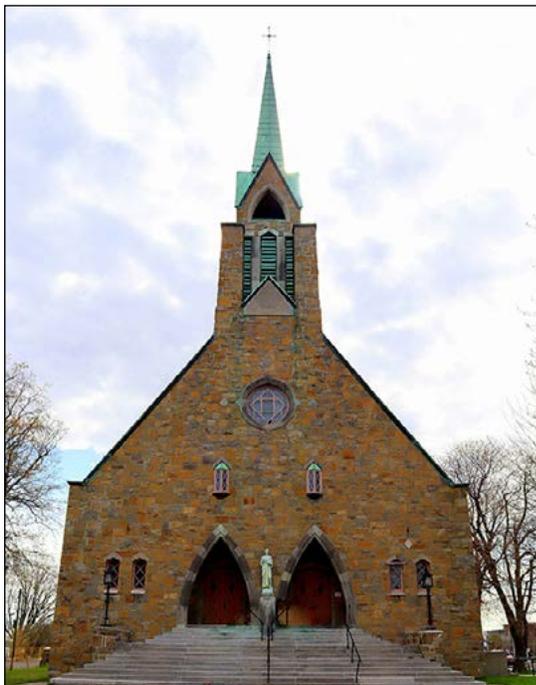
A family file is created for any married couple mentioned in a record certificate in the database. This family file centralizes all the information available on the couple as well as all of their children, and provides links to the individual files and record certificates that pertain to the family.

The family file can be seen as the final result of the PRDH's family reconstruction process.

Family File

Click on...

- a name to be redirected to that person's Individual File
- a date to be redirected to the certificate for that event
- a parish name to view the parish location on a map
- the word Family to be redirected to that couple's Family File



Marriage place for Charles Trudeau and Marie Madeleine Loiselles
St-Enfant-Jésus Church in Pointe-aux-Trembles, Montréal, Québec
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Santa Barbara County Digital Resources at the Sahyun Library

By Mary Jacob

THE SAHYUN LIBRARY has a unique collection of digital genealogical and historical resources for Santa Barbara County that are comprised of

1. A searchable database of local birth, death (death records, coroner's inquests, obituaries), marriage, land, naturalization, and miscellaneous records.
2. A Local (Santa Barbara County) Cemeteries listing.
3. Digital Collections comprised of scanned copies (pdf files) of city directories, telephone books, and the Santa Barbara Newspapers Extracts 1868-1880 in addition to other items.



The “Start Your Search” link on the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society home page (<https://sbgen.org/>) provides quick access to these three resources as well as to other “Helpful Local Resources” that include local records locations, museums, and libraries; links to local newspapers and mortuaries to aid in searches for present day obituaries; lineage societies; and links to information about Santa Barbara and the Civil War.

Searchable Database of Local Records

The searchable database contains more than 175,000 local names found in local records that have been digitized and indexed by SBCGS. The Database Collection Descriptions page has image samples and descriptions of these collections that include birth certificates, burial permits, city death returns, coroner's inquests, livestock brand registration, mortuary records, naturalization records, obituaries, squirrel liens, wills, probate, and guardianship records. Of special note, naturalization records in this database include repatriation records for American women who lost their citizenship if they married a foreigner between 1907 and 1922. If their husband died or became a U.S. citizen or the woman divorced, these former U.S. citizens re-applied for citizenship. Those applications are referred to as repatriation records. Miscellaneous records include Minutes of Court Proceedings including adoptions as well as Physician Certificates issued to all doctors in the county who registered with the court.

The user can search the entire database or limit their search to the specific categories and locations as indicated on the search page.

The various collections and number of names in each are listed in the upper left corner of the page. The user can enter the name, birth year, and place the ancestor may have lived as well as additional information if desired.

A search for my cousin, Elbert Alonzo James, returned results for Elbert (an obituary record) and death records for fifty-seven other people with the last name of James. The search results include two people named C.E. James, one of whom died in 1930 and the other in 1923. Their information is contained in a coroner's inquest record.

If the user clicks on the icon in the view column, they will be taken to a page where they can purchase a copy of the record (\$5 for SBCGS members, \$10 for non-members). A copy of the record (a pdf file) is emailed to the user, usually within a day or two, after purchase.

Categories	
> Birth Records	778
> Cemeteries	16,961
> Death Records	159,262
> Land Records	21
> Marriage Records	1,267
> Miscellaneous Records	5,751
> Naturalization Records	6,302

Collection Location	
> United States	190,342

Search	
First & Middle Name(s)	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Place your ancestor might have lived	Birth year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Add event details:	BIRTH MARRIAGE DEATH LIVED IN ANY EVENT
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Local records database search page.

Categories		Search results			
> Cemeteries	2	Showing results 1 - 10 of 58			
> Death Records	53	Name	Events	Relationships	View
> Miscellaneous Records	3	James, Elbert Alonzo PRINCIPAL			
Collection Location		In Obituary			
> United States	58	James, C E PRINCIPAL	Other: 5-May-1930		
Refine your search		In Coroner's Inquest			
First & Middle Name(s)		James, C E PRINCIPAL	Other: 8-Mar-1923		
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Last Name					

Search results for Elbert Alonzo James.

Local (Santa Barbara County) Cemeteries

The Local Cemeteries database contains information about twenty-two county cemeteries and an index of Civil War Veterans graves in Santa Barbara County. Information about each cemetery varies depending on its status (active/inactive). Most entries contain the cemetery address, a map of its location, a link to its website (if available), sometimes a brief description/history, and links to its records on other websites such as *Find A Grave*.

Digital Collections

The library's digital collections contain scanned pdf files of books and documents that can be viewed online and/or downloaded. The collection includes ten city directories and/or telephone books from the 19th and 20th centuries that are in addition to the printed directories on the library's shelves ranging from 1886 through 1991, many of which cover Santa Barbara, Goleta, Montecito plus Santa Maria and Lompoc. Those researching early California history might find the First Families of California (125 pages) or the Santa Barbara County 1850 Census Transcription (69 pages) of interest. Other items in the collection include some death records from the early 20th century including those from a mortuary and a cemetery.

A Brief History of the Searchable Database of Santa Barbara County Records

It all began with a Superior Court order around 2008 when SBCGS members Dorothy Oksner and Lilly Rossi were looking for information in the third floor Library Room of the old Superior Court Building that contained some record books and a microfilm cabinet. They happened to peek in a closet and found the county's naturalization records for 1850-1906 in a box next to Christmas decorations and telephone equipment. In response to a formal request by Arthur Sylvester, then President of the SBCGS, to scan the records, Ann Wooten (Judicial Services Manager in charge of records) requested that Superior Court Judge McLafferty issue a court order granting permission to Dorothy and Lilly, as representatives of SBCGS, to remove and scan (digitize) the records. The foundation was laid for SBCGS volunteers to digitize county records and create the database. Those first records were removed and digitized at the Santa

Barbara Mission by Gary and Louise Matz, and Dorothy Oksner. Gary Matz then prepared the indexes.

Digitization of records was just the first step in what is a labor-intensive process to create the database from start to finish. Indexing is the second step and involves volunteers going through each record deciphering handwriting and typing names and relevant information (birth, marriage, death dates, etc.) onto spreadsheets that are later collated for each record set. The spreadsheet sets are then uploaded to the society's website

and comprise the searchable database.

Each record set in the database has its own story. For example, some naturalization records were handwritten sequentially by date in a large record book at the Superior Court. Cari Thomas and Debbie Kaska hand copied the date, name and other pertinent information in each record and then typed the information into spreadsheets.

In the case of marriage records, Dorothy Oksner and Alex Grzywacki of SBCGS devised a cooperative relationship with the county that enabled SBCGS to scan them and the county to upgrade their storage system to archival quality. The marriage records were found on folded pieces of paper stored in a facility near the present-day location of the county sheriff's office. Initially the county brought the records to the Hall of Records in the city where they were to be scanned. When the venue turned out to be unworkable, the records were taken for scanning to the Sahyun Library. Alex and Dorothy unfolded and scanned each record. The unfolded records were returned to the Hall of Records where Dorothy and Alex placed each in its own archival plastic sleeve provided by the County, and the sleeves were organized into nineteen binders where they remain today.

Over the years, the scanning and indexing of records has been done by dozens of volunteers. Helen Rydell, Dorothy Oksner, and Catherine Quinn have been scanning and indexing naturalization records for many years and continue to do so today. Robin McCarthy has performed multiple tasks involved with the database including indexing, training indexers, and continues to do final checks of spreadsheets and uploads them to the database.

The thousands of hours SBCGS volunteers have worked to create and maintain the database of Santa Barbara County records is a legacy that benefits the public for which family historians are grateful.

Mary Jacob joined SBCGS in 2016. She is secretary of the Board of directors of SBCGS and volunteers for Ancestors West, the Development Team, and projects with the society's Outreach Committee.



Technology? Try People

By Kate Lima

WHEN I STARTED researching my ancestors about 13 years ago, the internet was already dazzling people with genealogical information. *FamilySearch.org* and *Ancestry.com*, for example, made finding information quick and easy. Over the years I started using more computer programs like *Newspapers.com*, *Fold3.com*, and *GenealogyBank.com*, and soon had more information than my brain could hold. Whatever information I wanted, all I had to do was navigate the computer and – presto – information fell into my lap. Well, mostly. Sometimes. Hopefully.

After my first “Heritage Trip*” this past summer, I discovered something even better than the computer: people. That sounds a bit obvious, I know. People have been a resource far longer than computers have. On this trip, however, this truth really hit home. I learned so much just by talking to the people I met.

Learning from people began even before the trip began. For months I extensively researched my East Tennessee ancestors on-line and at the Sahyun Library. I spoke with Kathy Greene, a SBCGS member; she highly recommended I go to the East Tennessee Historical Center in Knoxville. Thank you, Kathy! She told me about this library’s extensive collection and told me how much she enjoyed her visit there, thanks to the people as well as the research. The other good thing about talking with her was that she also recommended some fascinating places to visit in that area. I suppose I could have gone online to see what *TripAdvisor* suggested, but I find that people’s recommendations usually do not disappoint. One place Kathy recommended I visit was Lynchburg, home of the Jack Daniel’s Distillery. I didn’t have time to visit, but it remains on my list for next time!

After my family and I settled in at our hotel, I headed to the library just to get a lay of the land in preparation for the next day’s research. I signed in at the front desk and peeked around the corner into a museum with the history of the area; that would have to wait until tomorrow. I headed to the third floor and, upon exiting the elevator, was greeted by the nicest and friendliest person in the building, maybe in the whole town. Vicky met me with not just a smile but an enthusiasm that matched my own. Is she truly this enthusiastic with every visitor? I do not doubt it.

Vicky showed me the cubbies near the desk, where I’d put my purse and rolling research bag. Then without a second glance at her workspace and her piles of work, she proceeded to show me around the large, beautiful library. I told her what counties and surnames I was going to research and she pointed out some aisles of books I shouldn’t pass up, the room with microfilm, and file cabinets with old newspapers. She showed



Vicky at her desk.

me the research room, a vast space that had served as a courthouse in the late 1800s. I gawked at the exceptional architecture, the attention to detail I rarely see in buildings nowadays. Vicky brought the room to life, telling me stories about its history. It helped me visualize the room over 150 years ago.



Reading Room, East Tennessee Historical Center in Knoxville.

Vicky showed me where to request surname files; I hadn't known that this would be helpful, but she strongly suggested I start my research there. These files are only located in their library and might give me some valuable, rare insights. Now, I might second guess a computer's information, but I rarely second guess people. I decided that's where I would start.

Little did I know the amount of information those surname files would hold. I looked through two or three folders for a number of my ancestors; my Carter line had three full files of information. My gosh, I needed more than a full day to look everything, but we were scheduled to leave after an early morning meeting I'd set up. I asked my husband if we could switch around our plans so I could stay an extra day in the library. We compromised; we'd leave in the late afternoon, which gave me a few extra hours.

The next day I got there as soon as the doors opened and researched until my meeting with Ann Blomquist. I wanted to apply for the First Families of Tennessee (families living in the area before Tennessee was a state) using my Carter family, so I'd set up this meeting ahead of time (again, thanks to Kathy Greene!). Ann came to my table with a wide, sweet smile. Her voice, so soft and serene, put my mind at ease. She was just wonderful. She had extensive knowledge of the history of East Tennessee, and was ready to help with my application. I brought out my papers from my Carter line; she looked thoughtfully and said "there are so many Carters, it might be difficult to pinpoint the right one." I was very sure about my Carter line, but I moved on. I told her about another early family, "May," and she got excited. "Oh, that's an easy one. You should go with that one, it's been proven many times." At Ann's suggestion I requested the surname file, and the librarian brought out five folders! If Ann had not suggested that I use "May," I would not have discovered this. Subsequently I have found many interesting family stories along that line.



Ann Blomquist

Ann and I talked for two hours and she looked over the files, finding a few DAR applications and also a First Family of Tennessee application with all of the research attached to it. Yes, this would be a lot easier than I thought.

While I worked with Ann, Vicky was working behind the scenes on another of my ancestors, Jacob Klein. While in East Tennessee I wanted to look for his grave; many descendants have hunted for it, but so far it remains a mystery. Jacob is found in the *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots* which states Klein is buried on a "farm near Gobain Glass Plant." I talked with Jeannie, another librarian, the day before when there was less than an hour left to closing. Jeannie started a search, then passed it along to Vicky. Yes, that very same Vicky, the woman with the smile and enthusiasm I'd enjoyed for two days. Vicky found that the "Gobain

Glass Plant" was built in 1957, on 600 acres. Its name changed to "ACG Glass" and expanded substantially, so the small graveyard might be under concrete at this point. She had a map and had circled where the grave might be....

Unfortunately I ran out of time - and my family's patience - and wasn't able to look into this further. I still have Vicky's research and will use it when I return. Yes, I will return, and the next visit will be a solo one. I hope that Vicky is still there. I'll be calling Ann for a get-together and will definitely bring my pencil and notebook!

I know that technology brings our research to a whole new level. Heck, it takes us into a whole new universe. There's the old saying, though: "You don't know what you don't know."

I can't do a Google search on something if I don't know what I'm supposed to type into the search line. That's where people come in. We genealogists love talking about genealogy, and we love listening to it as well. When I talk with others about my research, I am amazed at how much I learn. I send a grateful "thank you" to the people at the East Tennessee Library

that helped so much, and also to Kathy Greene here in Santa Barbara. My promise to myself? To talk to people about my research; I never know what I'll learn. And maybe, in time, I'll have something to teach as well.

*A Heritage Trip is a trip or vacation you take to visit graveyards, libraries, old homes, historic societies, all the time pretending it is a family vacation, hoping your family is patient about taking side trips.

Kate Lima is our current Membership Director and volunteers on the Outreach Committee and at the Sahyun Library. She enjoys genealogy, walking her dog, raising her grandson, and writing.



John Carter 1756 1845 newer headstone



Cassimore May Headstone



Family History Library, Salt Lake City, 2017.

A Brick Wall Breakthrough

By Charmien Carrier

MY BRICK WALL BREAKTHROUGH came about on my last trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake in 2017. I had spent a week looking at microfilm, searching for any records relating to my great-grandfather, John Strehlau (my brickwall). On the last night, the library was open late. I decided to try one last time. While there, scrolling through microfilm once again, a library volunteer asked me if I would like some help finding my German ancestors. I said yes, please! She then took me to her computer and opened a database called the Poznan Project. It is a Poznan region marriage indexing project for 1800-1899. We did a search for John Strehlau and his first wife Ernestine, and voila, there they were! I now had the place that they were married, and had come from, a protestant community of Serock (Schirotzken) near Bydgoszcz (Bromberg). The record also included her surname. Up until that time, I had been looking for the city of Bromberg in Germany and found several, but I had no luck finding any records. This Bromberg, however, was in East Prussia (now Poland), and yielded the results I needed to confirm what I already knew.

Library volunteers can really make a difference!



POZNAN PROJECT
POZNAN REGION MARRIAGE INDEXING PROJECT FOR 1800-1899

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The Poznan Project description

POZNAN PROJECT - Marriage indexing for the 19th century within the former Prussian province of Posen, now Poznań, Poland, and neighboring districts

Our database presently contains 1 975 197 marriages to search!

Advanced search

First name and last name

Search mode: Data for both spouses

Specify at least one last name or both first names

First name: Joannes / Jan / Johann Last name: Strehlau

First name: Ernestina Last name:

- Browse also maiden names of brides' and grooms' mothers.
- Use complex algorithm. Caution - searching time may be much longer.
- Match spouses without lastnames.

Additional search criteria [Pull up]

Area to search: Entire territory

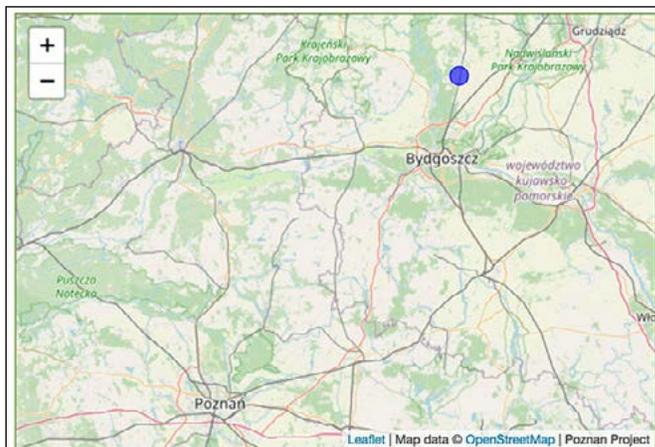
Define the area to search on the map...

Year from 1800 to 1899

Last modification date Whole data range

Records type: Any

Similarity (%): 60



Exact matches

Protestant community **Serock [Schirotzken]**
entry 5 / 1865

- [+ Add comment](#)
- [Original record](#)
- [Add to clipboard](#)

Johann Strehlau (25 years old) 100%
father: Johann

Ernestine Kowalski (24 years old)
father: Martin

Search results for John (Johann Strehlau) and wife Ernestine.



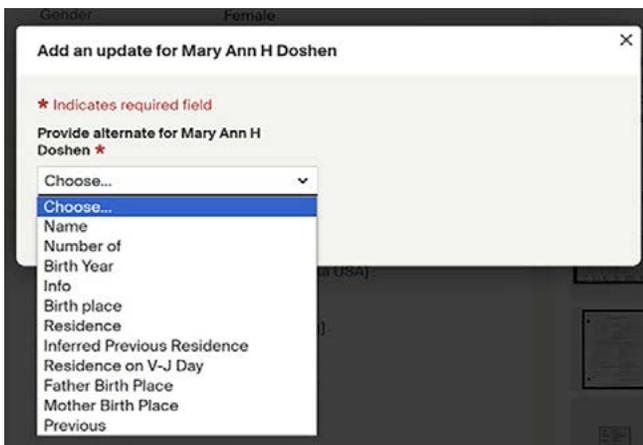
Visit to archives in Bydgoszcz, 2018.

Search for John (Johann Strehlau) and wife Ernestine.

You can also submit corrections by way of your personal subscription to Ancestry. If you find any part of the transcription incorrect, a correction can be submitted via the Profile page for an individual. Clicking on the “add or update information” you will see a pop-up window where you can input the correct information.



The subsequent pop-up appears like this:



Input the correct information and press Save. The correct information is highlighted in blue on the Profile page, here shown on the Profile page for Mary Ann H. Doshen.

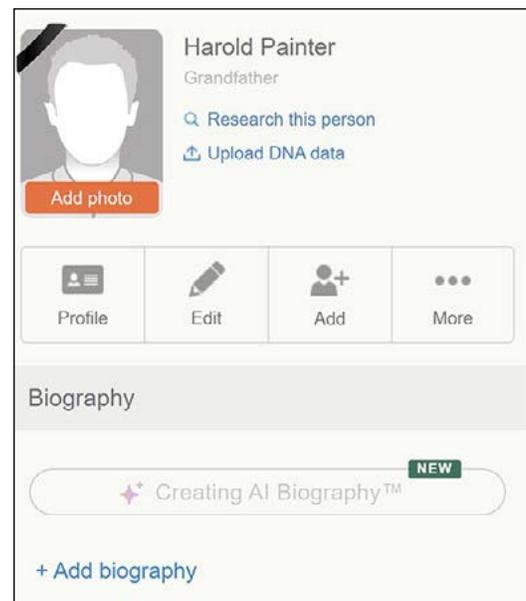
We are seeing AI being integrated into such genealogy websites as MyHeritage and Ancestry. MyHeritage has offered photo enhancement tools for several years now, utilizing AI for those processes. Additional AI tools were added to MyHeritage in late 2023. In addition to the photo enhancement tools, MyHeritage now offers AI Record Finder.



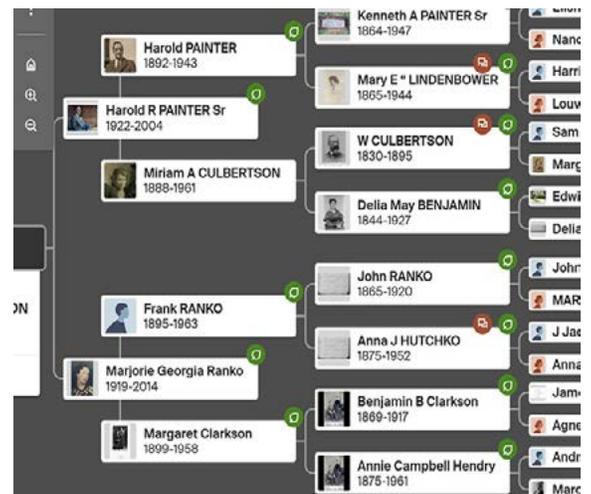
Input the information you have for an ancestor and utilize My Heritage’s AI Record Finder. Results may include an item you have not found or have not considered.

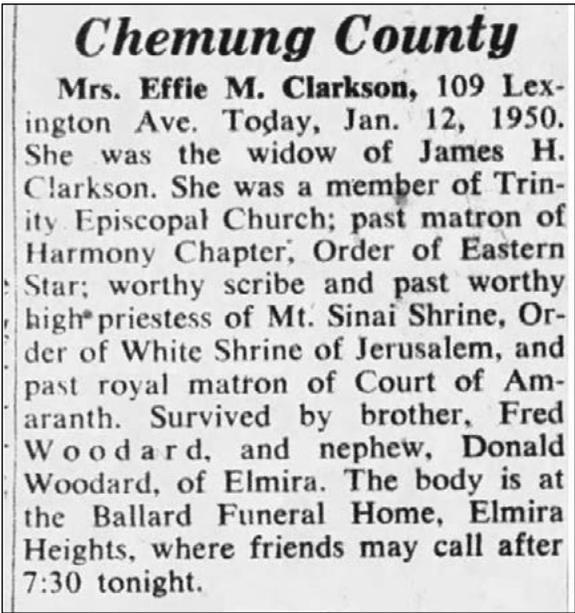
A recent post on MyHeritage announced the following: “We’re happy to introduce AI Biographer™, an exciting new feature that’s exclusive to MyHeritage. With a single click, it automatically compiles a Wikipedia-style biography article about a person’s life. It uses details from matching historical records and family tree profiles, and curates the information into a beautiful, well-written article that will make you proud.”

The AI Biographer is found on the Family View of your family tree on MyHeritage. Click on one of your ancestors, revealing the profile, and there you will see the button to create an AI Biography. Once the biography is completed, a copy will be emailed to you and is available on the website on the individual’s profile page with the button now reading “View AI Biography.” The advanced AI tools on MyHeritage require a subscription; however, some are available for use to evaluate the features before you decide whether to subscribe.



Ancestry’s suggested records and hints compare similar records and family trees with AI and offer those as items you could review. The pedigree view of your family tree on Ancestry might look like this. The bright green leaves indicate AI generated hints or suggestions that you might find pertinent to your research.





Scan of obituary.

tion is not correct. Some names and words are misspelled. I take the OCR and input it into ChatGPT and request in a prompt that it transcribe and correct the OCR.

Chemung County Mrs. Effie M. Clarkson, 109 Lexington Ave. Today, Jan. 12, 1950 She was the widow of James H Clarkson.

She was a member of Trin-ity Episcopal Church; past matron of Harmony Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; worthy scribe and past worthy highpriestess of Mt. Sinai Shrine, Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem, and past royal matron of Court of Amaranth. Survived by brother, rred W o o d a r d. and nephew, Donald Woodard, of Elmira. The body is at the Ballard Funeral Home, fclmira Heights, where friends may call after 7:30 tonight..

Here is the summation of the OCR.

Are you writing family stories about your ancestors and have no photographs or painted images to include? AI can help you create an image simulating characters or places in your story. My Scottish ancestor, Alexander Hendry, was a lock keeper on a canal in Falkirk, Scotland, in 1841. The attached image is an AI creation of a lock keeper on a canal in Scotland.

- **Name:** Mrs. Effie M. Clarkson
- **Address:** 109 Lexington Ave, Chemung County
- **Date:** January 12, 1950
- **Spouse:** She was the widow of **James H. Clarkson.**
- **Affiliations:**
 - Member of **Trinity Episcopal Church.**
 - Past matron of **Harmony Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.**
 - Worthy scribe and past worthy high priestess of **Mt. Sinai Shrine, Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem.**
 - Past royal matron of **Court of Amaranth.**
- **Survivors:**
 - Brother: **Fred Woodard.**
 - Nephew: **Donald Woodard,** both from Elmira.
- **Funeral Arrangements:** The body is at the **Ballard Funeral Home** in Elmira Heights, where friends may call after 7:30 PM tonight.



AI creation of a lock keeper on a canal in Scotland.

Clicking on one of the leaves will take you to the profile page of that individual. You can then examine the hints and decide if they are correct, need further research before accepting, or rejecting.

Humans can make errors, especially when dealing with substantial amounts of data. AI helps reduce these mistakes, making our family trees more accurate. It can even uncover surprising links or ancestors you never knew about.

How many times in the past did you have to transcribe, by hand, letters, deeds, birth certificates, wills, or any number of poorly scanned or handwritten items in your family's history? With the aid of artificial intelligence, those tasks are simplified. AI can "read" handwriting. AI-powered handwriting recognition technology enables us to read and extract information from old and difficult-to-read historical documents.

We can use a scanned image and the OCR of an obituary and have AI transcribe the contents to a text document that can be saved to our family history software, rendering it more easily readable. Individuals in an obituary can be listed in a table or list format so that we can see those mentioned in the obituary and note the relationships to the decedent.

The OCR of the scan is below, and you can see that the transcription is not correct. Some names and words are misspelled. I take the OCR and input it into ChatGPT and request in a prompt that it transcribe and correct the OCR.

Writing assistants such as Grammarly can help you write your family history. These programs are designed to help you produce a document that is well written, clear, and free of common writing mistakes.

Through genealogical research, we gain insights into the lives of our ancestors, uncovering how global, national, and local events in their lives impacted their individual experiences, from the dynamics of their country and state to the particularities of their town or village. AI can build timelines, filling in the historic events. We can then add relevant dates and events to see how our ancestors fit into the history of that time.

The attached timeline gives a brief history of Seward, Alaska Territory, from 1930 until statehood in 1959. This timeline was created on ChatGPT.

1930-1940: The Great Depression

- **1930s:** The decade was marked by struggle due to the economic depression. Some relief was provided by New Deal programs.
- **1939:** This year marked the beginning of World War II, leading to an increased military presence and strategic importance.

1940-1950: World War II and Post-War Era

- **1941-1945:** During these years, World War II was ongoing. Seward served as a vital military supply port, which significantly boosted the local economy.
- **Late 1940s:** This period saw post-war growth and the beginning of the push for Alaskan statehood.

1950-1959: Road to Statehood

- **1950s:** The decade was characterized by continued economic and social growth, along with increased advocacy for statehood.
- **1958:** The U.S. Congress passed the Alaska Statehood Act.
- **1959:** Alaska was admitted as the 49th state of the United States.

As AI advances, we will begin to see more integration into facets of genealogical research. AI works together with other technology like DNA testing. It can analyze your DNA test results and tell you more about your ethnic background and link you to relatives based on shared DNA.

There are drawbacks to IA, of course.

As with any online presence, it is important to guard against intrusion into our privacy. When you put your family's information online, there is always a risk. It is important to consider how this data is being used and who has access to it.

AI is not perfect. It can make mistakes, especially if the data it is using is not accurate or complete. You might hear about "hallucinations." An AI hallucination is a phenomenon wherein a large language model perceives patterns or objects that are nonexistent or imperceptible to human observers, creating outputs that are nonsensical or altogether inaccurate.

Knowing that incorrect information can be included in results, it is important to double-check the information that is provided in the response. When we see "shaky leaf hints" on Ancestry, we should verify that the information is correct, just as we should verify all sources of information we gather. I requested ChatGPT to write a short narrative on the state of coal mining towns in the early 20th century; while the information was correct, the list of sources was not.

If you have voice recordings, AI can aid in transcribing the voice to text. Popular transcription services are Otter.ai, Google Speech-to-Text, IBM Watson, and Amazon Transcribe. These services are found online as cloud-based platforms or services. Otter.ai is often recommended for beginners due to its user-friendly interface and straightforward setup.

Like most technology we have experienced in the last 50 years, AI has a learning curve. Thankfully, there are videos, webinars, classes, seminars, blog posts, and social media with instructions, cautions, and assistance in learning to use AI in your genealogy research. Joining online forums or local groups can be helpful. You can learn from others' experiences and share your own discoveries. A free website to use ChatGPT is [Bing.com/chat](https://bing.com/chat). Other free sites are Claude, Google Bard, Perplexity.ai, YouChat and Poe.

AI is revolutionizing the way we understand our past. It is making genealogical research more accessible, efficient, and accurate. While there are challenges, particularly around data privacy and the digital divide, the benefits are significant. As we move forward, AI will continue to open new doors in the world of genealogy, helping us connect with our past in ways we never imagined possible.

My personal journey with AI began late last year after watching the Webinar given by Stephen Little for the National Genealogical Society. Stephen has presented several Webinars on the use of AI in genealogy and is developing plugins or Chatbots to ChatGPT (subscription model) specifically for use with genealogy. I strongly recommend viewing one of Stephen's presentations about AI in genealogy. Another individual who has developed a series of short videos on the use of AI in genealogy is Coach Carole on YouTube. Most of her videos are free and informative. Thomas McEntee and Blaine Bettinger have both been presenters of webinars or served as members of the panel discussing the use of AI. Thomas McEntee forecasts some of these items as the future of AI in genealogy: conversion of handwriting into searchable text, DNA triangulation tools, the ability to create source citations in specific formats, discovering connections between FAN club members using digitized historical newspaper content, and identification of ancestors in old family photos based on traits such as facial features.

As you explore the world of AI, I would encourage you to seek out videos, blogs, and newsletters on the subject. It is a rapidly changing phenomenon and may be of benefit to you. The links below are those that I have used in learning to use AI in genealogy.

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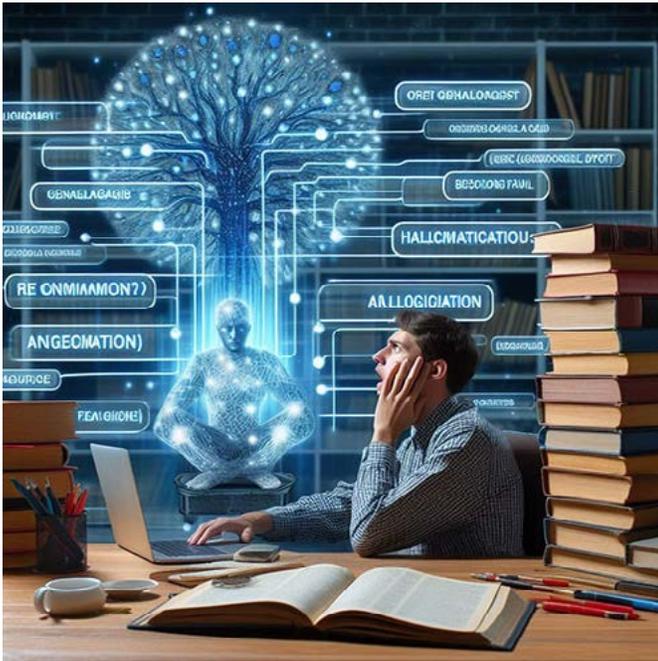
Stephen Little video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEmpoweringGenealogistswithArtificialIntelligence6September2023pQaRjBzE1s&t=28s>

Stephen Little Blog: <https://aigenealogyinsights.com/>
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Laura Clark Murray: *Making ChatGPT a Valuable Genealogy Assistant – Family Locket*

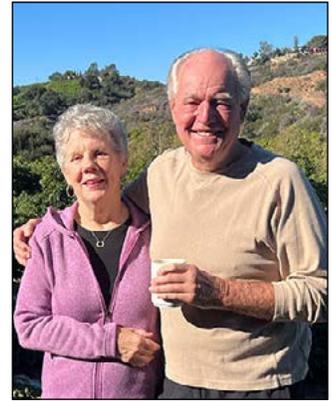
Coach Carole: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLB-qsDObQRbn1jLQx__68w

In the spirit of transparency, the basis of this article started with an outline, created by ChatGPT. I then used the outline to write, and occasionally input sentences to have ChatGPT correct my punctuation and grammar. ~Judy T.



Hallucinations-AI generated image.

Judy Painter Thompson is a retired WAL/DAL flight attendant. After retiring from flying, Judy and her husband, Don, moved to Santa Barbara County to design and build their retirement home in the Rincon Valley in Carpinteria. It was shortly after the completion of the home and landscaping that she found time to continue her pursuit of genealogy. She is a library volunteer, has done indexing for various projects, and is currently an assistant to the Library Director, keeping track of supplies. She and her husband live on their avocado ranch with their two cats and a dog.



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A Gift from Beyond the Grave

By Kristin Ingalls

THINK MOST OF OUR MEMBERS know about and have used this website. Now and then a new researcher comes to the library and sees their ancestor's gravesite for the first time. That is one of the joys of being a volunteer librarian – wowing people!

Find a Grave started in 1995 when founder Jim Tipton built a website to share his hobby of visiting the graves of famous people. Since then, millions of contributors have been entering memorials, photos, GPS locations, biographies and other rich content to the site and have built an online, virtual cemetery experience. In 2013, Find a Grave became a wholly owned subsidiary of Ancestry®. Find a Grave is free, but you do need to register as a member.

I have added photos and other information to already existing memorials, so my name and email address are linked to those online memorials. That led to a delightful Find a Grave experience.

I had an email from Find a Grave notifying me that I had a message. I opened the message and...my adventure began. It read:

"Hello, my name is Joey. I am a dealer in antiques and old ephemera. I happen to come across a photo in my stock of Charles Sylvester Ingalls ... a remembrance card for his memorial services in c1966 and a hand written letter dated c1940 written to a Mrs. Russell from someone who was asked to write this letter to the daughter of William A Ingalls. I would love to be able to get this back into the hands of the family who will have the opportunity to cherish this memory. I saw that you were the uploader of several family images on here so I thought that you may be the right one to reach out to. Please let me know. Thank you!"

As you can imagine, my reply was a resounding "Yes, please!"

A few days later a package arrived with the photo of my grandfather, Charles Sylvester Ingalls, and ONE of his many wives. The other document was an announcement of Charles' funeral. But the letter! The letter was the real treasure.

The letter concerned my great-grandfather, William A. Ingalls, father of my much-married grandfather Charles. The hand-written letter, dated March 22, 1940, was written by Adaline M. Nelson from Gering, Nebraska to "Mrs. Rosell," who was William's daughter, Irene Ingalls Rosell.

It begins: "Your father WA Ingalls has asked me to write you (he has not been feeling so well...)" At the time, William was 86. He had been living with the Nelsons and Mrs. Nelson describes him as "one of the finest men we have ever met. We really believe it would add years to his life also to his happiness to see his "brain child completed." It continued on and ended with a shakily-written note



from William himself. His "brain child" was about a farming implement, a seed driller, that he had invented. He implored his children to send him money so he could go to Denver and sell his invention. I do have a document about that drill, but had never found any more information – until now.

When I began new online search for William, lo and behold! Lots of new information had been deposited on a number of websites, and two that might be patents for things he invented.

So, let me give a bow to the kind and generous Joey. I asked for more information and here is more about Joey:



Joey K., e-Bay dealer.

"I live in Northern Maryland. I purchase from estate auctions from all over...containing old ephemera like postcards and old photograph and such. I then, with hopes that there may be the smallest amount of identification on them...research them up to the point of the modern day family name. I have been doing this for about 4 years now.

I have a strong passion for the stories that old photos can tell. I am a small business and I sell on eBay! Most of the time it is very rare to be in contact with a modern day family to be able to give them the mementos so when I saw that you were active and I had that opportunity, I couldn't pass it up."

I am happy to say that when we find such treasures among donated items at the library, we love to research them and get them a new home with family members. I am so grateful to Joey for generously researching these treasures and making sure they got to the right home.

You can see if Joey has any treasures for you at www.wrightscountrybarn.com

The only way this story could get better would be if I found out Joey K is my cousin!

Periodicals and CDs on the Sahyun Library's Network Drive

By Mary Jacob

DID YOU KNOW THAT A THIRD of the library's periodicals and its entire CD collection have been removed from the shelves to create more space for books? The good news is they are still available on the library's network drive that can be accessed via one of the library's PC computers. You can access them by clicking on the file folder icon at the bottom left of the PC computer screen (Figure 1).



Figure 1. File folder icon at bottom of PC computer screen.

The folder icon opens to a screen on whose left side you will see a list of what is on "This PC" (Figure 2). The last item is the library's network drive that is called SBGGG (\drobo5n) (Y:).

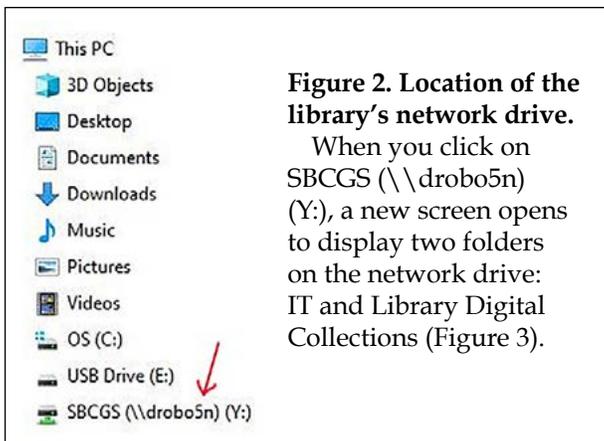


Figure 2. Location of the library's network drive.

When you click on SBCGS (\drobo5n) (Y:), a new screen opens to display two folders on the network drive: IT and Library Digital Collections (Figure 3).

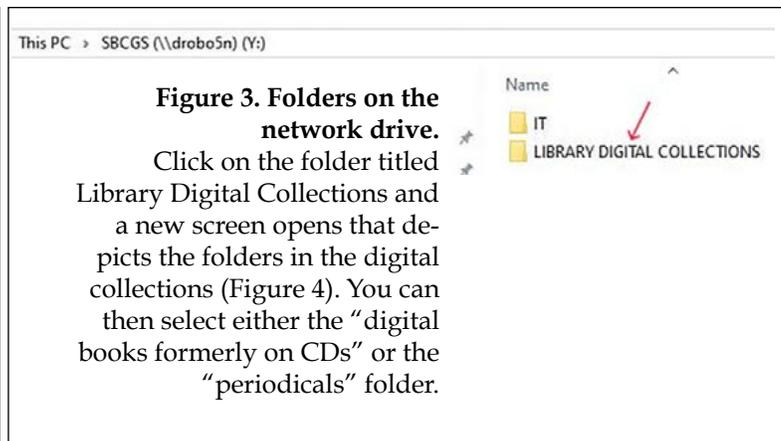


Figure 3. Folders on the network drive.

Click on the folder titled Library Digital Collections and a new screen opens that depicts the folders in the digital collections (Figure 4). You can then select either the "digital books formerly on CDs" or the "periodicals" folder.

Periodicals

Currently, 225 periodicals have been scanned and all are searchable from the library computers. Instructions on how to search these periodicals are located in the Blue Binder in the library computer area. The collection includes newsletters and journals from genealogical societies all over the United States as well as other parts of the world



Figure 4. Folders in the Library Digital Collections.

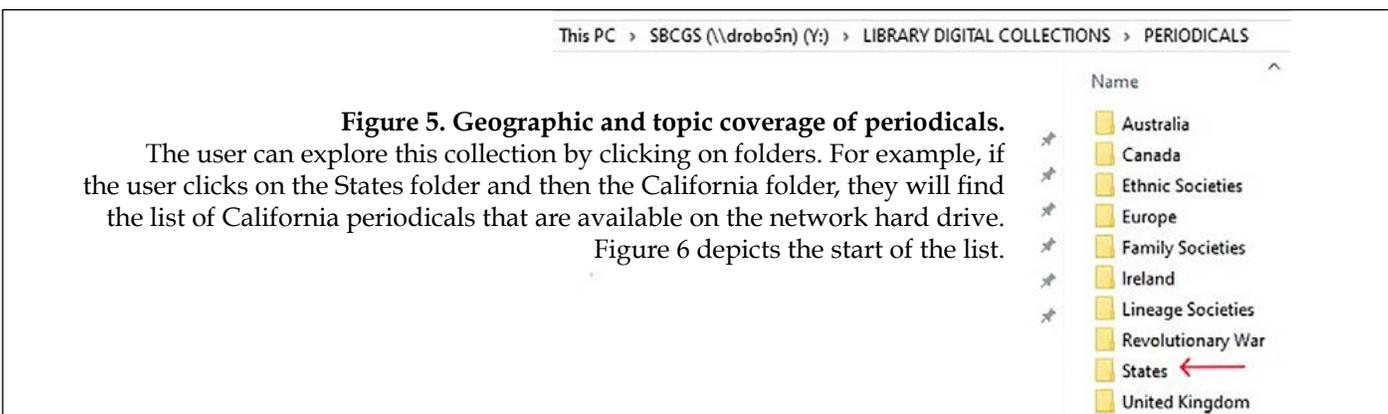


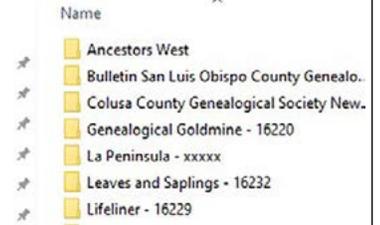
Figure 5. Geographic and topic coverage of periodicals.

The user can explore this collection by clicking on folders. For example, if the user clicks on the States folder and then the California folder, they will find the list of California periodicals that are available on the network hard drive.

Figure 6 depicts the start of the list.

Figure 6. Partial list of California-based periodicals.

For most periodicals in the digital collection, the holdings are partial in terms of the timespan covered. Nonetheless, users are encouraged to explore the collection because it contains older journals and newsletters (many mimeographed) that are difficult to find elsewhere.



CD Collection

In the past, the library purchased books from companies like Archive CD Books that reproduced old books, documents, and maps on CDs. When you click on “Digital books formerly on CDs,” the screen opens to a listing of just over 200 titles that contains books about Ireland, England, Canada and the United States (Figure 7).

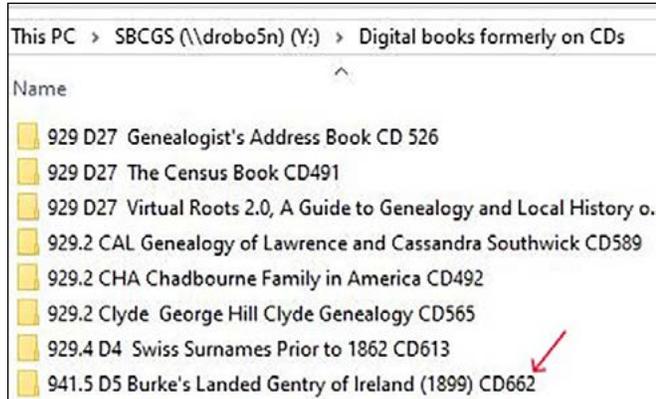


Figure 7: Partial list of digital book titles.

If the user looks up the last book in Figure 7 in the Sahyun Library catalogue, they will see the catalogue record in Figure 8. The call number begins with “N;” although most books in the CD collection begin with the letter “C.” Note the physical description at the bottom identifies the book as a CD.

Figure 8. Catalogue record for Burke’s Landed Gentry of Ireland (1899).

When the user clicks on the folder “Burke’s Landed Gentry of Ireland (1899)” on the network drive, the screen depicted in Figure 9 opens displaying a variety of icons on the left side of the page.



Figure 9. Variety of icons in Burke’s Landed Gentry of Ireland folder.

The user needs to look for the pdf file(s) that contains the text of the book. In Figure 9 the pdf file, which is third from the top, can be identified by the pdf file icon and the extension on the file name (.pdf). Although the image in the figure is small, an enlarged version of the icon looks like Figure 10.

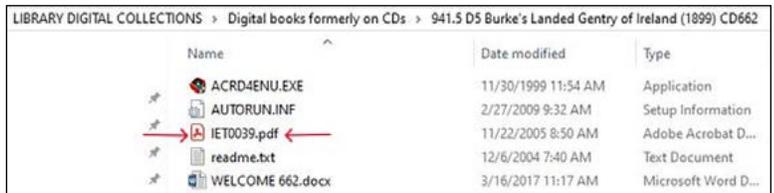


Figure 10. PDF file icon

Sometimes more than one pdf file is displayed for a book. In such cases, the user will need to click through several files to determine which one(s) are relevant to their interests.

A Happy Home for a Family Treasure

By Christine Ordway Klukkert

MY HUSBAND KEITH NILSSON and I are both happy that our family's chandelier has found a new home at the Society's Victorian house. It has been stored in a special "standing box" in our house for too long!

The chandelier came into my family when it was brought back from Cuba in 1928 after my grandparents returned from a year-long assignment there. My grandfather, Alonzo B. Ordway, was Project Manager on Kaiser's construction of a 200-mile highway, which included 300 bridges between Havana and Camaguey. They lived in a beautiful villa in Camaguey and this chandelier hung in that house for that year.



It really did not fit in with our western-style ranch home in the Santa Ynez Valley and so it was professionally wrapped and stored in a standing box until my husband Keith, an electrician, hung it at the Castillo Street house late in December. There, I hope, it has a long residence for any and all residents to enjoy.

The family returned via Pan American Airways first scheduled passenger air route between Cuba and Florida. This route had been test flighted by Charles Lindberg after his pioneer solo flight in 1927. They are shown here before boarding the plane for their flight home on August 6, 1929.



My grandmother was so taken with the chandelier that they brought it home with them and it eventually hung in their home in Piedmont, California. It stayed there until both their deaths, when it then went to my mother.

I know we had it in several of my parents' homes at various times; in Tucson, Arizona, Coronado Island, California, and eventually Santa Barbara. When my mother died in 2001, it was passed on to me.



My uncle Ned Ordway, Grandfather, A.B. Ordway, my mother, Barbara Ordway and my chandelier-loving grandmother, Wilma Robbins Ordway

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