

# A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO FAMILYSEARCH

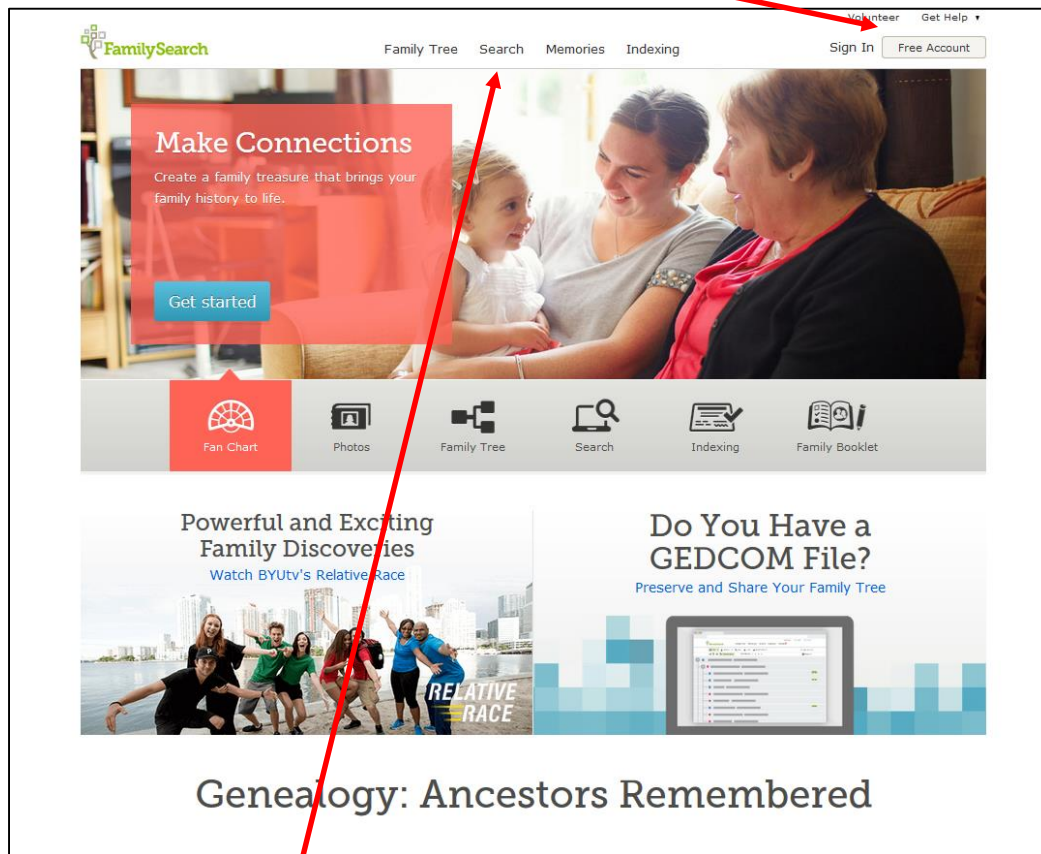
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[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

## What is FamilySearch?

Familysearch.org is a non-profit genealogy organization run by the Church of Latter-Day Saints. This database is home to over 300,000 digitized family history books, ongoing index projects, and millions of digitized records. Users also have access to the catalog of Utah's Family History Library, including over 2.4 million microfilmed genealogical records and much more.

FamilySearch has established itself as a **free alternative** to Ancestry. They provide access to many of the same basic records and collections unique to FamilySearch as well. Due to changes in policy, **you must be signed in to your personal account in order to search and view records.** *An account is free and easy to set up.*



## Searching on FamilySearch

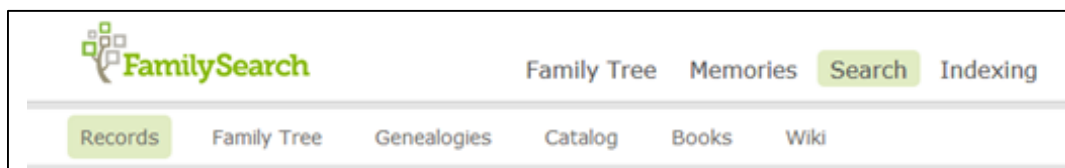


### Accessing the Search Forms

Without clicking, place your cursor over *Search* in the navigation bar at the top of the page. As seen to the left, a drop-down list will open with links to the main pages and basic search forms for FamilySearch's various resource collections. You can select one of these by clicking on its title in the list.

If you simply click on *Search* rather than choosing an option from the drop-down list, you will be taken to the search form for FamilySearch's historical record collections. (See page 2)

## Search Navigation Bar



(as it appears on any of the pages listed below)

### Records *(see below)*

FamilySearch is home to over 2,200 digitized and indexed record collections, several of which are unique to the database. This also provides access to and the ability to search record collections held at partner institutions.

### Family Tree

This is an ongoing, collaborative project among FamilySearch members. Similar to *WikiTree*, it is based on crowd-sourcing and user contribution. Members are able to edit existing information and contribute their own to the project. The *Family Tree* can be searched by logging into your personal account and selecting it on the search navigation bar. *(It is not included in this guide.)*

### Genealogies *(see page 7 of this guide)*

This resource collection contains trees and genealogies submitted to FamilySearch by its members. Descriptions of the various types of contributed genealogies, such as pedigree resource files and one-name studies, can be found to the right of the search form on the *Genealogies* page.

### Catalog *(see page 8 of this guide)*

Because of its connection to the Family History Library (located in Salt Lake City, Utah), FamilySearch users can search the repository's vast holdings by selecting Catalog in the navigation bar. This resource provides access to over 2.4 million microfilmed genealogical and historical records; users can locate microfilm numbers, which are necessary to request microfilm loans through FamilySearch.

### Books *(see page 10 of this guide)*

Hundreds of CCPL's genealogy and history books are included in this over 325,000-volume digital collection from libraries across America. These books can be searched by title or keywords and *viewed in full online for free*.

### Wiki

This informational wiki (like Wikipedia) is collaboratively edited by FamilySearch and its members. It currently contains over 85,000 articles on a variety of genealogical topics and locations. *(It is not included in this guide.)*

## Searching Historical Records

Basic search  
form  
*(see next page)*

The image is a screenshot of the 'Search Historical Records' page on the FamilySearch website. The page has a header with the FamilySearch logo and navigation links: 'Family Tree', 'Memories', 'Search' (highlighted), and 'Indexing'. Below the header is a secondary row of links: 'Records' (highlighted), 'Family Tree', 'Genealogies', 'Catalog', 'Books', and 'Wiki'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Search Historical Records' and contains a search form with fields for 'Deceased Ancestor's Name' (First Names and Last Names), 'Search with a life event' (Birth, Marriage, Residence, Death, Any), 'Search with a relationship' (Spouse, Parents, Other Person), and 'Restrict records by' (Location, Type, Batch Number, Film Number). The right column is titled 'Research By Location' and features a world map. Below the map is a section titled 'Find a Collection' with a text input field for 'Collection Title' and a link to 'Browse all published collections'. Red brackets on the right side of the page group the 'Research By Location' section and the 'Find a Collection' section together.

Search for  
records and  
record collections  
based on location  
*(see page 5)*

Search and  
browse record  
collections  
*(see page 5)*

### Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

**Deceased Ancestor's Name**  
 First Names  Last Names

**Search with a life event:**  
 Birth | **Marriage** | Residence | Death | Any  
 Birthplace  Birth Year (Range) From  To

**Search with a relationship:**  
 Spouse | **Parents** | Other Person

**Restrict records by:**  
 Location | **Type** | Batch Number | Film Number  
 Country  State or Province

☐ Match all terms exactly

## Search Filters

**Search with a life event** allows you to add the date and location of various life events like a marriage, death, or residence.

**Search with a relationship** allows you to add the first and last names of relatives.

**Restrict records by** allows you to restrict your search results to a specific location, type, batch number, and film number.

**Match all terms exactly** restricts your search results to only those that match the information you've entered exactly. Checking the box next to the name and/or life event field will search for results that match the information entered there exactly, giving you a more customized search.

## Some Search Tips

- Start with a basic search, keep it simple with a first and last name, birthdate, and a general location.
- Don't fill every field in the search form, only enter the information that will help find the record type you are searching for (i.e. only enter a death date if you are looking for records related to their death).
- Experiment with different search filters and the "Restrict" options.

## If your search is unsuccessful...

- Change your search terms: try a different spelling variation, remove filters (including the "match exactly" option) to perform a more general search, adjust the range of years searched, etc.
- Try searching a single record collection at a time to reduce search results.
- If you are unsure of spelling variations or what information to enter into the search form, try browsing the record collection images.

**Example Search:** the results for a basic search for *Lewis Pipkin* with a *residence*, *year range*, and *spouse's first name*

**Deceased Ancestor's Name**  
 First Names  Last Names

**Search with a life event:**  
 Birth | **Marriage** | Residence | Death | Any  
 Residence Place  Residence Year (Range) 1820  1870

**Search with a relationship:**  
 Spouse | **Parents** | Other Person  
 Spouse's First Names  Spouse's Last Names

**Restrict records by:**  
 Location | **Type** | Batch Number | Film Number  
 Country  State or Province

☐ Match all terms exactly

Refine your search

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Lewis

Last Names

Pipkin

Search with a life event:

Birth

Marriage

Residence Place

Tennessee

Residence Year (Range)

18201870

Death

Any

Search with a relationship:

Spouse's First Names

Clemency

Spouse's Last Names

Parents

Other Person

Restrict records by:

Location

Type

Batch Number

Film Number

Lock filters

Match all terms exactly

UpdateReset

RecordsCollections

Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 287 results for Name: **Lewis Pipkin**, Event: **Residence**, Place: **Tennessee**, Event Range: **1820-1870**, Spouse Name: **Clemency**

Number of results to show: 255075

Name	Events	Relationships	View
Lewis Pipkin United States Census, 1870	birth: from 1868 to 1869 Tennessee residence: 1870 Tennessee, United States	other: John Pipkin, Fannie Pipkin	
Lewis Pipkin United States Census, 1850	birth: 1840 Tennessee residence: 1850 Gibson county, Gibson, Tennessee, United States		
Lewis Pipkin United States Census, 1830	residence: 1830 Smith, Tennessee, United States		

Know What Has Already Been Found

With a free FamilySearch Account, you can see if a record is attached and to whom it is attached in Family Tree.

Get a Free Account

Already have an account? [Sign in.](#)

The following results don't strongly match what you searched for, but may be of interest.

Lewis Pipkin United States Census, 1820	residence: 1820 Smith, Tennessee, United States		
Louis F Pipkin United States Census, 1870	birth: from 1846 to 1847 Tennessee residence: 1870 Tennessee, United States	other: Isaac Pipkin, William C Pipkin, Susanna Pipkin, Isaac J Pipkin, Andrew D C Pipkin, Martha L Pipkin...	
Lewis Pipkins United States Census, 1860	birth: 1804 North Carolina residence: 1860 1st District, Gibson, Tennessee, United States	other: Elizabeth Pipkins, Lewis W Pipkins	
Lewis W Pipkins United States Census, 1860	birth: 1838 Tennessee	other: Lewis Pipkins, Elizabeth Pipkins	

You can refine your search results by adjusting the settings provided here

**Note:** This message will not be present when logged into your personal account

## Search Results Page

View results as a list of *collection titles* instead of individual records

Total amount of results for current search parameters

Adjusts the amount of results shown per page: (20, 50, or 75)

Records Collections				
Search Results from Historical Records				
1-20 of 287 results for Name: <b>Lewis Pipkin</b> , Event: <b>Residence</b> , Place: <b>Tennessee</b> , Event Range: <b>1820-1870</b> , Spouse Name: <b>Clemency</b>				
Number of results to show: 20 50 75				
Name	Events		Relationships	View
<a href="#">Lewis Pipkin</a> United States Census, 1870	birth: from 1868 to 1869	Tennessee	other: John Pipkin, Fannie Pipkin	
<a href="#">Lewis Pipkin</a> United States Census, 1850	birth: 1840	Tennessee		
<a href="#">Lewis Pipkin</a> United States Census, 1830	residence: 1850	Gibson county, Gibson, Tennessee, United States		
	residence: 1830	Smith, Tennessee, United States		

Name of the individual as it appears on the record

Title of the record

Transcription of the record's basic information

Relationships mentioned in the record (if available)

Click here to view the record's details

Click here to view an image of the record (if available)

## How to Use the Image Viewer

Title of record collection

Image number and total amount of images in collection

Click here to print the image

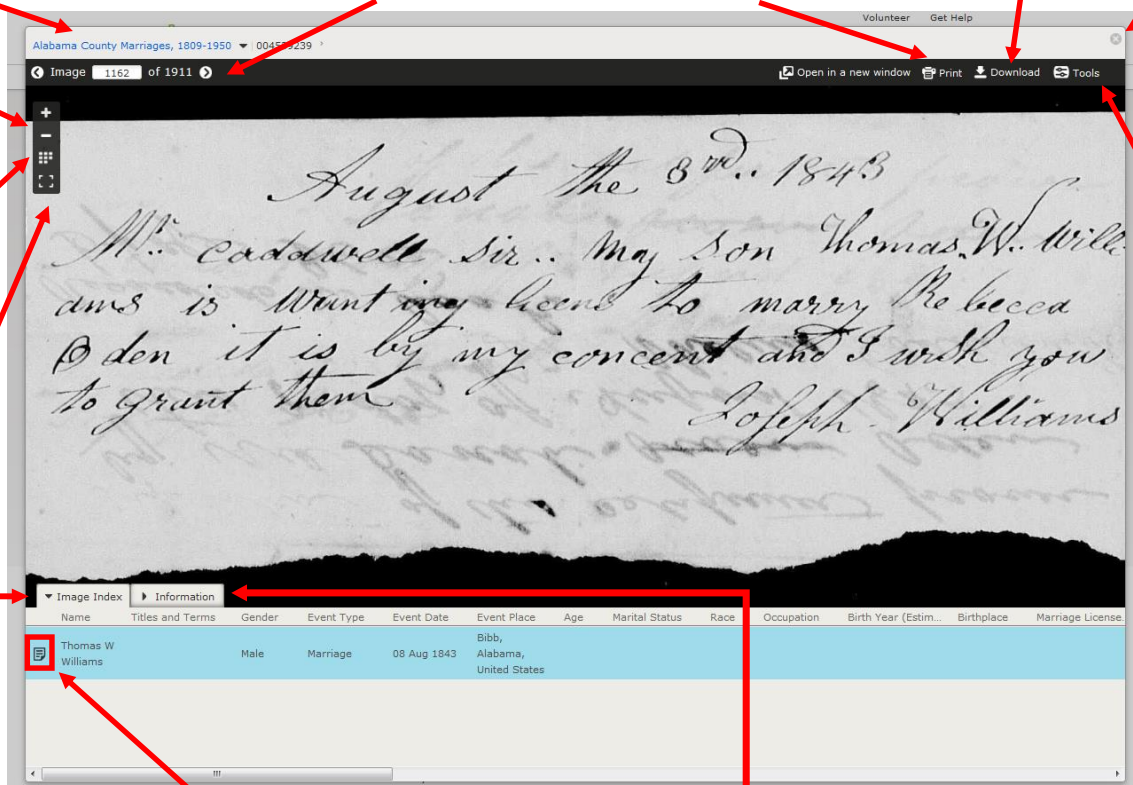
Click here to download & save

Click here to close the viewer

Zoom

Browse multiple images

Full screen view



Tools: rotate, adjust the brightness & contrast, and invert the image to a negative

Transcribed index of entries on record (especially helpful when viewing census records)

Click here to go to this record's summary page

Provides the record collection title in the catalog, source citation information, and microfilm note



## Research by Location

Clicking on a region of the map will open up more options

Choose a Location  
Select a location from the list to the left to begin your research.

Belgium

Collections	Years Covered
16	1500 - 2013
Indexed Records	Record Images
3,228,338	26,779,458

[Start researching in Belgium](#)

Clicking on the location in the list on the left or on *Start researching in [location]* will take you to the search form and main page for records and record collections for that specific location (in this case Belgium)

Belgium

Belgium Indexed Historical Records

Search collections for Deceased Ancestor's Name

Search with a life event:

Search with a relationship:

Restrict records by:

Title	Records	Last Updated
Belgium Births and Baptisms, 1560-1890	413,174	09 Mar 2012
Belgium Deaths and Burials, 1564-1900	67,100	08 Apr 2010
Belgium Marriages, 1563-1890	73,342	11 Mar 2012
Belgium, Antwerp Police Immigration Index, 1840-1930	343,930	05 Nov 2010
Belgium, Antwerp, Civil Registration, 1588-1913	265,815	06 Oct 2016

## Browsing Record Collections

Find a Collection

Researching within a specific collection? Find it here.

Collection Title

[Browse all published collections](#)

On the *Records* search page, beneath the “Find a Collection” header you will find a link to ***Browse all published collections*** (seen on left). Similar to Ancestry’s Card Catalog, this allows you search for and browse record collection titles. Individual record collections can be searched for by keyword in the blank provided. The column on the left side of the screen provides filters to help find collections focused on a particular location, record type, and date. You can also restrict your results to collections with images.

Some collections are *index-only*. These will not have a camera icon next to the title. On the other hand, *some of the fully digitized collections in the database have not yet been indexed*, these will not have an amount listed in the record column. (See the image below)

Search for collections by title here

Digitized collection held by a partner institution

Digitized collection available on FamilySearch

Index-only collections

Total number of records in collection

Date this collection was last updated

Digitized but not yet indexed, images can be browsed

Filter by collection name	Historical Record Collections	Records	Last Updated
Collection name	Alabama Births and Christenings, 1881-1930	6,836	12 Mar 2012
Place	Alabama Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865	1,213,534	20 Apr 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Africa (26)</li> <li>Asia &amp; Middle East (58)</li> <li>Australia &amp; New Zealand (36)</li> <li>Canada (99)</li> <li>Caribbean and Central America (71)</li> <li>Continental Europe (522)</li> <li>Mexico (65)</li> <li>Other (6)</li> <li>Pacific Islands (9)</li> <li>South America (111)</li> <li>United Kingdom and Ireland (133)</li> <li>United States of America (1067)</li> </ul>	Alabama Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865	31,582	20 Apr 2012
Date	Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950	2,050,570	21 Jul 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre 1700 (450)</li> <li>1700 - 1749 (552)</li> <li>1750 - 1799 (736)</li> <li>1800 - 1849 (1137)</li> <li>1850 - 1899 (1779)</li> <li>1900 - 1949 (1721)</li> <li>1950 to present (898)</li> </ul>	Alabama County Marriages, 1818-1936	80,469	24 Jan 2017
Collections	Alabama Deaths and Burials, 1881-1952	105,683	25 Feb 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Census &amp; Lists (193)</li> <li>Birth, Marriage, &amp; Death (1278)</li> <li>Probate &amp; Court (214)</li> <li>Military (159)</li> <li>Migration &amp; Naturalization (192)</li> <li>Other (122)</li> <li>Miscellaneous (36)</li> <li>Ethnicity (10)</li> </ul>	Alabama Deaths, 1908-1974	1,858,819	24 Mar 2010
Availability	Alabama Estate Files, 1830-1976	25,297	11 Dec 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> Only collections with images	Alabama Marriages, 1816-1957	1,338,311	21 Jul 2015
	Alabama Probate Records, 1809-1985	34,978	12 Dec 2011
	Alabama State Census, 1855	243,781	12 Dec 2011
	Alabama State Census, 1866	20,403	21 Dec 2016
	Alabama, Census of Confederate Veterans, 1907, 1921, 1927		

**Place**

- Africa (26)
- Asia & Middle East (58)
- Australia & New Zealand (36)
- Canada (99)
- Caribbean and Central America (71)
- Continental Europe (522)
- Mexico (65)
- Other (6)
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- Ethnicity (10)

**Availability**

☐ Only collections with images

## Filtering Record Collections

### Filtering by Location

Selecting one of these areas will open up more specific locations within the region. For example, selecting United States of America will then give you the option of further narrowing your results by state.

### Filtering by Date

This filter allows you to restrict your results to a specific range of years in order to view only those record collections that fall within that time frame.

### Filtering by Collection

By selecting one of these filters you can narrow FamilySearch's collections by record type. This allows you to only view collections of immigration and naturalization records, or only census record collections.

### Availability

Selecting this box will limit your results to only the collections that have been digitized and the images are available to view online.

## Searching Within a Specific Collection

If you are having trouble filtering your search results when using the basic search form, it may help to search one record collection at a time. This can be done by clicking on the title of the collection when browsing or searching as shown above. For an example, we have chosen the collection *Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950*, included in the list of collections seen in the image above.

A description of the collection's contents and provenance, including any notes about digital availability

Search form; similar to basic search form, but unique to the information present in the records

Click here to browse this collection's images

Source citation information, may contain microfilm #

**Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950**  
**Description**  
 This collection of marriage records for Alabama counties includes: a) indexed records with images; b) indexed records without images; and c) images which can be browsed but do not have searchable indexes. The indexed records without images display a message "Image is Unavailable" when you attempt to view the image. The browse records are grouped by film number/digital film number (DGS). Each film is arranged by county, volume and date. Digital images and indexes will be added as they become available.

[Learn more »](#)

**Search Collection**

**Deceased Ancestor's Name**  
 First Names  Last Names

**Search with a life event:**  
[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#)

**Search with a relationship:**  
[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#)

**Restrict records by:**  
[Film Number](#)

☐ Match all terms exactly

[Search](#) [Reset](#)

**View Images in this Collection**  
[Browse through 1,231,203 images](#)

**Citing this Collection**  
 "Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950." Database with images. FamilySearch. http://FamilySearch.org : 8 March 2017. County courthouses, Alabama.

## Searching Genealogies

This is a collection of user-contributed information, and as such you must keep in mind that *accuracy may vary*.

Search by Ancestral File # (see right)

Basic Search Form

Click here to limit your search to a specific genealogy type

**Search Genealogies**  
 Genealogies are trees submitted to FamilySearch that can help you fill out your family lines within Family Tree. Accuracy of the data in these genealogies varies from tree to tree; we encourage you to validate all data.

**Search by:** [Relationship](#) [AF Number](#)

**Deceased Ancestor's Name**  
 First Names  Last Names

**Search with a life event:**  
[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

**Search with a relationship:**  
[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#)

**Spouse's First Names**  **Spouse's Last Names**

**Father's First Names**  **Father's Last Names**

**Mother's First Names**  **Mother's Last Names**

**Submission ID:**

☐ Match all terms exactly

[Search](#) [All](#) [Reset](#)

**Learn about Genealogies**

**Guild of One-Name Studies**  
 A collection of lineage-linked sourced genealogies from the Guild of One-Name Studies.

**Community Trees**  
 A collection of lineage-linked, sourced genealogies for specific communities and time periods. These are merged from compiled and original source records to identify the community genealogy. Records include specific source data, and most are part of extended pedigrees and family groups.

**Oral Genealogies**  
 A growing collection of genealogies obtained by interviewing people in various parts of the world. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. No corrections or merges are made.

**Pedigree Resource File**  
 A growing collection of genealogies submitted by users including hundreds of millions of ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. No corrections or merges are made.

**Ancestral File**  
 A static collection of genealogies submitted by users, prior to 2003, including 40 million ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. Submissions were merged to eliminate duplication.

**International Genealogical Index (IGI)**  
 Information for over 430 million ancestors contributed by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Each record contains one event, including birth, baptism (christening), marriage, or death.

Descriptions of types of genealogies included in this collection

The name of individual as it appears in the genealogy (click here to view)

If you don't like your results, refine your search by adding or removing information and filters in this column

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1-4 of 4 results for

Name: Bertha Scrivner

Residence: Cole County, Missouri

Refine your search

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event:

Birth Marriage

Residence Place

Residence Year (Range)

From To

Death Any

Search with a relationship:

Spouse Parents

Submission ID:

Match all terms exactly

Update All Reset

Search by AFN

Name	Events	Relationships
Ernest Elder /Scrivner/ Pedigree Resource File	birth: 16 February 1895 death: 13 May 1977 residence: 1900 Millbrook, Cole, Missouri, USA Eldon, Miller, Missouri, USA Clark, Cole, Missouri, USA	father: George Anderson /Scrivner/ mother: Nancy Jane /Jones/
The following results don't strongly match what you searched for, but may be of interest.		
Basil B /SCRIVNER/ Pedigree Resource File	birth: March 1895 residence: 1910 / 1900 Missouri Warren Valley, Noble, Oklahoma, USA;Moreau, Cole, Missouri, USA	father: Charles Byron /SCRIVNER/ mother: Mary F /COLE/
John B /Scrivner/ Pedigree Resource File	birth: 21 October 1810 death: 11 March 1886 residence: 1810 marriage: 27 February 1834 Roane, Tennessee, USA Hill, Texas, USA USA Copiah, Mississippi, USA	father: David /Scrivner/ mother: Susanna /Bowerman/ spouse: Louisa Matilda /Blocker/ children: Isaiah James /Scrivner/, Rebecca Jane /Scrivner/, Louisa M /Scrivner/, Isaac Newton /Scrivner/, John Jasper /Scrivner/, Eliza Ann /Scrivner/, Katherine Maranda /Scrivner/, William Jackson /Scrivner/
Thomas B /Scribner/ [THOMAS B. /Scribner/, Thomas B. /Scribner/, Thomas /Scribner/] Pedigree Resource File	birth: 25 Dec 1672;1664;1670 death: 30 Mar 1717;28 Mar 1718;30 Mar 1718;1718 residence: 1670 marriage: 4 February 1708 / 25 December Hampton, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States;Massachusetts;Ki... Rockingham, New Hampshire, USA;Kingston, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States;Hampton, Rockingham, New Hampshire, USA;Hampton, Rockingham, NH, USA;Hampton, New Hampshire Kingston, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States Kingston, Rockingham, New Hampshire, USA United States Kingston, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States	father: John /Scribner (Scriven)/;John /Scrivener/;John /Scribner/;JOHN Scribner /Scriven/;John /Scriven/ mother: MARY /Hilton?/;Mary /Hilton/;Mary /Mills/;Mary /Scribner/ spouse: Hannah /Welch/;Sarah /CLIFFORD/ children: Sarah /Scribner/, Elizabeth /Scribner/, Edward David /Scribner/, Samuel /Scribner/ SR., Mary /Scribner/, John /Scribner/, Deborah /Scribner/, James /SCRIBNER/

A summary of the information provided for this individual in this genealogy

Any results below the blue bar shown above may not match the information you've entered, but may be related to the person you are searching for. *Keep in mind*, you will only find results for individuals who are included in a genealogy that's been submitted to FamilySearch.

## Searching the Family History Library Catalog

Multiple fields can be combined to customize your search

Click here to search by call number or FHL microfilm number

Limit your search to a specific Family History Center by selecting it from this list

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FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch. Many items can be loaned to local family history centers around the world.

Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.

Search by:

Place Surnames Titles Author Subjects Keywords

Place

Search for:

Call Number Film/Fiche Number

Search these family history centers:

Any

Search Reset

Other Catalogs to Consider:

OCLC WorldCat

WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the web, where most people start their search for information.

ArchiveGrid

ArchiveGrid is a collection of nearly two million archival material descriptions, including MARC records from WorldCat and finding aids harvested from the web.

Remove a search term by placing your cursor over it and clicking here



## Example Search: “Tennessee Probate Records” entered in the *Subjects* field

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog search results for the query "Tennessee Probate Records". The left sidebar contains search filters like "Refine your search", "Search by:", "Place", "Titles", "Author", "Subjects", "Keywords", "Search for:", "Call Number", "Film/Fiche Number", and "Search these family history centers:". The main results area lists various probate records with counts in parentheses, such as "United States, Tennessee - Probate records - Indexes ( 4 )", "United States, Tennessee - Probate records ( 11 )", "United States, Tennessee, Anderson - Probate records ( 8 )", "United States, Tennessee, Bedford - Probate records - Indexes ( 3 )", "United States, Tennessee, Bedford - Probate records ( 6 )", "United States, Tennessee, Benton - Probate records ( 7 )", "United States, Tennessee, Bledsoe - Probate records ( 2 )", "United States, Tennessee, Blount - Probate records ( 8 )", "United States, Tennessee, Bradley - Probate records - Indexes ( 1 )", "United States, Tennessee, Bradley - Probate records ( 6 )", "United States, Tennessee, Campbell - Probate records ( 4 )", "Campbell County, Tennessee, public records, 1880-1900", "Campbell County, Tennessee, wills, bonds and inventories", "Probate records, 1806-1911", "Will, bonds and inventories, 1807-1880, Campbell County, Tennessee", "United States, Tennessee, Cannon - Probate records ( 10 )", "United States, Tennessee, Carroll - Probate records ( 7 )", "United States, Tennessee, Carter - Probate records ( 9 )", "United States, Tennessee, Cheatham - Probate records ( 3 )", "United States, Tennessee, Chester - Probate records ( 1 )", "United States, Tennessee, Claiborne - Probate records - Indexes ( 2 )", "United States, Tennessee, Claiborne - Probate records ( 7 )", and "United States, Tennessee, Clay - Probate records ( 1 )".

The search results (*seen on left*) are provided as a list of subject headings pertaining to probate records for Tennessee counties.

Each will include the total amount of materials for that subject in parentheses. Selecting one of these will open up a list of available titles within that subject heading.

Click on the title to be taken to the detail summary page where you can find a description of the material, availability, microfilm notes, and more (*see below*).

Click here to return to your search results

A description of the material including author, format, language, etc.

Select a location to view a specific repository's holdings for this title

Availability & locations of microfilm copies

The screenshot shows the detail page for the title "Registri dello stato civile di Mendicino (Cosenza), 1809-1910". The page includes a "BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS" link, a "PRINT" button, and a "Catalog Print List (0)" link. The main content area provides details about the material, including authors, format, language, publication, and physical description. It also includes a "Notes" section, a "Subjects" section, and a "Location" dropdown menu. At the bottom, there is a table showing the availability and locations of microfilm copies.

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	DGS	Format
Nati, processetti, notificazioni, matrimoni, morti 1809-1819	Family History Library	International Film	1546604 Items 2-4	7859350	
Nati, processetti, notificazioni, matrimoni, morti 1819-1836	Family History Library	International Film	1337929	7850117	

Click to print this page

Add this title to your Print List (*see below*)

Instead of a microfilm reel, you will now see a camera icon if the collection has been digitized and can be viewed online

FamilySearch's catalog search allows users to create a **Print List** while searching. This is a list of titles you would like to save and compile (and later print) for your personal reference. Clicking the *Add to Print List* button in the top right corner will add the title you are currently viewing to that list.

**Note:** Some of the book titles in the catalog may be available for online viewing in the digital Family History Book collection (*see below*).

# Searching the Digital Family History Books

Search titles & descriptions in the collection for the terms entered in this field

Click here to be taken to the advanced search page

Click here to be taken to the home page of that library's website

The FamilySearch Digital Library

Browse collections from libraries all over the world.

Search Digital Library... Search

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**Example Search:** Search results for "*Commander Price Family*"

Sort your results here by relevance and alphabetically by title

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Commander Price Family

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Creator

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Search Results

Your search returned 179761 Results

Results per page : 10 Sort by : Relevancy Print

The Commander - Price family history

Title No 702756

Creator Gray, Aleene Commander

Extent 8, [2] leaves

Language English eng

Access Level Protected

Full text results

The Price Family

Title No 2442403

Creator Price-Slaughter, Roberta Lynn

Extent 45p.

Language English eng

Access Level Protected

Full text results

Robert Price

## Viewing, Reading, and Searching in Books

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### Example: Summary Page

The Price genealogy	
Title No	2334152
Creator	Seaver, J Montgomery (Jesse Montgomery), 1890-
Language	English eng en
Subject	Richardson family Price family Woodward family Rugge family Taylor family Hardy family Warner family Adams family Ralph family Hodgson family
Extent	41 p.
Page Count	42
Owning Institution	St. George Utah FamilySearch Library
Publisher Digital	FamilySearch International
Access Level	Public

This page provides:

Creator Name

Language(s)

Subjects

Page Count

Owning Institution

Access Level

### Example: Keyword Searching Within Books

The search results list shows all of the instances the keyword(s) appear. These results may also be in captions for photographs, as seen here.

SEARCH

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2 results for your search

Full text : 2

...Photograph by Bavhrach BRIGADER GENERAL HARRISON I. MONTGOMERY **SEAV**ER PRICE Compiler of "Price Family Recordz" GENERAL R. BUTLER PRICE.... View 3

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