



# FamilySearch Global Initiatives

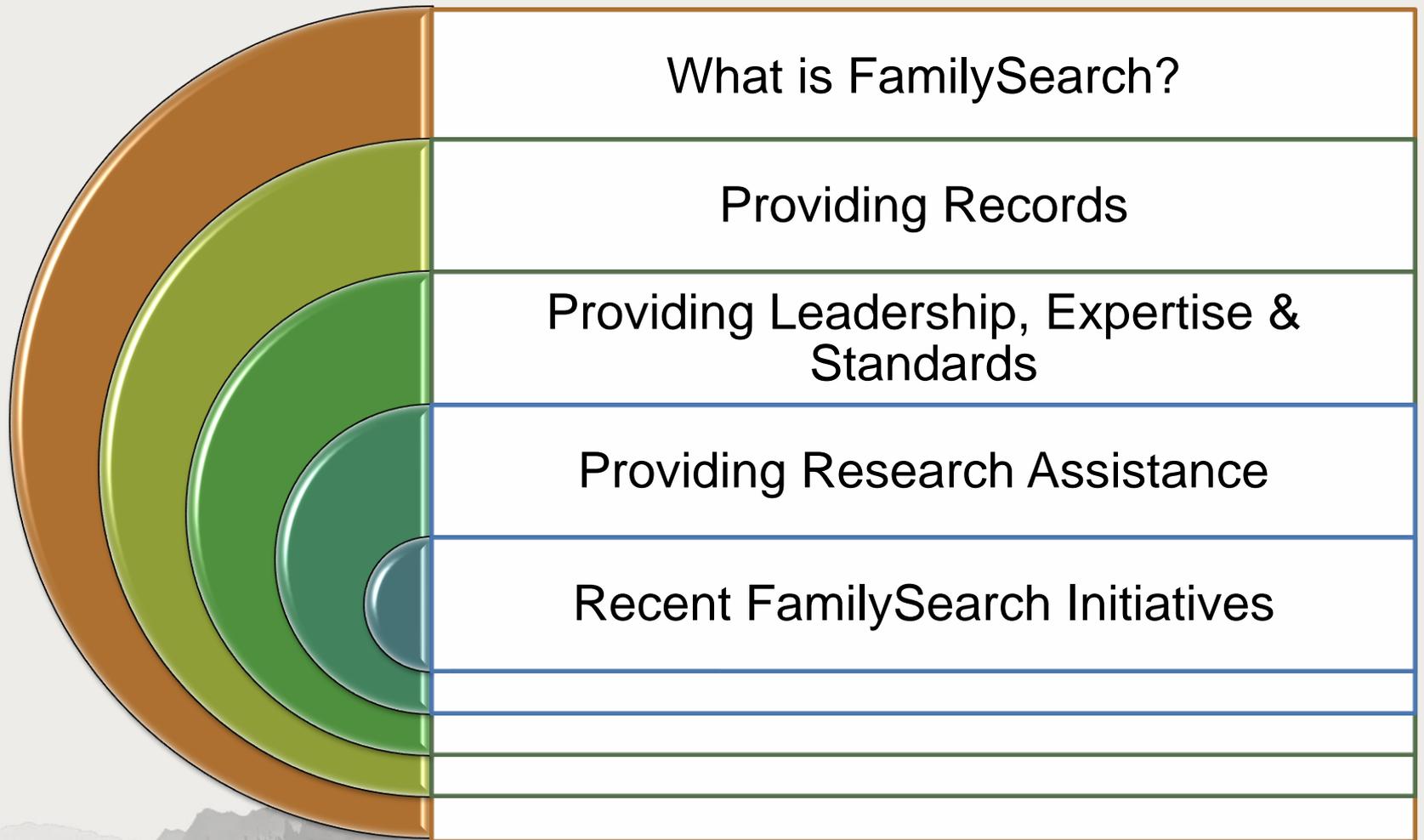
## National Archives, April 2012

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FAMILYSEARCH

# Roadmap



# What is FamilySearch?

Largest genealogical organization in the world

Non-profit – volunteer driven



Sponsored by  
The Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-day  
Saints

Free online  
access  
[FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)



# What is FamilySearch?



History



Area Studies and Languages



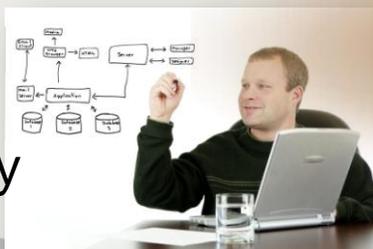
Nearly 1000  
people staff  
operations  
worldwide



Micrographics &  
Digital imaging



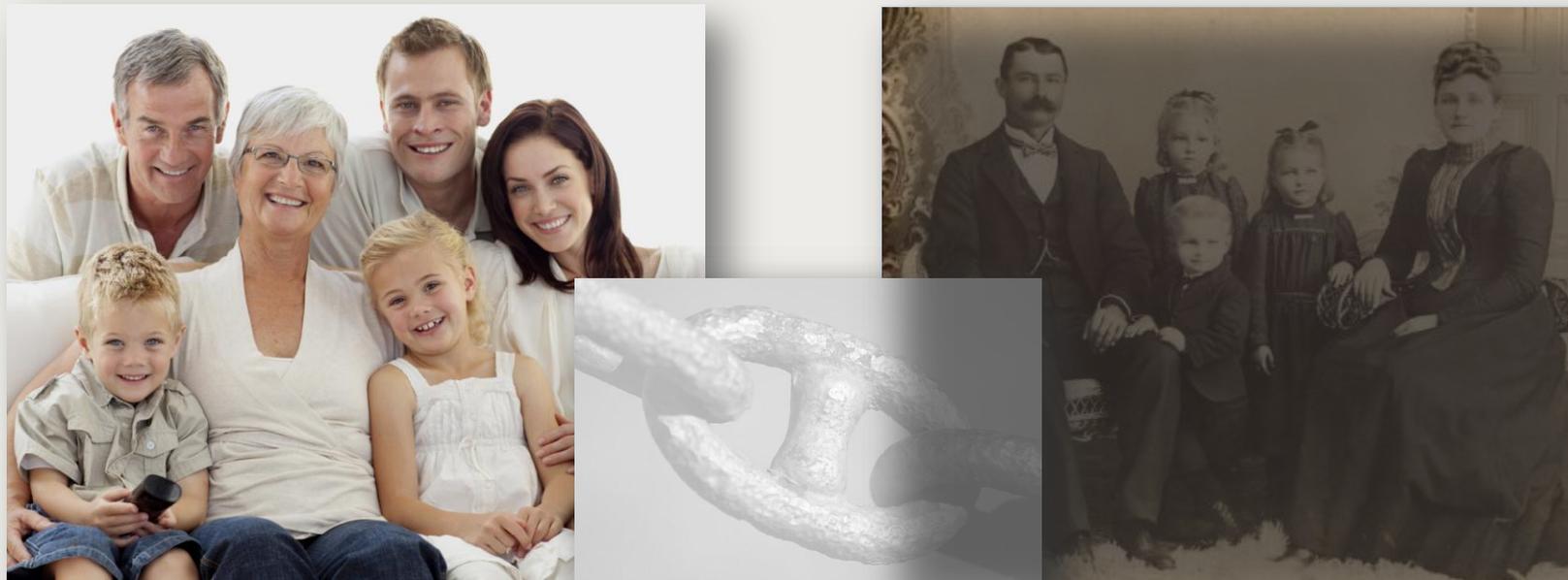
Archival &  
Library Science



Computer  
technology



# What is the Purpose of FamilySearch?



Help people connect with their ancestors



# Why Do We Do This?

- The family is an essential part of our core values.
- Connecting with our ancestors provides perspective, understanding and strength.



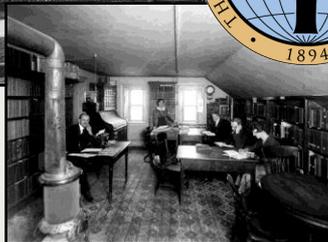
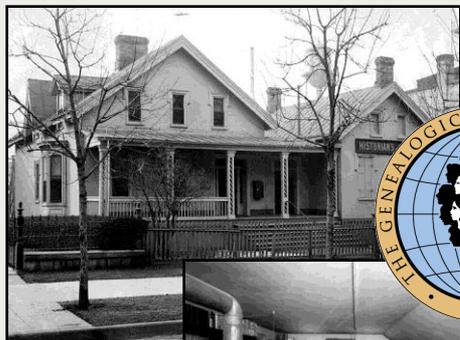
# Global Pioneer for Over 100 Years



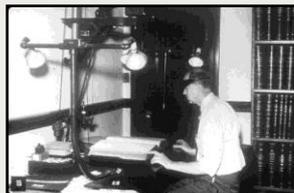
Actively gathering, preserving, and  
sharing genealogical records



G.S.U.



Microfilm



Genealogical Library/FamilySearch Centers

1922

1963

1894 - 1917

1938

1985



Indexing Initiative



Granite Mountain Record Vault

FAMILYSEARCH

15 Billion Hits

1 Million Users

1064 Record Collections

3 Billion Names



1998

1999

2004

2007

2012

**FAMILYSEARCH**  
WHERE GENERATIONS MEET



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INDEXING

**FAMILYSEARCH**



# Providing Records

# So How Do You Do This?



# Online Access to the World's Records

Records  
Negotiation



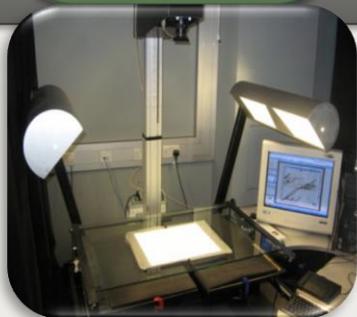
Digital  
Conversion



Online  
Indexing



Image  
Capture



Preservation



Online  
Access

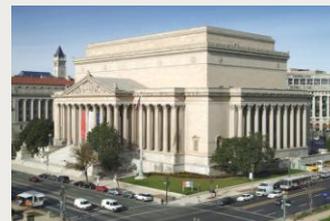


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# Negotiate Access



# Initiatives with NARA



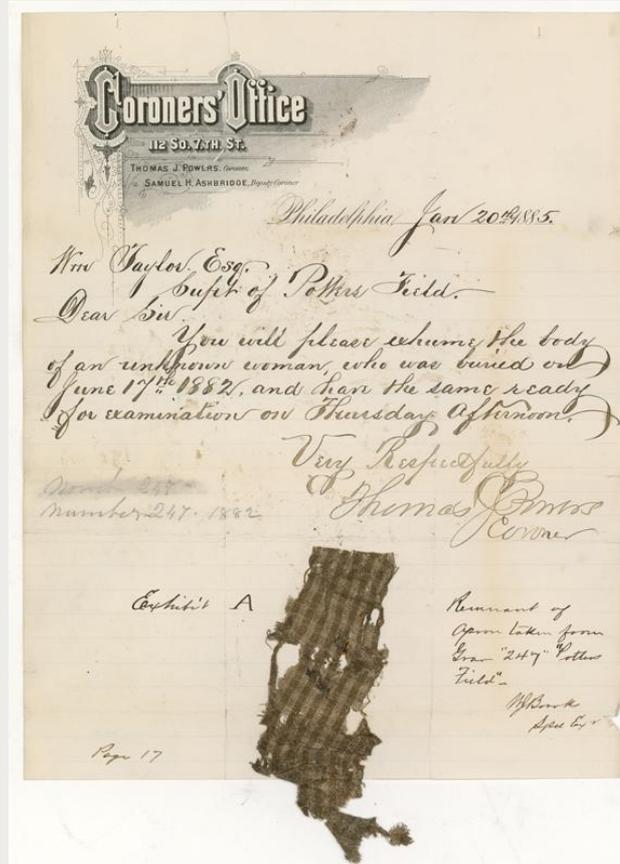
## CWCC – Civil War Conservation Corps



June 1994  
Citizen Archivists  
1.28 million files  
100,000 file – March 2012  
50 year project!  
Partners: Fold3, FS, NARA

Coroner's  
Office letter  
and evidence

Pension file  
of Esther  
Springfield,  
Case File  
#38414.



# Image Capture



**Past:**  
Filmed in over  
100 Countries

**Present:**  
200 filming  
projects  
in over 40  
countries



# Image Capture

Each year FamilySearch creates:

- Over 40 million digital images
- 20 thousand rolls of microfilm



# Image Capture



**2011**

100,000 images  
captured weekly

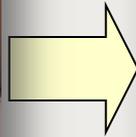
**Totaling:**

308 million images  
364 million records

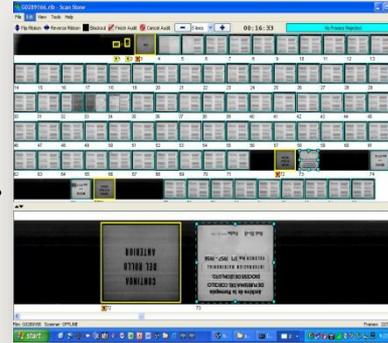
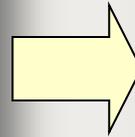
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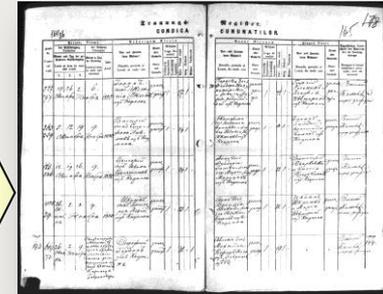
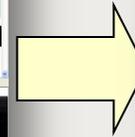
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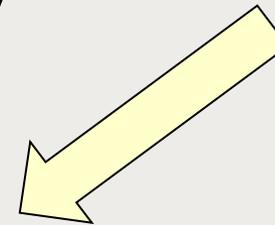
Convert to Digital



Check for Quality



“Cut” into Images



Post Online



# Preservation

## Granite Mountain Records Vault Where the Images are Stored

Over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm

Over 1 million microfiche

Over 3.5 billion images of family  
history records

Increasing by over 40,000 rolls per year



# Preservation



Preservation Video

Records in a vault  
don't do anybody  
any good



I need records  
easily accessible  
online



# Indexing

Volunteers type information from digitized historical records



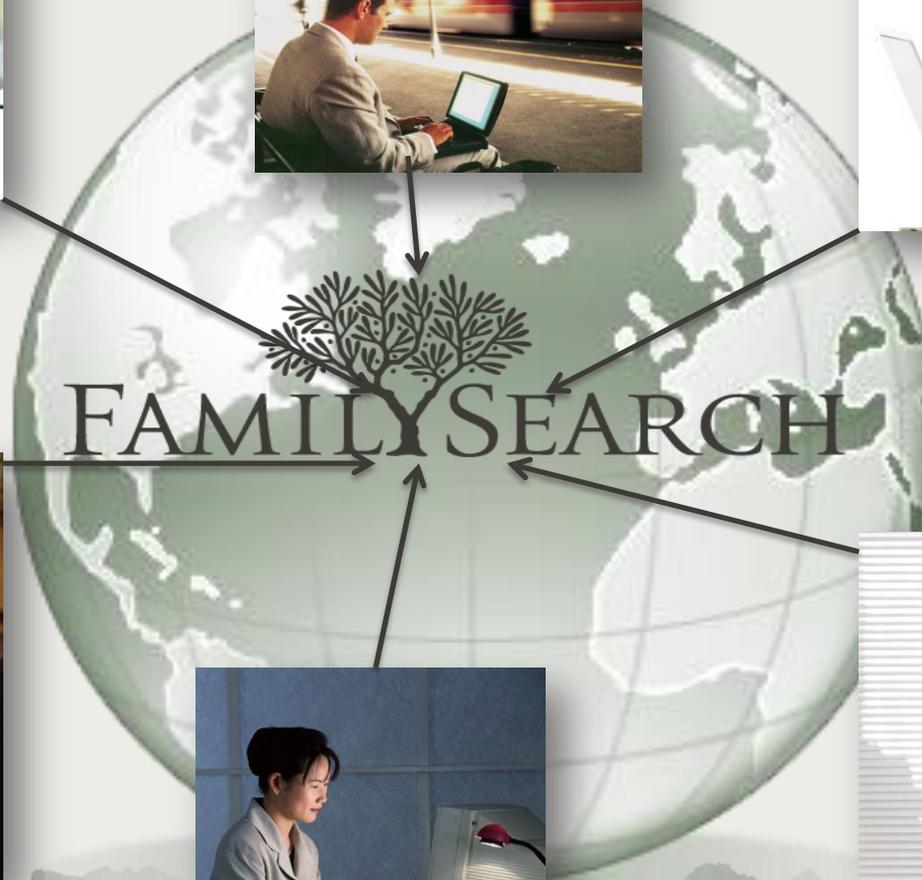
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This information is put on free searchable online indexes

Historical Records	Event	Birth Place	England Year	1865-1869
William S. Travis	Birth	Liverpool, Lancashire, England	24 Jun 1865	1865-1869
William S. Travis	Death	Liverpool, Lancashire, England	28 Oct 1944	1944-1949
William Samuel Travis	Marriage	Liverpool, Lancashire, England	24 Jun 1888	1888-1893
William Samuel Travis	Residence	Liverpool, Lancashire, England	24 Jun 1888	1888-1893
William Samuel Travis	Other Place	Liverpool, Lancashire, England	24 Jun 1888	1888-1893



# Indexing



  
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# Indexing Facts

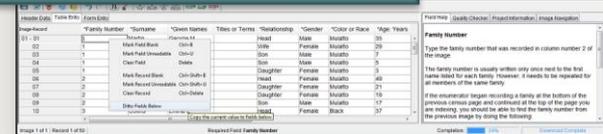
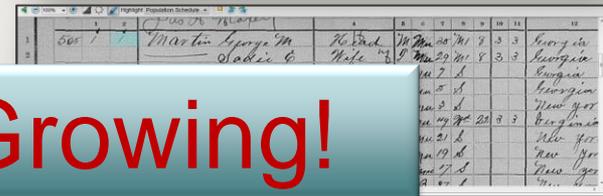
Number of active volunteers— **Over 125,000**

Number of current projects — **Over 125**

Number of names indexed per year — **Over 300 million**

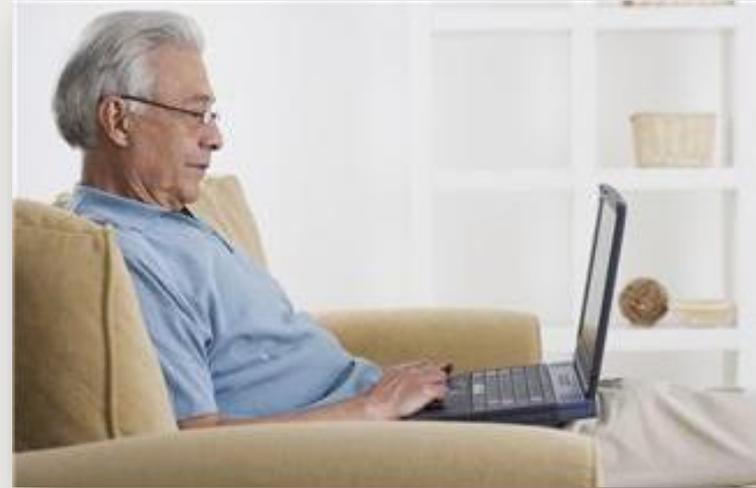
Number of languages available — **Seven**

**And Growing!**



# Why Index?

- Provide meaningful service
- Give back and pay it forward
- It's fast and it's easy
- No special skills are required
- Can be done from home, or any computer,

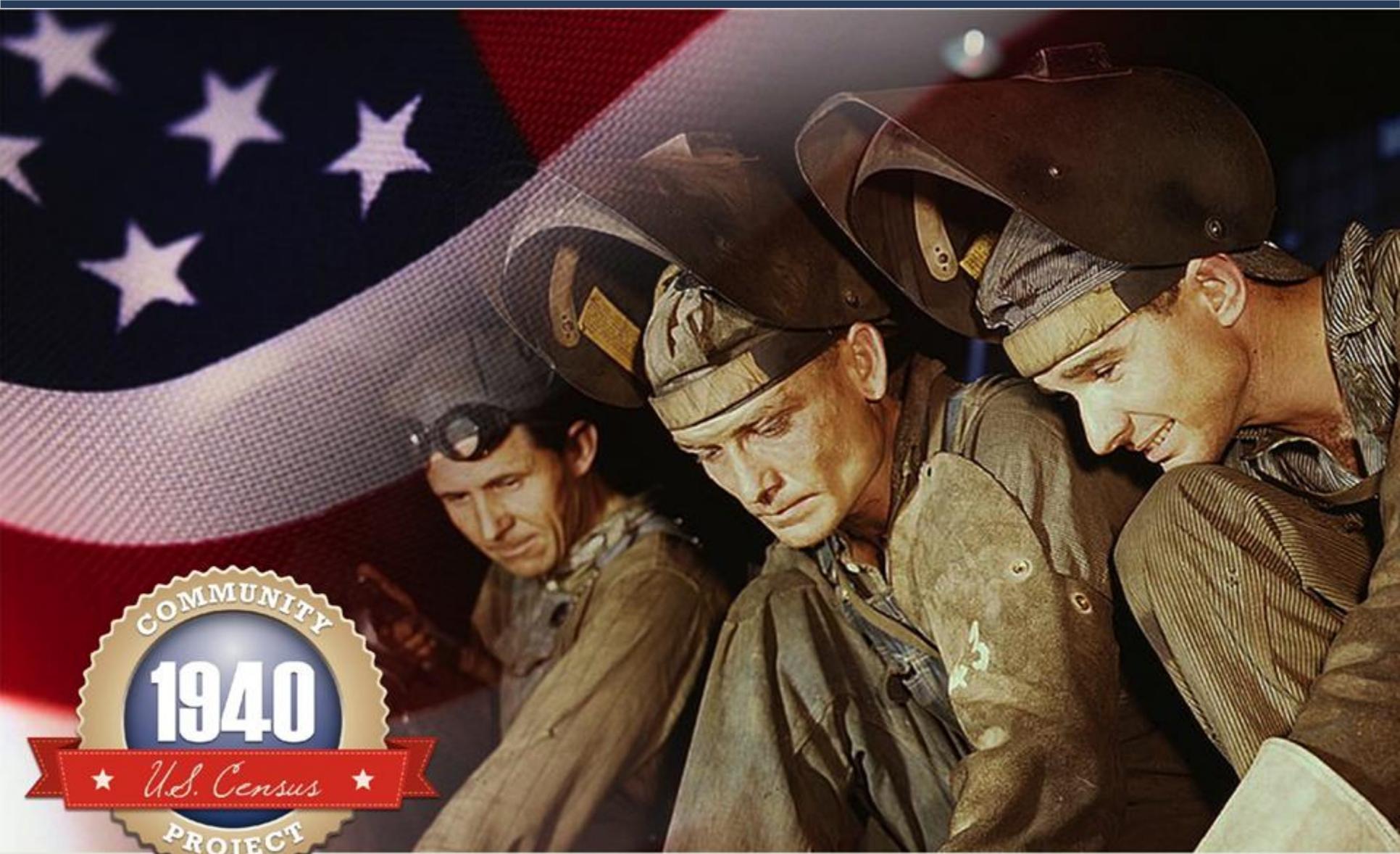


# Indexing apps for tablets and smartphones!



## Mobile App





Archives™

  
FAMILYSEARCH

findmypast™  
search with the exper

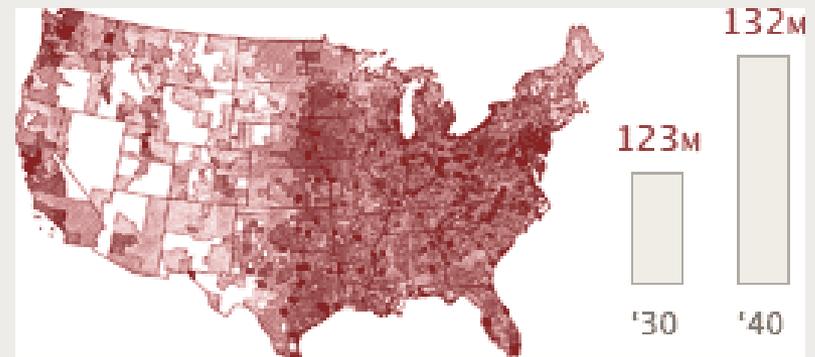
# 1940 U.S. Census Project

- The 1940 U.S. Federal Census Community Project is a historic national service project to preserve and share the records of the “**Greatest Generation**” online.
- A community of volunteers will immediately start indexing the 1940 census records upon their release in April 2012
- Index – online & always free and open access.
- Individuals & societies



# The Greatest Generation

- The 1940 U.S. Federal Census is the largest, most comprehensive, and most recent record set documenting the **132 million** people in the U.S. at that time.
- Tens of millions of people living in the US in 1940 are still living today.
- Many individuals in the 1940 census survived the Great Depression, fought in WWII, and sacrificed in the name of freedom.



**132 million people were living in the 48 Continental United States in 1940.**



# Rich & Unique Info

- Standard questions:
  - Name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth.
- New questions:
  - Who in the household responded to the census?
  - Did the person work for the CCC, WPA, or NYA?
  - What was the person's income for the 12 months ending December 31, 1939?
- Other information:
  - Where people lived 5 years before
  - Highest educational grade achieved
  - Detailed income and occupation

EMPLOYMENT STATUS					
OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, AND CLASS OF WORKER					
For a person at work, assigned to public emergency work, or with a job ("Yes" in col. 21, 22, or 24), enter present occupation, industry, and class of worker.					
For a person seeking work ("Yes" in col. 23): (a) if he has previous work experience, enter last occupation, industry, and class of worker; or (b) if he does not have previous work experience, enter "New worker" in Col. 28, and leave Cols. 29-30 blank.					
OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY	Class of Worker	CODE (leave blank)	Number of weeks worked in 1939 (Equivalent full-time weeks)	Amount of money, wages or
Trade, profession, or particular kind of work, as— <i>Frame spinner</i> <i>Salesman</i> <i>Laborer</i> <i>Rivet heater</i> <i>Music teacher</i>	Industry or business, as— <i>Cotton mill</i> <i>Retail grocery</i> <i>Farm</i> <i>Shipyard</i> <i>Public school</i>				
28	29	30	F.	31	

RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1935				
In what place did this person live on April 1, 1935?				
For a person who lived in a different place, enter city or town, county, and State.				
City, town, or village having 2,600 or more inhabitants. If less, enter "R."	County	State (or Territory or foreign country)	On a Farm? (Y or N)	CODE (Leave Blank)

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## WE WANT YOU!

### HELP CREATE A 1940 US CENSUS INDEX

E-mail \*

First and Last Name

Favorite States to Index

Submit

Like 170

+1

Thomas MacEntee

Tweet

ON APRIL 2, 2012, NARA will provide access to the images of the 1940 United States Federal Census for the first time. Unlike previous census years, images of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made available as free digital images.

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Upon its release, the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, a joint initiative between Archives.com, FamilySearch, findmypast.com, and other leading genealogy organizations, will coordinate efforts to provide quick access to these digital images and immediately start indexing these records to make them searchable online with free and open access.

Video

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# Start indexing **today**

- Go to [the1940census.com](http://the1940census.com)
- Download the indexing software.
- Launch the indexing software.
- Register with a FamilySearch Account.



Working **together**, we'll make history!



# Online Access

As soon as images become available, FamilySearch puts them online at FamilySearch.org.

Most of the images are indexed, some are not but you can still usually find the records you want.



# Online Access

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website's search page. At the top, the 'FAMILYSEARCH' logo is on the left, and 'Help' and 'Sig' are on the right. Below the logo are navigation links: 'Learn', 'FamilySearch Centers', 'Indexing', and 'Blog'. The main heading is 'Discover Your', followed by a navigation menu with 'Records' highlighted in a red box, and 'Trees', 'Catalog', and 'B'. Below this is a search form with a text input field for 'First Names'. Underneath the input field are three search filters: 'Search by Life Events: Any | ...', 'Search by Relationships: Spouse | Parents', and 'Search by: Batch Number'. At the bottom of the form are a 'Search' button, a checkbox for 'Match All Exactly', and a 'Reset Form' link. An orange callout box is overlaid on the center of the page, containing the text: '> 1000 Collections from over 50 countries' and 'Nearly 3 Billion Names in a Searchable Database'. To the right of the callout box, there is a banner for 'rootstech LEARN MORE' and a section for 'U.S. Civil War Project' featuring a portrait of Abraham Lincoln and the text 'CIVIL WAR 150th ANNIVERSARY'. The background of the page features a landscape with mountains and trees.

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from over 50 countries

Nearly **3** Billion Names  
in a Searchable  
Database

rootstech  
LEARN MORE ▶

pricing for RootsTech 2012  
City, Feb. 2-4.

to previous site

U.S. Civil War Project



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# Online Access

District of Columbia Records so far...  
5 Collections

1,475,357 Records  
All Indexed

Historical

Collections

Title ▾

updated

Updated

District of

Apr 2010

District of

Apr 2010

📷 District of

May 2011

📷 District of Columbia Marriages, 1811-1950

659,487

10 Jan 2012

District of Columbia Marriages, 1830-1921

240,017

27 Apr 2010

# Online Access

Historical Record Collections

12 collections

## Virginia Records 12 Collections

7,317,746 Records  
956,071 Image Only

1976

 Virginia, Freedmen's Bureau Letters or Correspondence, 1865-1872	834,422	10 Feb 2011
 Virginia, Historical Society Papers, 1607-2007	<a href="#">Browse Images</a>	28 Dec 2011
 Virginia, Surry County Marriage Records, 1735-1950	<a href="#">Browse Images</a>	17 Mar 2011
 Virginia, Winchester, Evening Star Obituaries, 1899-1909	5,819	12 Aug 2011

# Online Access

Maryland Deaths and Burials, 1877-1992

3,709

27 Apr 2010

Maryland Births and Christenings, 1650-1995

100,400

Records added to FamilySearch  
in the first 17 days of  
February 2012

**31,699,163!**

 Maryland, Register of Wills Books, 1629-1983

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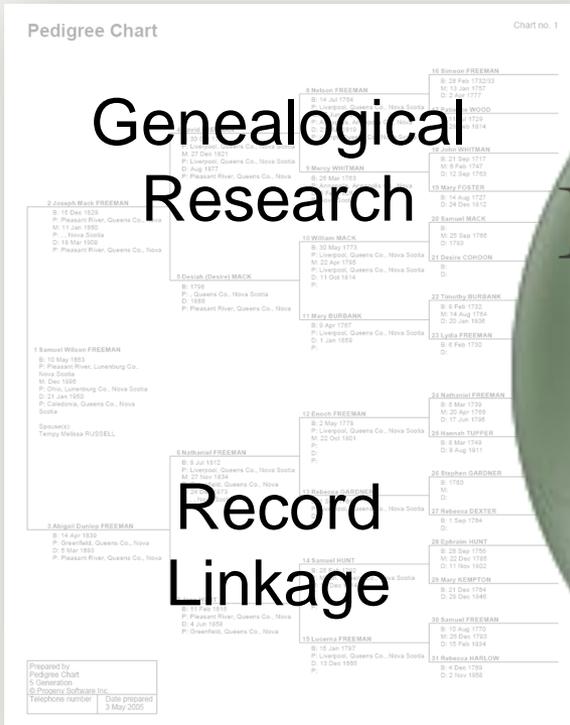
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# Providing Leadership, Expertise, & Standards

# Providing Leadership, Expertise, and Standards



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# Providing Research Assistance

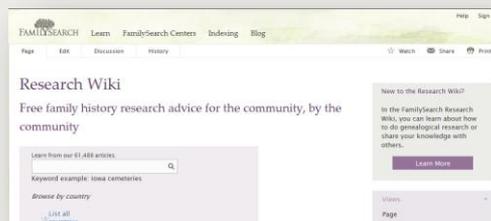
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Family History  
Library Catalog



FamilySearch/  
Family History Centers



FamilySearch  
Wiki

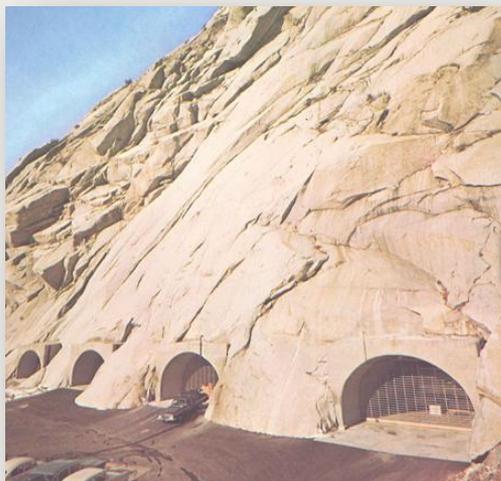


Global Service  
Organization



Forums

# Family History Library Catalog



Over 3.5 billion  
images of family  
history records



Cataloged



Made available in  
the Family History  
Library Catalog on  
FamilySearch

# Family History Library Catalog



Find the records  
you want



View the records  
at a family history  
center



# FamilySearch Center (Family History Center)

The world's largest  
genealogy library located in  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Access to a collection of  
over 2.5 million microfilms  
from over 100 countries.



# FamilySearch Center (Family History Center)

Free public access to records from  
the Family History Library

Nearly 4700 centers worldwide  
(14 in DC Metro area)

Free personal help with your  
family history

Free classes, conferences



Washington DC FHC  
Kensington, MD

# FamilySearch Center

## Welcome to the Family History Center Portal

### Genealogical Resources



#### [Premium Family History Websites \(Center Access Only\)](#)

Free patron access to premium subscription websites.

#### [FamilySearch](#)

Discover your family history.

#### [FamilySearch Indexing](#)

Contribute to indexing digital records.

#### [FamilySearch Microfilm Ordering](#)

International online film order to your local center.  
(Check site for availability.)

### Classes & Workshops



#### [Online Research Courses](#)

Learn the basic methods and key resources to start your family history.

#### [Tech Tips](#)

Technology tips for genealogists and family historians.

### One-on-One Assistance



#### [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#)

Free family history research advice for the community, by the community.

#### [FamilySearch Forums](#)

Helpful family history research and FamilySearch product information provided by experienced FamilySearch patrons.

#### [FamilySearch Help Center](#)

FamilySearch Knowledge Center.

Free access to Premium Subscription Websites



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# FamilySearch Portal

## Premium Websites

Please choose from one of the following websites:

- [19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive](#)
- [Access Newspaper Archive](#)
- [Alexander Street Press – The American Civil War:](#)  
[Research Database](#) | [Letters and Diaries](#) | [Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera](#)
- [Ancestry.com](#)
- [ArkivDigital Online](#) – Install from here: [XP or Win7/Vista](#) (one-time only). Launch from the 'ArkivDigital Online' Start Menu or Desktop icon.
- [Find My Past](#)
- [Fold3.com](#) (Previously known as Footnote.com)
- [The Genealogist](#)
- [Genline FamilyFinder](#) is no longer available. Please use [ArkivDigital](#) instead.
- [Godfrey Memorial Library](#)
- [Heritage Quest Online](#)
- [Historic Map Works Library Edition](#)
- [Paper Trail](#)
- [World Vital Records](#)



# FamilySearch.org: Learn

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with 'FAMILYSEARCH' logo, 'Learn', 'FamilySearch Centers', 'Indexing', and 'Blog'. On the right are 'Help' and 'Sign In' links. The main banner features a historical map background with a purple overlay containing the text 'Getting started' and 'It may be easier than you think'. Below this is a paragraph about the benefits of learning family history and a 'Get started now' button. To the left of the banner is a search box with the text 'Learn from our 66,553 articles.' and a search icon. Below the search box is a 'Keyword example: Iowa cemeteries' and a 'Browse by country' link with a '+ List all countries' button.

Learn from our 66,553 articles.



Keyword example: Iowa cemeteries

Browse by country

+ List all countries

Wiki  
Online  
Encyclopedia



Launched 2008

## What's in learning resources?

### Research Wiki



The Research Wiki is a **free** collection of family history articles provided by family history enthusiasts from around the world. The wiki makes it easy for people to share research information and useful tips. Research Wiki articles are valuable resources for anyone who wants to learn more about their family history.

[Go to the wiki](#) ▶

### Research Courses



FamilySearch offers a variety of free classes online and in person to help you discover your family tree. Whether you are just beginning your family history research or are an experienced genealogist, you can learn something new. These classes are taught by genealogy research consultants at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as experts from around the world.

### Discussion Forums



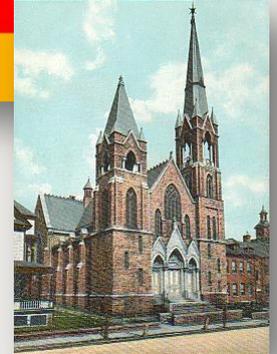
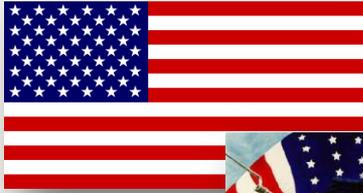
FamilySearch also offers numerous free research discussion forums. With over 2,000 registered volunteers all over the world, it's a pretty good bet that if your question hasn't already been answered, someone is ready to help out.

[Browse the forums](#) ▶

# FamilySearch Wiki



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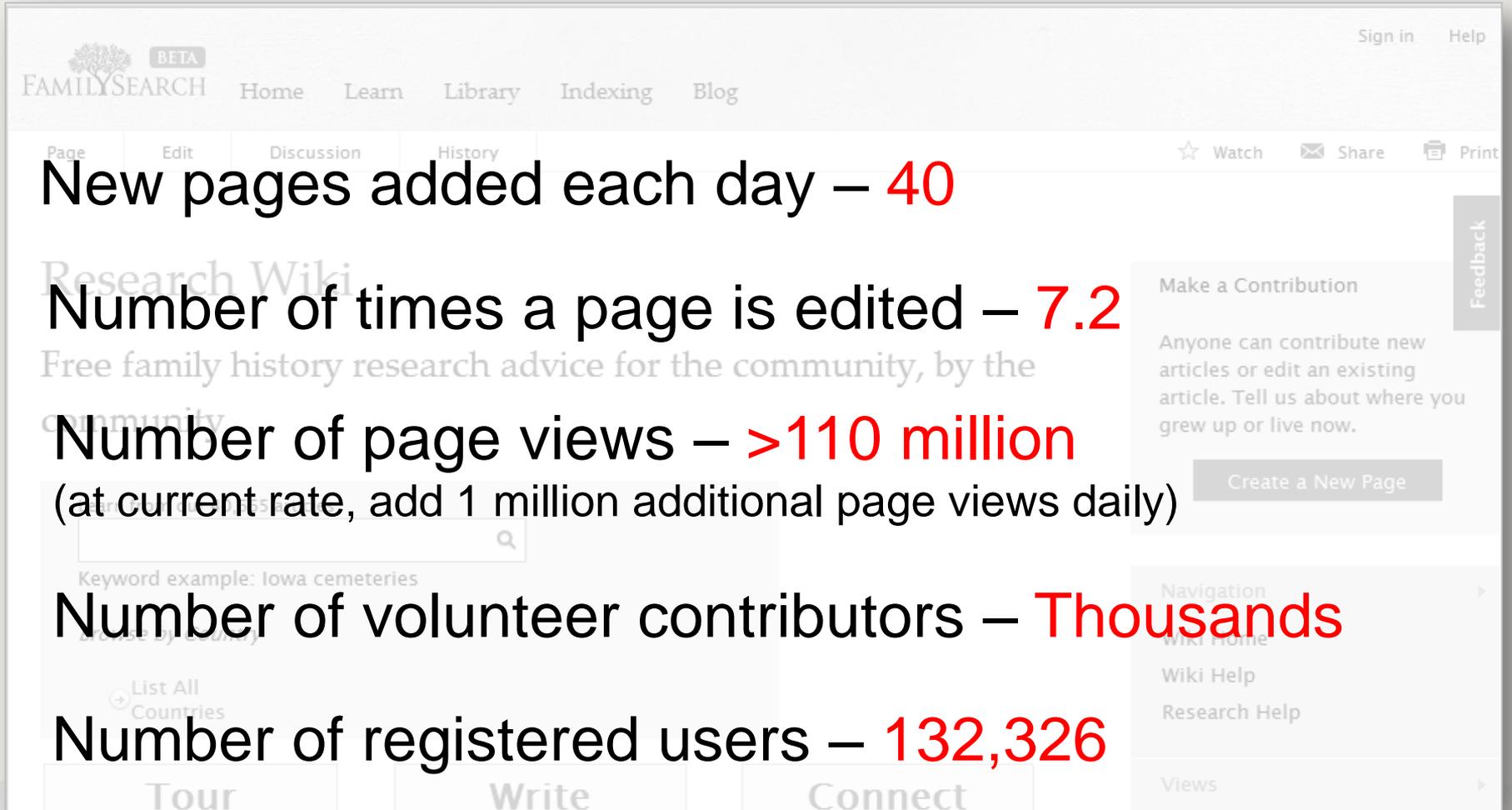
Find out what historical records are available in localities around the world

Learn how to access those records

Learn research strategies



# FamilySearch Wiki Facts



The image shows a screenshot of the FamilySearch Wiki homepage. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Learn, Library, Indexing, and Blog. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for Page, Edit, Discussion, and History. The main content area is partially obscured by large text overlays. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a 'Feedback' button and a 'Make a Contribution' section. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Tour', 'Write', and 'Connect'.

**New pages added each day – 40**

**Number of times a page is edited – 7.2**

**Number of page views – >110 million**  
(at current rate, add 1 million additional page views daily)

**Number of volunteer contributors – Thousands**

**Number of registered users – 132,326**

# Wiki

Learn to research

Share what you know

Collaborate with others

Help Sign In

FAMILYSEARCH Learn FamilySearch Centers Indexing Blog

Page Edit Discussion History Watch Share Print

## Research Wiki

Free family history research advice for the community, by the community

Learn from our 66,254 articles.

  
Keyword example: Iowa cemeteries

Browse by country

List all countries

### Tour

Start with an overview of the Wiki, including Help!

### Write

You know something that can help someone else.

### Connect

Join with our community that loves family history.

Views

- Page
- Edit
- Discussion
- History
- Watch
- View source

Toolbox

Community

Personal tools

Featured WikiProject: WikiProject Utah

Featured How-to's and Help: Burned Counties Research

Featured Article: Boyle County, Kentucky

View popular articles View random articles See more featured articles

In other languages: English | Deutsch | Español | Français | Italiano | 日本語 | 한국어 | Português | Русский | Svenska | 中文

# Wiki Sample

## Specific Areas of Help

This section gives strategies and other resources to find information that can substitute for destroyed courthouse records

The screenshot shows a FamilySearch Wiki page titled "Burned Counties Research". The page includes a navigation bar with "FAMILYSEARCH", "Learn", "FamilySearch Centers", "Indexing", and "Blog". Below the navigation bar are tabs for "Page", "Edit", "Discussion", and "History", along with icons for "Watch", "Share", and "Print". The main content area features the title "Burned Counties Research" with an "Edit This Page" button. A paragraph explains the purpose: "This page lists strategies for making research progress on families who lived in a place where most of the records are lost." An image shows a building on fire. A yellow box contains the text: "This is not magic. We cannot make burned records re-appear, but we CAN learn to make progress without them." Below this, a paragraph explains the origin of the term "burned counties" in Virginia. A table lists "Burned Counties: A Partial List for Selected States" with links to each state. On the right side, there are several utility boxes: "Search Learning & How-To's" with a search bar and "BROWSE" options; "New to the Research Wiki?" with a "Learn More" button; and a "Views" dropdown menu.

**Burned Counties Research** [Edit This Page](#)

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The phrase "burned counties" was first used for research in Virginia where many county records were destroyed in courthouse fires, or during the Civil War.<sup>[1]</sup> The strategies for researching places where a local courthouse or repository was wiped out by flood, fire, war, or cleaning-streak clerks are useful in similar situations all around the United States, Canada, and throughout the world.

**Burned Counties: A Partial List for Selected States**  
(as listed on the Internet at familyhistory101.com)

<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	<a href="#">South Dakota</a>
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	<a href="#">Idaho</a>	<a href="#">Michigan</a>	<a href="#">New York</a>	<a href="#">Tennessee</a>
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	<a href="#">Illinois</a>	<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	<a href="#">Texas</a>
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	<a href="#">Indiana</a>	<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	<a href="#">Utah</a>
<a href="#">California</a>	<a href="#">Iowa</a>	<a href="#">Missouri</a>	<a href="#">Ohio</a>	<a href="#">Vermont</a>
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	<a href="#">Kansas</a>	<a href="#">Montana</a>	<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	<a href="#">Virginia</a>
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	<a href="#">Oregon</a>	<a href="#">Washington</a>
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	<a href="#">Nevada</a>	<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	<a href="#">West Virginia</a>

**Search Learning & How-To's**

Subject, Place or Keyword

BROWSE

[by country](#) [A to Z by topic](#)

**New to the Research Wiki?**

In the FamilySearch Research Wiki, you can learn how to do genealogical research or share your knowledge with others.

[Learn More](#)

**Views**

- Page
- Edit
- Discussion
- History
- Watch
- View source

**Toolbox**

- Community
- Personal tools

# Wiki Country Page: Ireland

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia page for Ireland. At the top left is the title "Ireland" with a star icon. Below it is a navigation menu with a "Topics" section containing a list of subjects like "Archives and Libraries", "Biography", "Cemeteries", "Census", "Church Directories", "Church History", "Church Records", "Civil Registration", "Court Records", "Directories", "Emigration and Immigration", "Gazetteers", "Genealogy", "Heraldry", "History", "Jewish Records", "Land and Property", "Languages", "Maps", "Military Records", "Names Personal", "Naturalization and Citizenship", "Newspapers", "Nobility", "Occupations", "Periodicals", "Poorhouses, Poor Law, Etc.", "Probate Records", "Schools", "Societies", and "Taxation".

On the right side, there is a search bar labeled "Search Learning & How-To's" with a search icon. Below it are "BROWSE" options: "by country" (with a world map icon) and "by topic" (with "A to Z" text). There is also a "New to the Research Wiki?" section with a "Learn More" button.

The main content area starts with a red-bordered "Edit This Page" button. Below it is a "Contents [hide]" table of contents with links to "1 Introduction", "2 Counties", "3 Beginners Corner", "3.1 Research Guidance", "3.2 BYU's Ireland Research Guide", "4 News & events", "5 Did You Know?", and "6 Useful websites". A small image of a Celtic cross is shown to the right of the table of contents.

The "Introduction" section begins with the text: "Ireland is an island divided into two countries: Northern Ireland, a constituent part of the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Ireland, also known as Eire. Before 1922 it was one country comprised of thirty-two counties within four provinces: Connaught, Leinster, Munster, and Ulster." It then states "The two countries in Ireland today are:" followed by a list: "Northern Ireland with six counties" and "Republic of Ireland with twenty-six counties". It also includes a link to "Counties of Ireland" for further information.

The "Counties" section features a map of Ireland with the six counties of Northern Ireland (Donegal, Derry, Antrim, Tyrone, Fermanagh, and Londonderry) highlighted in a darker shade. The text below the map says: "The map below shows the whole of Ireland. The six counties of Northern Ireland are divided from the rest by a heavy black line. Note that Donegal is part of the Republic of Ireland." It concludes with the instruction: "Click on a county to go to that county's page:"

Contributions by researchers

Up-to-date info

Pages grow as info is added

Anyone with FS account can add/edit

All changes reviewed

# Wiki: Forums



All Forums

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## FamilySearch Forums

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Today's Posts

### Welcome to the FamilySearch Forums.

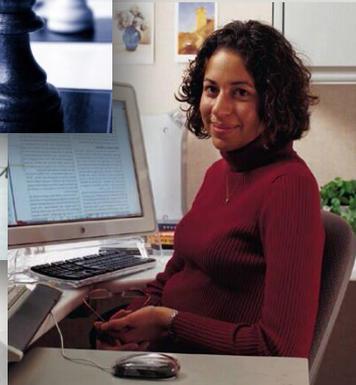
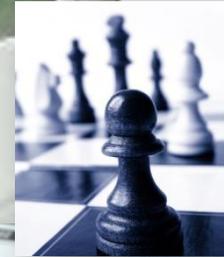
Please be our guest to browse any topic listed below for helpful family history research and FamilySearch product information provided by experienced FamilySearch patrons. Simply select the forum of your choice to search for information, ask questions or offer answers to others. An [LDS or FamilySearch Account](#) is now required to post to the Forums. Use these links if you have forgotten your [user name](#) or [password](#).

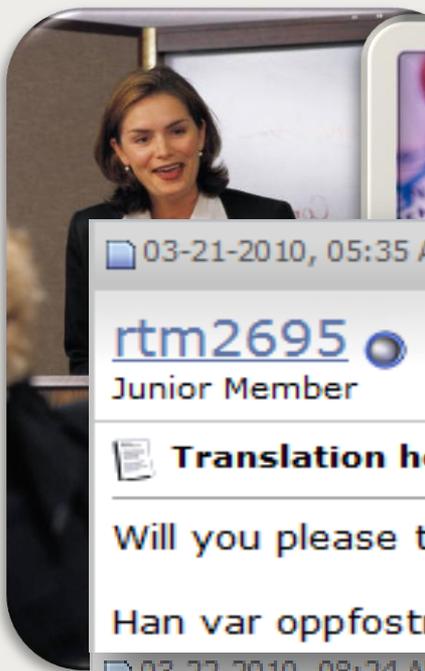
### Research and Record Assistance

Here you can ask questions about how to find ancestors or questions ab

2,000 registered volunteers worldwide  
Collaborate  
Get assistance

# Forums ?





03-21-2010, 05:35 AM

[rtm2695](#)   
Junior Member

 **Translation help needed**

Will you please translate the following. Thank you.

Han var oppfostra hos farbroren Even.

03-22-2010, 08:24 AM

[Wilma Larson](#)   
Member



It means "He was brought up or reared with his father's brother (his uncle), Even".



# Wiki: Forums

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## Social Groups

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### Categories

Search Groups

[Ancestor Family History Centers](#) [Indexing Organizations](#) [Research Wiki](#) [Surnames](#)  
[Uncategorized Wards or Stakes](#)

[View All Categories](#)

### Random Group

**Daniel J Larsen and Gladys Tuft Family** in category Ancestor



Members of the family whose ancestors include Daniel Jones Larsen and Gladys Tuft, both from Monroe, Sevier, Utah.

Members: **1**      Discussions: **0**      Messages: **0**

### New Groups

 Abraham Gruppe	 Tagbilaran Philippines District	 Holmes
 Pierce-Skinner Family Forum	 Robbins Family Society	 WOODLEY
 Prosser	 Cajica-Caxica-Caxigal	 Christian Putke

**Begin or Join a Group:**  
**Surname**  
**Locality**  
**Subject**

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Example of help given

# Wiki: Forums

**Search:** Posts From Last Day

Showing results 1 to 25 of 40 Page 1 of 2: [1](#) [2](#) > Go to Page...

Thread / Thread Starter	Last Post	Replies	Views	Forum
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  <a href="#">Request for help or direction on Surname Kelley</a> Picard75	17.03.2012 14:01 by <a href="#">Picard75</a> 	4	34	Ireland and Northern Ireland
  <a href="#">Italian POW WW2 held in England</a> Georgieuk	17.03.2012 13:56 by <a href="#">Georgieuk</a> 	0	11	England
  <a href="#">Indexing HUNGARIAN projects</a>  <a href="#">1</a> <a href="#">2</a> <a href="#">3</a> ... Last Page) balazo	17.03.2012 13:53 by <a href="#">gaborr</a> 	64	1,374	Europe Projects
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  <a href="#">Feedback for arbitrators</a> DavidPaulDavenport	17.03.2012 12:55 by <a href="#">JRoberts45</a> 	1	28	General Indexing Discussions
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  <a href="#">Trying to connect with Solari Family</a> Picard75	17.03.2012 12:05 by <a href="#">Picard75</a> 	0	9	Western Europe
  <a href="#">Requesting some help or direction</a> Picard75	17.03.2012 11:58 by <a href="#">Picard75</a> 	0	11	Western Europe
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# Online Research Courses

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Learning Center interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FamilySearch logo and links for Learn, FamilySearch Centers, Indexing, and Blog. A search bar is located below the navigation bar, with a 'Search' button to its right. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'What are you looking for?' which contains a list of countries and their respective course counts. A red circle highlights this list. To the right of the search bar, there is a preview of a search results page with a magnifying glass over the 'Try adding more' button. Below the search bar, there are several course recommendations, each with a thumbnail image, a title, and a duration. At the bottom of the page, there are two sections: 'Most Popular Courses' and 'New Courses'.

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## Learning Center

What are you looking for?

**Place**

- Argentina (1)
- Australia (4)
- Canada (2)
- Europe (8)
- France (4)
- Germany (10)
- India (1)
- Ireland (7)
- Italy (5)
- Latin America (7)
- Netherlands (3)
- New Zealand (1)
- Poland (7)
- Portugal (3)
- Russia (5)
- Scandinavia (4)
- South Africa (1)
- Spain (4)
- United Kingdom (80)
- United States (100)

**Skill Level**

- Advanced (43)
- Beginner (53)

10 minutes

FamilySearch Tips

5 Minute Genealogy Episode 12: Learn from a Record  
2 minutes

Genealogical Proof Standard  
22 minutes

Germany Beginning Research Series Lesson 2: Learn about Historical Background  
20 minutes

U.S. Midwest Beginning Research Lesson 3: A Case Study  
15 minutes

Most Popular Courses

New Courses

# Online Research Courses

**Skill Level**  
Advanced (25)  
Beginner (44)  
Intermediate (168)

**Subject**  
Birth, marriage and death (44)  
Business records and occupations (1)  
Census, taxation, and voter lists (21)  
Court, land, and wills (7)  
Directories (1)  
Ethnic, political, or religious groups (10)  
Family trees (51)  
Geographic aids (5)  
Histories, memories, and stories (20)  
Instruction and methodology (29)  
Migration and citizenship (11)  
Military (13)  
Newspapers and periodicals (3)  
Other (18)  
Reference materials and finding aids (40)  
Repositories (3)  
Town records (5)

**Format**  
Interactive Slides (68)

20 minutes

## Most Popular Courses

-  5 Minute Genealogy Episode 1: Find a Record in Five Minutes  
5 minutes
-  African American Genealogical Research at the Library of Congress  
29 minutes
-  Genealogy Boot Camp  
27 minutes
-  Ireland Beginning Research Series Immigration Part 1: Strategies  
21 minutes
-  My Experiences in German Family Research  
59 minutes

## New Courses

-  Finding Records of LDS Ancestors  
36 Minutes
-  Germany Beginning Research Series Lesson 1: Getting Started  
15 minutes
-  Germany Beginning Research Series Lesson 2: Learn about Historical Background  
30 minutes
-  Getting Started with Family History Research  
12 minutes
-  Tracing Family Traits Using a Genogram  
20 Minutes

# Online Research Courses

Over 400 courses  
FS YouTube videos  
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Beginning & experienced  
levels

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Word guides  
Research Guides

States  
Countries  
Topics



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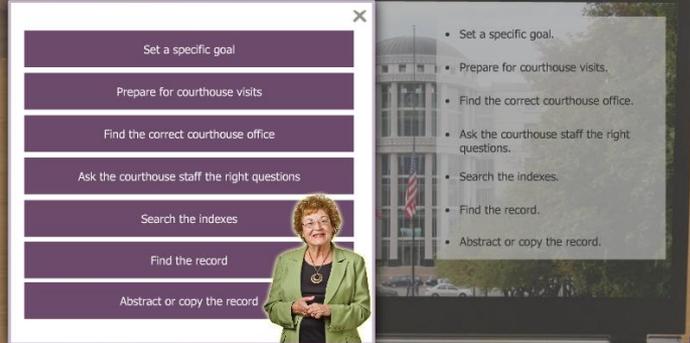
**Genealogy Bootcamp**  
Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Core Online Genealogy Resources  
The Ones you will actually use and rely on!

Presenter Thomas Jay Kemp, MLS  
Date 26 April 2010

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**Thomas Jay Kemp**  
NGS Conference  
April 2010



Set a specific goal

- Set a specific goal.
- Prepare for courthouse visits.
- Find the correct courthouse office.
- Ask the courthouse staff the right questions.
- Search the indexes.
- Find the record.
- Abstract or copy the record.

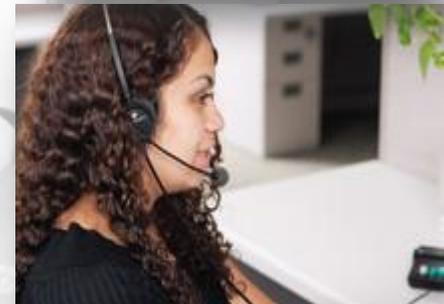
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# Recent FamilySearch Initiatives

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1940 Census

Civil War Project

Italian Records and  
Research

RootsTech Conference



# 1940 Census

April 2, 2012 digital  
Images of the 1940  
Census will be available  
for indexing.



FamilySearch and others  
will coordinate efforts to immediately  
start indexing these records.

They will then be searchable online  
with free and open access.

# Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War

New Civil War Resources at  
[FamilySearch.org/CivilWar](https://www.familysearch.org/CivilWar):

- Stories and histories of local regiments
- Profiles of famous Civil War figures
- Millions of free Civil War era records



# Civil War Project

## Free Access to Civil War Era Records

FamilySearch provides **free access to millions of records** from the time of the U.S. Civil War. Many of these records document events related to the war and its aftermath.

First Names

Last Name

Event

Place

Year  +/-

Relationship

Basic search  Match all terms exactly

Find your ancestors in the following collections:

## Help Index

### CIVIL WAR RECORDS

More collections are being added, and we need the support of the community to help index these records and make them available for searching.

### Current Indexing Projects

**US, North Carolina—Freedmen Letters 1862–1870**

**Civil War Era Marriage Records**

**US Registers of Enlistment in the**

# Italian Records and Research

Learn Family

Help Sign In

## Ital

RECORDS AND

*FamilySearch provides free historical, church, military, a time span from early 1800 to the late 1900s.*

FamilySearch will be working with the Italian government to acquire the rights to access and index more than 250 million additional records.

One billion names.



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FamilySearch provides free access to:

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- Billions of images
- Local family history centers
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- And much more

**What can I do to give back?**



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# Index!

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# Italian

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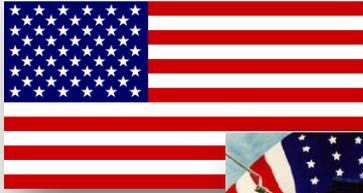


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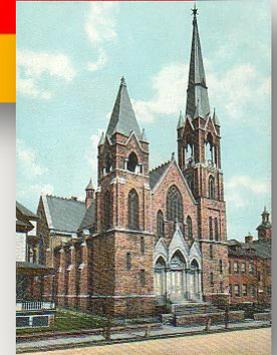
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1940 U.S. Census PROJECT

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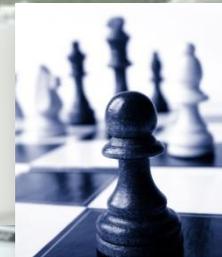
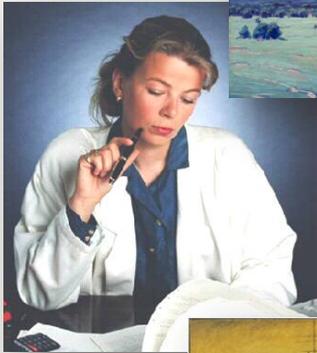


Share your knowledge, expertise and time with the world.



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Forums



*“Collaboration, cooperation are the 21<sup>st</sup>  
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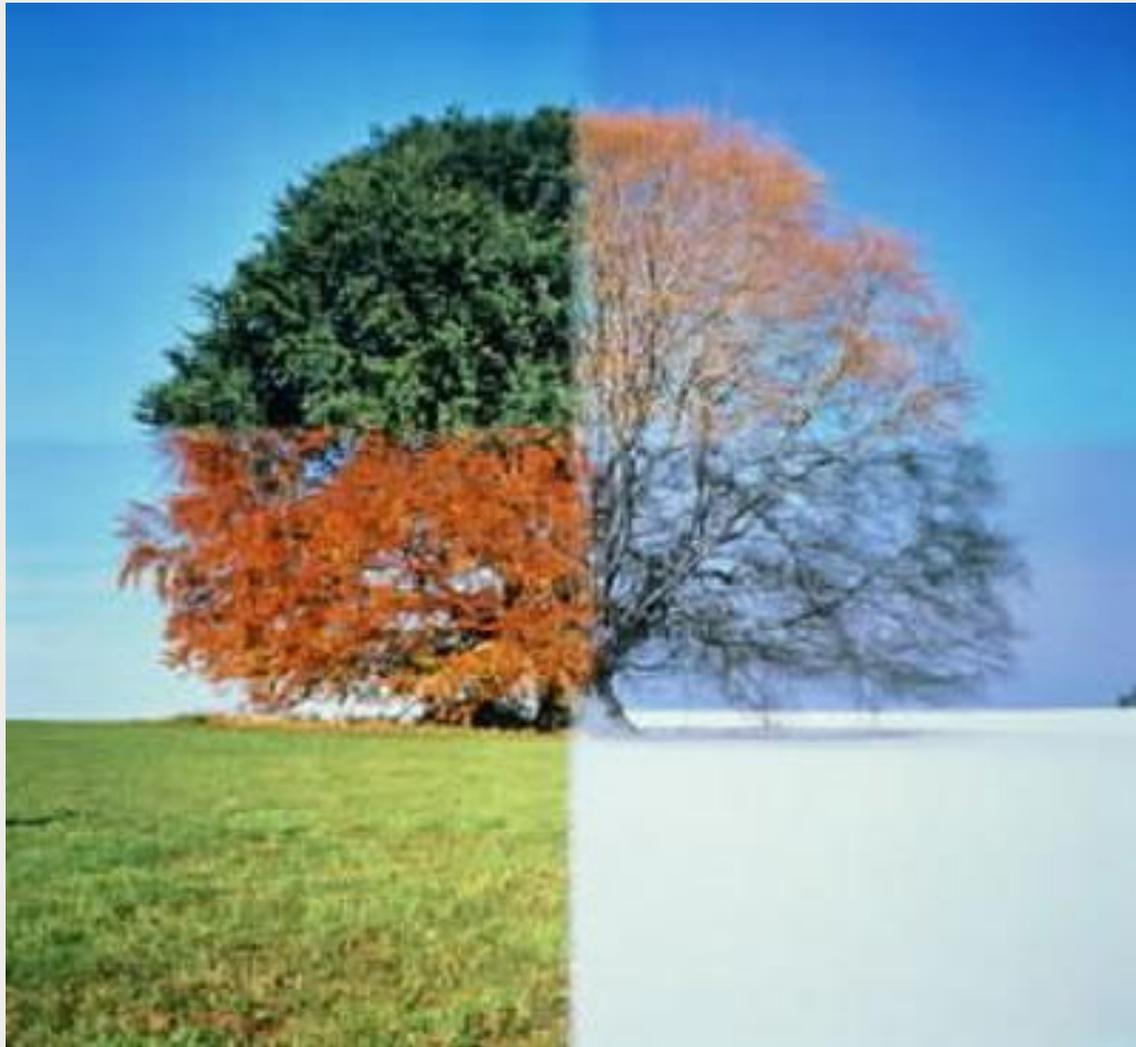
*Records preservation and access is at the  
core of 21<sup>st</sup> century genealogy.”*

*Curt Witcher  
Historical Genealogy Department Manager,  
Allen County Public Library*



**Global initiatives:**  
Connecting people to  
their ancestors





  
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