

What is *FamilySearch*

www.familysearch.org

- Family history site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS)
- Free access to records, resources and services designed for family history
- Records worldwide are gathered, preserved and shared on microform or digitally
- Over 4,500 family history centres in 80 countries
- Main library - The Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

What does *FamilySearch* have

FamilySearch has free access to the world's largest collection of family history records.

- Worldwide historical record collections (681)
- Free online digital images of records
- Research Wiki (60,000+ articles)
- Library catalog
- Family trees online
- Online books
- Online research courses
- Online demonstration videos

FamilySearch Learn

www.familysearch.org/learn/researchcourses Use the FamilySearch Research Courses to learn basic methods and key resources to start your family history. The free video courses cover – Australia, England, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Poland, Mexico, Russia and the USA plus other classes on research techniques. The videos can be watched online or downloaded. Class outlines are available as PDF downloads. These courses are a great place to start or to brush up on your skills.

help.familysearch.org/kb/videos/en/index.html

FamilySearch web site video demonstrations (5-6 minutes) categories cover: overview, finding records, research wiki, indexing, for users of new.familysearch.org and other. I suggest you view a video, go and try out what you have learnt on the FamilySearch site and then view the video again.

FamilySearch – searching techniques

The advanced search on the homepage has relationship searches

- Use filters to refine your search results
- Filters can be refined further using the arrow ▶
- Keep refining until no arrow appears
- Use the X on the left hand side to close a filter or backtrack

Refining search results

- Use the *New Search* arrow ▼ to add or change your search information
- Use the relationship searches – spouse and parents options
- Use wildcards
 - ? to replace any one character
 - * to represent zero or more characters

FamilySearch Browse – Historical Record Collections

Currently there are 681 collections. These collections include indexes and original images of birth, death and marriage records. The collections are arranged by location.

- Africa (7)
- Asia and Middle East (13)

- Australia and New Zealand (11)
- Canada, USA and Mexico (399)
- Caribbean, Central and South America (77)
- Europe (169)
- Other (3) miscellaneous birth, death and marriage collections
- Pacific Islands (2)

FamilySearch Historical record collections for Europe

Currently there are 169 collections for Europe covering: Austria, Belgium, Channel Islands, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Scotland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Wales. For further details see CoraWeb Quick Sheet 012 which details the historical collections for the British Isles arranged by countries and counties at www.coraweb.com.au/quicksheetfamilysearch.pdf

TIP

Browse to see what is new or updated on *FamilySearch*

- Click on *All record collections* – these will appear arranged alphabetically by placename
- Click on *Last Updated* (RHS of screen) – collections will then be rearranged by date added or last updated.

www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/

Family History Archive is a digitised collection of published genealogy and family history books and periodicals held by the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah and other participating libraries. This ongoing project currently has 17,777+ items online including histories of families, county and local histories, how-to books on genealogy, genealogy magazines and periodicals, medieval books (including histories and pedigrees) and gazetteers. You can also use the *Books* link on the main *FamilySearch* page for access

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Titles in the *Family History Archive* are also linked to the **FamilySearch library catalog**. The catalog offers place-names, last names, titles, author information, subjects, keywords and other searches from the drop down menu box. Search returns can be filtered by various categories. Use the *Availability* filter and choose *Digital Images*. Any records listed here can be viewed online for free by clicking on the record and then selecting the *View this publication online* option.

labs.familysearch.org

FamilySearch Labs showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time. These include:

- **Submit your tree**. This is a new beta test. For more details check out the online demonstration videos under *Help* on the main *FamilySearch* page at www.familysearch.org
- **TechTips** where you can discover technologies that will improve your family history research and knowledge
- **England Jurisdictions 1851** - A powerful mapping and search system for parish maps and place names in England using many consolidated finding aids
- **Standard Finder** provides access to standardized information for names, locations, and dates
- **Community Trees** a project to piece together the families that lived together historically in a community

maps.familysearch.org

England Jurisdictions 1851 Project offers a new way to search for localities in England. Enter a place name in the search box and the location is displayed on the map of England. Select a name from the search results and a county map is displayed. Further information is available from the three tabs shown. The Info tab

details information about the parish, the date parish registers began and if other records such as Bishops' transcripts and non-conformist records exist. The Jurisdictions tab lists the county, civil registration district, probate court, diocese, rural deanery, poor law union, hundred and province. The Options tab lists contiguous parishes and offers radius, Family History Library Catalog or FamilySearch research Wiki searches.

labs.familysearch.org/stdfinder/PlaceStandardLookup.jsp

Standard Finder provides access to standardized information for names, locations, and dates. Use this to determine proper spellings of locations, checking if locations exist as well as determining alternate name spellings/variants to expand research.

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Community Trees. There are currently two Australian projects. The South Australia Community Trees project and the Victorian Community Trees project and both have details from birth, death and marriage indexes and other sources. There are also projects for the British Isles, Europe, French Polynesia, Iceland, India, Italy, Jewish Families (Knowles Collection), North America – Canada, North America - United States, Norway, Pacific Islands and South America.