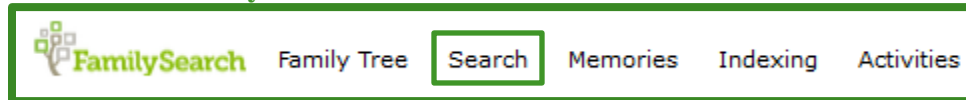
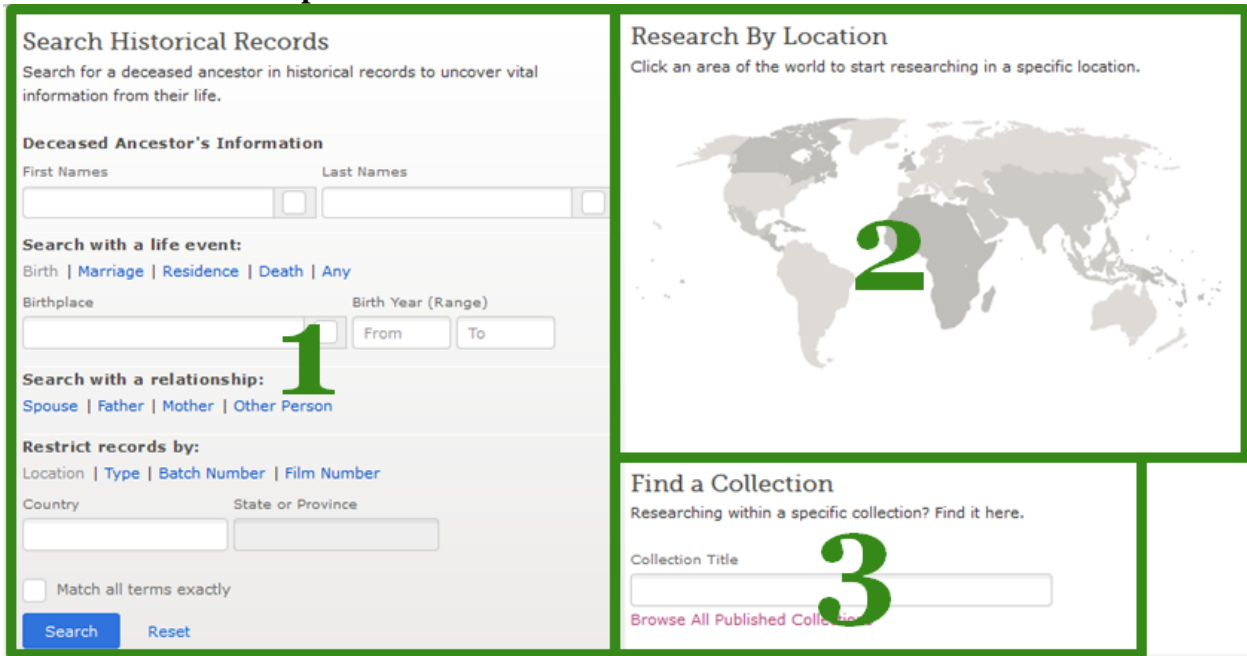


4+ Ways to Search FamilySearch

Be sure to register for a **FREE** account with FamilySearch and be logged in to have access to all the records available on **FamilySearch**.



Select **Records** from the pull-down menu.



There is some duplication in search methods in the following three ways, but you may not have success in one of the search methods, but you may have in one of the others.

Search #1 - Methods

Search Indexed Records (with and without images)

- Search with given name, surname, birth date, birth place with and without specific location
- Search with complete name add additional information a little at a time
- Search with surname only, with filters
- Search with given name only, with filters
- Search with name of spouse
- Search with names of parents (with and without mother's maiden name)
- Search with variations
- All of the above with "Collections" tab for specific types of sources
- Use Wild Cards - * = 0 to ∞ letters; ? = 1 letter

Check out the "**Learn More**" under the "Filter your results by". Watch the video by Robert Kehrer, and for more search helps watch his 2018 RootsTech video found at:

<https://www.rootstech.org/video/finding-elusive-records-at-familysearch>. Search Using Batch Number: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvwgsA9i9g4&t=65s>. Many YouTube Videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FamilySearch>

Search #2

Indexed Historical Records
Search collections of records for documents about your ancestors. You can filter which collections you would like to search within.

Enter your ancestor's information and select "Search" below

Deceased Ancestor's Information
 First Name: Last Name:

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

Search with a relationship:
 Spouse | Father | Mother | Other Person

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

Match all terms exactly

Filter by Collection: Showing Top 5 - [Show All 97](#)

Title	Records	Last Updated
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Births and Christenings, 1881-1930	165,909	Mar 17, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865	1,213,534	Apr 20, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865	31,582	Apr 20, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950	6,149,037	Jan 15, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama County Marriages, 1818-1936	6,777	Jan 17, 2020

[Show All 97](#)

Search Collections by Location

Search Indexed Historical Records by Location, Collection Type & Image-Only Historical Records. Check out the “Learning Courses” shown for each location. Be sure to check the **Research Wiki** (found under the **Search** tab for detailed information about your location – when the location was organized, who was the parent location, when records began to be recorded, if there was a record loss, etc.

This search gives the ability to search Indexed Historical Records the same as in Search #1. In this search you can select the specific state and specific record type before the search begins. Separately it shows Image Only Historical Records. And finally shows the Catalog Material in a little different arrangement than in the FamilySearch Catalog, i. e. “Birth, Marriage, and Death” are listed under that topic rather than under Vital Records.

Search #3

Search Historical Record Collections

Filter by Collection Title

Collection Title:

Show only collections with images

Place

- ▶ Africa 41
- ▶ Asia & Middle East 58
- ▶ Australia & New Zealand 44
- ▶ Canada 102
- ▶ Caribbean and Central America 77
- ▶ Continental Europe 621
- ▶ Mexico 66
- ▶ Other 8
- ▶ Pacific Islands 18
- ▶ South America 127
- ▶ United Kingdom and Ireland 173
- ▶ United States of America 1,466

Date

Historical Record Collections

Showing 1-100 of 2,798 Collections. [Show All](#)

Title	Records	Last Updated
Alabama Births and Christenings, 1881-1930	165,607	Mar 17, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865	1,213,534	Apr 20, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865	31,582	Apr 20, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950	4,915,855	Jan 15, 2020
Alabama County Marriages, 1818-1936	6,754	Jan 17, 2020
Alabama Deaths and Burials, 1881-1952	75,202	Jan 19, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Deaths, 1908-1974	1,875,674	Jun 3, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Estate Files, 1830-1976	25,296	Dec 11, 2013
Alabama Marriages, 1816-1957	758,144	Mar 25, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Probate Records, 1809-1985		Feb 19, 2013

[Browse Images](#)

- Can search by specific location and collection desired
- Not all collections have images
- Can browse images of unindexed collections – “way pointed” collections are divided into smaller groups for easier individual image searching

Do not be afraid to Click on “Browse through (large numbers of) images”. They are broken down into smaller locality segments and/or name segments.

Image-Only Historical Records

Can't find records for your ancestors when you search? Try our collections that haven't been indexed yet. Select a collection to start browsing the images.

Census and Lists: Showing All	Images	Last Updated
United States Enumeration District Maps for the Twelfth through the Sixteenth US Censuses, 1900-1940	63,619	Jun 20, 2014
Military: Showing Top 5 - Show All 9	Images	Last Updated
Alabama, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1945	766,663	Mar 2, 2020
United States Confederate Navy and Marine Service Records, 1861-1865	21,529	Jun 18, 2014
United States Records of Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861-1865	51,108	Feb 28, 2013
United States Revolutionary War, Virginia Pension Application Files, 1830-1875	10,771	Jun 18, 2014
United States Union Provost Marshal Files of Individual Civilians, 1861-1866	502,960	Mar 7, 2011
Probate and Court: Showing Top 5 - Show All 7	Images	Last Updated
Alabama Probate Records, 1809-1985	322,058	Feb 19, 2013
Alabama, Madison County Chancery and Circuit Court Records, 1829-1968	442,506	Jun 26, 2014
Alabama, Sumter County Circuit Court Files, 1840-1950	73,069	Aug 17, 2012
United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955	942,374	Jun 18, 2014
United States Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1874	403,116	Sep 30, 2014
Miscellaneous: Showing All	Images	Last Updated
Alabama, Freedmen's Bureau Field Office Records, 1865-1872	36,101	Jul 7, 2014
United States, Freedmen's Branch Records, 1872-1878	61,884	Jun 9, 2015

Catalog Material

Filter by Category

All Categories

Birth, Marriage and Death: Showing Top 5 - Show All 1394

[Pike County cemeteries](#)

[1860 marriage records, Barbour County, Alabama](#)

[1860 mortality schedules for Alabama : Autauga thru Winston counties](#)

[1870 mortality schedule for Mobile and Baldwin counties, Alabama : persons who died during the year ending 1st June, 1870](#)

[1969 Madison County, Alabama map cemetery index](#)

Business records and occupations: Showing Top 5 - Show All 117

[Alabama : her history, resources, war record, and public men, from 1540 to 1872](#)

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[Alabama : her resources and what she is doing with them](#)

Census, Taxation, and Voter Lists: Showing Top 5 - Show All 446

[1860 mortality schedules for Alabama : Autauga thru Winston counties](#)

[1870 mortality schedule for Mobile and Baldwin counties, Alabama : persons who died during the year ending 1st June, 1870](#)

[1820 census of Alabama](#)

[1820 census, Lawrence County, Alabama Territory](#)

[1820 Limestone County, Alabama census : numerical list](#)

Church history: Showing Top 5 - Show All 132

Search #4

Search by:

Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place

Search for:

Call Number | Film/Fiche Number

Availability

Any

Online

Family History Center

Search Reset

Catalog – Search for record images (indexed & unindexed) 8 ways online and in any Family History Center

- **Place:** Look for a record by the name of a place where an ancestor lived.
- **Surname:** Find family histories and more by a family name
- **Author:** Find works of an author by name

(individual or corporate)

- **Subject:** Find works based on the topics they cover
- **Keyword:** Get a record using any words or phrases in significant parts of its catalog entry
- **Call number:** Catalog entries by finding their book, compact disc, or pedigree call number
- **Film/Fiche Number:** Catalog details by finding the Library's microfilm or microfiche number

Search #5 – Search Books



- **One word search works best**

- Multiple word search will search for any title with any one of the words in the title, using quotation marks does not help
- All books titles are also in the catalog
- Can view snippets of in-copyright books
- Can download out of copyright books same as in catalog

FamilySearch Research Wiki - Guided Research

FamilySearch Research Wiki

A free, online genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources to help you find your family.

Current number of Wiki articles: **93,082**

Search by place or topic
(or click on the map)

Search FamilySearch Wiki

Search Tips:

- Use keywords, not phrases
- Example: *Hispanic Resources*
- Start with broad localities, then click through to smaller ones:
- Example: *England*

[Browse By Country](#)

Guided Research
Prioritized Online Databases

New to the Wiki?
How to Use the Wiki

Want to Help?
Get Involved

In other languages: [English](#) | [Deutsch](#) | [español](#) | [français](#) | [italiano](#) | [日本語](#) | [한국어](#) | [português](#) | [русский](#) | [svenska](#) | [中文](#)

Select location from those available for Guided Research for Birth, Marriage & Death resources.

New York Guided Research

FamilySearch identified the most complete online indexes for birth, marriage, and death records in New York.

Select the type of information you are looking for.

[Birth](#)

[Marriage](#)

[Death](#)

Search a birth index

Start here:

- 1640s-2000s: [New York Birth Collections](#) at FamilySearch - [\(List of collections\)](#)

If the birth record was not found, try this next:

- 1881-1942: [New York State Birth Index](#) at Ancestry (\$)

What else you can try:

- Additional online resources
- Substitute records
- Improve searching
- Why the record may not exist

[Marriage](#)

[Death](#)

Search a marriage index

Start here:

- 1680s-2000s: [New York Marriage Collections](#) at FamilySearch - [\(List of collections\)](#)

If the marriage record was not found, try this next:

- 1660s-1930s: [United States Marriages, New York](#) at FindMyPast (\$)

What else you can try:

- Additional online resources
- Substitute records
- Improve searching
- Why the record may not exist

[Death](#)

Search a death index

Start here:

- 1720s-2000s: [New York Death Collections](#) at FamilySearch - [\(List of collections\)](#)

If the death record was not found, try this next:

- 1852-1956: [New York Death Index](#) at Ancestry (\$)

What else you can try:

- Additional online resources
- Substitute records
- Improve searching
- Why the record may not exist

The Research Wiki has over 90,000 articles to assist in researching locations and topics.