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Help on Facebook
Help Train Consultants
Serve as a Missionary

Featured Pages

**RECORD COLLECTIONS**

1940 U.S. Census
Browse through 3,838,585 images
The “Greatest Generation”
Rich and Unique Information
New, interesting questions were asked

African American Heritage
International Genealogy
U.S. Federal Census
U.S. Civil War Era
U.S. Social Security Death

**INDEXING PROJECTS**

U.S. Immigration Records
Italy Civil Registration

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**Story**

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**Data Science for MyFamilySearch.org**

Data Science is standardized method of six steps for mining data ([CRoss-Industry Standard Process for Data Mining](http://semanticommunity.info/MyFamilySearch.org)):

- CRISP-DM Step 1: Business (Organizational) Understanding
- CRISP-DM Step 2: Data Understanding
- CRISP-DM Step 3: Data Preparation
- CRISP-DM Step 4: Modeling
- CRISP-DM Step 5: Evaluation
- CRISP-DM Step 6: Deployment
that answers at least four questions:

- How was the data collected?
- Where is the data stored?
- What are the results?
- Why should we believe them?

Big Data is all of your content as data following the Federal Digital Government Strategy and the Federal Big Data Working Group Meetup.

In this application, the data is collected from an authoritative source (FamilySearch.org) using the mantra: The best way to get BIG DATA is by starting small. See MyLDS.org and many other examples.

Since I did not find a search function for FamilySearch.org, I used the Site Map to begin my data science data mining and created a searchable index of MyFamilySearch.org as data.

An upcoming Whitehouse/NITRD presentation is Brown Dog: A search engine for the other 99 percent which stresses the need for a consistent and uniform index over all the data. Another recent Whitehouse/NITRD presentation stressed the Internet of Entities being developed by Google in Pittsburgh. Semantic Community does both a uniform and consistent index over all the data and entities in MindTouch, Excel, and Spotfire.

So following the six steps and answering the four questions gives:

- CRISP-DM Step 1: Business (Organizational) Understanding - FamilySearch.org ABOUT US
- CRISP-DM Step 2: Data Understanding - FamilySearch.org Site Map
- CRISP-DM Step 3: Data Preparation - FamilySearch.org Site Map in MindTouch: Core Products, News and Information, Get and Give Help, and Featured Pages
- CRISP-DM Step 4: Modeling - FamilySearch.org Site Map in Excel Spreadsheet and Spotfire Dashboard
- CRISP-DM Step 5: Evaluation - Answering the four questions (see below)
- CRISP-DM Step 6: Deployment - FamilySearch.org in MindTouch

The four questions:

- How was the data collected? - from an authoritative source (FamilySearch.org)
- Where is the data stored? - Excel Spreadsheet
- What are the results? - Spotfire Dashboard
- Why should we believe them? - the results are from an authoritative source (FamilySearch.org) and are publicly available in MindTouch Wiki and Excel Spreadsheet formats that can be independently used and reproduced by others
MyTableBox of MyFamily Tree

My Note: Can easily add rows and columns for expansion. This is both relational and network graph formats and show the status of each individual’s record. Add links to Private Person Details in a Sub-Page, but show template below based on FamilySearch.org Person.

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http://semanticommunity.info/MyFamilySearch.org
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Powered by mindtouch
Person Template for Brand Lee Niemann

Link to Persons Page (Private)

See Below

Life Sketch

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, near Winter Quarters. Grew up in Denver, Colorado, with interests in music (considered a child prodigy), Boy Scouts (Eagle), and scholarship (49th in high school class of over 900). Went to Salt Lake City for the University of Utah (graduated with Ph.D. in Meteorology and Air Pollution Science) and played in the Utah Symphony Orchestra. Met my wife in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and joined the LDS Church. Lived in Pasadena and Moraga, California, and Washington, DC. Federal government employee of the US Environmental Protection Agency for 30 years and member of the Mormon Choir of Washington DC for 28 years. Raised 7 children and helping to raise 22 grandchildren. Active in LDS Church, currently a Ward Missionary, and community service with the Fairfax County Faith Community in Action and the Federal Big Data Working Group Meetup. Professionally, I am a data scientist and data journalist as director and senior data scientist with Semantic Community, LLC.

Vital Information

See Below

Name

Brand Niemann

Birth

6 June 1941
Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, United States

Reason This Information Is Correct

I am this person

Christening

None

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Death
Living

Burial
NA

Other Information
None

Family Members
See Below

Spouses and Children
See Links in MyTableBox of MyFamily Tree

Parents and Siblings
See Links in MyTableBox of MyFamily Tree

Sources
Sources are not available for living people.

Discussions
Discussions are not available for living people.

Notes
Notes are not available for living people

Some Conclusions and Recommendations

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- MyTableBox of MyFamily Tree provides an interface to Big Data, which is all of my content as data before me for action, in a REST with Hypermedia Platform.
- Entity Extraction like Google Pittsburgh is the key to semantic search and linking in my MindTouch Knowledge Base, Excel Spreadsheets, and Spotfire Dashboard.
- More Entity Extraction from FamilySearch.org Records for MyFamilySearch.org Names is the next step for building out MyTableBox.
Notes on Sections

Developers

My Note: My MindTouch Platform is based on a REST architecture and Hyermedia that integrates web, desktop, and mobile apps to search for a person and create relationships. I spend time on publishing my family search work and not on coding. I am building my own FamilySearch.org API from Entity Extraction like Google Pittsburgh!

More Products

My Note: I heard Professor Bill Barrett talk about the beginning of Leaf at RootsTech 2012 and thought it would be more developed by now.

FamilySearch Press

December 23, 2014
FamilySearch Adds More Than 9.4 Million Indexed Records and Images to Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, Peru, Russia, and the United States My Note: More Czech ancestors to search for!

FamilySearch.org—Facts and Statistics My Note: My first data table!

Download the App

My Note: MyFamilySearch.org is an indexing project that I call entity extraction from FamilySearch.org and other sources.

RECORD COLLECTIONS

1940 U.S. Census

My Note: Explore this for my family names!

International Genealogy

My Note: I have found my family names in this earlier

U.S. Federal Census

My Note: Explore these for my family names!

U.S. Civil War Era

My Note: Explore this for my family names!

U.S. Social Security Death
My Note: I have used this in my family history research

GENEALOGY and FAMILYSEARCH contain 15 Categories of Blogs and there are a total of 18 categories listed so three must be in other sections like ABOUT US: News and Events.

My Note: Find the rest and do a master index of all blogs because I see lots on German and Czech research!

MEMORIES

My Note: I prefer to control this myself in MindTouch and do: STORIES, DOCUMENTS, AUDIO, PEOPLE, ALBUMS, and FIND there.

News and Information
My Note: See Excel Spreadsheet for Blogs by Category. I had difficulty screen-scraping the Blogs and there are GAPs in the spreadsheet data set index. I am trying to figure out why.

Get and Give Help

Write a Research Article

Volunteers - Help Us Build the Wiki

My Note: I am doing this with this MindTouch application!

Research Help

General Research Help

My Note: This is great resource and should be a table. See Excel Spreadsheet

MORE TO FOLLOW

Slides

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Data Science for MyFamilySearch.org

Dr. Brand Niemann
Director and Senior Data Scientist/Data Journalist
Semaphore Community
My Personal Family History Dashboard
My LDS.org
My Stories and Lessons
January 31, 2015

Slide 2 Overview

Overview

- Data Science for MyFamilySearch.org:
  - Site Map to MindTouch and Notes (see below).
- MyTableBox of MyFamily Tree:
  - Big Data is all of your content as data before you for action in a REST with Hypermedia Platform.
- Notes on Sections (sample):
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https://familysearch.org/site-map

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https://familysearch.org/first-run/b/edit/father
Slide 7 Family Tree: Your Mother

http://familysearch.org/first-run/#/edit/mother

Slide 8 Family Tree: Your Grandfather

http://familysearch.org/first-run/#/my/paternalGrandfather
Slide 9 Family Tree: Thank You

Family Tree: Thank You

https://familysearch.org/first-run/#/finished

Slide 10 Family Tree: Traditional

Family Tree: Traditional

https://familysearch.org/tree/view-tree&section=predicate&person=LK6-N3T
Slide 15 Family Tree: Find

Family Tree: Find

http://semanticommunity.info/MyFamilySearch.org

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Slide 16 Family Tree: Create a Source

Family Tree: Create a Source

http://semanticommunity.info/MyFamilySearch.org

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Slide 19 Search: Catalog

Search: Catalog

https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/results/query=%28surname%29&query=

Slide 20 Search: Books

Search: Books

Family History Books is a collection of more than 150,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, preprints, and medieval histories and pedigrees. The valuable resources included in Family History Books come from ten partner institutions.

https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/2000381
Slide 21 Search: Wiki

![Search: Wiki](image)

http://familysearch.org/search/__familySearchContentSubmissionAgreement

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Slide 22 Memories

**Memories**

- **Photos Agreement:**
  - By continuing with the upload process, you confirm that you have the right and/or permission to share any images you submit, and you agree to the terms and conditions of the [FamilySearch Content Submission Agreement](http://familysearch.org/search/__familySearchContentSubmissionAgreement). You also acknowledge that any images you upload become part of the collection hosted by FamilySearch.org, which is publicly viewable and accessible by anyone online. You will be able to remove images you have contributed to FamilySearch.org, but FamilySearch.org is under no obligation to monitor or inhibit the use of contributed images by others. Currently we support JPG and PNG files.

- I have read and agree to the [Submission Agreement](http://familysearch.org/search/__familySearchContentSubmissionAgreement).
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Slide 23 MyFamilySearch.org: MindTouch Knowledge Base

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Spotfire Dashboard

For Internet Explorer Users and Those Wanting Full Screen Display Use: Web Player Get Spotfire for iPad App

Media, iframe, embed and object tags are not supported inside of a PDF.
Research Notes

My Comments:
A consistent and uniform index over all the data: we do this in MindTouch, Excel, and Spotfire

The projects’ three scientific use cases and a general public use case: our use case are now over 15 data publications in a data browser of the indices and actual data sets in Spotfire

Brown Dog: A search engine for the other 99 percent

Abstract
The persistent growth of “Big Data” presents challenges that include not only the large quantities of digital data produced, but also the large variety of the data. This variety presents a significant challenge to ensuring future scientific reproducibility, especially in what is often referred to as “long-tail” data. Inadequate curation of data, for example, can result in undocumented representations of data or many different representations for similar data types. For future users, without the understanding provided by the original data creator or software, this data becomes difficult or impossible to explore. Another reoccurring problem for use of big data is difficulty in searching, finding, filtering, and comparing data. Without a consistent and uniform index over all the data, or at least associated metadata, such actions become prohibitively difficult.

Brown Dog addresses these and similar considerations through the development of a set of services for data format conversion, metadata extraction from existing data, and the generation of indexes over uncurated collections of data. Brown Dog provides the framework for an extensible suite of new and existing tools working together to accomplish these tasks. Domain researchers using the scalable and usable Brown Dog system will be able to apply the whole suite of tools to data collections in order to find and “unlock” previously inaccessible data. During the talk we will go over the Brown Dog services and their constituent components, as well as discuss the projects’ three scientific use cases and a general public use case that will also contribute to the sustainability of Brown Dog.

Bio
Kenton McHenry received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2008 after completing a B.S. in Computer Science from California State University of San Bernardino. Kenton’s background is in computer vision and artificial intelligence having done work in the areas of image segmentation, object/material recognition, and 3D reconstruction. He is currently a Senior Research Scientist at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) where he co-leads the Innovative Software and Data Analysis Division (ISDA) and holds an Adjunct Assistant Professor position in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Kenton has applied his experience in computer vision, AI, and machine learning towards research and development in software cyberinfrastructure for digital preservation, auto-curation, and the providing of access to contents in large unstructured digital collections (e.g. image collections). Kenton serves as PI/Co-PI on a number of awards from a variety of agencies/organizations ranging from NSF, NIH, NEH, and private sector partners. Kenton currently serves as the Project Director and PI of NSF CIF21 DIBBs - Brown Dog where his team works on means of making data agnostic to the file formats in which they are stored and providing general purpose easy to use tools to access uncurated collections by the automatic extraction of metadata and signatures from raw file contents.

Core Products

FAMILY TREE
Family Pedigree
My Note: I did this - see screen capture

Family Fan Chart
My Note: I did this - see screen capture

Ancestor Profile
My Note: I did this - see screen capture

Find an Ancestor
My Note: I did this - see screen capture

Ancestor Watch List
My Note: I am not watching anyone right now

Source Box
My Note: I did this - see screen capture

Source Title (Required)

Web Page (Link to the Record)

WEB PAGE URL

ADD A MEMORY

Where the Record Is Found (Citation)

Describe the Record (Notes)

Save Cancel

Tree Training and Guides

Using the Tree

Family Tree is a free service that helps you to discover, organize, and record your genealogy online. Family Tree provides free tools you can use to preserve and share your family’s story.

Getting Started
Using the Helper Feature

Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions

- Attaching Historical Records to an entire family
- ID numbers
• Reserving temple ordinances
• Understanding the various categories in the temple list
• Searching historical records from Family Tree and attaching the source to a record
• Merging duplicate records in Family Tree
• Ordinances are missing in Family Tree (Not displaying)
• Correcting gender information in Family Tree
• Sharing temple reservations with family or friends
• Adding individuals who are not connected to your family line in FamilyTree

Learning Center Video Courses

Beginning - Family Tree: Basic Account Information - Obtain an Account
Part 1 of 2. This is the first lesson in this series. The next lesson in this series is Settings.

Beginning - Family Tree: Basic Account Information - Settings
Part 2 of 2. This is the last lesson in this series. The previous lesson in this series is Obtain an Account.

Beginning - Family Tree: Navigation - Descendancy Navigation
Concepts discussed in the video. Part 3 of 8. The previous lesson in this series is Traditional Tree Navigation. The next lesson in this series is Person Details Page Navigation.

Beginning - Family Tree: Navigation - Fan Chart Navigation
Part 5 of 8. The previous lesson in this series is Portrait Navigation. The next lesson in this series is Person Details Page Navigation.

Beginning - Family Tree: Navigation - Living Individuals
Part 8 of 8. This is the last lesson in this series. The previous lesson in this series is Printing Charts.

Additional Help Center Courses

Tips and Tricks
• FamilySearch Family Tree Tips for Adding Sources. My Note: Popup Image without a URL
• FamilySearch Family Tree Tips for the Person Page. My Note: Popup Image without a URL
• FamilySearch Family Tree Tips for the Tree View Page. My Note: Popup Image without a URL
• FamilySearch Family Tree Top 5 Tips My Note: Popup Image without a URL

Other Resources
• Riverton FamilySearch Library/Handouts and Guides My Note: Popup Image without a URL

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Photos
Stories
Albums
Audio
Tagged People

Find a Photo or Story
All Photos Stories Documents
My Note: Use Google Chrome Find

HISTORICAL RECORDS
My Note: I have used all of these
My Note: MyFamilySearch.org is an indexing project that I call entity extraction from FamilySearch.org and other sources.

Indexing is vital to family history research
When information on historical records is indexed, it helps connect the past with the present.

You Make It Possible
Researchers offer thanks to the indexers who make records searchable online.

Dead Men Tell No Tales... But Their Obituaries Do!
Help unlock the treasure.

FamilySearch Indexing Statistics

Total Records Completed: 1,283,919,970

Total Records Completed in 2015: 12,569,217

Records Awaiting Arbitration: ?????

Total Contributors in 2015: 63,541

Current Projects: ????
Find a Project
  • U.S. Immigration Records
  • Italy Civil Registration

About FamilySearch Indexing

Indexing Makes A Difference
Indexing is essential to making the world's records searchable.

FamilySearch indexing is a volunteer transcription effort that makes valuable genealogical records freely searchable online. Since FamilySearch indexing began in 2006, this unprecedented crowdsourcing effort has produced more than one billion searchable records.

Hundreds of thousands of volunteer indexers have participated from around the world. Through this selfless effort, millions of people worldwide have found information and discovered stories about their ancestors.

The FamilySearch Indexing Story
Since 1921, indexing has been essential to making records available, but in the last 7 years, the digital revolution has made it easier for everyone everywhere to participate.

How to Index Records
Same as Download the App

Indexing Training

Most of the FamilySearch indexing training materials designed for stake indexing directors, group administrators, and indexers are self-instructional. In order to be successful and have a positive and rewarding indexing experience, please complete the following tutorial lessons, and earn your Certificate of Completion.

Indexing Arbitration

What is arbitration?
How do I qualify to be an arbitrator?
What does an arbitrator do?

News and Information

My Note: See Excel Spreadsheet for Blogs by Category

GENEALOGY
Genealogy in the News
My Note: Blogs by Category

Genealogy Matters
My Note: 4 CGO Blogs

Genealogy Records
My Note: Blogs by Category

Genealogy Resources
My Note: Blogs by Category

Technology and Advice
My Note: Blogs by Category

RootsTech
My Note: 57 Blogs

FAMILYSEARCH

General Blog
My Note: Blogs by Category

CEO Corner Archive
My Note: Blogs by Category

Community Projects
My Note: Blogs by Category

Family History Library
My Note: Blogs by Category

In the News
My Note: Blogs by Category
ABOUT US

About FamilySearch

It's all about family. FamilySearch is a nonprofit family history organization dedicated to connecting families across generations. FamilySearch believes that families bring joy and meaning to life.

Our Vision

Learning about our ancestors helps us better understand who we are—creating a family bond, linking the present to the past, and building a bridge to the future.

Our vision is carried out by a dedicated team of employees and volunteers who work tirelessly to preserve and share the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world. We strive to create and link the best and most valuable research resources to help people discover who they are by exploring where they come from. For over 100 years, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide.

FamilySearch—A World Leader

FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services each year to learn more about their family history. FamilySearch provides:
Free
A service to all at no cost

4+ Billion
Names from all over the world

4,745
FamilySearch Centers worldwide

24/7
Free expert phone support

Get involved, and impact the lives of families across the world.

Create an account

The FamilySearch Story

OUR COMMITMENT TO CONNECT ANCESTORS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the primary benefactor for FamilySearch services. Our commitment to helping people connect with their ancestors is rooted in our beliefs—that families are meant to be central to our lives and that family relationships are intended to continue beyond this life.

Large Family Posing in Front of Barn - Black and White Photo
We hold that all family members—those living, those past, and those future—share an enduring bond that reaches
across the generations. To us this means that families are forever, and an important part of acting on this belief is doing family history.

100 YEARS OF RECORD GATHERING AND PRESERVATION

FamilySearch, historically known as the Genealogical Society of Utah, which was founded in 1894, is dedicated to preserving the records of the family of mankind. Our purpose is simple—help people connect with their ancestors through easy access to historical records.

We gladly join and partner with others who share this vision. We pioneered industry standards for gathering, imaging, indexing, and preserving records. Advances in technology and the emergence of our digital world now provide an opportunity for us to share these resources with the world.

Our Services

These are some of the services we offer record custodians:

Image Capture

Obtaining a preservation quality image is often the most costly and time-consuming step for records custodians. Microfilm has been the standard, but digital is emerging. Whether you opt to do it yourself or use one of our worldwide camera teams, we can help.

Online Indexing

Once an image is digitized, key data needs to be transcribed in order to produce a searchable index that patrons around the world can access. Our online indexing application harnesses volunteers from around the world to quickly and accurately create indexes.
Digital Conversion

For those records custodians who already have a substantial collection of microfilm, we can help digitize those images and even provide digital image storage.

Online Access

Whether your goal is to make your records freely available to the public or to help supplement your budget needs, we can help you get your records online. To minimize your costs and increase access for your users, we can host your indexes and records on FamilySearch.org, or we can provide tools and expertise that enable you to create your own hosted access.

News and Events

My Note: Blog has 157 pages (HTML)

See MyFamilySearch.org.xlsx

FamilySearch Press

Company Overview

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch has been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Press Releases—Latest Headlines

November 13, 2014
120 Years of Pioneering Genealogy

November 10, 2014
Find Your Family’s World War I Veterans in New, Free Military Collections Online

November 6, 2014
Alex Boye and Quarter-Finalists from NBC’s America’s Got Talent Joining RootsTech 2015

Indexing Updates

January 8, 2014
Announcing the New FamilySearch Indexing Website

September 30, 2013
Indexers Celebrate Record-Setting Italian Ancestors Project Weekend
August 26, 2013
*Share Your Story at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference*

**Record Search Updates**

**December 23, 2014**
*FamilySearch Adds More Than 9.4 Million Indexed Records and Images to Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, Peru, Russia, and the United States*

**December 19, 2014**
*FamilySearch Adds More Than 1.3 Million Indexed Records and Images to Brazil, Canada, China, and the United States*

**December 4, 2014**
*FamilySearch Adds More Than 125.4 Million Indexed Records and Images to the United States*

**FamilySearch.org—Facts and Statistics**

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Number of **family history centers** | 4,600 in 126 countries
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Number of **digital books** | Over 60,000

FamilySearch has 6.875 billion historic records on microfilm that are being digitized and eventually indexed. These records contain an estimated 20.6 billion names.

FamilySearch has over 200 digital record preservation camera teams in 45 countries who produce more than 100 million new digital images for free online publication each year.

The FamilySearch Indexing program is available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish with more language interfaces and international projects coming.

**More Products**

*My Note: I heard Professor Bill Barrett talk about the beginning of Leaf at RootsTech 2012 and thought it would be more developed by now.*

**Leaf**

**Brigham Young University:** We load your FamilySearch tree and use colorful charts and a search tool to show you which ancestors need your attention. Work with ancestors or descendants, or scan cousins and more distant relatives.

**Tree Access**

**Screenshots**
Product Description
We help you focus your genealogy by finding the leaves in your tree that need your attention. View six generations of ancestors at once, with color coding to indicate where the holes are. View the descendants of your great-grandfather in a compact chart, allowing you to easily see which ones you are missing. We'll find holes wherever they are, even among children, spouses, and distant cousins. You choose how far you want to search and what kind of holes you would like to fill. Birth and death dates? Spouse? Children? LDS Ordinances? You decide, we do the work.

Product Features

Category:

Platforms : Web

Updated: 9 May 2014

Version:

Languages: English

What's New

The FamilySearch you love, only better

New ways to discover, preserve, and share your family story on FamilySearch.org.

New enhancements make it easier to connect with generations past, share memories with loved ones in the present, and preserve your legacy for the future.

Family Tree

Discover what others have found about your ancestors, collaborate on shared family lines, and preserve your genealogy for generations to come.
Photos and Stories

Add photos and stories of ancestors and share them with family near and far.

Fan Chart

View your family lineage in an interactive fan chart. Great for showing family members what you have done, and for seeing what is left to discover.

Live Help

Get live personal help finding your ancestors and recording your family story through online chat or telephone assistance.

Updated Look and Navigation

Experience an updated look and easier site navigation—while keeping all the functionality you enjoy on FamilySearch.

Developers

My Note: My MindTouch Platform is based on a REST architecture and Hyermedia that integrates web, desktop, and mobile apps to search for a person and create relationships. I spend time on publishing my family search work and not on coding.

Build apps. Connect families.

FamilySearch offers developers a way to integrate web, desktop, and mobile apps with its collaborative Family Tree and vast digital archive of records. Learn more.

Try Beta Features

Beta Features includes new registration, sign-up, community forum, getting started instructions, app key registration and tracking.

Showcase

Check out the latest creations of fellow developers using the FamilySearch API. My Note: See About below

4 finalists, 5 renowned judges, and 1 live audience. $25K in prizes! The annual RootsTech Innovator Challenge is a great opportunity to get rewarded for the projects you are creating. [Enter the Challenge]
Sample App

The Sample App demonstrates common API uses cases such as searching for a person and creating people and relationships.

About

FamilySearch Background

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogical organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. As a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over a century. Millions of people have been able to use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their ancestors and family histories. Patrons can access FamilySearch services and free online resources at FamilySearch.org or through more than 4,600 Family History Centers in 132 countries, including the flagship Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

FamilySearch API

FamilySearch is developing a technical platform to facilitate the development and delivery of innovative, more collaborative software technologies and products that leverage genealogical data and technical services. The purpose of the platform is to increase the number of contributors and relevant online conclusions, historical records, and media available to help patrons identify ancestors and gather artifacts that assist in telling their stories. This platform includes many large searchable databases, recommended standards and best practices, application programming interfaces (APIs), websites, helpful support, training, and sample code.

FamilySearch is developing a new API based on the evolving GEDCOM X specification that includes models for Conclusions, Source Metadata, Contributor Metadata, and a separate specification for large field-based Record Extraction, and a definition for RESTful Web Services. This platform has endpoints based on the GEDCOM X specifications and other important endpoints that will facilitate cooperation across multiple vendors’ products by using common interfaces for discussions, watch and notify, sharing sources, and other future collaboration tools.

FamilySearch Developers

We invite all developers to use our APIs to build application products and services that help with family history. We’d like this website to be the home for your development needs, from reading API reference documentation to managing apps and access privileges. Developers in our community range from large and small commercial partners to hobbyists and open source contributors. Check out our showcase of certified apps built on the FamilySearch API!

See also the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). My Note: See excerpt below

What protocol does the FamilySearch platform implement?
The FamilySearch platform is designed to conform to RESTful architectural principles, including the principle of Hypermedia. The state of the application is being driven by hypermedia. Many online resources are available on the topic of Hypermedia, and you can also learn more about how it applies to the API here.

Hypermedia, an extension of the term hypertext, is a nonlinear medium of information which includes graphics, audio, video, plain text and hyperlinks. This contrasts with the broader term multimedia, which may include non-interactive linear presentations as well as hypermedia. It is also related to the field of electronic literature. The term was first used in a 1965 article by Ted Nelson.

Archives

About FamilySearch Archives
FamilySearch International is a nonprofit family history organization dedicated to connecting families across generations. This vision drives everything FamilySearch does and is carried out by a dedicated team of employees and volunteers that work to gather, preserve, and share the world’s records.

In 1894, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints organized the Genealogical Society of Utah, which has expanded and become FamilySearch. Thus, we have spent more than 100 years actively seeking out and preserving records of historical and genealogical importance. FamilySearch has partnered in this effort with more than 10,000 archives and more than 200,000 volunteers worldwide. Together, we create and preserve archival-quality images and indexes and make them freely available to millions of people looking for information about their ancestors.

FamilySearch works together with records custodians to help them provide timely, economic, secure, and broad access to their records while maintaining access control and identity. The collections of FamilySearch include documents such as civil registration records; church records; and probate, census, land, tax, and military records. The collection also contains compiled sources such as family histories, clan and lineage genealogies, oral pedigrees, and local histories.

Careers

Church Employment Opportunities

Get and Give Help

GET HELP

Contact FamilySearch

Live Chat

Immediate chat with our experts online:
Call Us

Family History Customer Service

Select the country for the number to call.

United States: 1-866-406-1830

Send a Message

Find Local Help

Getting Started

Step 1. Discover Your Story

The first step in discovering your story is reaching out to parents, grandparents—any relative that can share stories, photos, or other information with you. Using the FamilySearch Photos and Stories, you can capture, preserve, and share what you find. As you do, you will find yourself on the path to discovering your own story.

Step 2. Explore Your Family Tree

Family Tree is where your family history comes together. The second step to getting started is to explore your family tree. Since researchers and volunteers from around the world are adding to Family Tree daily, some work may have already been done for you. Add missing names, dates, and relationships, collaborate with other family members, and watch your family tree grow.

Step 3. Find Your Ancestors

Step three is to grow your family tree by searching historical records on FamilySearch.org. Your ancestors' everyday milestones and experiences—like birth, marriage, and death—often created historical records that have been indexed and made searchable online. Use Search to find more details about the people in your family story.

Product Support

Browse by topic

FamilySearch Account
Family Tree
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Frequently Asked Questions

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FamilySearch Account

LDS or FamilySearch Account cannot be merged

Research Wiki

Browse by topic

- Beginning Research
- About the Wiki
- Localities
- Research Tools
- Contributing
- Partnering
- Partnering

Or find research articles

See Wiki

Visit the Research Wiki
# Featured Research Wiki Articles

- [Beginning Research](#)
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## Research Help

### General Research Help

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El Salvador: 800-6331
Estonia: 800-00-444-63
Fiji: 3000110
Finland: 990-800-1830-1830
France: 00-800-1830-1830
French Guiana: [0800-99-0087] + [866-560-9746]
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Ireland: 00-800-1830-1830
Italy: 00-800-1830-1830
Jamaica: 1-866-871-4112
Japan: 0120-944161
Kazakhstan: 88003334517

Ask a Specialist

My Note: This is confusing because it links to the general list of numbers above so just use it.

Arbitrator Mentoring

Beginning Family History Research

Canada (English) Research

England Research

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Germany Research

Illinois Research

Ireland Research

Massachusetts Research

Missouri Research

New York Research

North Carolina Research

Ohio Research

Pennsylvania Research

Scotland Research

Tennessee Research

Utah Research

Virginia Research
Search Research Articles

See Wiki

Learning Center

My Note: Could tabulate statistics

Browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history.

Family History Centers

Google Map of Family History Centers

Salt Lake City Library

We're here to help

Experienced guides and genealogists can help you with your research, and it's available to you free of charge!

Research Consultants and volunteers can help you by suggesting sources for you to search, answering basic questions such as how to get started, where a town is located, and what records are available for a locality and how to use them.

Research Assistance by Wiki, Forum or Telephone.

Wiki Forums 1-866-406-1830

Family History Library Catalog

Search the catalog of materials (including microfilm, microfiche, and publications) found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Many items can be loaned to local family history centers around the world.

The collection includes over 2.4 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records; 727,000 microfiche; 356,000 books, serials, and other formats; over 4,500 periodicals and 3,725 electronic resources.

Records available are from the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

A majority of the records contain information about persons who lived before 1930.

Approximately 200 cameras are currently digitizing records in over 45 countries. Records have been filmed in over 110 countries, territories, and possessions.

Search the Library Catalog
Planning Your Visit

We have assembled a list of tips that can help you get the maximum value from your visit to the Family History Library.

If you plan to visit the FamilySearch Library with a group, we offer free library tours and group orientations. Sign your group up today.

A short 10-minute orientation is available anytime the library is open.

Class Schedule

The library regularly holds workshops on the use of the library, its computer systems, family history records, and resources.

Specialized workshops teach patrons about methods of research and how to use various kinds of records, and computer classes educate patrons about the library’s unique software programs.

View the Class Schedule

Gifts and Donations

Gifts and donations of family genealogies, organized collections, and other records that contain genealogical information are welcome. You can even write a history of your family and place a copy in the library.

For more information, please contact FamilySearch support at 1-866-406-1830

View guidelines for Gifts, Donations, and Loans to FamilySearch.

Library Background

• Founded in 1894 to gather genealogical records and assist members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with their family history and genealogical research
• Largest library of its kind in the world
• Open to the general public at no charge
• An estimated 1,500 daily visits
• Currently 100 full-time and part-time professional staff
• Approximately 700 trained volunteers

Send Us Feedback

Help Center

Browse help topics to learn how to build your family tree, record your living memories, index records, search for ancestors, and more.
Select a Help Topic

Everything in one place

Family Tree
Memories
Search
Indexing
FamilySearch Account
Genealogy Assistance
Family History Center
Mobile
Partners

Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions

- Attaching Historical Records to an entire family
- Reserving temple ordinances
- Understanding the various categories in the temple list
- Searching historical records from Family Tree and attaching the source to a record
- LDS or FamilySearch Account cannot be merged
- Merging duplicate records in Family Tree
- Ordinances are missing in Family Tree (Not displaying)
- Correcting gender information in Family Tree
- Sharing temple reservations with family or friends
- Adding individuals who are not connected to your family line in FamilyTree

VOLUNTEER

Become a Volunteer

Sign up, and start volunteering today

Help others with their tree

Thank you for your willingness to help others with their Family Tree questions. In order to be involved with this project you have to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, also you must:

- Be 18 or older
- Have a computer and internet access.
- Be willing to answer phone calls from patrons about working in Family Tree.

Any information you submit will be completely confidential.
By voluntarily providing your personal contact information, you authorize FamilySearch and its affiliated entities to collect, process, and transfer to other countries your personal information, including your name, email address, phone number, and so on; and you consent to this transfer. You further understand and authorize FamilySearch to use your personal information to contact you regarding Family Tree volunteer opportunities. FamilySearch will not sell your personal information and will use reasonable care and technical and organizational measures to protect your personal information against loss, misuse, and unauthorized alteration and disclosure.

**Participate in Evaluations**

Sign up, and start helping today

**Evaluate New and Future FamilySearch Concepts**

What Will I Be Doing?

You will evaluate new and future concepts of the FamilySearch website as well as its other products. Evaluations will be conducted from your home, office or wherever you access the Internet for about an hour. Family history experience is not required. In fact we especially need the perspective of those new to family history as we work to make it more engaging for everyone.

How Will I Make a Difference?

The insight you provide will directly impact the FamilySearch experience. Your comments will come right at the time changes are being made. The FamilySearch website is never truly finished. Your participation will help us make family history easier and more enjoyable.

Completing the sign-up survey will automatically place you into our volunteer pool. If you are randomly selected you will receive an invitation with instructions to your e-mail address at that time.

By filling out the sign-up survey you are providing your agreement to our Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.

**Make a financial donation**

Enter an amount for your one-time or recurring donation

**Donate Records**

FamilySearch International is an incorporated, nonprofit, family-focused institution dedicated to providing free access to recorded genealogical data for use by family historians, genealogists, and others who have interest in such information. Much of FamilySearch’s genealogical collection circulates through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and family history centers throughout the world.

**GUIDELINES**
FamilySearch appreciates gifts, which make up a large part of its collection. Please note that, unless requested otherwise, all donations become the physical property of FamilySearch and will not be returned. By accepting a donation, FamilySearch is under no obligation to include the donation in FamilySearch’s collection.

FamilySearch will accept only materials that:

- Are readable, organized, and accessible to help researchers identify individuals and relationships by name, date, and place.
- Add new information to FamilySearch’s collection (duplicate materials are not accepted).
- Fit in available shelf space.
- Do not violate current privacy and copyright laws.

**TYPES OF MATERIALS FAMILYSEARCH DOES ACCEPT**

FamilySearch accepts the following materials:

- Autobiographies and biographies containing genealogical material
- Family histories with genealogical information
- Indexes to records
- Local histories (limited)
- Well organized collections of genealogical and research materials (see the “Collections” section below for more information).

FamilySearch accepts the following materials only if submitted with a “Permission to Duplicate” form signed by the copyright owner or legal custodian of the original documents.

- Census records
- Directories (limited)
- Genealogical periodicals
- Newspaper extracts (such as obituaries)
- Commercially available computer software
- Original records, such as:
  - Cemetery records
  - Church records and histories
  - Court records
  - Land records
  - Military records
  - Naturalization records
  - Passenger lists
  - Probate records
  - Vital records

Written Works

Written works, such as family histories, should be in a clear, readable format. They should include a title, the author's name, and the publication date.
If possible, please send your material in an electronic format. If your material is not available electronically, send an unbound, double-sided copy of your manuscript, which will be easier to duplicate and will take less shelf space.

Automated Text-Based Information

To submit material electronically, you must give FamilySearch permission to use the material in any way deemed appropriate by FamilySearch. Please see the “Permission to Duplicate” section of this document for how to do this. Automated information may not be immediately available for patron use.

FamilySearch prefers that the data have an introduction, table of contents, welcome page, links between files, index, and explanation of abbreviations. The requirements for use on FamilySearch computers are as follows:

• The software runs on Windows XP or higher.
• The software and data are on CD or DVD.
• The software passes in-house testing certifications. File formats supported by at least one of the following: Adobe Acrobat, Internet Explorer, Irfan View, or Microsoft Office.
• Data submitted on an external drive must be under 2 GB and will be converted to DVD for patron use. External drives will not be returned to the donor.

TYPES OF MATERIALS FAMILYSEARCH DOES NOT ACCEPT

Materials not accepted by FamilySearch will be returned to the donor, given to another historical or genealogical institution of FamilySearch’s choice, or discarded. FamilySearch no longer accepts the following materials:

• Artifacts
• Autobiographies and biographies without genealogical material
• Books of remembrance
• Correspondence and travelogues
• Family Bibles
• Fiction
• Genealogical collections that are cumbersome to use, unindexed, or otherwise inaccessible to patrons
• Loose photographs
• Memorabilia
• Pedigrees and family group charts
• Personal journals
• Personal and family videos
• Photo albums and scrapbooks
• School yearbooks

Family Bibles

FamilySearch does not accept complete family Bibles. However, FamilySearch welcomes photocopies of pages containing genealogical information from Bibles. Please include a photocopy of the Bible’s title page and the owner’s name and address.
Genealogical Collections

Collections include handwritten or typed genealogical sheets, documents, and other items collected as part of the family history research process (preferably created by an accredited genealogist or official family historian).

FamilySearch accepts only well-organized collections that meet the guidelines listed above. FamilySearch does not organize collections and may accept all, only a portion, or none of a collection.

Because FamilySearch does not have room to store collections, patrons must give FamilySearch permission to duplicate the collection. See the “Contributions on Loan” and “Permission to Duplicate” sections of this document for more information about these procedures.

If you want your collection returned to you after it is duplicated, it should be submitted as a contribution on loan. If you do not want the material returned, you must include written approval giving authorization to FamilySearch to either discard the collection or donate the collection to another historical or genealogical institution of FamilySearch’s choice. Collections without this permission will be automatically returned to the donor.

Pedigrees and Family Group Information

Pedigree Charts and Family Group Records are no longer accepted in paper format. Automated pedigrees and family group information are no longer accepted for Ancestral File or Pedigree Resource File. Submit your Gedcom file through the FamilySearch.org Web site under Trees.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

FamilySearch does not solicit financial donations. However, unsolicited financial donations are gratefully accepted, provided FamilySearch is given full discretion in the use of the funds.

Please make donation checks payable to FamilySearch.

CONTRIBUTIONS ON LOAN

Genealogical materials may be loaned to FamilySearch to be duplicated in a format selected by FamilySearch. Materials must meet the qualifications outlined previously in this document (see the “Types of Materials FamilySearch Does Not Accept” and “Types of Materials FamilySearch Accepts” sections of this document). Once duplicated, the copy is added to FamilySearch’s collection, and the original is returned to the owner.

Patrons should contact FamilySearch before sending their materials to be duplicated. Once the material is approved, patrons send their materials to FamilySearch at their own expense. Both the patron and the copyright holder must give FamilySearch permission to duplicate the material (see the “Permission to Duplicate” section of this document for more information).

FamilySearch pays the cost of duplicating and returning materials to their owners. This process may take up to 12 weeks.

PERMISSION TO DUPLICATE
In order to legally duplicate copyrighted materials, FamilySearch must have permission from the author or copyright holder. Please send a completed Permission to Duplicate form with your material. Forms may be requested by e-mail, fax, or regular post from the addresses listed below.

WHERE TO SEND DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON LOAN

Send all gifts, donations, requests for permission forms, or inquiries by mail to:

FamilySearch
Family History Library—Gifts
35 N. West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84150-1103
USA

Send contributions on loan to:

FamilySearch
Family History Library—Contributions on Loan
35 N. West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84150-1103
USA

You may also call, fax, or e-mail at:

Telephone: 1-866-406-1830
Fax: 1-801-240-1584
E-mail: bookdonations@familysearch.org

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-0005
USA

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Donate Coding Skills

See Developers

Write a Research Article
Volunteers - Help Us Build the Wiki

My Note: I am doing this with this MindTouch application!

Like a barn raising, the Research Wiki can only be built by an involved community. Communities naturally include individuals with different levels of expertise. Share what you know!

Help us by:

- Expanding existing articles
- Creating new articles
- Adding sources
- Linking to other online resources
- Correcting grammar and spelling mistakes
- Combining duplicate articles.

Whatever your level of expertise, the wiki needs you! Come join the wiki barn raising team.

Help on Facebook

New Pages and Groups on Facebook about genealogy research are being created nearly every day. The main topic of either a Page or a Group will typically be about doing research in a specific location, an ethnic group, or special interest. Feel free to add to the list.

See the Family Associations page for a listing of family organizations, societies, and associations that have either a Facebook page, a website, or other contact information. Feel free to add to list.

Help Train Consultants

If you would be willing to help other consultants in their callings, and you have 5 to 10 hours a week that you would be willing to help, please fill out and submit this form. One of our team members will contact you.
Serve as a Missionary

Explore a variety of missionary opportunities shown below or have someone contact you to answer your questions by clicking the following link.
Contact me

Featured Pages

RECORD COLLECTIONS

1940 U.S. Census

My Note: Explore this for my family names!

Name index of population schedules listing inhabitants of the United States in 1940. This was the sixteenth census conducted since 1790. There were 134 million individuals enumerated this census year. The schedules cover the 48 states as well as Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The index is being created by FamilySearch, BrightSolid, and Inflection.

Learn more »

Browse through 3,838,585 images

The “Greatest Generation”

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census is the largest, most comprehensive, and most recent record set available that records the names of those who were living in the United States at the time the census was taken.

132 million people were living in the 48 Continental United States in 1940. Tens of millions of people living in the United States in 1940 are still living today, making this a record set that connects people with recent family records.

Rich and Unique Information

The 1940 census included several standard questions, such as: name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth. But the census also introduced some new questions. One example is that the enumerator was instructed to mark (with a circled x) who in the household responded to the census questions. Other questions included whether the person worked for the CCC, WPA, or NYA the week of March 24-30, 1940, and the income for the 12 months ending December 31, 1939.
New, interesting questions were asked

Where people lived 5 years before
Highest educational grade achieved
Detailed income and occupation

As part of the census, 5% of respondents (two names per page) were asked supplemental questions, which included the place of birth of the person's father and mother, the respondent's usual occupation (not just for the week of March 24-30), and questions related to marriage for all women who were or had been married. The enumerators asked women if they had been married more than once, the age at first marriage, and the total number of children to whom they had ever given birth.

**African American Heritage**

Most people seeking their African American genealogy can trace their ancestry to slaves who were brought to this country from Africa and from the Caribbean Islands. FamilySearch provides free access to valuable African American historical records. These include military, census, and vital records, slave ownership records and bank records. Research guides and instructional videos are also available to help you learn how to use these records to find your ancestors.

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**International Genealogy**

*My Note: I have found my family names in this earlier*

The International Genealogical Index was a family history database that listed several hundred million names of deceased persons from throughout the world. Names in the IGI came from two sources.

- [Community Contributed IGI](http://semanticommunity.info/MyFamilySearch.org) (Personal family information submitted to the LDS Church)
- [Community Indexed IGI](http://semanticommunity.info/MyFamilySearch.org) (Vital and church records from the early 1500s to 1885)

[Learn more »](http://semanticommunity.info/MyFamilySearch.org)

**U.S. Federal Census**

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“Census records are among the most rich and rewarding family history records available.”

Depending on which census your ancestor is in, you can learn where he or she lived at a particular place or time, learn his or her place of birth, and what he or she did for a living, among many other bits of valuable information. With the advent of scanning and indexing technology, census records are now available online, making this incredible resource available to more people than ever.

U.S. Civil War Era

My Note: Explore this for my family names!

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

U.S. Social Security Death

My Note: I have used this in my family history research

Name index to deaths recorded by the Social Security Administration beginning in 1962. Current as of February 28, 2014.

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