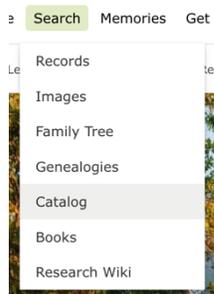




FamilySearch Updates

Catalogs

FamilySearch



This is the catalog under the search menu on <https://familysearch.org/> It hasn't been updated since September 2022. No new images have been added since June of 2021. All images are now in the image catalog. Any new physical books or digitized books will be in the FamilySearch Library Catalog. Hopefully the FamilySearch Catalog will start being updated again by the end of 2024.

Places has been updated recently. There may be a lot of new places that come up when you search. You may need to scroll through the places to find the correct one you're looking for.

For whatever place you select, there is now a "Place Information" link that will take you to information about the place including location, history, and links used to generate the place information page.

Notes

[Place Information](#)

Part of [Canada, Ontario](#)

[Places within Canada, Ontario, Prince Edward](#) ▶

Ameliasburg Township	Bloomfield	Hallowell Township	Roblin Mills
Ameliasburgh	Carrying Place	Hillier	Sophiasburgh
Athol Township	Consecon	Marysburgh	South Bay
Bethel	Demorestville	Milford	Wellington
Black River	Gardenville	Picton	West Lake

You can use "Places Within" to search for places within a county, state, or country. The search result will update automatically depending on the place you're searching.

Results include physical books in the FamilySearch Library, microfilm, microfiche, and digital books.

The catalog now contains links to WorldCat and ArchiveGrid so you can search there too.

FamilySearch Library

This is the catalog for things contained in the FamilySearch Library. You can find a link to it here: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/our-catalogs>

This is currently where new physical books and new digital books show up. To get the latest list of books available at the library based on a certain keyword, search here and at the old catalog. You can sign in with your FamilySearch account.

In this interface you can save searches and save lists of books. Lists can be emailed or exported to a CSV file. You can't search on place here, but you can search on keyword. Search results can be narrowed by Format, Author, Series, Locality, Surname, Organization, Topic, and Language. It's best to start with a broad search keyword here and then narrow it using a few options. For any result you want to review later, you can add it to a list.

Digital Book Library

Available here: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>

Access for the books in this library depend on a lot on how the book was acquired and if it's under copyright protection or not.

For non-copyrighted books

- Public – accessible online, can download a PDF copy
- Protected – accessible online, no downloads

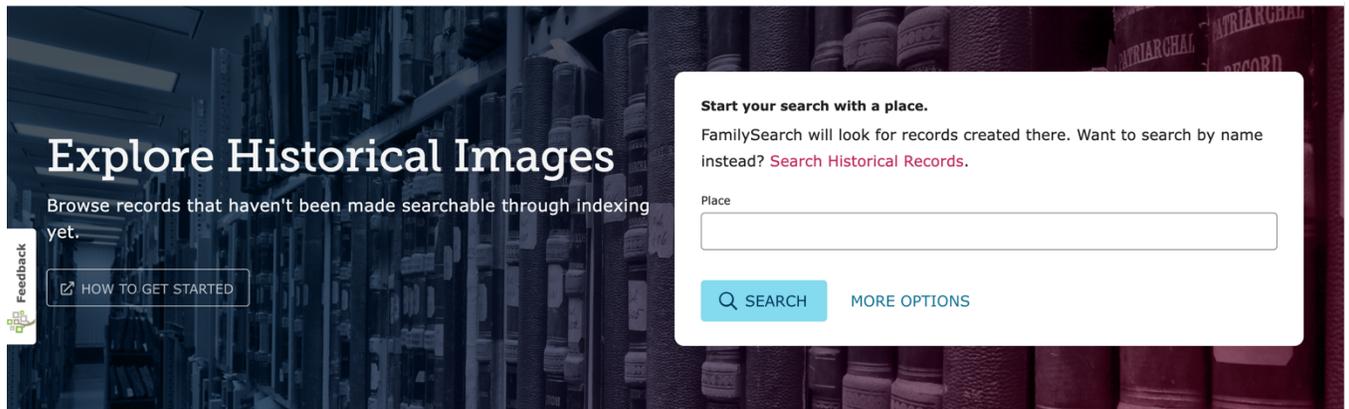
For copyrighted books

- Permission Granted – viewable online, may/may not be downloadable
- Limited Permission – limited permission, restricted viewing

For the limited permission books, you may only be able to see the text around the term you searched on. This may or may not be helpful.

When the books in this collection are scanned, they are then OCR'd so the text of book is fully searchable. You can look at the book using the digital book viewer.

Images



Access image search here: <https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/beta>

All the digitized microfilm is in this catalog.

Restricted images **do not** show up in search unless you are at a FamilySearch Center. There are over 400 million images that cannot be viewed from outside of a FamilySearch Center (FSC) or Affiliate Library. You need to be in a FSC or Affiliate Library to view and search for the restricted images.

Similar to the FS Catalog you can use places within to narrow your search if you started at a country, state, or county level.

A map should show up in the upper righthand corner. If it doesn't select options and turn on "Show map in refined search". You will need to refresh your browser page after this to have any

options you changed show up. You can use the map when searching at a county or state level to more easily see the locations that FamilySearch has records for.

Historic Records



All indexed records are located here. You can access this by selecting “Records” under the Search menu on <https://familysearch.org>

You can browse the collections themselves or you can browse by location. If someone is not coming up via search, then you can use browse to go through all the records to attempt to find the person.

When browsing the collections you can narrow them by collection type or by a word in the title such as the state you are looking for.

You do not need to search on a last name. If you know the first names of the whole family, you can search on just their first names. Click on “More Options” to be able to add family members or life events to help narrow your search.

FamilySearch Wiki



The FamilySearch Research Wiki is available under the Search menu on <https://www.familysearch.org/> Many of the state and country pages will be getting updates over the next several months to give them a more consistent format. Guided Research and Record Finder are being added to the Country and State levels as much as possible. Also, links to the community pages where you can ask for translation help or ask general questions about a location are being added as well.

Guided Research – This is designed to help anyone looking at a new place. It lists the top results for the collection that has the most records for birth, marriage, and death. If you can't find what you're looking for in those records, then it gives suggestions for what else you can try.

Beginning Research

- [Guided Research](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)
- [Record Finder](#)

Record Finder – you ever just want to see a list of records for a location? On the right-hand side of the page is the section on Wiki Topics. Under Beginning Research is the “Record Finder”. Click on that for a list of known records for what you are looking at. The site lists the best record set to search and an alternative for each record type. This is great for states and countries to be able to quickly point you to resources you can search.

Community



Under the ? menu in the upper right corner of the site are links to the community pages. You can also get here through the wiki pages as well. On the welcome page you can “Ask a question”, “Suggest an idea”, or go to “Groups”. If you scroll down, you'll also see Announcements.

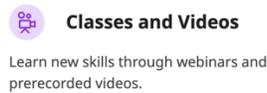
Groups – you will need to register and then sign in for accessing groups. You can use the same FamilySearch account for this. It's easy and quick to do. Once you register, then you just have to sign in when you visit the page. Please note the two different search boxes. The one at the top of the page searches within all the groups. The one lower down on the page searches for specific group names. It's easier to search for a group name and join that group when looking for answers on something. In groups you can do translation requests. You can answer questions or submit questions about what you are looking for. It's a great way to be involved in the genealogy community.

Research Consultations

Are you completely stuck? Having trouble finding an ancestor's hometown? Want to know where to get started with DNA? Need to know the best place to start in a new country? You can get a free research consultation from FamilySearch. In fact, you can get one a week for as many questions as you have.

Most are 20 minutes long. The DNA ones are usually 40 minutes. These are done via Zoom. You can schedule one here: <https://go.oncehub.com/ResearchStrategySession>

You can also get to these from several Wiki pages and there is a quick link to the research consultation scheduler from the community home page.



Classes & Videos

Want to learn more? FamilySearch has a lot of classes and videos available through the help center. The help center can be accessed from the ? in the upper right corner of the FamilySearch website. Here is a direct link to the classes and videos: <https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/classes-and-videos>

Get Involved

Want to give back to genealogy community? Want to make AI results better? There are several opportunities under the "Get Involved" menu on FamilySearch. You can find the page here: <https://www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/opportunities>. On the site you can do quick name reviews (this helps AI), full name reviews, and place reviews. All of these help make FamilySearch better. You can also do traditional indexing through the site as well.

You can also download the FamilySearch "Get Involved" app on your phone to do name reviews.

FamilySearch Center Locations



These used to be Family History Centers. They have been renamed to FamilySearch Centers to have a more consistent branding. If you need to find one go to <https://locations.familysearch.org/en> and you can search by address, city, region, or zip code. Click on any of the results show to get to the "More Information" button. Under "More Information" you will find a page for that FamilySearch center with hours, email address, phone number, and services available at the FSC. Some FSC's now have services for digitizing photos, slides, and other media. Check with each FSC to see what they have available.