

## Gifts and Donations

FamilySearch is an incorporated, nonprofit family-focused institution dedicated to providing free access to recorded genealogical data for use by family historians, genealogists, and others.

### Collection Policy

FamilySearch collects records of genealogical and historical value to enable families to gather and connect in order to experience the joy of discovering their family. Gifts and donations of genealogical records and family histories are accepted so they can be preserved and shared on FamilySearch.org.

### Guidelines

All donations become the property of the FamilySearch and will not be returned unless paid for by the donor. FamilySearch accepts materials that:

- Are typed, well organized, and includes a title, author, and publication date
- Add new information to FamilySearch's collection
- Do not violate current privacy and copyright laws
- Do not include living people, for privacy reasons. If the book contains information about living individuals, the author takes sole responsibility for the availability of this information to the public.

### Materials Accepted by the Family History Library

- Family histories
- Published genealogical books
- Published historical books such as local and county histories
- Periodicals
- Directories
- Indexes and transcriptions of records in book format
- Autobiographies and biographies containing genealogical materials for multiple generations

### Additional Materials Accepted by FamilySearch's Digital Library

- Yearbooks
- Journals (over 70 years old)
- Family Bibles
- Autobiographies and biographies (without living people)

### Permission to Duplicate or Digitize

In order to legally duplicate copyrighted materials, FamilySearch must have permission from the author or copyright holder. Please send a completed [General Donation Form](#) and a [Permission to Duplicate Form](#), when applicable, with your materials. Forms may be

requested by phone, email, or regular post from the address below.

### Other Materials

Family stories, photos, and videos should be added to FamilySearch Family Tree or in the Memories section of [FamilySearch.org](#). Family information on Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, or GEDCOM files, should also be added into Family Tree.

The following materials should be shared with family members, or a local historical society or public library.

- Artifacts, souvenirs, or memorabilia
- Correspondence and travelogues
- Fiction
- Personal journals (less than 70 years old)
- Newspapers and newspaper clippings
- Obituaries
- Original source documents (birth, marriage, death certificates; probates; deeds, etc.)

Materials related to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or its history (including personal journals, missionary journals, biographies, autobiographies) may also be sent to the Church History Library for their collection.

Church History Library  
Donations Guidelines:

<https://history.lds.org/article/donations?lang=eng>  
801-240-5696

### Financial Donations

Donations help support FamilySearch's vision of discovering, gathering, and connecting family members, acquiring records, and building bridges to the future. You may donate online at [www.familysearch.org/donate](http://www.familysearch.org/donate)

### Where to Send Donations

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

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