



LDS Church Records

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Introduction

This class will review sources for LDS Research available at the Family History Library as well as sources available online. You can also use the Wiki page titled *Tracing LDS Ancestors* to find LDS sources available in the library and online. There are additional resources at the Church History Library, both online and on site.

Strategy

1. Start with the information and records your family already has.
2. Use compiled sources to find clues and the sources for original records.
3. Use original records.

Archives and Libraries

FamilySearch Library, 35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, www.familysearch.org and www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library

Church History Library, 15 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, <https://history.lds.org/section/library>

Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, 300 North Main, Salt Lake City, UT, www.dupinternational.org

BYU Harold B. Lee Library, Provo, UT, <https://lib.byu.edu>

U of U Marriott Library, Salt Lake City, UT, www.lib.utah.edu/collections/index.php

For more libraries and archives, see **FamilySearch.org Wiki, LDS Archives and Libraries.**

Finding Records using FamilySearch.org

To find records using a film, fiche, or book number given below

- Go to FamilySearch.org
- Click the **Search** menu.
- Click **Catalog**.
- Click **Film/Fiche Number** (or **Call Number** for a book).
- Type the film number.
- Click the **Search** button.
- Click the blue title.

Compiled Sources

- *FamilySearch Family Tree*, [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- *Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1848*, by Susan E. Black
 - 50 volumes, FHL book 289.3 Ea85m, organized alphabetically
 - Microfiche version, 95 fiche, FHL fiche 6031596
 - Available online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) Click the **Search** menu, then click **Catalog**. Choose Title search, and type at least at least a few words of the title.
- *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah*, FHL book 979.2 D3e, also digitized at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) Use the Catalog as above.
- *Early Church Information File (ECIF)*, digitized at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) Click the **Search** menu, then click **Records**. In the lower right under Find a Collection, type early church, then click **Utah, FamilySearch, Early Church Information File, 1830-1900**.
- *Encyclopedic History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, FHL **book 289.309 J453e**, contains history of LDS wards. Index and book online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) Use Catalog as above.
- *Genealogical surveys of LDS members: autobiographies and ancestors*, 34 vols. FHL book 289.3 G286g, or film starting with **1059454** which are online. Indexed in the ECIF.
- Ancestral File and Pedigree Resource File, search Genealogies at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- Early Latter-day Saints, www.earlylds.com
- *Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1848*, [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- *Mormons and Their Neighbors*, <https://lib.byu.edu/collections/mormons-and-their-neighbors>
- Winter Quarters project, <http://winterquarters.byu.edu/>
- Brigham Young Office Files, 1832-1878, https://eadview.lds.org/findingaid/CR%201234%201/?pds_handle=
- Early Mormon Missionaries, <https://history.lds.org/missionary/?lang=eng>
- *Index to The Journal History of the Church*, 58 rolls of film, beginning FHL **film 1233503**
- *The Journal History of the Church*, 248 rolls of film, beginning FHL **film 1259729**, <https://tinyurl.com/ybkx8vva> i.e. Historical Department journal history of the Church, 1896-2001
- *Pioneer Women of Faith and Fortitude*, FHL **book 979.D36p**, vols. 1-4

Immigration, emigration or migration

- *Mormon Migration*, <http://mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu>
- *Overland Travel Database*, <https://history.lds.org/overlandtravels>
- *New York Passenger Lists*, www.libertyellisfoundation.org
- Ellis Island, 1892-1924, www.castlegarden.org
- Pioneer Ancestors Search, www.familysearch.org/campaign/pioneers#
- Mormon Pioneer Search, https://user.xmission.com/~nelsonb/pioneer_search3.htm
- 1839-1913 - *Historian's Office Record of Members, 1839-1913* (known as Minnie Margetts file), 16 rolls of film, beginning FHL film **415444**, online in alphabetical order
- 1849-1925 - *European Emigration Card Index*, 9 rolls of film, beginning FHL film **298431**, online in alphabetical order
- *Emigration records, European Mission; 1849-1885, 1899-1923*, 5 films beginning with FHL film **25690**, online in alphabetical order
- 1847-1868 - *Utah Immigration Card Index, 1847-1868*, 3 rolls of film, beginning FHL film **298440**
- *1849-1885, 1899-1923 - Emigration Records, European Mission*; 6 rolls of film, beginning FHL film **25690**, online in alphabetical order
- *Scandinavian LDS Mission Index*, 344 fiche, beginning FHL fiche **6060482**, not yet online

LDS Census Records, Ward, or Branch Records

- 1852-1853, Registry of names of persons residing in the various wards as to bishop's reports, www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/176669?availability=Family%20History%20Library
- 1856 Utah state census returns, FHL film **505913**, not yet online
- 1872 Kane, Rich, Tooele and Utah counties list names. At the Church History Library. The call number is MS#2920 - folders 9-19. An index is available.
- 1914-1960 Six censuses of members of the LDS Church in Utah and elsewhere. On 651 films, starting with film **25708**, some films online, some not yet www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/126146?availability=Family%20History%20Library

For more information, see FamilySearch.org Wiki, LDS Census.

LDS Ward, Branch, or Stake Records

- *Deceased Membership Records, 1942-1988*, listed in alphabetical order, beginning FHL film **884001**, not yet online
- To find ward, branch, stake, and other LDS Church records, go to FamilySearch.org
 - Click the **Search** menu.
 - Click **Catalog**.
 - Do a **Place** search for the city where the ward, branch, or stake was located.
 - Click **Church Records**.

Newspapers

- *Utah Digital Newspapers*, <http://digitalnewspapers.org>, browse county to see newspapers for each county.
- *Chronicling America*, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
- *Salt Lake Tribune* issues from 1872-1977, found at newspaperarchive.com (\$)

Other Records

- *Obituary Card Index to the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News as of 31 December 1970*, 64 rolls of film, beginning FHL film **821636**, not yet online
- *Utah State Cemeteries and Burials*, <http://cemeteries.utah.gov/burials/execute/searchburials>
- *Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1956*, <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1747615>
- *United States Mexican War Index and Service Records, 1846-1848*, www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1987567
- *Mormon Battalion Muster Rolls*, www.mormonbattalion.com/Original_Battalion_Roster
- *Utah, Territorial Case Files of the U.S. District Courts, 1870-1896*, www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1854318