FAMILYSEARCH WIKI

Look in the FamilySearch Wiki for a list of online records. These are listed under FamilySearch Wiki under the article “Switzerland.” Click on “Switzerland Online Records” for the list.

Note: This list is not comprehensive!

TIPS FOR USING ONLINE ARCHIVES

- Each canton has its own archive and website. To find your canton’s archive, do a Google search.
  
  German cantons: “Staatsarchiv __________”
  French cantons: “Archives cantonales __________”
  Italian cantons: “Archivio cantonale __________”

- Use the browser Google Chrome. When you view a website in another language, an icon will appear in the upper right corner of the website address window.

  ![www.staatsarchiv.zh.ch/internet/justiz_inneres/sta/de/home.html](image)

  Click on the icon, and select the option “Translate.” Keep in mind that the website will be translated by computer, so you may find the translations a bit rough. If you want to change the website back to the original language, click on the same icon, and click on “Show original.”

- Look for key words on the website:

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Use the FamilySearch Wiki to find word lists in German, French, and Italian for more specific word help!
Some of the largest archive collections have “How to” Guides that will walk you step by step how to use them. To find the “How to” Guides, look in the FamilySearch Wiki for the article “How to” Guides for International Research. Scroll down to the entry for Switzerland. As of July 2016, the “How to” Guides contain helps for the Appenzell archives, Swiss Surnames, and the Zürich marriage index. Check back periodically for updates.

FAMILYSEARCH IMAGES ONLINE
There are two ways to access digitized images from FamilySearch.

Note: Some images can only be viewed with a FamilySearch account or in a Family History Center. To find the closest Family History Center, type in your address in the following website: https://familysearch.org/locations/

FamilySearch Historical Records
The Historical Records collection is comprised of two sections: Indexed Historical Records and Image Only Records. To find the Historical Records collection, do the following steps:

2. Instead of searching for a name, click on the Europe section in the map under Research By Location. Select Switzerland.
3. Look under both Indexed Historical Records and Image Only Records. Click on the collection you are interested in.
   Each collection is organized by location. You must know the canton, and may need to know the district.

FamilySearch Catalog
The FamilySearch Catalog now indicates if a film is digitally available. To find out if your film is available, complete the following steps:

1. Go to https://familysearch.org. Click on Search, then Catalog.
2. Enter in the name of your church parish, and select the location that matches your town.
3. Click on the collection type (for example, Church records) and individual entry until you find the catalog entry.
4. When you have found your catalog entry, scroll down until you see the list of microfilms available. Look in the column Format on the far right column. If your film is available digitally online, you will see an icon of a camera. Click on the camera to access the images online.