



# FamilySearch Research Wiki: What it Can Do for You!

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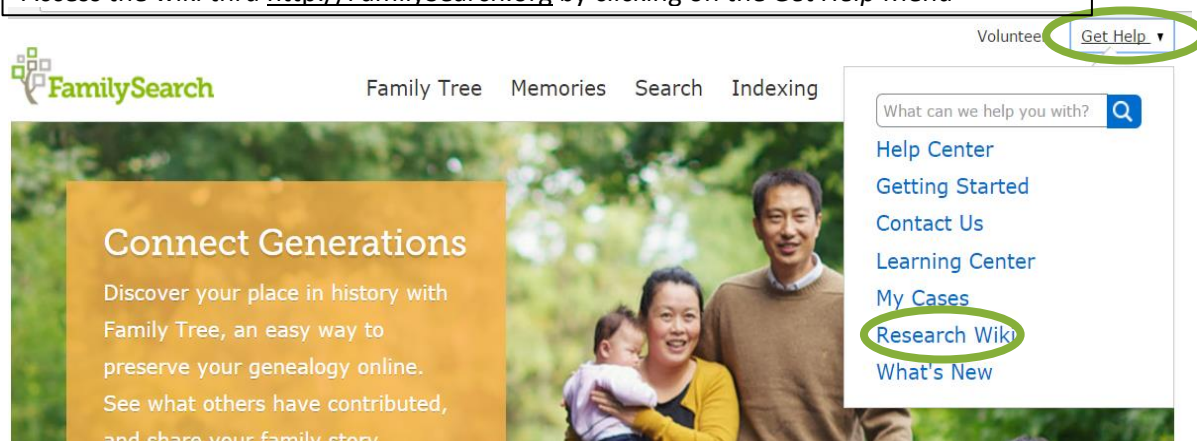
## WHAT IS THE WIKI?

The Research Wiki is a free, online genealogical guide that lists websites, explains records, gives research strategies, and suggests other resources to help you find your ancestors from countries around the world. The Research Wiki is a community project, and anyone can contribute to it.

## HOW TO ACCESS:

- Wiki.FamilySearch.org
- Or, enter through FamilySearch.org from Search menu or Get Help menu

Access the wiki thru <http://FamilySearch.org> by clicking on the *Get Help* Menu



## Family History Research Wiki

Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in our [82,871](#)

On the Wiki main page, type in a location or a genealogy subject in the search field. Examples: New York or England Census. You can also click on the map.



## WHAT CAN YOU FIND IN THE WIKI?

- Genealogy databases and online resources
- Genealogy strategies and guidance
- Explanation of genealogy record types and their uses
- Locality pages for countries, states, counties and parishes with relevant resources
- Topic pages about genealogy, such as, Organize Your Genealogy

## TIPS TO USING THE WIKI:

- **DO SEARCH BY LOCATION:** Search the Research Wiki by location, such as a country, state, county, or parish.
- **DON'T LOOK BY NAME:** You won't find information about individuals in the Wiki, but you will find links to databases that may contain information about your ancestor.
- **USE LINKS TO DATABASES:** The Research Wiki links to free and subscription databases and includes large databases as well as small local databases.
- **TO NAVIGATE:** Navigate by using the Wiki Search box, breadcrumbs, Table of Contents links, and internal links.
- **CONTRIBUTE:** Anyone can contribute or help maintain the Research Wiki. If you find a broken URL link, you can edit the page and fix the link. Or, if you find a red link, which indicates a blank page, you can add information about that topic right on the page.
- **WORK IN PROGRESS:** The Wiki is a work in progress! Keep coming back to the Research Wiki to see what information is added. If it's not there today, a link to the database with your missing ancestor may be in there tomorrow!

## MAJOR FEATURES OF THE WIKI:

- Online Genealogy Records pages – for country and states with links to free and paid websites
  - [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Online\\_Genealogy\\_Records\\_by\\_Location](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Online_Genealogy_Records_by_Location)
- “How to Find” pages – for birth, marriage, and death by US states
  - Found on the state pages, for example, Ohio Genealogy under “Getting Started”
- African American Genealogy pages – pages by state
  - [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/African\\_American](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/African_American)
- American Indian Genealogy pages – pages for tribes by state, Bureau of Indian Affairs offices, Agency records, and other resources
  - [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/American\\_Indian\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/American_Indian_Genealogy)
- Record Selection Tables – gives you records you should search to obtain specific information
  - [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Record\\_Selection\\_Tables](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Record_Selection_Tables)

