

# FAMILYSEARCH SEARCHING STRATEGIES: BASIC AND BEYOND

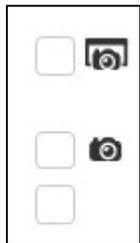
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## FamilySearch Research Topics:

- Records
- Images
- Family Trees
- Genealogies
- Books

Quick reference to FamilySearch graphics:



- A camera with line above it means indexed with images on a partner site
- A camera with no box, indexed with images on Familysearch
- No camera, indexed with no images on Familysearch

Historical Research Collections- Searching by Location:

- Alphabetically by Collection
- Size of Collection
- Last Updated

Searching by Location provides a comprehensive list of collections both indexed and browsable only.

When searching any collection be sure to click on the “learn more” link to find out the size, scope and range of the collection.

Browsing the collection allows you to view the records in context and find connections that every-name searching might miss.



## Historical Research Collections- Searching by Collection:

Title	Date	Last Updated
Alabama Birth Records, 1800-1900	1800-1900	Feb 18, 2013
Alabama, Freedmen's Bureau Field Office Records, 1863-1872	1863-1872	Jul 3, 2014
Alabama, Madison County Chancery and Court Case Records, 1829-1900	1829-1900	Jun 10, 2014
Alabama, Sumter County Circuit Court Files, 1940-1950	1940-1950	Aug 11, 2013
Alabama, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1946	1940-1946	Mar 2, 2020
Alaska, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1946	1940-1946	Mar 2, 2020
American Samoa, Tulepili Birth Registrations, 1907-1927	1907-1927	Apr 18, 2014
American Samoa, Pago Pago, 1910-1914	1910-1914	Mar 18, 2013
Argentina, Chaco, Catholic Church Records, 1882-1958	1882-1958	Dec 28, 2011
Argentina, Chaco, Catholic Church Records, 1881-1971	1881-1971	Dec 28, 2011
Argentina, Córdoba, Municipal Records, 1704-1900	1704-1900	Apr 18, 2014
Argentina, La Rioja, Catholic Church Records, 1174-1919	1174-1919	Dec 14, 2014
Argentina, Neuquén, Catholic Church Records, 1883-1877	1883-1877	Dec 28, 2011
Argentina, Río Negro, Catholic Church Records, 2010-2012	2010-2012	Dec 28, 2011
Argentina, San Juan, Catholic Church Records, 2010-2012	2010-2012	Dec 28, 2011
Argentina, Santa Cruz, Catholic Church Records, 1885-1984	1885-1984	Dec 28, 2011
Argentina, Tierra del Fuego, Catholic Church Records, 1894-1908	1894-1908	Oct 13, 2012
Arizona, Mexican Census (Census) Records, 1870-1890	1870-1890	Apr 30, 2013
Arizona, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1910-1916	1910-1916	Mar 2, 2020

- Sorted alphabetically by Collection
- Size of collection
- Last updated
- Searchable by keyword

If you search by size of the collection, the bottom of the list will be unpaginated collections that are browsable only.

## Historical Research Collections- Search Filters:

- Using search filters can help you zero in on probable ancestors
- You can narrow your search by date, location, record type and sex
- You can layer your filters to narrow your results

## Use FamilySearch in tandem with other online collections:

Scotland's People allows you to search their indexes for free, but charges for copies of the records. You can use that information to find additional information about your ancestors in Familysearch.

Additional examples include Find-A-Grave and the Cook County Genealogy website from the Cook County Clerk's Office.

## FamilySearch Images:

- Images searchable by location & topic
- Image collections are discoverable in the catalog with the DGS number provided

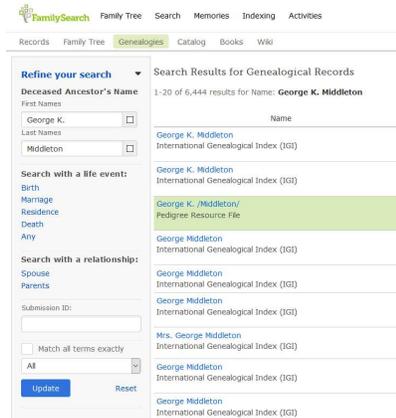
## FamilySearch Family Trees:

- Family Trees are 100% collaborative
- Anyone can add or delete information
- Changes are tracked

- Personal images & files can be attached
- Watch lists can be created to alert you when an ancestor has been updated

### FamilySearch Genealogies:

- IGI: International Genealogical Index
- Pedigree Resource File
- Guild of One-Name Studies
- Ancestral File
- Partner and Community Trees



FamilySearch Genealogies utilize numerous collections, some of these collections like the IGI are no longer updated. Take the information with a grain of salt.

### FamilySearch Books:

- Hundreds of thousands of books from major genealogical research centers like BYU Family History Library, Allen County Public Library, Mid-Continent Public Library and many more
- Many books, company journals and family newsletters are available published after 1924
- Many items are available to download as a PDF
- Some items are restricted to Family History Centers only
- Text searchable- You can search by name, company, religious organization, cemetery and so much more!