

# ***What's New at FamilySearch.org***

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*The premier free Internet site which is important to everyone interested in family history is the recently renovated LDS site, FamilySearch.org. Today's presentation will give you overview information not only on how to navigate this valuable site, but how to do effective searches. Next month in the April Class we will concentrate on the details of doing effective record searching.*

**Karen's Great  
Grandmother**  
*(Mary Lancaster  
Ellis)*



**Karen's  
Great Great  
Grandparents**  
*(Hercules &  
Philippi  
Cassiday Ellis)*

**Karen's Grandmother**  
*(Effie May Ellis)*



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**Connect Generations**

Discover your place in history with Family Tree, an easy way to preserve your genealogy online. See what others have contributed, and share your family story.

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**Finding Our Cousins**

Use Puzzilla.org to see your family tree in a whole new way.

[Get Started](#)

*My Family: Stories That Bring Us Together*

Add your Information Into Family Tree

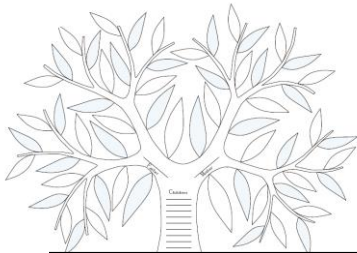
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Genealogy: Ancestors Remembered



**William Torbron**  
1782-Deceased

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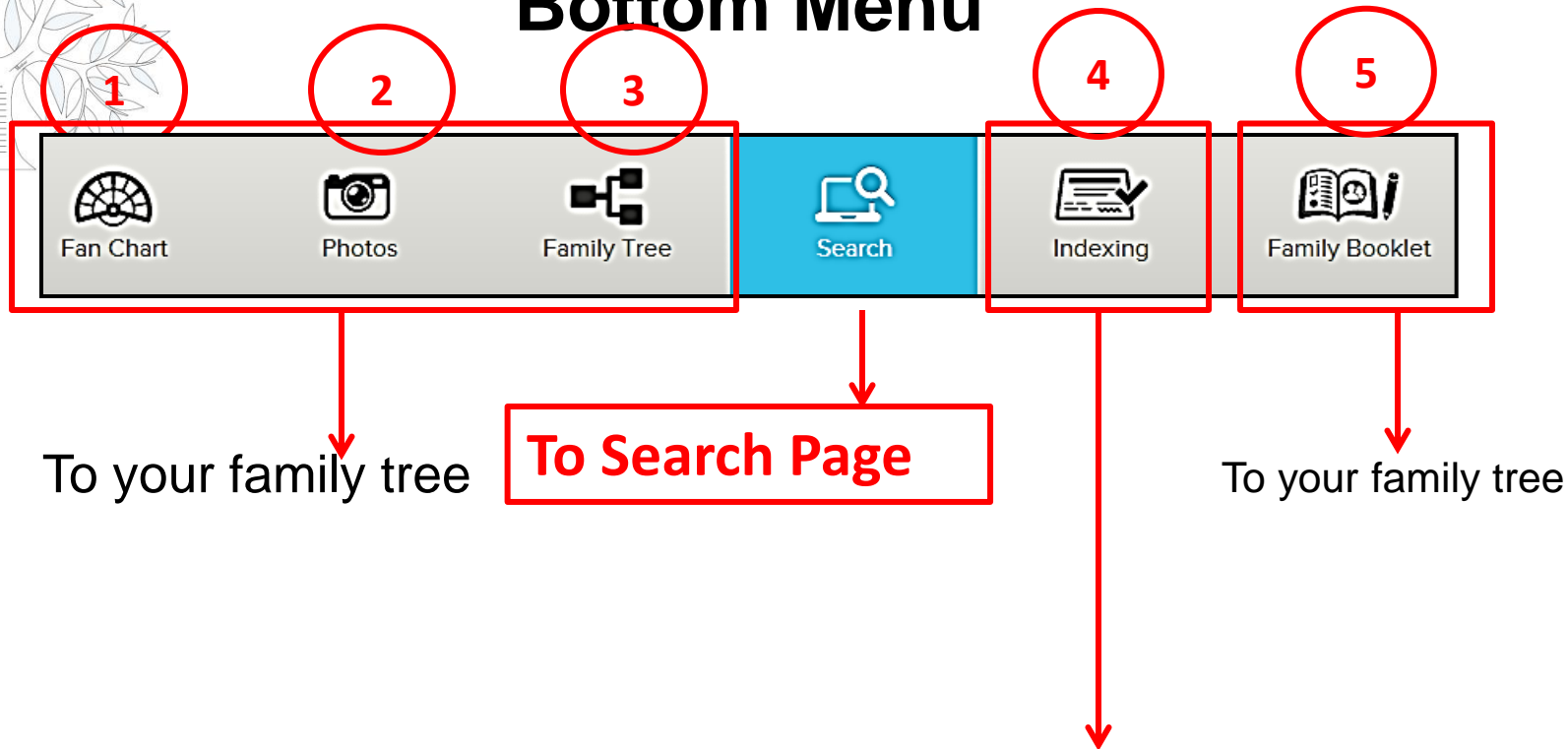
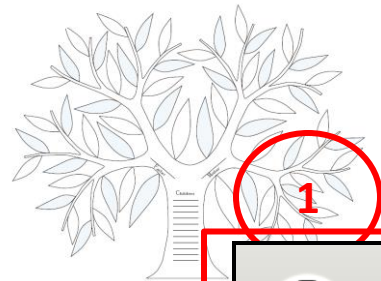
- Family Tree
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Tell Us a Little About Yourself

Name, user name, password, email, contact name, gender, country, birthdate, LDS member, agree to rights and use. Tell us about your father and mother.

# Bottom Menu



### FamilySearch Indexing Statistics

<b>1,121,718,344</b> Total Records Completed	<b>12,020,594</b> Records Awaiting Arbitration	<b>192</b> Current Projects
<b>18,112,208</b> Total Records Completed in 2014	<b>45,251</b> Total Contributors in 2014	<a href="#">Find a Project</a>



# 1. Search Records



**FamilySearch** Family Tree Memories Search

**RECORDS** GENEALOGIES CATALOG BOOKS WIKI

## Discover Your Family History

Our records span billions of names across hundreds of collections—including birth, marriage, death, probate, land, military, IGI extracted, and more.

First Names  Last Names

**Restrict records by:**  
Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number

Country  State or Province

**Search with a life event:**  
Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace  Birth Year (Range)  From  To

**Search with a relationship:**  
Spouse | Parents | Other Person

Match all terms exactly





# Search User Submitted Genealogies



## Search User Submitted Genealogies

User Submitted Genealogies is a set of lineage linked conclusion trees provided to FamilySearch by users. This data comes from the Ancestral File, the Pedigree Resource File and other user submissions.

Search by:

Relationship

AF Number

Include:

Ancestral File

Pedigree Resource File



Match all terms exactly

First Names

Last Names

Father's First Names

Father's Last Names

Mother's First Names

Mother's Last Names

Spouse's First Names

Spouse's Last Names

Search by Life Events:

Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace

Year (Range)

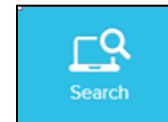
Submission Number:

Search

Reset



# Ancestral File



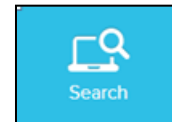
## WHAT IS ANCESTRAL FILE?

- Ancestral File is a genealogy database that contains lineage-linked names and other genealogically vital information, such as the dates and place names for the births, marriages, and deaths of millions of individuals. Ancestral File data is made up of LDS member-submitted information from around the world.
- The new site contains about 40 million.
- It no longer displays information about people who may be alive.
- You can click to view a person in the FamilySearch Family Tree.

## Why is it Valuable?

- *A good place to start:* You can save a lot of time by seeing what information others have already found about your family. Compiled records can usually be searched quickly and easily.
- *A pre-1500 resource:* There is significant duplication of research in the pre-1500 period. It is good to start such a search first by looking for your ancestors in Ancestral File since many of the pedigrees that were compiled by the Medieval Unit of the Family History Library are in this file.
- *Complete view of a family:* Ancestral File will allow you to see an ancestor's pedigree, his or her family (both as a child and as a parent), descendants with their vital data.

# Pedigree Resource File



## WHAT IS THE PEDIGREE RESOURCE FILE?

- Pedigree Resource File (PRF) is a growing collection of user submitted genealogies. It shows individuals' names; family relationships; and dates and places of birth, marriage, and death. No merges, corrections, or additions are made to genealogies submitted to Pedigree Resource File. Submit your own research to the PRF for preservation and to allow others to build upon it.

## Some notes about PRF

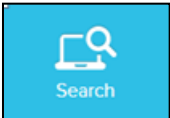
- Contains all submissions made by users
- Has about 200 million records
- You can click to view a person in the FamilySearch Family Tree.
- The data is shown as individual submissions
- Submissions by the same contributor are not combined
- Sources and notes are displayed
- Multimedia links are not displayed

## Benefits of the Pedigree Resource File

- There are many reasons why the Pedigree Resource File is helpful to a researcher. Here are a few:
- It is a safe place to archive your family tree.
- Each submission is stored in LDS Church's Granite Mountain Vault
- PRF contains hundreds of millions of searchable names
- Contributors often provided source notes and sources



# 2. Search Genealogies Results



## Search Results from User Submitted Genealogies

1-1 of 1 results for > Name: **Robert Ellis**, Event: **Birth**, Place: **Kentucky**, Event Range: **1836-1836**,

Number of results to show:

Name	Events	Relationships
R. P. Ellis	birth: 1836	spouse: America Miriam WRIGHT
Ancestral File	marriage: 1860	Glasgow, Barren, Kentucky



A.F. Number

## Search Results for Historical Records

Robert Ellis, from 1836 to 1837 - Kentucky

United States Census, 1870

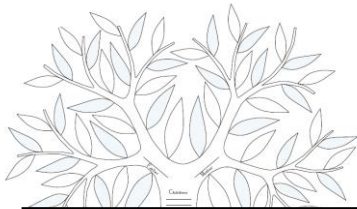
Robert Ellis, 1836 - Ky

United States Census, 1860

Robert N Ellis, 1836 - Kentucky

United States Census, 1850

All 1,242 results



# 3. Search FamilySearch Catalog



## FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch. Many items can be loaned to local Family History Centers around the world.

Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.

Catalog is in **BETA** Visit the previous version.

### Search by:

Places | Surnames | Titles | Authors | Subjects | Keywords

### Places

United States, Kentucky, Shelby

### Search for:

Call Numbers | Film/Fiche Numbers

### Search these Family History Centers:

Any

Las Vegas

Search

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## Search Results for FamilySearch Catalog

### Notes

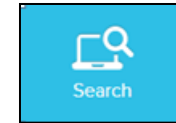
1792, created from Jefferson County.

Part of United States, Kentucky

Places within United States, Kentucky, Shelby

- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Biography ( 2 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Cemeteries ( 2 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Census - 1850 - Indexes ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Census - 1850 ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Census - 1870 ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Church history ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Church records ( 2 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Court records ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Genealogy ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Guardianship ( 3 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - History ( 7 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Land and property ( 4 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Maps - Indexes ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Maps ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Military records - Revolution, 1775-1783 ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Newspapers ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Occupations ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Officials and employees ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Periodicals ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Probate records ( 8 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Public records ( 2 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Taxation ( 2 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Vital records - Indexes ( 1 )
- ▶ United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Vital records ( 14 )

# 3. FamilySearch Catalog Results



RECORDS GENEALOGIES **CATALOG** BOOKS WIKI

◀ BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS

## Bonds, 1816-1854

Authors: Kentucky. County Court (Shelby County) (Main Author)  
Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film  
Language: English  
Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1961  
Physical: 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.  
References: (Digital Collection) Kentucky probate records, 1727-1990

**Notes**  
Kentucky Probate Records are available online, click here.  
Microfilm of original in the county courthouse, Shelbyville.  
Includes index to deceased.

**Subjects**  
**Locality Subjects**  
United States, Kentucky, Shelby - Probate records

Location  
Family History Library

View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations

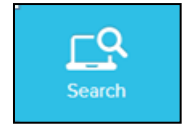
**Film Notes** (This family history center has 1 of 1 films/fiche.)

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film/DGS
Bonds	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	259272



# Search FamilySearch Catalog

## Ordering Films



### Get access to billions of records

- FamilySearch's Microfilm Ordering service is your gateway to a vast collection of genealogical and historical records. The service allows you to reserve and loan films to family history centers and affiliate libraries. The loan is free, but there is a small shipping and handling charge for each film. **\$7.50 for 90 days, \$18.75 for extended loan.**

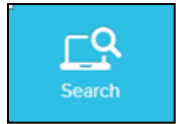
### Ordering is simple:

- Sign in using FamilySearch Accounts with the link in the top right corner of the Start Page. If you do not have an account, clicking the Sign In link will prompt you to Register.
- Locate the microfilm number(s) you want to order from the [Family History Library Catalog](#) located on FamilySearch.org to be delivered to the Las Vegas Library.

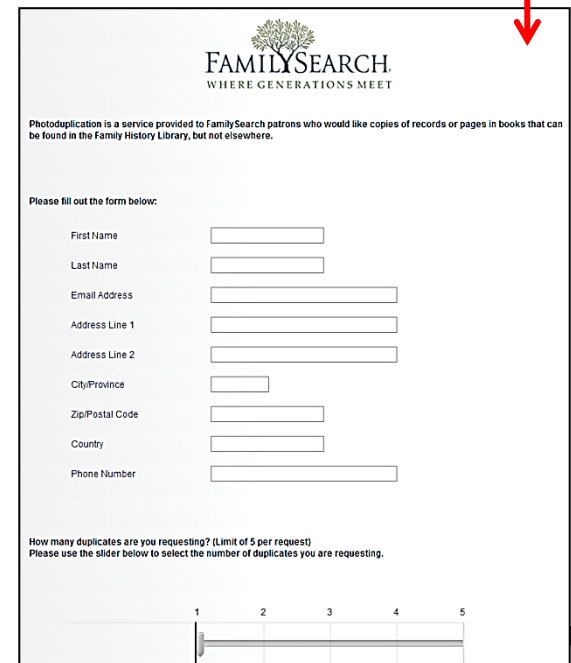
**Note: Before ordering any film, check to make sure the Family History Library Catalog does not have a digital copy online.** Select your loan type, enter the microfilm number, and click Search. Repeat this step for additional items.

- When you are ready to submit your loan order, click the shopping cart in the upper right portion of the screen. You will then have a chance to review and confirm your order. After you submit your order, all films will be delivered to your designated family history center.

# Requesting Copies from the Library



- All requests for information copied from films, book pages, CDs, marriage, death or birth certificates, wills and/or deeds, etc. will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons in a zipped PDF or JPG file format. There is no charge for this service if we are able to email to information to patrons.
- If a patron does not have an email address, we can mail the information to the patron using the US Postal Service. However, as much as possible, we will rely on emailing all requests for information through the internet. If patrons do not own a computer or do not have an email address, they can request to have the information emailed to their local Family History Center, where they can print the information at the center.
- Patrons should request copies by submitting their request: [Photoduplication Request Form](#). All requests MUST include the following information:
  - Film or Fiche number
  - Item number
  - Name of Individual(s) referred to in the record
  - Title of the record
  - Name of parents, spouse, grantor, grantee, etc.
  - Event type (Birth, Death or Marriage)
  - Complete event date and place
  - Event place (county, parish, township, etc.)
  - Volume or page number
  - Registration or Certificate Number
  - Any other information that will help us locate your record.



The form is titled "FAMILYSEARCH. WHERE GENERATIONS MEET." and includes a description of the service. It contains several input fields for personal and contact information, and a slider for selecting the number of duplicates requested. A red arrow points to the top right corner of the form.

Photoduplication is a service provided to FamilySearch patrons who would like copies of records or pages in books that can be found in the Family History Library, but not elsewhere.

Please fill out the form below:

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

Phone Number

How many duplicates are you requesting? (Limit of 5 per request)  
Please use the slider below to select the number of duplicates you are requesting.

1 2 3 4 5



# 4. Search Books



## Family History Books

Ellis Family

Search

Family History Books is a collection of more than 100,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family history books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. The valuable resources included in Family History Books come from the following partner institutions:

Allen County Public Library

Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library

Brigham Young University Idaho David O. McKay Library

Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library

Church History Library

Family History Library

Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center

Libraries

### Material Type

Books (10,352)  
Other (6,898)  
Periodicals / Serials (2,586)  
More options

Results

### Collection

Family History Library (14,955)  
Allen County Public Library (3,056)  
Family History Archive - Internet Archive (2,382)  
Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research (938)  
Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center (587)  
More options

### Language

English (19,739)  
Dutch (18)  
French (15)  
German (6)  
Danish (3)  
More options

### Author/Creator

Colson, Robert Ellis (22)  
Finks, Betty Lou (7)  
Aycocock, Jane Everline, 1967- (3)  
Purchase, Wendell B. (2)  
Guenther, Sandra E. (Sandra Eileen Ellis), 1934- (2)  
More options

Suggested New Searches

by this author/creator:

Results 1 - 10 of 19,836 for All records

Sorted by: Relevance



History of the Ellis family and descendants of William Ellis of Bideford, Prince Edward Island

Ellis, Preston

Book

Details

**Title:** History of the Ellis family and descendants of William Ellis of Bideford, Prince Edward Island

**Author:** Ellis, Preston

**Description:** William Ellis, the progenitor of the Prince Edward Island Ellis family, was born in Bideford, England to James and Mary Totton Ellis. He married Hannah Penrose and they immigrated to Canada in 1814. There on Prince Edward Island, the Ellis family became q

**Language:** English;English;English

**Provenance:** Owning Institution:Family History Library, FamilySearch International; <http://www.familysearch.org/>

**Patron Usage Instructions:** <https://www.familysearch.org/terms/>; Protected



Ellis family history, 1705-1928

Colson, Robert Ellis

Book

Details

no



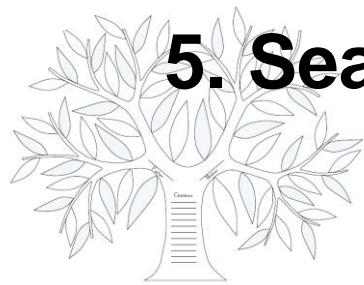
The Ellis family

Foos, Katharine Jane (Strickle), 1838-

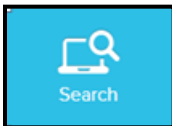
Book

Details

yes



# 5. Search Wiki



- Research Articles**
- Browse by country
  - Browse by topic
  - Research Process
  - Wiki Tools
  - About the Wiki
  - Wiki Home

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## Research Wiki

Get research advice, or learn where to find record collections in our 76,439 articles

### Search by place or topic (not individual):

Shelby County, Kentucky



- About the Wiki
- Wiki Tools
- Success Stories

### Search Tips:

- Start with broad localities, then click through to smaller ones  
*Example: England*
- Use keywords, not phrases  
*Example: Hispanic Resources*



### Beginning Genealogy

- Start your family history
- Select computer software
- Organize your records
- Research Principles

*More research helps*



### Find Records by Place

- United States
- England
- Germany
- Ireland

*All countries*



### Research Tools

- Looking for the Research Outlines?
- Census Records
- Research Forms

*More research tools*

## Search results for "Shelby County, Kentucky"

Shelby County, Kentucky Search

Content pages Multimedia Help and Project pages Everything Namespace Results 1 – 20 of 138 for Shelby County, Kentucky

There is a page named "Shelby County, Kentucky" on this wiki.

### Shelby County, Kentucky

...cky]]&nbsp; [[Image:Gotoarrow.png]]&nbsp; [[Shelby County, Kentucky|Shelby County]]" Guide to "Shelby County Kentucky genealogy." Birth records, marriage records, death records, census record 21 KB (2,730 words) – 03:31, 8 July 2013



# Shelby County, Kentucky

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Guide to **Shelby County Kentucky genealogy**. Birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

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- 7 Shelby County Kentucky Genealogy References

## Kentucky Online Records

### Shelby County, Kentucky

#### Map



Location in the state of Kentucky



Location of Kentucky in the U.S.

#### Facts

**Founded** June 23, 1792  
**County Seat** Shelbyville

#### Courthouse

#### Adopt-a-wiki page

This page adopted by:  
**KYGenWeb Project**  
 who welcome you to contribute.

and its representatives  
**Shelby Co. KYGenWeb**

*Adopt a page today*

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## Shelby County Kentucky Courthouse

### Beginning Dates for Shelby County, Kentucky Government Records

Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Census	Deeds	Wills
1852	1792	1852	1810	1792	1794

\*Many years between 1852 and 1911 are missing

# Kentucky Marriage Records

## Vital Records

The Kentucky Vital Records Project [Transcriptions of and Images of KY Death Certificates - A Work in Progress](#) ~ The KY Vital Records Project  
[KY Births & Christenings](#) ~ Kentucky Births and Christenings, 1839-1960 Family Search  
[KY Deaths & Burials](#) ~ KY Deaths & Burials 1843 - 1970  
[KY Marriage Records](#) ~ KY Marriages 1783 - 1979 ~ Family Search  
[Searchable KY Vital Records](#) ~ Searchable databases of KY Births, Deaths & Marriages  
[Kentucky Marriage Records 1973 - 2000](#) ~ Kentucky Marriage Records - 1973 - 2000  
[KY Divorces 1973 - 1993](#) ~ Kentucky Divorce Records 1973 - 1993 ~ University of Kentucky Vital Records Databases

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## The Social Security Administration Kentucky, Marriages, 1785-1979

### Description

Name index to marriage records from the state of Kentucky. Microfilm copies of these records are available at the Family History Library and FamilySearch Centers. Due to privacy laws, recent records may not be displayed. The year range represents most of the records. A few records may be earlier or later.

[Learn more »](#)

### Quick Facts

- 1785-1979

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### Search Collection

First Names

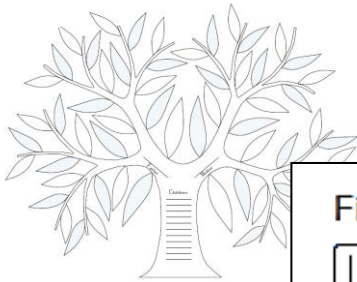
Robert N

Last Names

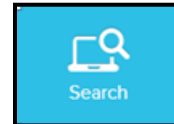
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First Name	Last Name	Date	Location
Robert N	OWENSON	53 JUN 1852	OWENSON, OWEN, KENTUCKY
Robert N	OWENSON	31 DEC 1882	OWENSON, OWEN, KENTUCKY
Robert N	OWENSON	31 DEC 1882	OWENSON, OWEN, KENTUCKY
Robert N	OWENSON	01 MAR 1883	OWENSON, OWEN, KENTUCKY
Robert N	OWENSON	18 SEP 1888	OWENSON, OWEN, KENTUCKY



# Search Page



First Names

Last Names

**Restrict records by:**

Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number

**Restrict records by:**

Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number

Country

State or Province

Type

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth, Baptism, and Christenings | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration and Naturalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Military                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Census, Residence, and Lists     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                          |

Batch Number

Film Number





# Search Page with Filters

## Search with a life event:

Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace

Birth Year (Range)

From

To

Marriage Place

Marriage Year (Range)

From

To

Residence Place

Residence Year (Range)

From

To

Death Place

Death Year (Range)

From

To

Any Place

Any Year (Range)

From

To

## Search with a relationship:

Spouse | Parents | Other Person

Spouse's First Names

Spouse's Last Names

Father's First Names

Father's Last Names

Mother's First Names

Mother's Last Names

Other Person's First Names

Other Person's Last Names

Match all terms exactly

Search

Reset

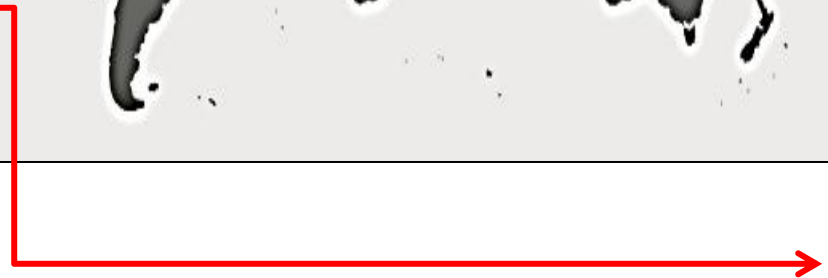
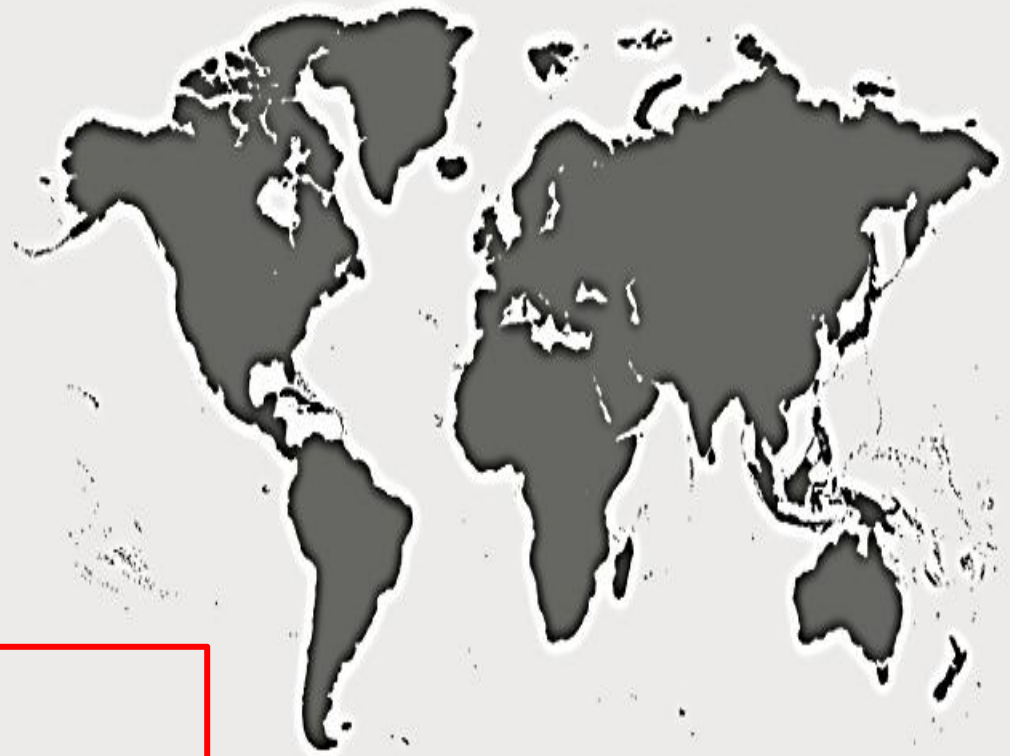


# Browse by Location

**Browse All Published Collections**

Browse by Location

- Africa
- Asia and Middle East
- Australia and New Zealand
- Canada
- Caribbean, Central and South America
- Continental Europe
- Mexico
- Pacific Islands
- United Kingdom and Ireland
- United States





# U.S. Record Collections

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**RECORDS** GENEALOGIES CATALOG BOOKS WIKI

### Filter by collection name

Collection name

### Place

▼ United States (791) ×

▶ Alabama (14)

▶ Arizona (7)

### Date

- ▶ Pre 1700 (40)
- ▶ 1700 - 1749 (66)
- ▶ 1750 - 1799 (137)
- ▶ 1800 - 1849 (298)
- ▶ 1850 - 1899 (609)
- ▶ 1900 - 1949 (626)
- ▶ 1950 to present (377)

### Collections

- ▶ Census & Lists (70)
- ▶ Birth, Marriage, & Death (329)
- ▶ Probate & Court (117)
- ▶ Military (110)
- ▶ Migration & Naturalization (86)
- ▶ Other (80)

### Availability

Only collections with images

## Historical Record Collections

792 collections

\*= Recently added or updated

Title ▲

Title ▲	Records	Last Updated
Alabama, Births and Christenings, 1881-1930	6,841	12 Mar 2012
Alabama, Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865	1,213,534	21 Apr 2012
Alabama, Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865	31,582	21 Apr 2012
Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950	891,810	20 Sep 2013
Alabama, Deaths and Burials, 1881-1952	105,825	26 Feb 2013
Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974	1,858,819	02 Mar 2013
Alabama, Estate Files, 1830-1976	25,297	13 Dec 2013
Alabama, Jefferson County Circuit Court Papers, 1870-1916	Browse Images	14 Aug 2012
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