### S.C.S. Computer / Genealogy Workshop in the Lab Searching FamilySearch.org Part Two: 1) Historical Records ) Wiki s

Karen Ristic......Tuesday, October 11, 2016......9:00 a.m.

The premier free Internet site, *FamilySearch.org* is important to everyone interested in family history. Today's workshop will focus on doing effective searching for 1) Historical Records and 2) Wikis.



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Family Booklet

1) Search	
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## 1. Search Historical Records\* (use form on previous page)

--Search by the first and last name of your target relative. You can enter a middle name or initial along with the first name in that field. Checking the box next to a search term looks for records with information exactly matching what you typed in that field.

--Click one or more life events, to get boxes to enter a year and/or place details for that event. Use a range if you're unsure of the year. Click *Any* to search by a location and date (or date range) without specifying a life event. This search may pick up military, court, and other records. If you don't want to search on a date range, just enter a year in either the *From* or *To* box

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--Click to enter the name of the target person's spouse, parent and/or other associate. This will give higher ranking to records in which the individuals are linked. If you choose *Other Person*, you could enter the name of anyone else who might appear in the record, such as a traveling companion or witness. If you are looking for all the children of a couple, try leaving the *Deceased Ancestor's Name* fields blank and clicking *Parents* to enter a couple's names.

--To see matching records only from a particular location, enter the country. You'll be prompted for more-specific regions, states, etc. depending on available records for those areas. You also can select the *Type* of record you want to find (birth/baptism/christening, marriage, death, census/residence/list, immigration/naturalization, military, probate, or other).

--By default, the site will find spelling variations of names you enter, as well as nearly matching places and dates. It also will find records for which some terms, but not others, match what you entered. But if you click the "Match all terms exactly" box, the site will look only for exact matches to every search term you entered. To find exact matches for only some terms, click the boxes (not labeled) in those fields.

--Click an area of the world to start researching in a specific location.

--Click here to either identify a specific collection or browse all published collections.

\*from Family Tree Magazine Mar/Apr 2014 & 2015 3

# FamilySearch.org Search Results

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# How to Use Filters

The filters are located on the left side of the list of search results.

- 1. In any search form, enter information about the person you want to find, and click *Search*.
- 2. Review your search results, and decide exactly what you want to find.
- 3. Click the filter type that you want to apply. For example, click *Birth Place*.

• A pop-up box listing a number of geographic locations, each of which serves as a subfilter appears. The number that is next to each filter in the box indicates how many records will remail if you apply that filter. A filter is available only when it contains records that match your search. Click the subfilter that you want to apply, such as **United States**. You've now filtered your search from a larger geographic location to a smaller location. In this case, you have made it possible to refine your search to a specific state. Keep applying filters and subfilters until you have reduced the number of search results down to just the records that you wish to see. more

More on Filters	
Refine your search	•
FILTER YOUR RESULTS BY: Learn more	
Collections	+
Birthplace	×
Birth Year	+
Marriage Place	•
Marriage Year	+
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Death Place	×
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Gender	×.

# When you apply multiple filters, remember the following tips:

• You can combine as many different filters as you need. For example, you can use filters for birthplace, birth date, gender, and category at the same time. You cannot, however, select more than one filter of the same type. For example, you cannot select more than one birthplace filter (such as Virginia and North Carolina). Allowing multiple filters of the same type is something that we will be working on for a future release.

• If you wish to change information in the search form, such as a surname, click the **New Search** button at the top left to see the fields. When you click Search, you will conduct a new search, and your filters will be reset when your new search results appear. We are considering adding a feature that would let you choose whether you want to apply the same filters to your new search results.

• As you apply filters, remember that the effect of the filters is cumulative. Each new filter is applied to the set of search results that are currently shown on the screen. For example, if you apply a birth date filter, the search results are constrained to the records that match that filter. Applying a birthplace filter takes that constrained set of results and reduces it to the records that match both the birthplace and birth date.

• Adding too many filters may cause you to miss valid records in your search results. So that you can tell which filters are applied, they appear highlighted in white.

- At any time, you can look at the top of the search results to see how many records remain in your filtered search results and to refresh your memory on your initial search parameters.
- To remove a filter, simply click the **x** that appears next to it.



# **Search Pages with Filters**

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# 2) FamilyHistory.org Research Wiki

### **1** What is a 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 you ancestors from countries around the world. The Research Wiki is a community project, and anyone can contribute to it.

### **2** What are the Contents of the Wiki?

The FamilySearch.org Research Wiki is the one most valuable genealogical resource on the Web. It presently has more than 82,000 articles. **All of these articles contribute to the general information about genealogy**: how to, where, why, when and every other question you can think up. The staff of the Family History Library, and the genealogical community at large, use the Research Wiki to offer free advice about how to find, use, and analyze records of genealogical value.

### **3** What about Using the Wiki?

Some basic tips: 1) **Search the Research Wiki by location** such as country, state, county, or parish, 2) You can search for the exact title of an article, keywords from an article that you read previously, and general information about what you want to learn and 3) You **won't find information about individuals** in the wiki, but you will find links to databases that may contain information about your ancestor.,

# Search Wiki

### Family History Research Wiki

Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in our 84,488 articles



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# Using the Wiki: Example

- 3. List of contents for Kentucky
- 4. Location of Shelby County in Kentucky
- Here is where I can find Shelby County Vital Records





# Kentucky Marriage Records

#### Vital Records



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### **Search Genealogies**

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### Search Genealogies

Genealogies are trees submitted to FamilySearch that can help you fill out your family lines within Family Tree. Accuracy of the data in these genealogies varies from tree to tree; we encourage you to validate all data.

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#### LEARN ABOUT GENEALOGIES

#### **GUILD OF ONE-NAME STUDIES**

A collection of lineage-linked sourced genealogies from the Guild of One-Name Studies.

#### **COMMUNITY TREES**

A collection of sourced genealogies from specific times.

#### **ORAL GENEALOGIES**

A growing collection of genealogies obtained by interviewing people in various parts of the world. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. No corrections or merges are made.

#### PEDIGREE RESOURCE FILE

A growing collection of genealogies submitted by users including hundreds of millions of ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. No corrections or merges are made.

#### ANCESTRAL FILE

A static collection of genealogies submitted by users, prior to 2003, including 40 million ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. Submissions were merged to eliminate duplication.

#### INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (IGI)

Information for over 430 million ancestors contributed by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Each record contains one event, including birth, baptism (christening), marriage, or death.



### **Search Page for Genealogies**

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# 2. 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 names.
- 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

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Searching For: • Books, • Photos, • Microfilmed Records, • Relatives in the Family Tree • Family History Catalog • Unindexed Records