

Search Tools You Can Use: FamilySearch.org

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Prep Work

- Research Goal
 - Select a Family Line or Surname
 - Determine what you want to uncover

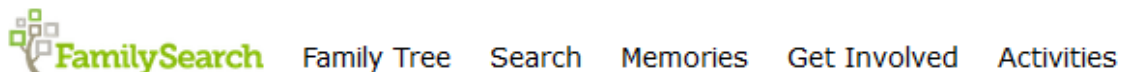
- Gather Information about Your Family
 - Midwest Genealogy Center has fillable forms -
<https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/resources/family-history-forms>

- Get to know the lay of the land
 - Vital Records – CDC Where to Write for Vital Records:
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm>

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**FamilySearch.org** is a free resource available wherever you have access to the internet. All you need to do is register for a free account with your email address to gain access to billions of records and other resources to help you research your family history.

When you sign in, you may see this in the upper left:

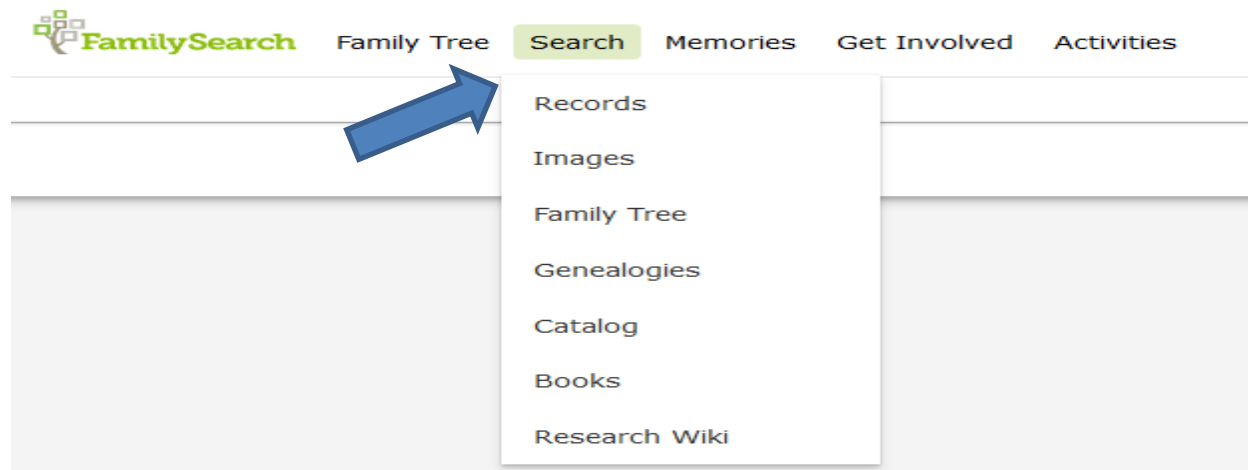


This will be in the upper right corner:



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Click **Search** to display the drop down menu you see below:



### **Records (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/>)**

#### *Historical Records*

- Search indexed records by name and location.
- Use wild cards [? – replaces 1 letter; \* - replaces several letters] to help locate name with variant spellings. For example: Sm?th for various spellings of Smith or Cal\*way for various spellings of Calloway.
- You can also search by surname only or first (given) name only as ways to locate hard to find ancestors.

#### *Find A Collection*

- Locate collections by name, i.e. *Georgia Probate Records, 1742 – 1990* or *Georgia Deaths*.
- More collections for a locale may be listed at the end of the list because of the presence of a comma, i.e. *Georgia, Church Vital Records, 1828 - 1991*

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**Records** (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/>) cont.

### *Search By Place*

- Find the list of records for a particular location by listing or by the map.
- Click on the map or type your location in the search box.
- Once a location is selected, you will be taken to that location's research page.

### ***New Page***



## **Georgia**

Welcome to our Georgia research page. We've brought together tools to help you with your research in Georgia.

 GUIDED RESEARCH FOR GEORGIA

On a location's search page, you will find the following:

- *Learning Center* courses/videos to help you do research in the location.
- *FamilySearch Wiki* – Wiki article about the research location.
- *Indexed Historical Records* – a list of the indexed (keyword searchable) collections available for the location. Some of the collections may be partially indexed so make sure to visit the collections page to see if it's fully indexed. Example: *Georgia Probate Records, 1742 – 1990*
- *Genealogies* (on New Page) – Family trees that were shared with FamilySearch with Georgia connections.

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**Records** (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/>) cont.

*Search By Place (cont.)*

- *Image-Only Historical Records* – Collections available on Familysearch that have not been indexed – browse only collections.
- *Catalog Material* – Results from the Family History Library Catalog. You can filter by category. You can also use Catalog in the Search drop down to access materials.

**Images** (<https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/>) – Newly scanned documents that have not been made available by keyword or browsing. Search by location.

## **Explore Historical Images**

Search groups of images in the world's largest collection of historical documents, with over **4,931,286,107 images** and counting.

[View the most recently added images.](#)

Place

[Show More Search Options](#)

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[Why can't I search names?](#)

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**Family Tree** (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/tree/name>) – Allows you to search the FamilySearch Shared Tree.

**Genealogies** (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/genealogies>) – Search family trees shared with FamilySearch. You can explore the genealogies by subcollection. Many of the subcollections have notes that gives you an idea of the level of accuracy of the records.

**Catalog** (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>) – Use this feature to search for materials available online and in other formats.

***Place:*** Search for records for a particular location.

Type in the name of a location and you see the autocomplete for the location. Select your desired location from the list.

For instance, if you type in Morgan (Morgan County, Georgia), the entry from the list will be United States, Georgia, Morgan.

***Keywords:*** Searches the metadata of the records. You can type in a location and topic. For instance, Warren County Georgia Deeds.

You can narrow your search using the categories on the left.

**Books** (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>) – A digital collection of more than 500,000 books including yearbooks, maps, county histories, family genealogies and more.

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### **FamilySearch Research Wiki** ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page))

Offers more than 120,000 articles on a variety of topics.

Search by keyword.

Search by locality. There are wiki pages for states and counties/parishes/towns within the states. Search for your research locations to learn what records are available.

Click ***Guided Research*** to review research guides for various locations around the world.

Click ***Research Resources*** to find resources on beginning genealogy, videos and online classes about how to use the Research Wiki and more!

Locate ***Family History Centers*** and ***FS Affiliate Libraries*** in your area.

### **Bonus:**

### **Family History Library** (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/family-history-library/>)

#### **Services – Record Lookup Service**

(<https://www.familysearch.org/en/family-history-library/record-lookup-service>)

The Library offers a free service to lookup information in books, films, CDs or digital images.

#### **Learning Resources**

(<https://www.familysearch.org/en/family-history-library/learning-resources>)

Use this link to access the Family History Library's learning center, live classes and webinars and RootsTech Videos.

#### **Research Help – Online Consultations**

(<https://www.familysearch.org/en/family-history-library/online-consultations>)

Visit this site to learn more about the free 20-minute consultations via Zoom that the Family History Library offers.