

# What is New at FamilySearch

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Family Search is constantly changing and improving. This class will be discussing some of the new features incorporated in this website. The changes are described in Family Search Blogs published each month and available to anyone that signs up for them. Some of following features have been discussed on the Blogs written by Steve Anderson in July and August 2015. Another good way to review what is new at FamilySearch is by going to the "Get Help" tab and clicking on "What's New".

## I. Updates to the Person Page

### A. Research Help and Search Records Boxes

Two boxes on the Person page have been updated. The box that used to display record hints is now called Research Help and displays record hints, research suggestions, and data problems. The Search Records link has been changed to a FamilySearch.org link. When you click the link, you search the records on FamilySearch.org just as you did when you clicked the Search Records link.

The screenshot shows the profile page for Hugh Sidley Gowans (1832-1911). The page is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a 'Life Sketch' and 'Vital Information' section. On the right, there are two new boxes: 'RESEARCH HELP' and 'SEARCH RECORDS'. The 'RESEARCH HELP' box contains sections for 'Data Problems' (with a 'Possible Duplicate Child' hint), 'Record Hints' (with two census records for Hugh Gowans and Hugh S. Gowans), and 'Research Suggestions' (with 'Person May Have Another Spouse' and 'Possible Missing Child' suggestions). A 'Show Details' button is located below the suggestions. The 'SEARCH RECORDS' box contains a 'FamilySearch.org' link. A 'PRINT' button is located at the bottom right of the page.

**Hugh Sidley Gowans**  
23 February 1832 - 10 September 1911 · KWN5-3PH  
View Tree Watch View My Relationship

Details Memories 3 Ordinances 1

Vitals | Other | Family | Sources 2 | Discussions 2 | Notes 0

**Life Sketch** Close  
Hugh Sidley Gowans mwas born in Arbroath, Scotland the 23rd of February 1832. In 1854 he married Betsy Gowans in St. Vigeans, Arbroath, Scotland. His father was Andrew Gowans born in 1800 in Kinnell. Andrew Helen Strachan. Hugh Sidley Gowans was the father of Barbara, Robert, Hugh, Ann, and James. Hugh Sidley and Betsy Gowans Gowans, moved to Tooele, Tooele, Utah, United States in 1855. Hugh died in Tooele the 10th of September 1911. More...

**Vital Information** Close  
Open Details  
Name  
Hugh Sidley Gowans  
Gender  
Male  
Birth  
23 February 1832  
Arbroath, Perthshire, Scotland  
Christening  
Add  
Death  
10 September 1911  
Tooele, Tooele, Utah, United States  
Burial  
12 September 1911  
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States

**RESEARCH HELP**  
Data Problems  
Possible Duplicate Child  
Record Hints  
Hugh Gowans  
1900 United States Census  
Hugh S. Gowans  
1910 United States Census  
Research Suggestions  
Person May Have Another Spouse  
Possible Missing Child  
Show Details

**SEARCH RECORDS**  
FamilySearch.org  
PRINT

**B. Dismissed Hints** Sometimes a hint is dismissed because it is not needed for a person. For example, if a person never married, the research suggestion to look for a spouse can be dismissed.

Now you can see the hints that have been dismissed for a person. The total number of dismissed hints is listed with the Dismissed Hints link. To see the hints, click **Dismissed Hints**. If you believe that a hint that was dismissed really should be displayed for a person, click the **Undo** link.

**John Wesley Locke**  
1825-1871 - 2V73-ZCJ

Events: birth <1825>, .. of Lincoln, Tennessee; death 25 Apr 1871, Lincoln, Tennessee, United States

Parents: Noah Locke, Mrs Locke

Spouse: Emily Frances Miller

HINTS 3 DISMISSED HINTS 0

Data Problems	Description
Birth after Father's Death	The child's birth year is later than the father's death year.

Record Name	Events	Relationships	Review and Attach
Wesley Lock Tennessee, State Marriage Index, 1780-2002	marriage: 25 Jul 1850, Lincoln, Tennessee, United States	spouse: Emily Miller	Review and Attach Not a Match
Wesley Lock Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974		child: Louis C. Lock spouse: Emilie Miller	Review and Attach Not a Match

HINTS 0 DISMISSED HINTS 1

Research Suggestions	Description	Reason	Undo
Person May Have Children	The person is 15 or older but has no spouse or children.	Death certificate indicates Lorraine never married. Family knowledge indicates she never married and had no children.	Undo

## II. Memories: Updated People Page

If you click the arrows for the Show field, you can choose the category you would like to see:

like to see:

- All
- Close Relatives
- Added by Me
- Not Attached to Family Tree

If you click the arrows at the end of the Sort field, you can choose to have the thumbnails put in order by name or by birth year.

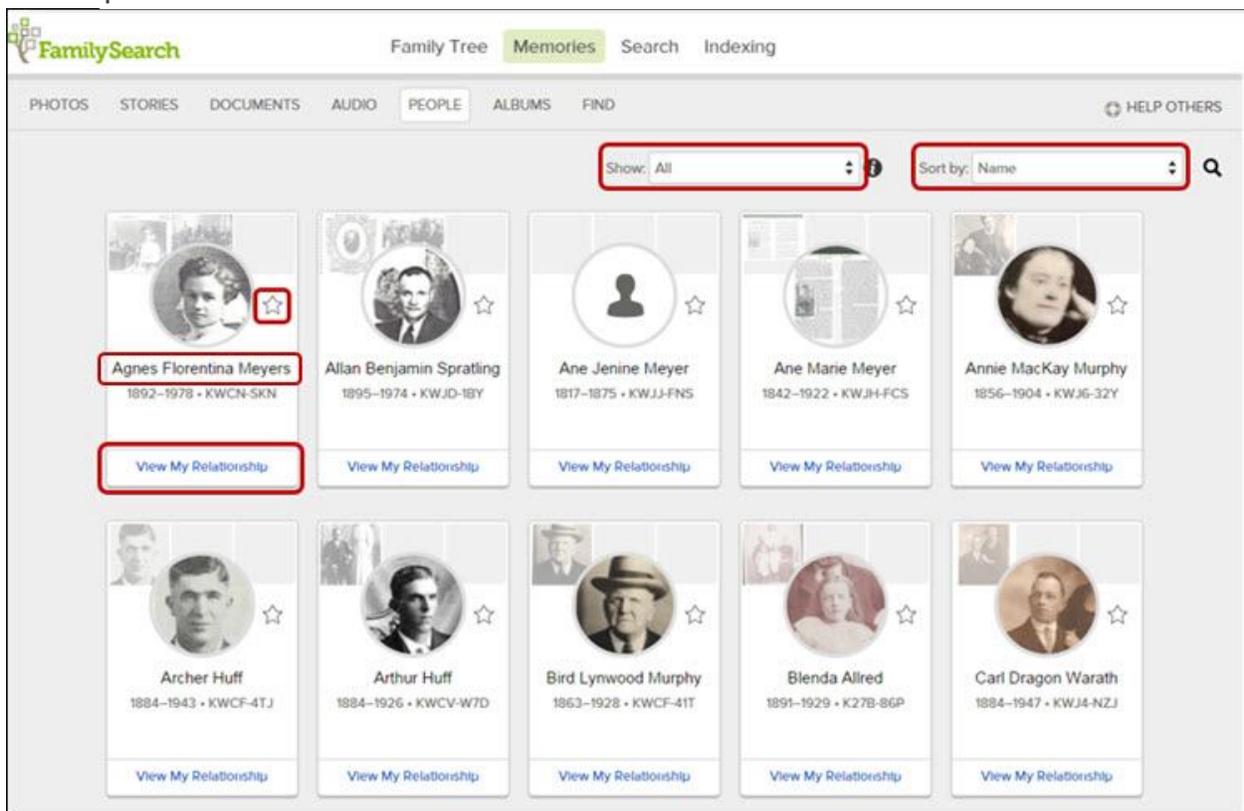
From a thumbnail, you can do the following:

Click the name to go to the person's Memories page.

Tip: If the person is connected to Family Tree, when you click the name, you will go to the Family Tree Memories page.

Click View My Relationship to see how you are related to the person.

Click the star icon to be notified when information is changed about the person.



### III. Memories: Fixing a Tag Added by the System

One way to add a photo to Family Tree is to go the person's Memories page, and, under Photos, click the **Add** link.



The benefit to adding a photo this way is that the system automatically creates a tag and links the photo to the person. However, the system doesn't know where to put the tag, so in the past, it created one large tag for the photo. You had to edit the tag to change the size and place it around the person's face.



It is now easier to tag the photos you add from a person's Memories page. And the system still adds the person's name to the tag and links the photo to the person in Family Tree for you.

To upload and tag a digital photo from a person's Memories page, do the following:

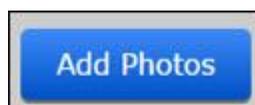
1. Go to the person's Memories page, and, under Photos, click the **Add**



2. Click the **green +**

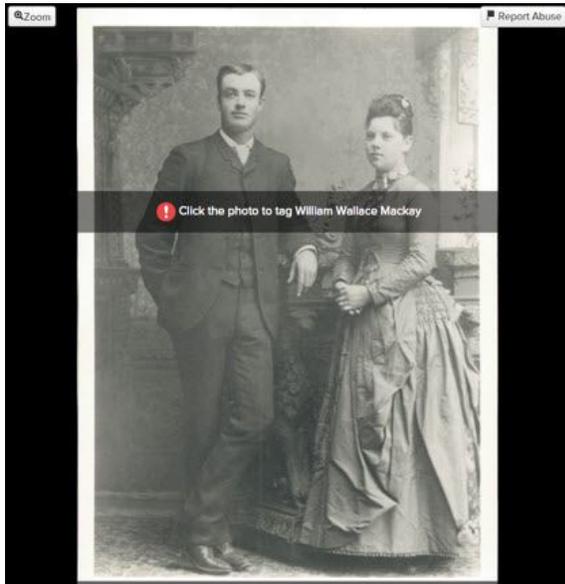


3. When the upload is complete, in the upper right, click the **Add Photos**



4. Click the thumbnail of the photo you are adding.

5. You will see a “Click the photo to tag” message. The message includes the name of the person you started from. The system has built part of the tag for you.



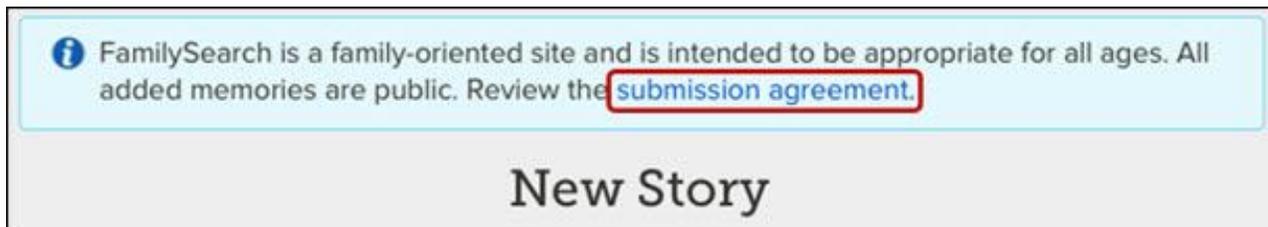
6. Click the photo, move the tag to the face of the person, adjust the size, and click **Save**.



The photo is added to the person's Memories page, and the area within the tag is available as a portrait photo.

## IV. Memories: A New Message and a New Icon for Stories

When you add a new story to Memories, you now see a message reminding you that all memories can be viewed by the public. To review the submission agreement, click the **submission agreement** link.



The page also has a new icon you can click to attach a photo to your story.

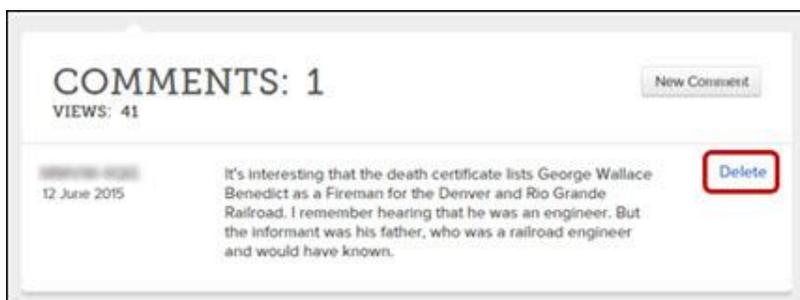


## V. Memories: Deleting a Comment

You can add comments to photos and documents. The comments appear on the page where you add tags. (To go to that page, on the person's Memories page, click the thumbnail of the item.)

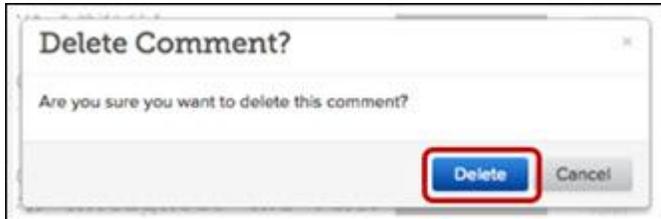
You can also delete comments. Deleting is now easier:

1. On the page where tags are added, find the comment you would like to delete. (Comments appear below the photo or document. You may need to scroll down to see them.)
2. Click the **Delete**



The system asks if you are sure that you want to delete the comment.

3. Click the **Delete** button to confirm the deletion. Your comment is removed.



**Tip:** If you click **Cancel**, your comment will not be deleted.

## VI. Memories: Adding a Title

You can add a title to the photos and documents you add to Family Tree. A message encouraging you to add a title has been changed from "Click to Edit" to "Add Title."

1. To add a title to an image, click **Add Title**.



2. Enter a name for your image, and click **Save**.

## VII. More accurate and full-featured search experiences

- Record Details Page and Combo Viewer when searching records:

When viewing a person page in historical records, you will see a cleaner, easier-to-read data layout and a thumbnail of the actual record. This layout is visible both on the search results expansion (visible when you click the search results row) and on the person details page (visible when you click the blue name in the first column of a search result). The indexed information about the person you searched for and the other people on the record has a new easier-to-read layout. The thumbnail is larger and is on the right side of the screen. The information about the image has been moved to the right side, immediately below the thumbnail. The larger size and real thumbnail are both intended to guide a larger percentage of users to view the image of the original record.

Search Results for john pack

localhost:5000/search/record/results?count=20&englishSubcountryName=Utah&query=1:28givenname%3AJohn-1:20%2Bsurname%3APack-%20%2Brecord\_country%3AUnited%20States%20... David - FS

DECEASED ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names: john

Last Names: pack

SEARCH WITH A LIFE EVENT: Birth, Marriage, Residence, Death, Any

SEARCH WITH A RELATIONSHIP: Spouse, Parents, Other Person

RESTRICT RECORDS BY: Country: United States, State or Province: Utah

FILTER YOUR RESULTS BY: Collections, Birthplace, Birth Year, Residence Place

1-2 of 2 results for Name: John pack, Country:United States, State or Province:Utah

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Preview	Name	Events	Relationships	Details	Image
▶	John Pack United States Census, 1870	birth: from 1809 to 1870 residence: 1870	New York Utah, United States	other: Jane Pack, Jenevs Pack, Louise Pack, Guince Pack, Walker Pack, Annie Pack...	
▼	John Pack United States Census, 1870	birth: from 1808 to 1809 residence: 1870	Canada Utah, United States	other: Julia Pack, Erastus Pack, Merit Pack, Ledena Pack, Joel Pack	

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Attach to Family Tree

**John Pack**  
United States Census, 1870

Name	John Pack
Event Type	Census
Event Year	1870
Event Place	Utah, United States
Gender	Male
Age	61
Race	White
Race (Original)	W
Birth Year (Estimated)	1808-1809
Birthplace	Canada
Page Number	11

HOUSEHOLD	ROLE	GENDER	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
John Pack		M	61	Canada
Julia Pack		F	53	New York
Erastus Pack		M	17	Utah
Merit Pack		M	14	Utah

View the original document. may contain more information than was indexed.

UNITED STATES CENSUS, 1870	
Household ID	77
Line Number	34
Affiliate Name	The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

## VIII. FamilySearch Family Tree

### 1) Alternate Spouses on the Landscape View

Stephen Henry Winter  
1845-1902 · KW8D-ZB1  
Marriage: 22 Nov 1888  
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, ...

Louisa Ellen Parry  
1857-1935 · KW8D-Z19

If a person had more than one spouse, it is now easy to see a different spouse on the landscape view. Use the arrow to the left of the person's name.

**Important:** To see the list of spouses, be sure to click the **arrow**, and not the name.

Stephen Henry Winter  
1845-1902 · KW8D-ZB1  
Marriage: 22 Nov 1888  
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, ...

Louisa Ellen Parry  
1857-1935 · KW8D-Z19

Frances Jane Williams  
1850-1917 · KWJC-L63

Spouses for Stephen Henry Winter

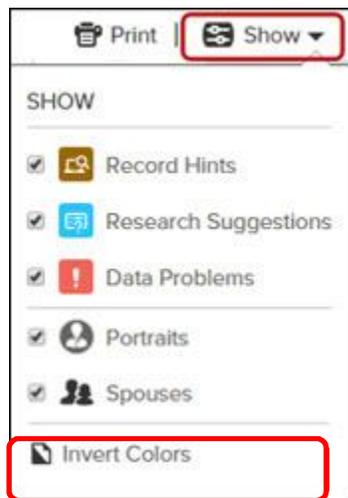
**Tip:** To see the list of all the wives for a husband, click the arrow by the wife's name. To see the list of all the husbands for a wife, click the arrow by the husband's name.

If a couple is in the main position, to display a different spouse in the tree, do the following:

1. Click the arrow that shows the list of spouses.
2. Click the name of the spouse you want displayed.

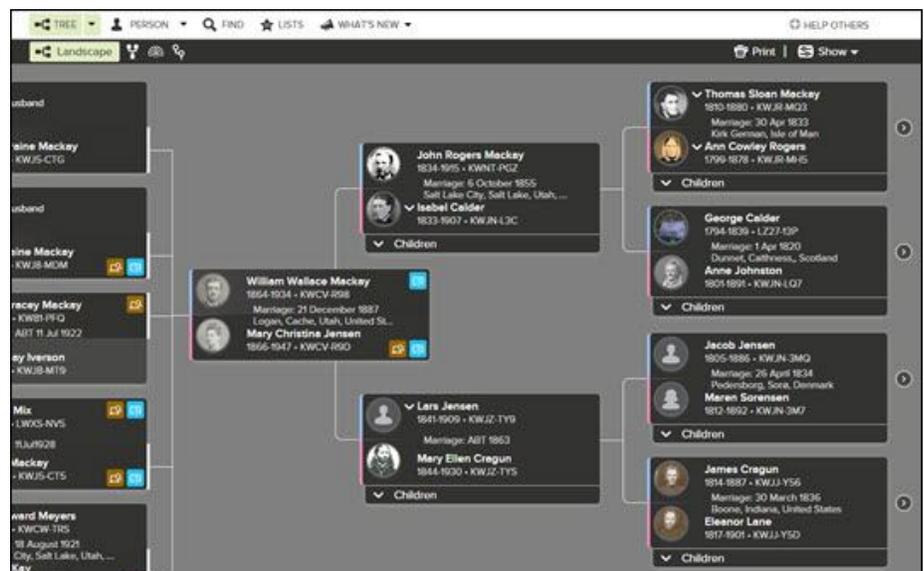
The system automatically updates the landscape view and displays that spouse and the spouse's ancestors and descendants.

## IX. Using the "Show" Menu and Inverting Colors on your screen



## X. The Portrait View will let you update or add people

The portrait view now displays data problems, research suggestions, and record hints. You can also add people on the portrait view. The Show menu lets you turn the icons off and on and invert colors.



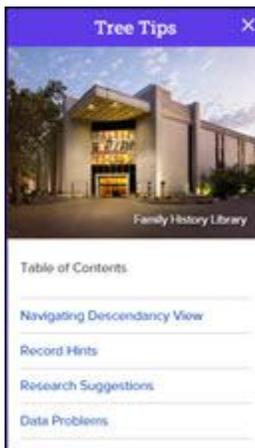
## XI. Tree Help Videos

The landscape, portrait, and descendency views now offer help videos. More videos will be offered in the future.

1. At the bottom right of the screen, click the **Tips** A list of help videos for that screen is displayed.



2. To view a video, click the topic.

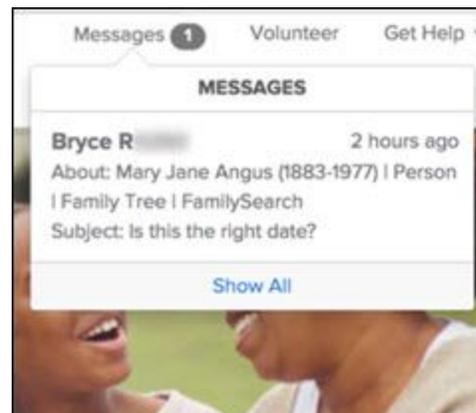


## XII. New Colors for Icons

Record Hint	
Data Problem	
Research Suggestion	

## XIII. Messaging

A new user-to-user messaging system called FamilySearch Messaging has launched. This has been one of FamilySearch's most commonly requested features. The new messaging system connects users within a private network and displays the users' contact name (the name the users have chosen to display in

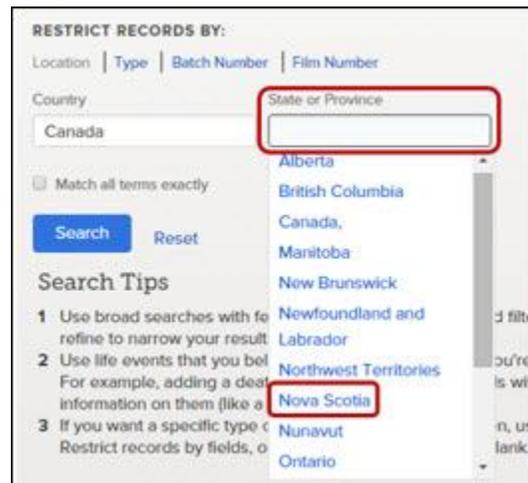


FamilySearch.org). Messaging keeps the email addresses private for those users who have chosen not to display an email address but gives others a way to contact them.

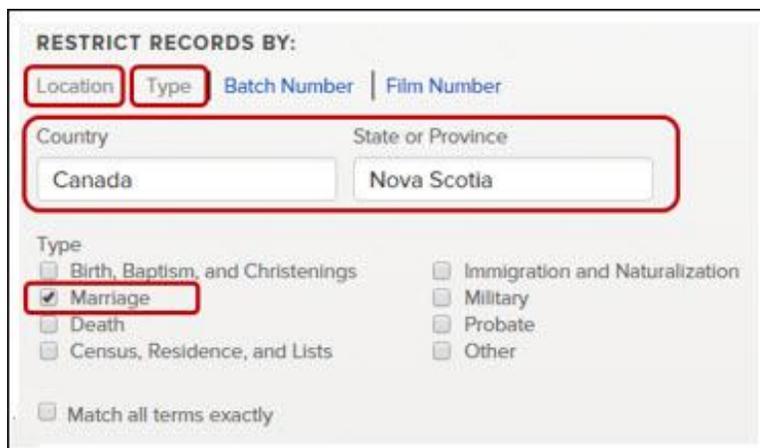
#### XIV. How to Search for a Specific Type of Record for a Specific Place

When doing a new search, when you enter information you want to find (such as marriage information), you may be surprised to see census records or death certificates in the search results. That happens because the census record and death certificate contain some marriage information. But sometimes you may want to look for a person in a specific type of record for a specific place (for example, Henry Huff in marriage records for Nova Scotia, Canada). To do that, use the restrict records feature in Search:

1. Near the top of the screen, click **Search**.
2. In the Search form, enter the information about the person.
3. Go to the Restrict Records by section, and enter the country. Then click in the **empty box** labeled State or Province. A list appears of the provinces, states, departments, or whatever large division used by the country you are searching in.
4. In the list, click the place whose records you want to see.
5. To look for a specific type of record, click **Type**.
6. Click the type of record you want.



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The system will give you search results for only those types of records where the primary event on the record is from that place.

## XV. Personal Home Page

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch personal home page for Lisa McBride. The page is divided into several sections:

- Header:** FamilySearch logo, navigation links (Family Tree, Memories, Search, Indexing, Temple), and the user's name, Lisa McBride.
- Welcome Message:** "Welcome to FamilySearch, Lisa McBride".
- Possible record match found for:** A card featuring a woman reading a newspaper. The text reads: "Possible record match found for: **Heber James Phillips** 1853-1908 - View My Relationship. Utah, Obituaries from Utah Newspapers, 1850-2005." Buttons for "What's This?" and "Dismiss" are present.
- Recommended Task:** A red header section containing a "Record Hint" for "Leslie Wilbur Layton" (1863-1937) from the "United States Social Security Death Index". It includes a "Review and Attach" button, a "Dismiss" button, and "Previous" and "Next" links.
- Activity:** A section with tabs for "All", "Favorites", "Photos", "Documents", "Audio", "Stories", and "Sources". It shows a recent activity: "Colleen Kirsty Moltis added a photo 4 days ago" for "George Wilbur Layton - 1863 - 1944". Below this is a large black and white photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) sitting on a bench.
- We've Found Some of Your Family in Obituaries:** A section with a "View Now" button and a small photo of a man and a woman.
- Your To-do List:** A green header section with an "Add an Item..." input field and an "Add" button. It lists two items: "James McBride - Louisiana" and "Minerva Davis Brown - Kentucky".
- Recently Viewed Ancestors:** A blue header section listing four ancestors: "Thomas Davis (1816-1875)", "Joseph Davis (1813-1874)", "James Aze Davis (1813-1871)", and "Ephraim Davis (1813-1843)". A "See More" link is at the bottom.
- Your Statistics:** An orange header section showing two statistics: "172" and "55".