

Historical Records on FamilySearch™: Easy Access and No Cost

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FamilySearch.org is a premier website for genealogical materials. Among the collections are billions of names in historical records. On the website, these records can be searched by first and last names, place, life event, (birth, marriage, residence, death) or a relationship (spouse, parents, other persons). Due to the size of the database, filtering by place, date and collection name will reduce the size of the results to a manageable number. FamilySearch™ is a trademark of Intellectual Reserve, Inc.

Record Types in the Collections

Historical records in the collection varies by location. One state or province might be fairly complete, while another area does not have any records. New data is being added to the collection almost every week. Check back often for records in your area of interest. Search for Births and Christenings, Cemetery, Census, Church, Court, Divorce, Deaths & Burials, Land, Marriages, Military Service & Pension, Naturalizations, Passenger lists and Probate records.

Access

Go to <https://familysearch.org> then Click on SEARCH. Scroll down to RECORDS and Click. Type a keyword in the Search Box.

Filtering

Narrow the results by filtering your search parameters. A filter by Collection Name will only search that one collection. A filter by Date will limit the years searched to the time frame that is selected. A filter by Place will limit the results to that one place, such as a state in the United States. If you are interested in a US search, click on that region. You can then filter by clicking on any state. Results will be for that state only.

Browsing the Collection

It is possible to browse the entire Historical Records Collection. This type of search would display all of the collections from all of the countries in the world. It is an extremely large file. The United States has 794 Collections, as per the website. A search by region would consume less time.

Images

Any result that has a small camera icon at the beginning of the listing will have images in the collection. If the listing is for Death Records in a particular state, clicking on the link will bring up a search box for the state death database. A search result will display a page with the person's death information. On the right hand side of the screen, there is a View Original Image box. Clicking on this box will display the actual original death record. It can be copied from the website.

Cost

There is no cost for copies of any Historical Records on the <https://familysearch.org> website. There is no cost for registration on the <https://familysearch.org> website.