

WIKI: The Perfect Vehicle For Your Family History Adventures!

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WIKI is the perfect vehicle for your family history adventures! You will find it equipped with information, directions, Internet links, guides, maps, tools, and family history help of all kinds so your quests can turn into successful adventures. In Wiki there is information on how to: Organize, Educate, Solve Problems, Access Links to billions of records, Find Help, or learn How, What, When, and Where.

WIKI BASICS:

- Finding Wiki: At FamilySearch.org click on *Search*. Open the drop down window. Wiki is at the bottom. Or: click on *Get Help*. Open drop-down window. Wiki is in the left column.
- Contains 84,400+ articles about 1000s of topics.
- On the left side is a column similar to a table of contents. Three main subjects are shown. Clicking on them opens a list of categories within that subject.
- Full of links to sites on the Internet outside of Wiki, including record collections.
- Blue lettering indicates a clickable link to additional information.
- Maps are interactive. Click on them to access more information.
- Best searched with Less rather than More. Questions and long statements don't work when searching. Put 1, 2, or 3 words in the search window for best results.
- Not intuitive when it comes to spelling. Words must be spelled correctly in the search window. And, Wiki is not case sensitive, capitalize or not it doesn't matter.
- Full of record keeping help. Type *Research Forms* in the search window. Open it and discover links to dozens of printable forms to help record and track research.
- Constantly changing. People add to and edit articles on a daily basis.
- Designed to help people with research skills at all levels.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH WIKI:

In the search box enter the following titles and explore the articles:

New to Wiki - How to Use the Wiki - Getting Started on the Wiki

Help:Browsing the Wiki - About the Wiki - FamilySearch Wiki>About Us

SEARCHING TIPS:

1. Think outside the box. Be creative when searching. Do not assume because information was not found looking one way that it cannot be found. Rethink and look again searching with different words and/or word combinations.
2. There is always more than one way to find information. Do not be hesitant to click and explore. It may lead to sources that initially did not come to mind.
3. Wiki contains three articles on searching that will increase searching success.
1. Help:Searching 2. Help:Search Tips 3. Help:Advanced Searches in Wiki

EXAMPLES: In the Wiki search box type: *Success Stories*. Open the link *FamilySearch Wiki:Success Stories* for many detailed examples of success using Wiki.