

FINDING OUR FRENCH ANCESTORS

Understanding the importance of Communes

What is a commune of France. How to find in which French département is a commune located. Go to google and place the name of the commune in the browser and you will receive location information. There are presently 33,327 communes in France. Almost all have a tie to the past. Communes are where the vital records (births, marriages and death) were created. Of course, the vital records are created in the language of France. (mostly French and sometimes Latin)

Websites to use

FamilySearch.org <https://familysearch.org>

For their French Word List

For their Republican Calendar

Filae.com a brand new paid website with some indexed records. <http://www.filae.com>

French Genealogy Blog = A free blog by Anne Morddel (in English) with access to the various départements of France. [The French Genealogy Blog](#)

Geneanet.org = A paid website with family trees for individuals to search (no charge to members of the LDS church with a FamilySearch.org log-in) www.geneanet.org

Généalogie facile = A blog by Jérémie Bourillon in French or translate into English. With "Access aux Archives Numérisées" of the départements of France. www.genealogie-pro.com

HOW TO MAKE SPECIAL FRENCH CHARACTERS WITH THE ALT KEY

a with grave accent		à ALT + 133	À ALT + 0192
a with circumflex		â ALT + 131	Â ALT + 0194
a with tréma		ä ALT + 132	Ä ALT + 142
a e ligature		æ ALT + 145	Æ ALT + 146
c with cedilla		ç ALT + 135	Ç ALT + 128
e with acute accent		é ALT + 130	É ALT + 144
e with grave accent		è ALT + 138	È ALT + 0200
e with circumflex		ê ALT + 136	Ê ALT + 0202
e with tréma		ë ALT + 137	Ë ALT + 0203
i with circumflex		î ALT + 140	Î ALT + 0206
i with tréma		ï ALT + 139	Ï ALT + 0207
o with circumflex		ô ALT + 147	Ô ALT + 0212
o e ligature		œ ALT + 0156	Œ ALT + 0140
u with grave accent		ù ALT + 151	Ù ALT + 0217
u with circumflex		û ALT + 150	Û ALT + 0219
u with tréma		ü ALT + 129	Ü ALT + 154
French quotation marks		« ALT + 174	» ALT + 175
Euro symbol		€ ALT + 0128	