WHAT IS A FAMILYSEARCH WIKI???

FamilySearch Wiki is . . .

A tool people can use to learn how to find their ancestors. It offers information on how to find, use and analyze records of genealogical value. The site's content is variously targeted to beginners, intermediate researchers, and experts.

The FamilySearch Wiki has 60,883 pages about records, localities, subjects and methods that can help you find your ancestors. Articles are written by community members like you, working together to create an online-library of information which will eventually enable all members of the community to discover precious details about their families. From the novice to the professional, everyone knows something that can help someone else.

Some suitable types of content for the wiki are:

- Instructions on how to find, use and analyze records that are genealogically useful.
- Historical definitions of legal terms, occupations, and other terms that are useful to genealogists.
- Images of records used as examples of the kind of information a type of record will bear.

FamilySearch Wiki is not . . .

- A place to post (or find) information about a specific ancestor.
- A place to post data sets and genealogical records, such as obituaries, military histories, or transcriptions of record sources.
- An advertising medium for products or services.
- A world encyclopedia of holidays and family traditions. Those which affect family history records or research methods are mentioned under specific countries.
- A place to publicly post internal policies or contact information of the Family History Department, or any other LDS church affiliate.
- A repository of knowledge regarding the use of FamilySearch products.
- A place to survey users, solicit feedback or collect suggestions regarding the development of products other than this wiki.
- A place to post religious doctrine or advocate or criticize religious practices.
- A place to post images of LDS temples.

What information will you find in the FamilySearch Wiki?

Here are just a few examples of the information you will find in the research wiki:

- Archives, Bible Records, Vital Records, Timelines
- Thousands of links to Web sites with helpful information and records
- Definitions of legal terms, occupations, and more
- How to analyze records that are genealogically useful
- How to begin your research
- Lessons on handwriting deciphering
- Libraries and Genealogical Societies; where to find them and how they might be helpful
- Localities; Countries, States, Parishes, Cities, Townships
- Methods and strategies of research
- Recorded "how to" lessons on many genealogical subjects
- Records; how to find and understand census, military, and many more
- Search or browse for information about how to do research world-wide
- Much, Much, Much more!!!

Links to helpful Wiki pages:

Wiki Main Page: https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page

 Tour: https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Help:Tour

Wiki Overview : https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Help:Wiki_Overview

Edit & Contribute: https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Help:Edit_and_Contribute

Training Course: http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Local_Support/Consultant/BIG/index.html

Webinar by Michael Ritchey (Leveraging the Power of We:
http://www.millenniacorp.com/_videos/webinars/2011-07-06-we/2011-07-06-we.html

Wiki Purpose: https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/FamilySearch_Wiki:Purpose_and_Appropriate_Topics

Mentoring pages:

https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/FamilySearch_Wiki:Mentoring

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