

# An Introduction to the Family Search Labs Web Site

Family History Conference Class Handout

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## Welcome to FamilySearch Labs

FamilySearch Labs showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time. Your feedback will help us refine new ideas and bring them to market sooner. Have fun playing with these innovations and send your feedback directly to our development teams.

## Released Projects

- **FamilySearch Indexing** (<http://www.familysearchindexing.org>)

Extract family history information from digital images of historical documents to create indexes that assist everyone in finding their ancestors. You can volunteer to help transcribe genealogical documents from your home. These indexed documents are then made available for all to search.

## Current Projects

- **Record Search**

Record Search helps you identify your ancestors by letting you search millions of indexed records and by letting you browse images of records that have not yet been indexed. This growing list of on-line documents can help you uncover information about your ancestors.

- **Family Tree**

The FamilySearch Family Tree is our effort to take the great things we learned from the Pedigree Viewer and the Life Browser and combine them into a more full-featured application. Use the interactive pedigree viewer to see and navigate a tree and drill down on individuals.

- **Standard Finder**

With Standard Finder you can search for a standardized **name**, **date** or **place** based on your input. The Standard Finder will present the standards that will be used in future releases of the new FamilySearch. Come and try out your historical and current entries and understand how the system will interpret your input.

- **Research Wiki**

The FamilySearch Research Wiki forms a community of research experts and interested genealogists that share up to date information on how to research sources for information about your ancestors. The larger the community the more useful the data is, so come and contribute.

## Record Search – Document Collections Available

### Individual Collections

★ New or updated in the last 30 days



#### Search an Indexed Collection

##### Census and Lists

[1850 United States Census \(Mortality Schedule\)](#)  
[1850 United States Census](#)  
[1850 United States Census \(Slave Schedule\)](#)  
★ [1855 Massachusetts State Census](#)  
★ [1865 Massachusetts State Census](#)  
[1880 United States Census](#)  
[1895 Argentina Census](#)  
[1900 United States Census](#)

##### Court and Legal Records

[Freedman Bank Records 1865-1874](#)  
[England, Cheshire, Register of Electors 1842-1900](#)  
[Maryland, Cecil County Probate Estate Files 1851 -1940](#)

##### Migration

[New York Passenger Arrival Lists \(Ellis Island\) 1892-1924](#)

##### Vital Records

[Freedmen's Bureau Virginia Marriages ca. 1815-1866](#)  
[Cheshire, Church of England Christening Records 1538-1907](#)  
[Cheshire, Church of England Marriage Records 1538-1907](#)  
[Cheshire, Church of England Burial Records 1538-1907](#)  
[Georgia Deaths 1914-1927](#)  
[Ontario Deaths 1869-1947](#)  
[Utah, Salt Lake County Death Records, 1908 - 1949](#)  
[Ohio Deaths 1908-1953](#)  
[Utah Death Certificates 1904-1956](#)  
[West Virginia Deaths 1853-1970](#)  
[Texas Death Index 1964-1998](#)  
[U.S. Social Security Death Index](#)



#### Browse Images in a Collection

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[1850 United States Census \(Mortality Schedule\)](#)  
[1850 United States Census](#)  
[1850 United States Census \(Slave Schedule\)](#)  
[1900 United States Census](#)  
[1905 Wisconsin State Census](#)  
[1930 Mexico Census](#)

##### Court and Legal Records

[Maryland, Cecil County Probate Estate Files 1851 -1940](#)

##### Land and Property

[Vermont Land Records, Early to 1900](#)

##### Military

★ [United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942](#)

##### Vital Records

[Germany, Brandenburg and Posen, Civil Transcripts of Parish Registers, 1800-1874](#)  
[England, Diocese of Durham Bishops' Transcripts ca. 1700-1900](#)  
[Czech Republic, Litoměřice Regional Archive Church Books 1552-1905](#)  
[France, Coutances Catholic Diocese 1802-1907](#)  
[Illinois, Diocese of Belleville, Catholic Parish Records 1729-1956](#)  
[Virginia, Fluvanna County Colbert Funeral Home Records 1929-1976](#)

**“Adobe Flash Player”** - Adobe Flash Player is a free “plug-in” for your browser that is needed by most FamilySearch Labs programs.

**“Prototype”** - An early version of software for evaluation and feedback purposes. It may still have bugs and/or incomplete functionality.

## Past Prototypes

- **Life Browser Prototype**

With the Life Browser we are exploring possible ways to get to know ancestors through pictures, records, stories, maps, timelines and collaboration. Try dragging and dropping records to attach them as evidence. Not everything works, but we are interested in your feedback on the concepts.

- **Pedigree Viewer**

See and interact with a large pedigree or descendency.

## Terminology

**“Blog”** - A “web log” is a website containing journal entries that are displayed in reverse chronological order. Blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject and often combine text, images, and links to other blogs, and web pages. Readers are permitted and even encouraged to leave comments.

**“Wiki”** - A web site that allows users to easily create, edit, and link pages together. Wikis are often used to create collaborative web sites where articles are written and updated by many contributors. Example: Wikipedia – on-line encyclopedia.