

# Record Search

## A pilot section of FamilySearch.org

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Record Search is a quick and easy way to search millions of historical records for information about your ancestors.

It includes indexes to millions of birth, marriage, death and census records - OR - browse through images of records waiting to be indexed.

To discover the results of Extracted and FamilySearch Indexing projects go to “Record Search Pilot” at <http://pilot.familysearch.org> -OR- [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) > click [Search Records] > then click [Record Search Pilot]. This is one of the projects of FamilySearch Labs, consequently it will be changing and updating often. Many records are being added each month.



### FEATURES –

**Online** records, most **indexed** with an **image** of the record -- **quickly** available

Easy navigation to specific collections, and search with flexibility

If the surname is not too common, using only the surname in the search fields will show localities where the surname is found in all of the records

Many search options should be used to locate ancestors and their descendants

Map –A world map to click for geographic area of records available

Collections are grouped by regions or localities and lists records available for the area to allow searches by country, state/province, county, or city

Select the area for either an indexed collection or “not indexed” view

The not indexed view is similar to browsing a microfilm, ONLY you can now do it at home. These records will be indexed in the future.

OR- Enter data for desired ancestor, click search to see matching records

Images – If the collection has images available online, a digitized certificate or record of ancestor(s) is available and can be printed to add to family records.

News – A section featuring information on recently added collections.

Names - Wildcard searching is available for first or last name with the wildcard symbol (\*) and at least 3 preceding characters. (example- Eli\*)

Filters – Using filters like events, collections, roles, etc. might be helpful.

Millions of new records -- so be sure to check back **OFTEN**.

**Collections** include over 100 areas:

USA (many federal and state census, vital, military, and other records)

Canada, Mexico (census and vital records)

Caribbean, Central and South America, such as, Argentina and Peru

Europe (over 30 areas) including, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Scandinavia, Czech Rep., Spain

Asia and the Middle East



In 30 minutes you can help people find their ancestors!

### **Why is indexing important?**

Volunteers extract family history information from digital images of historical documents to create searchable indexes that assist everyone in finding their ancestors.

\*\* The [FamilySearch Labs blog](#) has the latest scoop on current projects.