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Transferring Sources between Ancestry.com and Family Tree

Issues Addressed

Solution

Additional Information for Members

Use the steps below to transfer sources from Ancestry.com to FamilySearch.org. You cannot transfer sources for living people.

Note: Before you can attach a source from Ancestry.com to Family Tree, you must attach it to the same person in Ancestry.com

1. If needed, create your LDS Ancestry.com account. See [Access to Ancestry.com \(81712\)](#).
2. Sign in to your Ancestry.com account.
3. Click **Trees**.
4. Click the tree from which you want to transfer sources.
5. Click a deceased individual on the tree.
6. On the Summary card, click **Profile**.
7. Click the FamilySearch green tree icon on the upper right of the screen.
8. Click **Sign In** to sign in to FamilySearch.org.
9. If the Select match for [name] screen appears, you can connect the person or add the person to FamilySearch. See [Transferring information and names from Ancestry.com to FamilyTree with connected accounts \(272603\)](#).
10. After you add or connect the individual, click the FamilySearch icon again.
11. Click **Compare person on FamilySearch** in the menu.
12. Scroll to the sources section. Sources on the right are from your Ancestry.com tree. Sources on the left are from FamilySearch.org.
13. To transfer a source, click the **box** to the left of the source.
14. Click **Save Changes** at the bottom of the screen.

For further instructions and support, contact Ancestry.com support at 1-800-ANCESTRY.

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Transferring information and names from Ancestry.com to FamilyTree with connected accounts

Issues Addressed

- How to transfer names from Ancestry.com trees into FamilySearch?

Now Church members can sign up through FamilySearch for a complimentary Ancestry.com subscription. This subscription allows you to utilize the billions of records from around the world on Ancestry.com. You can use powerful tools to quickly build your own tree with sources that include records, photos, and stories from Ancestry.com. You can also take advantage of integration with FamilySearch to share that research and quickly connect to familysearch.org for ordinance work.

Click here to sign up for the complimentary subscription: <https://familysearch.org/partneraccess>.

Click here for registration instructions: [Gaining access to your Ancestry.com account \(81712\)](#).

Solution


This option is only available for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with connected FamilySearch Family Tree and Ancestry.com accounts.

Alternatively, you can create a GEDCOM file of your data on Ancestry.com and upload that data to Family Tree. See [Uploading GEDCOM files and copying the information to Family Tree \(61144\)](#).

Additional Information for Members

The option to transfer information between FamilySearch and [Ancestry.com](#) is currently available only to member connected accounts. This option is not available for an individual with a paid Ancestry.com account or non-member accounts.

Details:

1. Sign in to [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).
2. In the dark bar at the top, to the right of the Ancestry logo, click **Trees**.
3. Click to select your tree.
4. Find the name you want to transfer to FamilySearch Family Tree. Move the cursor over the name.
5. On the pop-up card, click **Profile**.
6. To see options, in the upper right corner on the profile page, click the FamilySearch logo. 
7. A box can pop up asking you to sign in. Sign in with your LDS Account.
8. If the name is already on Family Tree, a list of options appears for working with the record.
9. If the person is not on Family Tree, or not connected to your ancestry, the system searches for matches and gives you the option to connect the person or add him or her to FamilySearch.

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SOURCING on FamilySearch Family Tree

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"Blitz the Blues before Grabbing the Greens." Colin Ramsbottom. These lessons are in colorful Google Slide format, similar to powerpoint, and can be used in Family History Centers for consultant and patron classes using a computer and a projector, or for individual study there or at home for non commercial purposes. The importance of attaching sources to records in Family Tree cannot be overestimated since Family Tree is a wiki - open edit format, where anyone can change anything. Sources may prevent erroneous changes. Placing a Watch on your records will inform of any changes, and the Latest Changes log is the place to undo errors. Clicking on a lesson Title (blue, underlined) opens it, and then on the Google Docs url. Within each lesson are additional links to helpful and instructive articles by professional genealogists on the same subject. Questions and/or Feedback can be sent to cathyanderegg@comcast.net

There are 3 parts to the Source instruction. Each part takes about 1 hour to present.

Part 1 - Source Definitions, Record Hints, and Genealogical Proof Standards, and Royalty

- The Importance of Sourcing to prevent "My-Tree-Itis"
- The Wiki - Open Edit Format of Family Tree
- Trace relatives to Royals? Prove it.
- Definition of a Source - What Proof really is.
- Different kinds of sources.
- What Genealogical Proof Standards are.
- Anatomy of a Source
- Making Public your Contact Information in Settings
- User to User Messaging
- What Family Tree Record Hints are
- Google and Boolean Search Tips for non-FamilySearch sources
- All About Sources from the Pros

Part 2 - How to Add Sources in 5 Ways

- Attaching sources from Partner Sites: MyHeritage, Ancestry, FindMyPast, etc
- Attaching of Sources using FamilySearch Source Linker
- Changing Focus Persons on Source Linker Marriage Hints
- Adding New People to Family Tree
- Attaching FS Historical Records not yet indexed
- Creating New Sources and Attaching them from non-FamilySearch Internet Sources (URL) using RecordSeek
- Adding Artifact Sources in Memories as Photos, Documents, Stories and Audio files

Part 3 - Your Source Box, Source Linker versus Search, Legacy vs IGI Sources, Campaigns

- Rethinking the Source Box by Chris Young
- Inside a Source, Making Folders to organize family sources
- Master Sources - Which sources should you keep in your source box
- Source Linker versus Search, when to use each
- Legacy Sources - What they are, What to do with them
- Restore from Latest Changes log
- Using IGI Extracted Sources to find hidden ordinances
- What's New: FamilySearch Campaigns

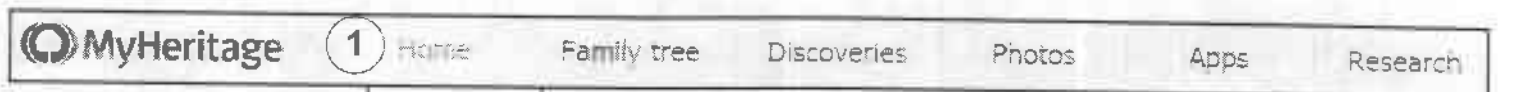
Part 4 - Organize & Describe Sources

- By Category or Types of Records
- Chronologically for a Person
- Categories listed Chronologically

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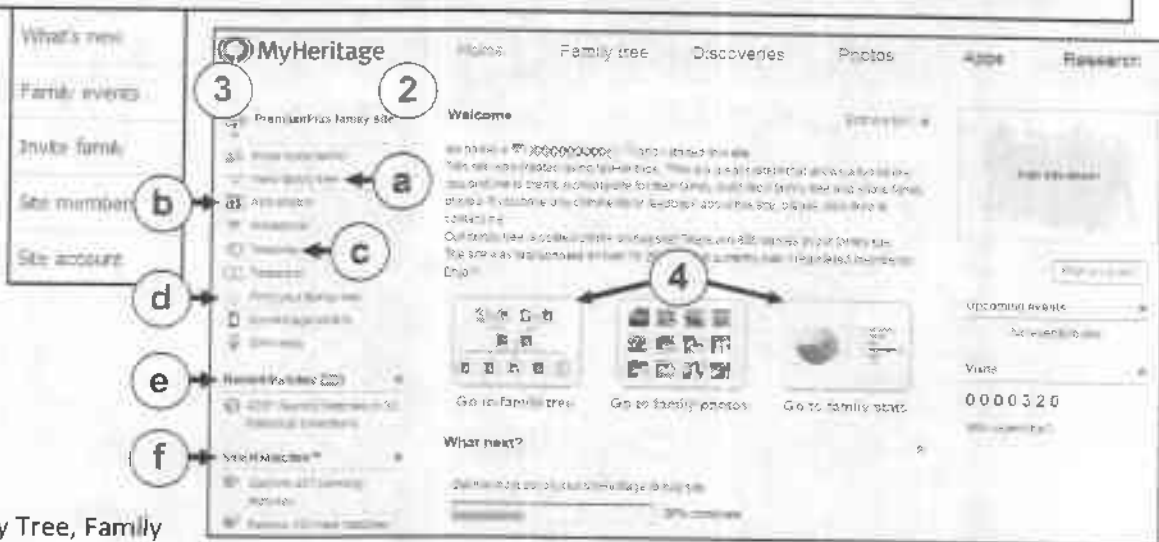
MyHeritage.com

- MyHeritage.com is a family-oriented, family history online network offered in several languages. The site contains more than five billion historical records, 1.5 billion family tree profiles, 100 million tombstone inscriptions and photos, the world's largest historical newspaper archive, complete US and UK censuses, military and immigration records, birth, marriage, and death records from 32 countries and more.
- Anyone visiting the Riverton FamilySearch Library or Salt Lake Family History Library or centers can use the Library Edition. Select "Genealogy Websites" on the patron desktop to access this edition. With the Library Edition you can search the following categories: Census & Voter Lists; Family Trees; Birth, Marriage & Death; Photos; Military; Immigration & Travel; Newspapers; Books & Publications; Public Records, Schools & Universities; Directories, Guides & Reference; Histories, Memories & Biographies; Government, Land, Court & Wills; and Maps.
- Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can register for a free, personal account. To do this (one time only) go to www.familysearch.org and sign in with your LDS account. Select "Get Help," then "Help Center." Scroll down and click the "Partners" icon. Click the "Open" drop down **Our Partners** → **Open** and click "MyHeritage." Click the button **Get MyHeritage** to register and create your free LDS Account. You will then have access to the tabs below. You must log in with a user name and password each time you access MyHeritage.com.



HOME:

1. The Home drop down has information in reference to your account.
2. The home page provides information on your family tree.
3. There are quick links to:
 - a. View Family Tree
 - b. Add Photos
 - c. View a Timeline
 - d. Print your Family Tree
 - e. View Record Matches
 - f. Review Smart Matches
4. You can go directly to Family Tree, Family Photos, and Family Stats.



FAMILY TREE. MyHeritage has over 30 million family trees. You can create your own family tree with family photos to share with others if desired. The Family Tree tab includes: Family Tree, People, Sources, Manage Trees, Import GEDCOM, Backup, and Print Charts and Books.

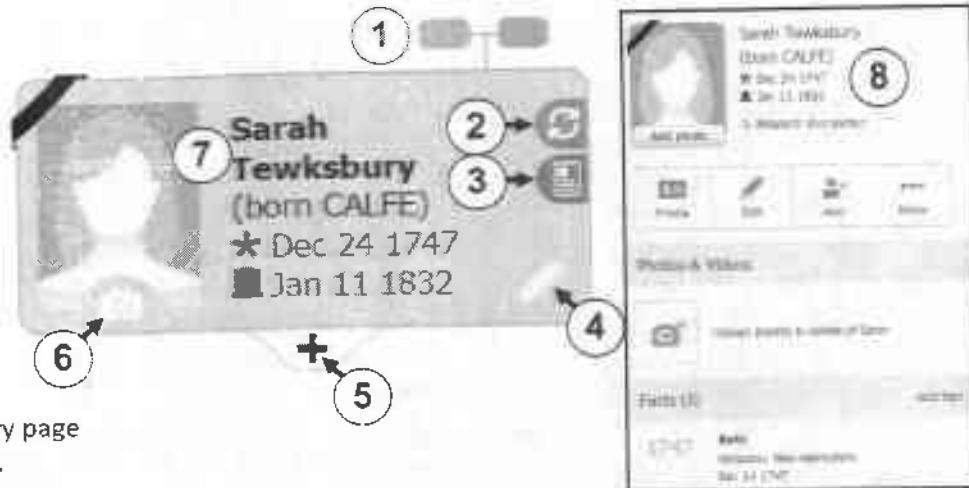
1. Click "Family Tree" to view your tree.
2. Enter a name to find a person in your tree
3. Use to zoom in and out and navigate your tree.
4. The "?" provides a link to contextual help as well as to the online Help Center.



- Options for the person summary cards are on the next page.

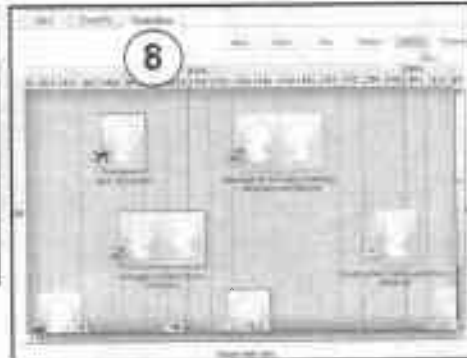
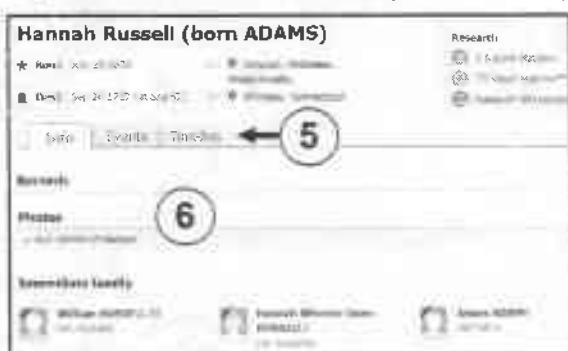
Using the person summary card in family tree you can do the following:

1. Extend to view the next generations of the person.
2. View the "Smart Matches" found for the person, if any.
3. View the historical records that may match the person.
4. Click to do a "Quick edit."
5. Click to "Add relatives."
6. Click to "Add Photos."
7. Click the person's name to open a summary page
8. The summary page provides more options.



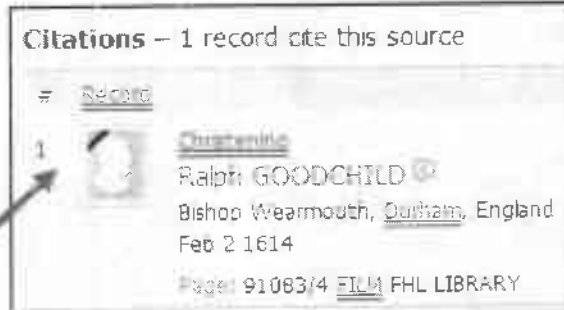
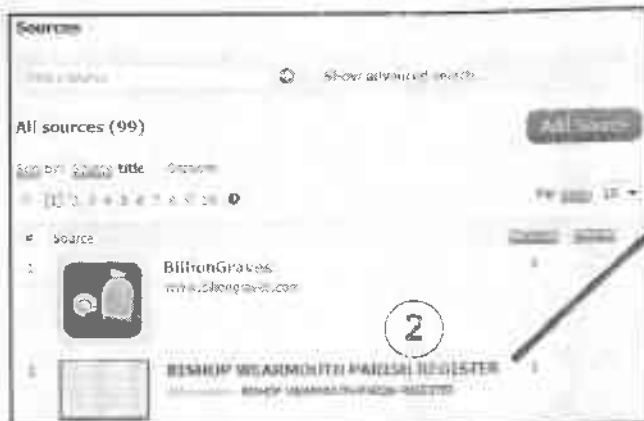
FAMILY TREE PEOPLE:

1. Click "People" on the Family Tree drop down.
2. By clicking a person's name, i.e. Hannah Russell (born Adams) you will be able to:
3. View their "Family tree," their "Profile" or their "Timeline."
4. Click "Profile"
5. The person's profile has three tabs, Info, Events, and Timeline.
6. Info includes Records, Photos, Immediate Family, Biography, Sources, and more.
7. Events includes events in a person's life by year, age, and event.
8. Timeline shows events in a person's life by decade, century, and more.



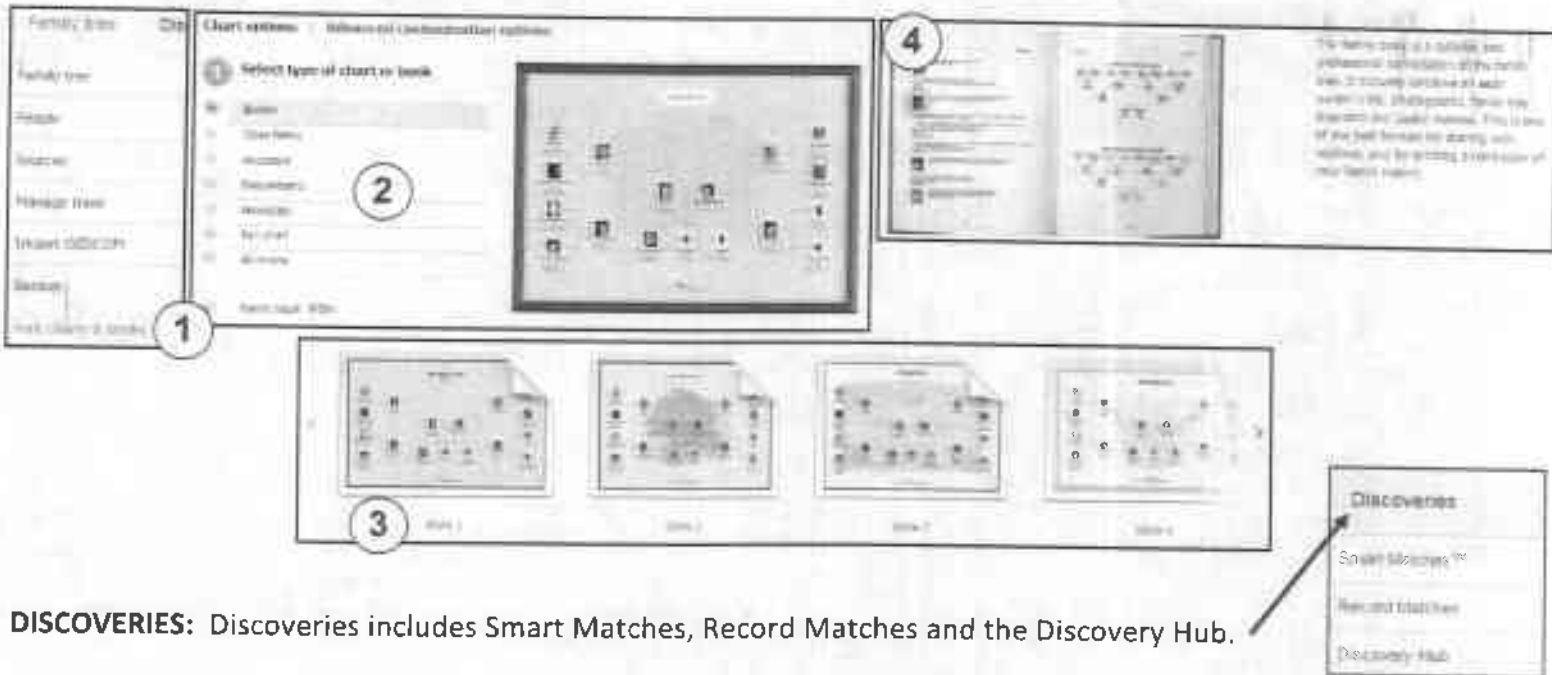
FAMILY TREE SOURCES: Sources provides a list of sources that MyHeritage has found on your ancestors.

1. Click "Sources" on the Family Tree drop down.
2. Click on a record and view the Citation



CHARTS AND BOOKS: With MyHeritage you can share photos, videos, and documents with others.

1. Click "Print charts & books" on the Family Tree drop down.
2. Several chart types are available, such as: bowtie, close family, ancestors, descendants, hourglass, and fan chart.
3. Choose one of 18 different chart styles.
4. You can also create Family Book photo album.



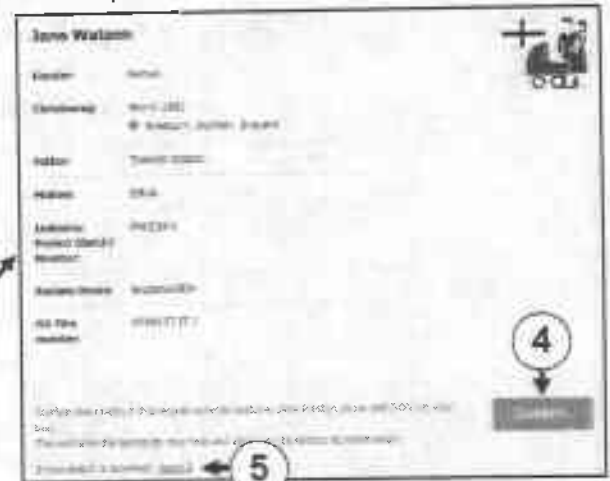
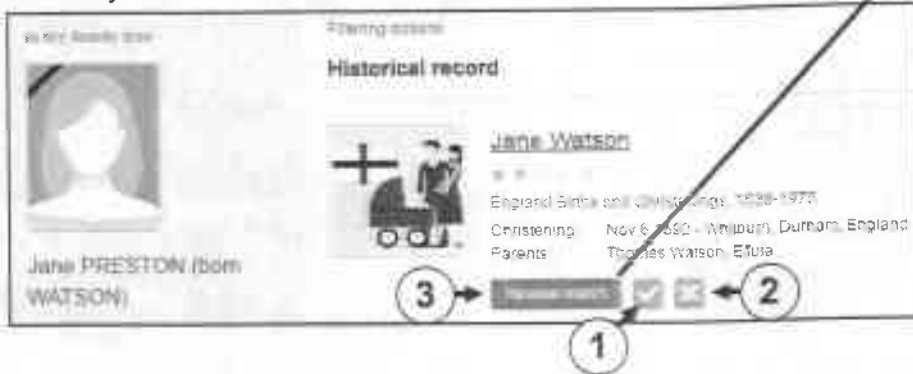
DISCOVERIES: Discoveries includes Smart Matches, Record Matches and the Discovery Hub.

SMART MATCHES: The Smart Match technology matches individuals in your tree to individuals in millions of other trees. The program checks the name, birth date, and parents of the entries in the databases. When you enter a person, you will be able to compare the information on your person with the information in other family trees. The Smart Match example below shows 17 others have information on Elisha Foster Russell. You can easily attach the information you want with your Family Tree. You will also be able to find other family historians who have common ancestors.



RECORD MATCHES: A record match is a document relevant to one's family history, such as a birth, christening, or census record. Record matches researches your family tree and automatically finds relevant historical records for your ancestors.

- Click the "Record Matches" icon on a person's detail card in family tree.
- Select one of the records by clicking it.
- 1. If the record matches, click the check mark to confirm the match.
- 2. Click the "X" to reject the match.
- 3. Click "Review match" to view the full record.
- 4. After further review, you can "Confirm" the match or,
- 5. "Reject it."



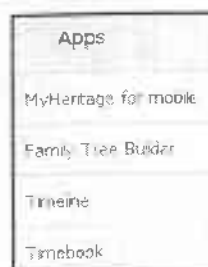
PHOTOS. With MyHeritage, you can view your family photos, search your photos, or add photos & videos to share with others.






RESEARCH. You can search all records by categories, or by world map. Categories would include Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, Census and Voter Lists, Family Trees, Military, Newspapers, and Immigration and Travel.



APPS. The Apps includes the following: MyHeritage for mobile devices, Family Tree Builder, a Timeline and Timebook.



Findmypast.com

- Findmypast.com, one of FamilySearch's partners, is one of the largest family history websites in the world, with a growing collection of names in more than 1,000 exclusive sets of records dating back to 850 AD. Findmypast is a fee based service and specializes in British, U.S., Canada, UK, Australia, and New Zealand family history research. The site contains over 2.0 billion records with new collections being added.
- Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can register for a free, personal account. To do this (one time only) go to www.familysearch.org and sign in with your LDS account. Select "Get Help," then "Help Center." Scroll down and click the "Partners" icon.  Click the "Open" drop down  and click "findmypast." Click the button  to register and create your free LDS Account. You will then have access to the tabs below. You must log in with a user name and password each time you access findmypast.com.
- FamilySearch libraries and Family History Centers offer a free version to library visitors, but limits the available records and does not allow the creation of a Family Tree.

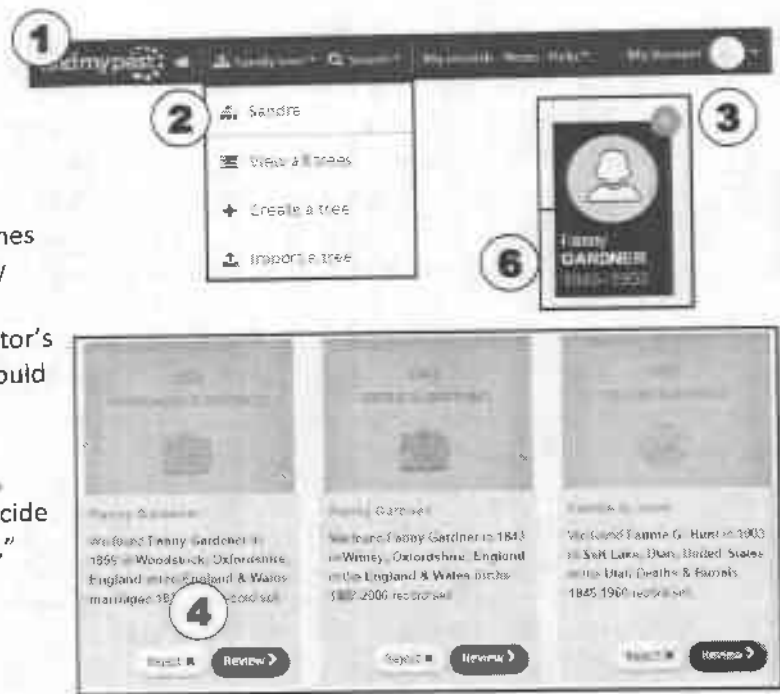
HOME PAGE (www.findmypast.com)

1. The header has links to the various features of Findmypast. "Family tree" and "My records" are only available if you have signed in to your account.
2. "Search all records" allows you to enter your search criteria to search the records and then filter your results if needed.
3. The center of the page has links to the US census records, birth, marriage and death (BMD) records, parish records, travel and migration records, military records, newspaper records as well as other helpful links and information.
4. Near the bottom of the page are links to U.S. census records; Irish, Australian, British genealogies and more.
5. An example of what is available can be shown by clicking one of the links. Click on "Irish Genealogy."
6. Specific collections, hints, tips, and suggestions are shown.

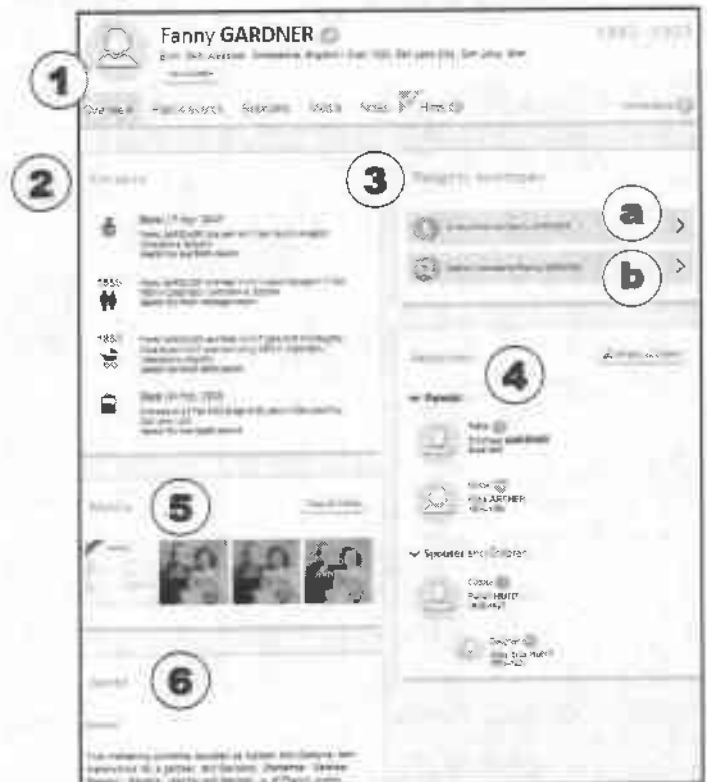


FAMILY TREE

1. After creating an LDS sponsored account and signing in, you can create a tree manually or import a GEDCOM file to build your own family tree. Click the "Family tree" drop down arrow.
2. Once your tree is created click the name of the tree you want to view (example here is 'Sandra'). Findmypast searches through their record collection using your names to identify "HINTS" for records that may match.
3. View your tree and look for the orange circle by your ancestor's name. The number indicates the number of records that could potentially be a match to the person. Click the circle.
4. You will see the hints listed. Click on "Review" to be taken to the hints and review the possible match for your person.
5. After comparing the record to your information you can decide to mark the record as "No, and reject it," "Maybe," or "Yes," and go to the "Next Step."



6. Click any name on your tree (also see 6 above) to bring up a summary card. Click the following icons to get more information.
 - a. Put the person in the main position on the tree view.
 - b. View the individual's profile (shown on the next page).
 - c. Edit the vital information.
 - d. Add a Spouse, Sibling, or Child.
 - e. View the person's search results.
 - f. View the Hints.



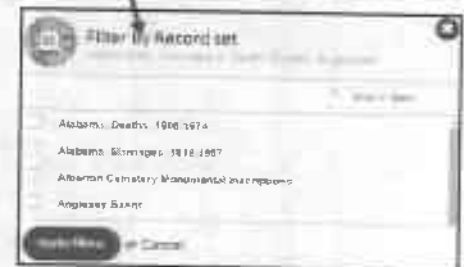
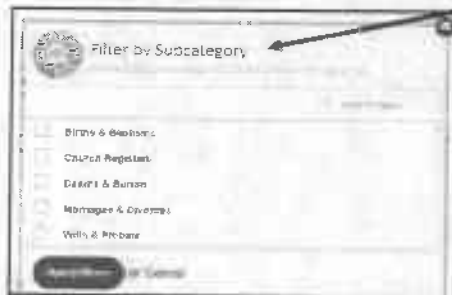
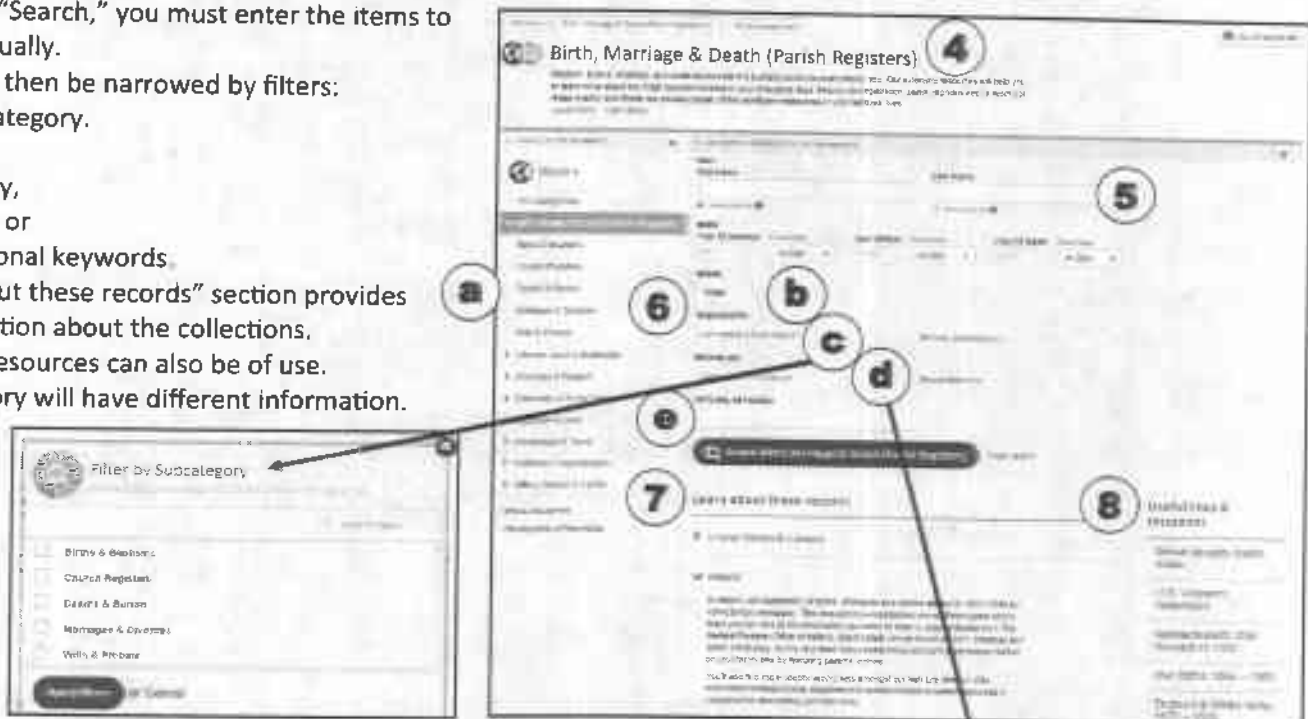
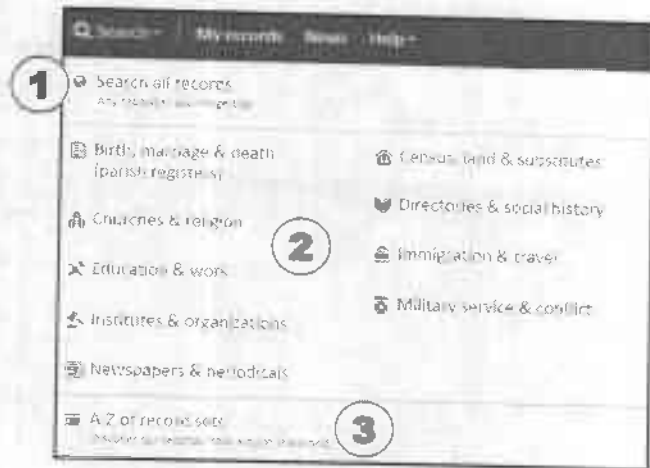
Individual's Profile Page:

1. The "Overview" summarizes the Facts & Events, Relations, Media, Notes, and Hints. View more detail by clicking any of the other tabs.
2. Time Line lists events chronologically.
3. Things to investigate have links to:
 - a. Record "Hints" for the person or
 - b. Search all records for the person.
4. Family Relationships
5. Media, if available.
6. Notes: Added by you or others.

SEARCH RECORDS

1. You can search all records at once.
2. To focus your search, you may select one of the listed categories.
3. You can also select a specific record set from the list.
4. The Birth, Marriage, & Death category is used in this example.
5. When you use "Search," you must enter the items to search for manually.
6. The results can then be narrowed by filters:
 - a. Different category.
 - b. Location.
 - c. Subcategory,
 - d. Record set, or
 - e. Use of optional keywords.
7. The "Learn about these records" section provides helpful information about the collections.
8. Useful links & resources can also be of use.

Each category will have different information.



TOP FIVE SEARCH TIPS FROM FINDMYPAST

- 1st. Try searching for just a first and last name to start. Search broad, then narrow it. Less is more.
- 2nd. Click the name variants box under the search name. Names change and spelling varies over the years.
- 3rd. Search a few years on either of the event date. Ages were often rounded up or down or simply not known.
- 4th. Use a wildcard search. An asterisk for several missing letters, a question mark for a single missing letter.
- 5th. Look at your tree for hints.

MY RECORDS

If you have created or uploaded a tree to Findmypast, you will find a record summary of your listed ancestors and also be provided with access to records of your ancestors.

HELP

FindMyPast also offers excellent help on Getting Started, Expert Advice, Top Tips, and Frequently Asked Questions.

1. Click the "Help" drop down arrow to explore each category of help.
2. Getting started.
3. Expert advice.
4. Top tips.
5. Frequently asked questions.



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Stories, Life Sketch, Other Information, Sources, Notes

Issues Addressed

- What are the differences between Stories, Life Sketch, Other Information, Sources, and Notes?
- Why is there a separate "life sketch"? I have been submitting all mine in "stories."
- What is the purpose of and the size limit of life sketch in Family Tree?
- Where do the "notes" come from?

Solution

Stories are added in Memories or from a person's Memories tab in Family Tree. Stories are for adding detailed information about a person, event, or document.

- Each story is saved as a text file with a limit of 5 MB (approximately 1,000 pages).
- Multiple stories can be linked to a person.
- Multiple people can be linked to a story.
- A story can be a detailed life sketch or biography.
- A story can be about a single event.
- A story can be a transcription of a letter (with the scanned image attached).
- A story can be a translation of a document in another language (with the scanned image attached).
- A story can be anything that would help create a better understanding of who the person was.
- Note: There is presently no method to re-sort stories after they are entered.

A life sketch is a brief general account of a person's life to distinguish and characterize a specific person.

- One life sketch can be attached per person; it cannot be linked to other people.
- A life sketch can be an informal, short outline to help discern one person from another.
- Anyone can correct information in a life sketch.
- Life sketches are limited to 10,000 characters.
- Life sketches serve as a safeguard against incorrect merges and relationships.

Other information is for short details about a person with a date, place, or description. Anyone can add or edit other information, such as the following:

- Stillborn
- Residence
- Religious events
- Titles of nobility
- Occupation
- Religious or other affiliation
- Alternate names
- Naturalization
- Military service
- Physical description
- Caste, tribe, or clan name
- National identification (social security number)
- National origin or race
- Other custom fact
- Note: There is no way to re-sort this information at present.

Sources verify information about a person or relationship in Family Tree.

- Attach sources to people and relationships.
- Create your own sources with attached documents.
- Link to a source in FamilySearch Historical Records.
- Note: You can re-sort sources once you edit the source titles.

Notes are not facts. Notes are research discussions, such as the following:

- Questions about research.
- Concerns about the accuracy of the person or his or her relationships.
- Discussions or explanations of any problems with information or sources.
- Justification of your theory about the person's information.
- You can edit or delete notes that have been imported through GEDCOM files or from the new FamilySearch.
- Many old notes contain information that can now be moved to more appropriate sections of FamilyTree or Memories.
- Notes are available on the person page, edit couple page, and the edit parents page.
- Each note has a limit of 10,000 characters.
- There are no limits to the number of notes for each person.

Related article:

Using the Notes section in Family Tree (61448)

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