

Where To Begin Your Genealogical Endeavors: FamilySearch Wiki!

Somehow, Genealogy appears to be very complicated. In my situation, never say no because I believed in unifying my family roots for my ancestors, children, grandchildren and future generations to develop as part of a family legacy. My philosophy is to take the first step, then the next step is easier to take. 52 years ago, I was teaching at Fort Lee High School in New Jersey right next to the famous George Washington Bridge connecting New York City and New Jersey over the Hudson River. This was before computer technology was in vogue. Consequently, I had four ways to do genealogy: 1) use the phone which was expensive for long-distance calls, 2) write letters to states, cities and Churches for copies of vital records, 3) travel to local states where my early ancestors first settled in Pennsylvania and New Jersey near the Big-Apple and 4) obtain phone books from Ma Bell to search for potential relative surnames for their addresses and phone numbers. Oddly obtaining original copies of vital records was very inexpensive at that time. Sometimes two dollars a copy. For missing searches for state records without knowing the year it occurred, two dollars a year was a common added charge beyond the original two dollar fee which was very affordable then. However today 52 years later, the individual vital birth, marriage and deaths records can cost some as much as \$30.00. \$25 is an average price for the first copy.

- New York State Department of Health: Copies of birth, death, marriage, and divorce records cost \$30 each when ordered by mail. Certified copies for legal purposes cost \$30 each, but genealogical copies cost \$22. Online and phone orders for birth certificates cost \$45 plus a vendor processing fee.
- Colorado prices for birth, marriage and death records are \$25.00 for the first copy.

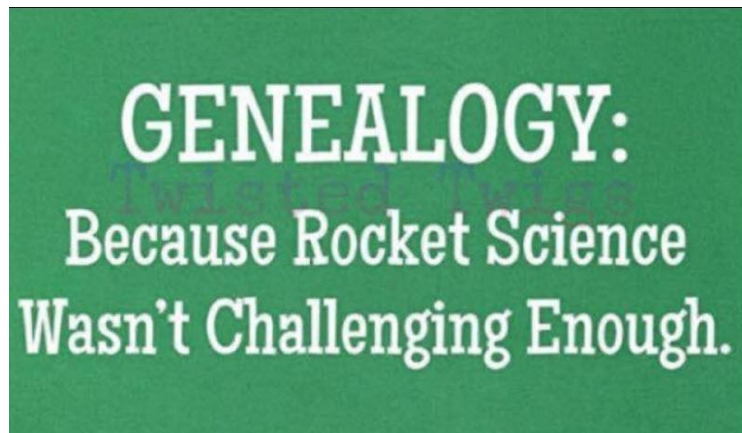
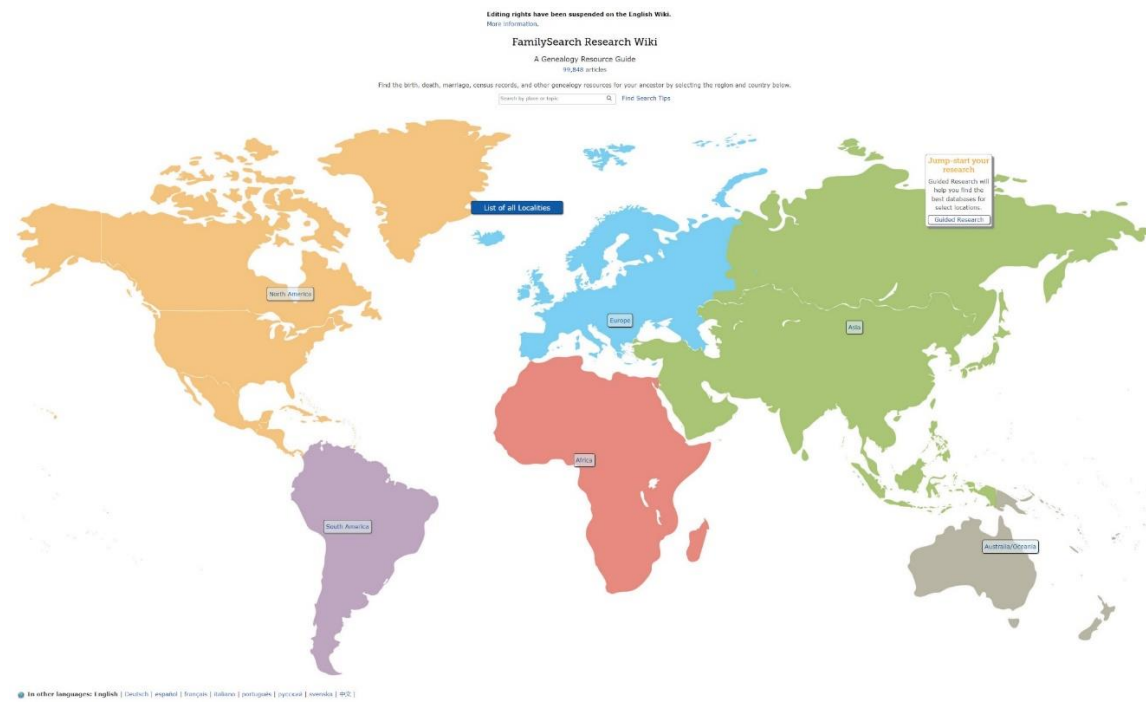
Welcome to 2024 Technology Advancements with Internet Connectivity with Computers/Tablets/Smartphones: How FamilySearch has become the largest genealogy organization in the world!

Yes, doing genealogy can be complicated. To simplify it, consider learning by using [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org). FamilySearch, formally known as the Genealogical Society of Utah, recently celebrated its 130th anniversary. Today, the genealogical Society of Utah is known as FamilySearch International, and it stands as the largest genealogy organization in the world. Over the past hundred and 30 years, FamilySearch in 2019 had worked to publish and grow its family tree to more than 1.2 billion people. In 2019 there were 7.21 billion searchable names are now available via FamilySearch.org's historical records as well as 1.4 billion digital images and 4.84 billion searchable records. Today, there are more than 6,300 family history centers in 149 countries. Compare the 2019 FamilySearch statistics with today's statistics to better understand why it is the genuine leader in genealogical research in the world today with its substantial growth. So why not use it? Read on for some tips and tricks.

Below are the most recent official company facts for nonprofit FamilySearch International, the world's largest genealogy organization. These links are "hot" at <https://rb.gy/24qxwk>.

Searchable Names in Historical Records	13.14 Billion
Digital Images Published	5.19 Billion
Digital Books Online	904,499
Number of FamilySearch Centers	6,388
Monthly Visits	22.90 Million
Sources in the Family Tree	3.22 Billion
People in the Family Tree	1.00 Billion

The FamilySearch Research Wiki at https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page is great for finding the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestors by selecting the region and country below at **no charge!** At the above link search box above, the world map is a great to simplify about where you to find relevant information of how to best search for your ancestors. Presently, there are nearly 100,000 articles linked to that map for searching for pertinent links to find answers for your original research needs.



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