



FamilySearch Community

Objectives

By the end of this class, you will learn:

- How to navigate the FamilySearch Community.
- How to post/answer questions in the FamilySearch Community

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Purpose: The FamilySearch Community is an online resource that helps people interested in family history connect with each other worldwide.

To get started in the FamilySearch Community, go to: <https://community.familysearch.org>

Landing Page

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Community landing page. At the top is the FamilySearch logo and navigation links: Community Home, FamilySearch Help, Suggest an Idea, and Groups. On the right are icons for a globe, help, notifications, email, and a user profile. The main banner says "Welcome to the FamilySearch Community!" with the tagline "Where you can find your answers from others who may know." Below the banner is a search bar labeled "Search" with a magnifying glass icon (callout 1). Below the search bar are four highlighted categories (callout 2): "1950 US Census" (with a star icon), "FamilySearch Help" (with a group of people icon), "Suggest an Idea" (with a lightbulb icon), and "Groups" (with a group of people icon). Below these are three tabs: "Trending Discussions" (callout 3), "Answer a Question" (callout 4), and "Announcements" (callout 5). The "Trending Discussions" tab is selected, showing a discussion titled "Can we please have an 'Attach' button on viewed sources?" with details about a godmother's death record. Below the discussion is a "Blank search results" message. On the right side, there is a "Quick Links" section (callout 6) with buttons for "Contact Us", "Free Research Consultation", "My Groups", "My Bookmarks" (0), "My Discussions" (0), and "My Drafts" (0). Below that is a "Categories" section (callout 7) showing a list of categories and their counts: "All Categories" (20.9K), "1950 US Census", "FamilySearch Help", "Get Involved" (74), and "General Questions" (2.2K).

1. **Search Box** – This is where you can search for a question, answer, discussion, topic, or group. You can either hit the search button or select from the dropdown menu that appears.
2. **Highlighted Categories** – These top four boxes are highlighted categories.
3. **Trending Discussions** – Selecting this option allows you to see discussions that are popular or currently have a lot of activity.
4. **Answer a Question** – Select this option to see questions that still do not have answers.

5. **Announcements** – Select this option to see announcements
6. **Quick Links** – These links will send you to the groups, bookmarks, discussions, or drafts that you have created.
7. **Categories** – This is an expanded list of all the categories that are currently listed in the Community.

Group Page

The screenshot shows the 'France Genealogy Research' group page. At the top, there is a header with a home link and the group name. Below this is a profile section with a group icon (a French flag), the group name 'France Genealogy Research' (callout 1), and member information including the owner 'System', leaders 'Steve Walker16, Charlotte Noelle Champenois, System, karenrasmussen', creation date 'March 15, 2021', '453 members', and 'Privacy: Public' (callout 2). To the right of this section is an 'Options' button (callout 3). Below the profile section is an 'Announcements' section (callout 4) with a list of posts. The first post is a welcome message for new members. The second post is a resource link for the group. The third post is a help request for those searching in the western area of France. The fourth post is information about French surnames. Below the announcements is a 'Discussions' section (callout 5) with a 'New Discussion' button (callout 6). The first discussion is about a birth record translation, and the second is about a Latin translation of a dicti/dictus maron.

1. **Group Name**
2. **Group Member Information** – Here you can see the owner, leaders, and see a list of the members.
3. **Options** – This allows you to leave the group.
4. **Announcements** – These are announcements for the group. Check back periodically as they may change from time to time. You may also find resource links.
5. **Discussions** – These are the different discussions, questions, or events posted to the group.
6. **New Discussion** – This button allows you to create a new discussion, question, or event for the group. Click here to get your own questions answered.