



## Overview of FamilySearch.org

### Objectives

By the end of this class, you will:

- Get an overview of **FamilySearch.org** resources and features.
- Learn to navigate **FamilySearch.org**.
- Learn how to get create an account, find historical records, and get help.

### SIGN IN/CREATE ACCOUNT (FREE)

- **Create Account:** Fill in personal information fields, then verify with your e-mail or a code sent to your phone. REMEMBER your Username and Password for future sign ins.
- **Sign in:** You must sign in to view your Family Tree and other resources:

Settings: Manage your account. (Account, Contact, Preferences, etc.)

Family Groups: Access the different groups you have either joined or created.

Contacts: List of other collaborators you want to contact quickly.

Source Box: Create and store sources.

Sign out: Close FamilySearch.org on your browser.

- **Sign up/Sign in with:** You can create/sign into an account with one of the following other accounts: Facebook, Google, Apple, ChurchofJesusChrist.org. See the help tab for more information.

### TABS

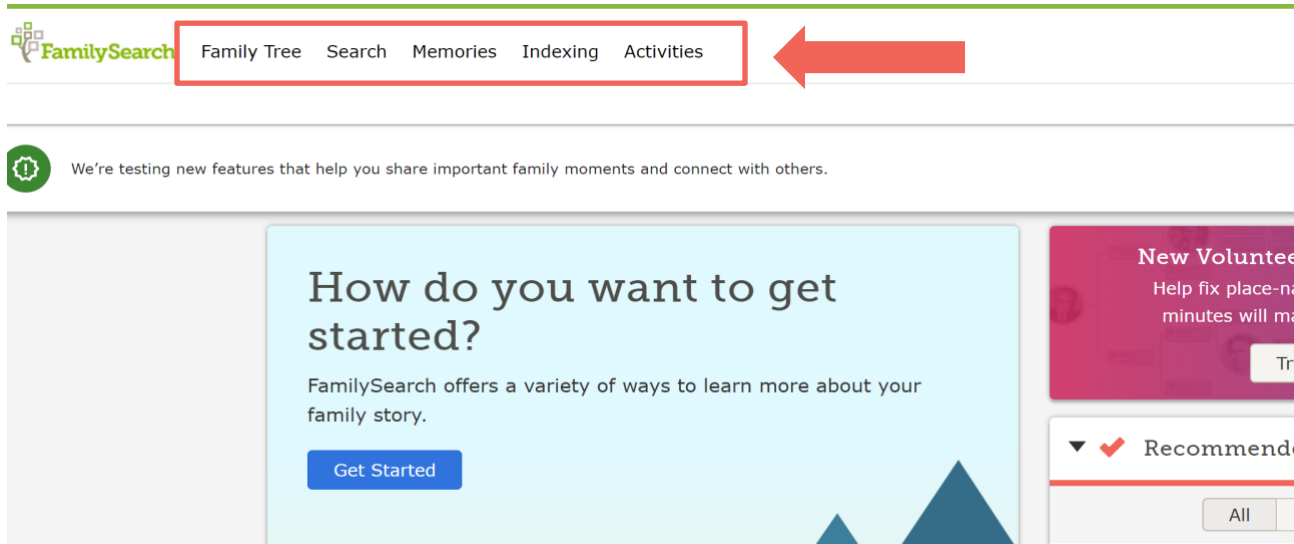
**Family Tree** – Find people on the shared Family Tree. Follow changes and view your contributions.

**Search** – Find records from many databases, including the FamilySearch Research Wiki.

**Memories** – Add your photos, records, and audio recordings to FamilySearch.org.

**Indexing** – Help make records searchable online.

**Activities** – Family history activities that are fun for the whole family.



## FAMILY TREE TAB

The Family Tree is one worldwide pedigree. This allows you to collaborate with cousins and others to share a more accurate and complete family genealogy. Every person created on FamilySearch.org has a computer-generated Personal Identification Number (PID).

Learn more about the FamilySearch Family Tree by going to <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/overview>.

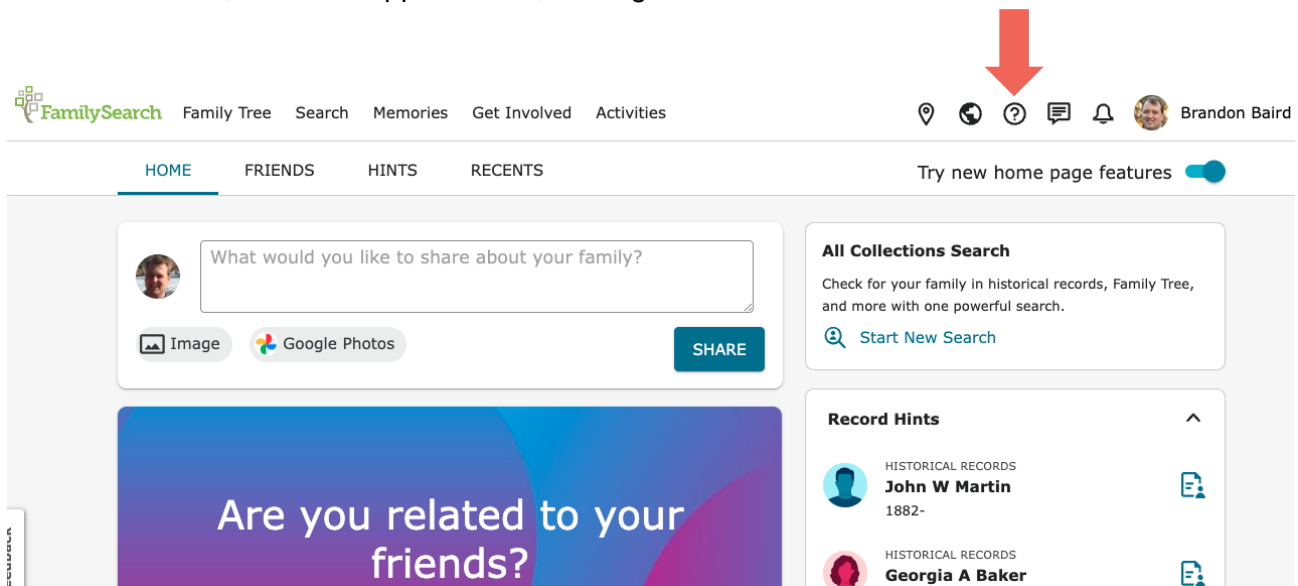
## SEARCH TAB

There are various ways to search for Historical Records

- **Records** search by name, collection, or place.
- **Images** search groups of images in the world's largest collection of historical documents.
- **Family Tree** search for individuals in our community Family Tree databases.
- **Genealogies** view this large directory of family tree, also known as lineages or pedigrees, that people and organizations have shared with FamilySearch.
- **Catalog** search the catalog of genealogical materials such as books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications)
- **Books** search FamilySearch digital library of over 500,000 genealogy books, family histories, maps, yearbooks, and more.
- **Wiki** search by place or topic. Find links to websites, resources, record collections, guided research.

## HELP TAB

- **Suggested Topics** will automatically generate based on the page you are viewing when you click the Help button.
- **Help Center** find answers to frequently asked questions or search by topics. Scroll to the bottom of the page to sign up for in-person help, learn how to get started, and join FamilySearch Community.
- **Community** Join a group pertaining to your research topics or places, where you can ask questions and find your answers from others who may be able to help.
- **Contact Us** find local help, phone numbers, and live chat support in some areas.
- **Helper Resources** find out what's new at FamilySearch, quick links, FamilySearch YouTube, volunteer opportunities, Getting Started and other sources.



## INDEXING TAB

Your help is needed! You can join in the effort to make records searchable online. You can find a project, start web indexing, or get indexing help with guided tour and articles.

## ACTIVITIES TAB

You can find many different in-home and online activities designed for the whole family. It's family history in a whole new way!