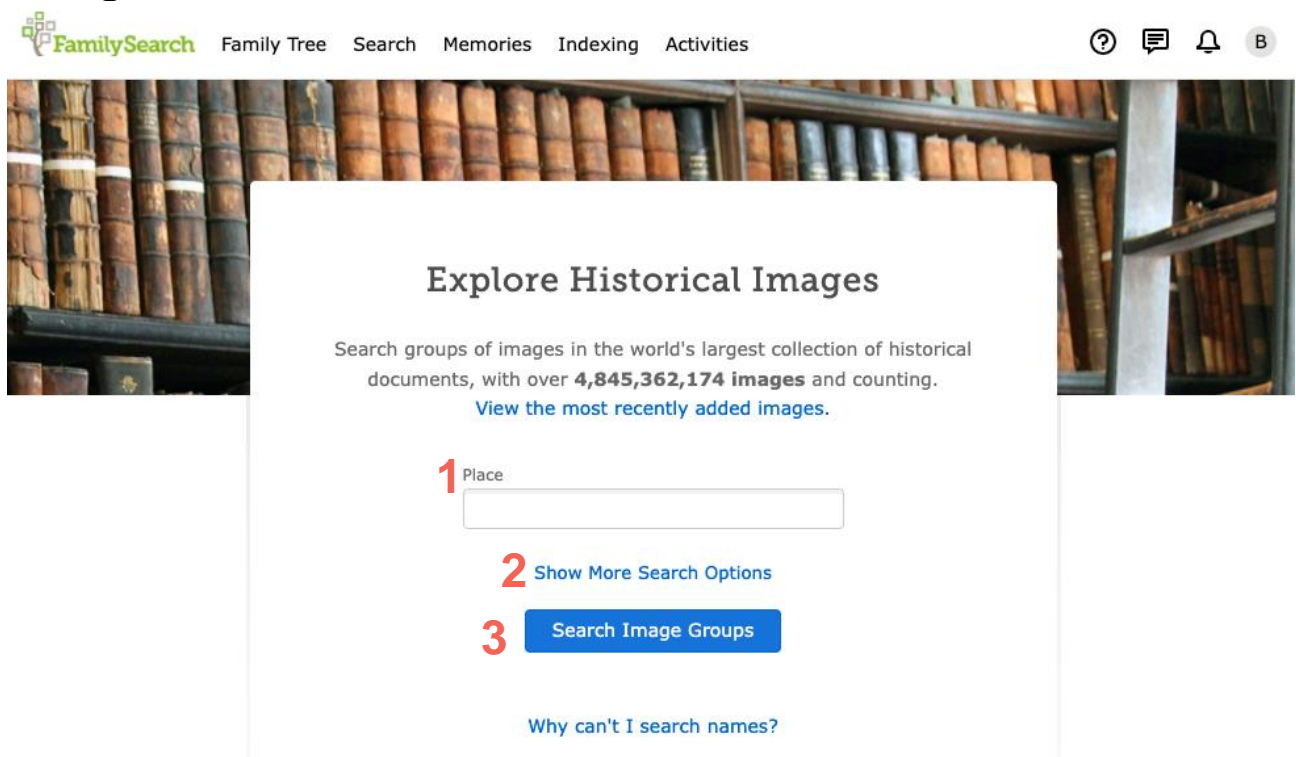# Using FamilySearch Images

Objectives

By the end of this class, you will learn:

- How to use FamilySearch Images
- The functionality of FamilySearch Images

FamilySearch Images

FamilySearch Images is one of the ways to view digitized images of records or microfilm. As FamilySearch continues to digitize records, they are being uploaded into Images before they are processed into the FamilySearch Catalog. You may find records that are not identified in the FamilySearch Catalog.
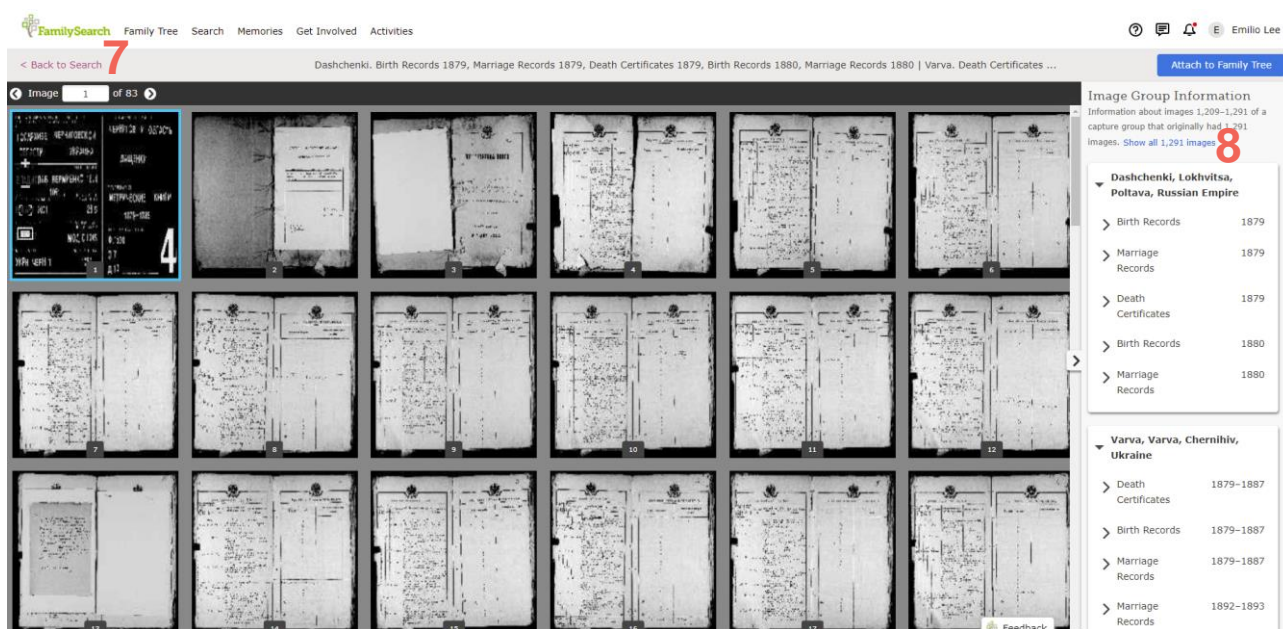
Navigation

1. Place Search: You need to use the options from the dropdown menu. This will list every available record for the location given. You can search by any jurisdiction to see what records are available.

2. **Show More Search Options**: This allows you to search by date and life event. You can also conduct an **Advanced Search**. This search allows you to search by:
   a. **Record type:** Birth, Marriage, Death, etc.
   b. **Image Group Number (DGS):** This is the digital microfilm number.
   c. **Creator:** Creator of the records. This can be a parish, archive, or other entity.
   d. **Custodian:** Archive the records can be found
   e. **Keyword:** Searches all fields for search terms
3. **Search Image Groups:** This will enact the search.

4. **Refine Your Search:** This area allows you to alter your search to include dates, life events, record types, and more.
5. **Results:** This is where you can find the results of your search.
6. **Show:** Options that you can use to define the appearance of your results. As you adjust these options, FamilySearch saves your preferences for future use. You have the ability to choose between the following options:
   a. **Image Group Number:** Also known as the DGS or digital film number.
   b. **Place:** Location(s) contained in the image set.
   c. **Date:** Date coverage of the image set.
   d. **Record Type:** Types of records contained in the image set.
   e. **Image Count:** Number of images in the image set.
   f. **Title:** Title of the image set. Many times this field is blank.
   g. **Volume:** Volume number of the image set. Many times this field is blank.
   h. **Language:** Language(s) found in the image set.
   i. **Creator:** Creator of the records. This can be a parish, archive, or other entity.
   j. **Custodian:** Archive the records can be found. Many times this field is blank.
   k. **Archival Reference Number:** Reference number in the original archive.
   l. **Capture Date:** Date FamilySearch Captured the image set.
   m. **Date Available:** Date image set was made available online.

7. **Back to Search:** This will take you back to the search results page.
8. **Show all … images:** This will show you all the search results in an image set. Some image sets have been divided and this will allow you to see the entire image set.