What On Earth Is A Wiki?

FAMILYSEARCH WIKI IS:

…. A tool people can use to learn how to find their ancestors. It offers information on how to find, use, and analyze records of genealogical value. The site's content is variously targeted to beginners, intermediate researchers, and experts.

- Instructions on how to find, use and analyze records that are genealogically useful.
- Historical definitions of legal terms, occupations ,and other terms that are useful to genealogists.
- Images of records used as examples of the kind of information a type of record will bear.

FAMILYSEARCH WIKI IS NOT:

- A place to post (or find) information about a specific ancestor.
- A place to post data sets and genealogical records, such as obituaries, military histories, or transcriptions of record sources

FamilySearch Wiki Home Page

familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

Free family history research advice for the community, by the community

Learn from our 63,255 articles.

Keyword example: Iowa cemeteries

Browse by country

List all countries

Tour
Start with an overview of the Wiki, including Help!

Write
You know something that can help someone else.

Connect
Join with our community that loves family history.

WikiProjects, "How To's and Helps" and Featured Articles

In the FamilySearch Research Wiki, you can learn about how to do genealogical research or share your knowledge with others.

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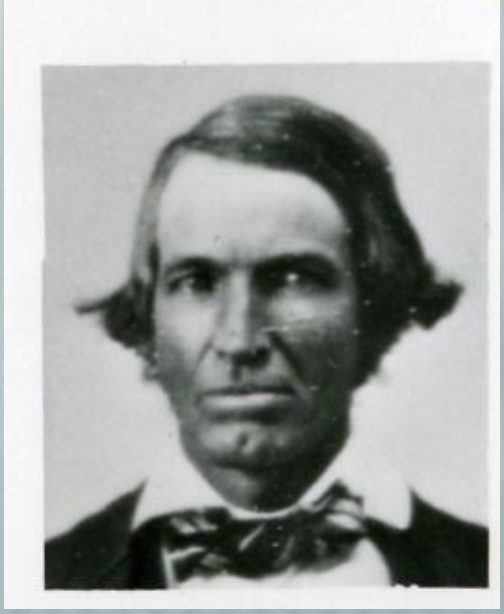
LOOKING FOR AN ANCESTOR?

The FamilySearch Wiki has 60,883 pages about records, localities, subjects and methods that can help you find your ancestors.



Take a tour – understand what the wiki is

Help:Tour

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Welcome to the Research Wiki!

The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a place where you can:

Research your Family History

- Find out what historical records are available in localities around the world and how to access them
- Learn research strategies to help you know how to research your family

Contribute Your Knowledge to the Wiki

- Share your knowledge about the best ways to do family history research
- Store great research tips you learn about but may not be ready to use yet

Wiki Navigation Overview

Help:Wiki Overview

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This **help article** will guide you as you edit in the Wiki. See Contributor Help for more help articles.
Visit the Wiki Help Forum as you have questions.

Together we can find our ancestors!

Looking for an ancestor? The FamilySearch Wiki has **63,255 pages** about records, localities, subjects and methods that can help you find your ancestors. Articles are written by community members like you, working together to create an online-library of information which will eventually enable all members of the community to discover precious details about their families. From the novice to the professional, everyone knows something that can help someone else. As we work together, we will find our ancestors!

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Learn to Research

v · d · e	**Links to Principles of Family History Research articles** [hide]
Introduction	Using This Article · Your Genealogical Quest · The Research Process
Step 1. Identify What You Know	Use Appropriate Forms · Recall Information · Gather Family Information · Gather Low-Hanging-Fruit Sources · Record Useful Information · Organize Your Records
Step 2. Decide What You Want to Learn	Identify Candidate Families for Further Research · One Family at a Time · One Research Objective at a Time · Select the Easiest Research Objective · Prepare a Research Log
Step 3. Select Records to Search	Creation of Records · Identify a Category of Sources · Choose a Record Type · Select Specific Records · Describe the Records on a Research Log
Step 4. Obtain and Search the Records	Obtain the Records · View the Records · Search the Records · Record the Results
Step 5. Use the Information	Evaluate the Evidence · Transfer the Information · Organize the New Records · Share the Information · Prepare Names for Temple Ordinances · Restart the Research Cycle · **For Further Reading**

Important Tips and Tricks

FAMILYSEARCH Learn FamilySearch Centers Indexing Blog

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Document AS YOU GO!

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Why it is so important to document and organize family history research as you go, a brief explanation of the tools needed, and how to do it.

One of the most fundamental and important principles of family history research is to organize and document AS YOU GO![1] Good documentation includes:

- ***Research logs***—Fill in the purpose of each search, and source data on logs before looking at the source. After success, list where you found the copy. Log strategies.[2]
- ***Family group records***—Keep up-to-date with source footnotes for every event. Add all events like census, military service, and migrations to the family group record.
- ***Photocopies of most sources***—If the repository will allow it, *ALWAYS* make a photocopy.
- ***Well-organized files***—Stay organized by completing paperwork and filing before starting another search.<br

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Making the Wiki work for you

Help:Wiki Basics

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Welcome to the Wiki community. Whether you are researching or contributing, the items below will help you get started.

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Navigation Menu

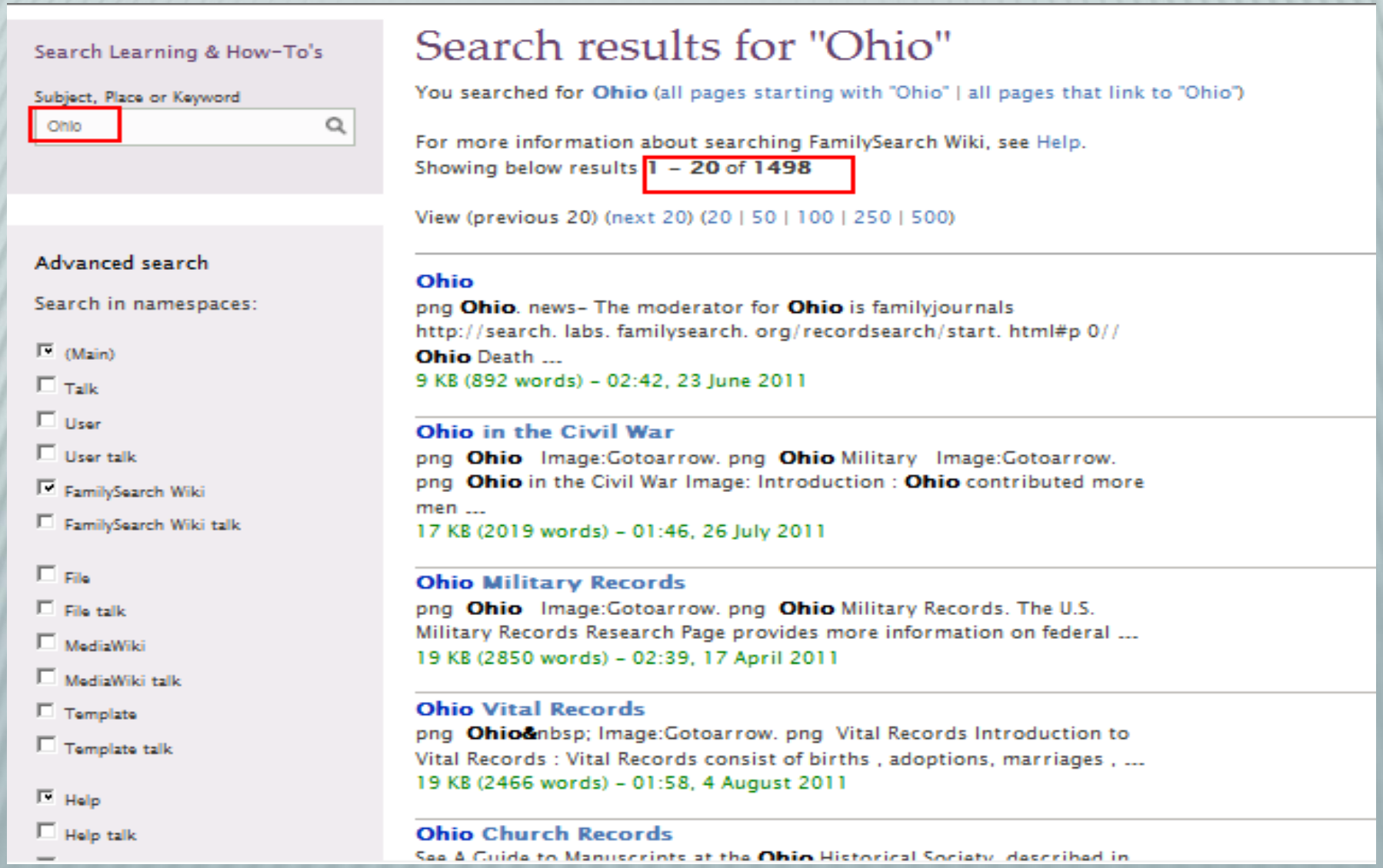
On the left side of the page, you may see a purple navigation box with a Table of Contents in it. You can click on any heading in that table and be taken to that heading on the page.

On the right side of every page, you will see a purple navigation menu. The Toolbox, Community and Personal Tools boxes expand by clicking on the small arros on the right side of the name.

Registering on the Wiki

Where do you need help?

Results on a simple search for “Ohio”



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Advanced search

Search in namespaces:

- [x] (Main)
- [ ] Talk
- [ ] User
- [ ] User talk
- [x] FamilySearch Wiki
- [ ] FamilySearch Wiki talk
- [ ] File
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- [ ] MediaWiki
- [ ] MediaWiki talk
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- [x] Help
- [ ] Help talk

Search results for "Ohio"

You searched for **Ohio** (all pages starting with "Ohio" | all pages that link to "Ohio")

For more information about searching FamilySearch Wiki, see Help.
Showing below results **1 – 20** of **1498**

View (previous 20) (next 20) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500)

Ohio
png **Ohio**. news- The moderator for **Ohio** is familyjournals http://search. labs. familysearch. org/recordsearch/start. html#p 0// **Ohio** Death ...
9 KB (892 words) - 02:42, 23 June 2011

Ohio in the Civil War
png **Ohio** Image:Gotoarrow. png **Ohio** Military Image:Gotoarrow. png **Ohio** in the Civil War Image: Introduction : **Ohio** contributed more men ...
17 KB (2019 words) - 01:46, 26 July 2011

Ohio Military Records
png **Ohio** Image:Gotoarrow. png **Ohio** Military Records. The U.S. Military Records Research Page provides more information on federal ...
19 KB (2850 words) - 02:39, 17 April 2011

Ohio Vital Records
png **Ohio** Image:Gotoarrow. png Vital Records Introduction to Vital Records : Vital Records consist of births , adoptions, marriages , ...
19 KB (2466 words) - 01:58, 4 August 2011

Ohio Church Records
See A Guide to Manuscripts at the **Ohio** Historical Society, described in

A Search for “Idaho”

Search results for "idaho"

You searched for **idaho** (all pages starting with "idaho" | all pages that link to "idaho")

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Showing below results **1 – 20** of **911**

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Idaho

html **Idaho** State Archives (formerly the **Idaho** State History Society Public Archives and Research Library or PARL) is located at 2205 Old ...
9 KB (739 words) – 21:12, 22 August 2011

Idaho County, Idaho

Boise News– 1863:9:29–1864:10:22 **Idaho** mountaineer – 1941:5:15–1958:6:26 **Idaho** patriot – 1864:10:9 **Idaho** times – 1866:11:2 **Idaho** world, ...
16 KB (2418 words) – 13:25, 18 August 2011

More pages are being added daily

Join a Facebook Research Community

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We are excited to announce the creation of several online research communities powered by FamilySearch. These communities have been created to help you and others researching in the same area to:

- ask questions,
- collaborate on your research, and
- share knowledge you have gained as you've done your own research in a specific area.

North America

- Canada
- Canada First Nations

- American Indian (Southeastern United States)

- Idaho, United States
- Illinois, United States
- Louisiana, United States
- Mississippi, United States
- Missouri, United States
- New Jersey, United States
- New York, United States
- North Carolina, United States
- Ohio, United States
- Oklahoma, United States
- Pennsylvania, United States
- South Carolina, United States
- Tennessee, United States
- Texas, United States
- Utah, United States
- Vermont, United States
- Washington, United States
- Virginia, United States
- West Virginia, United States

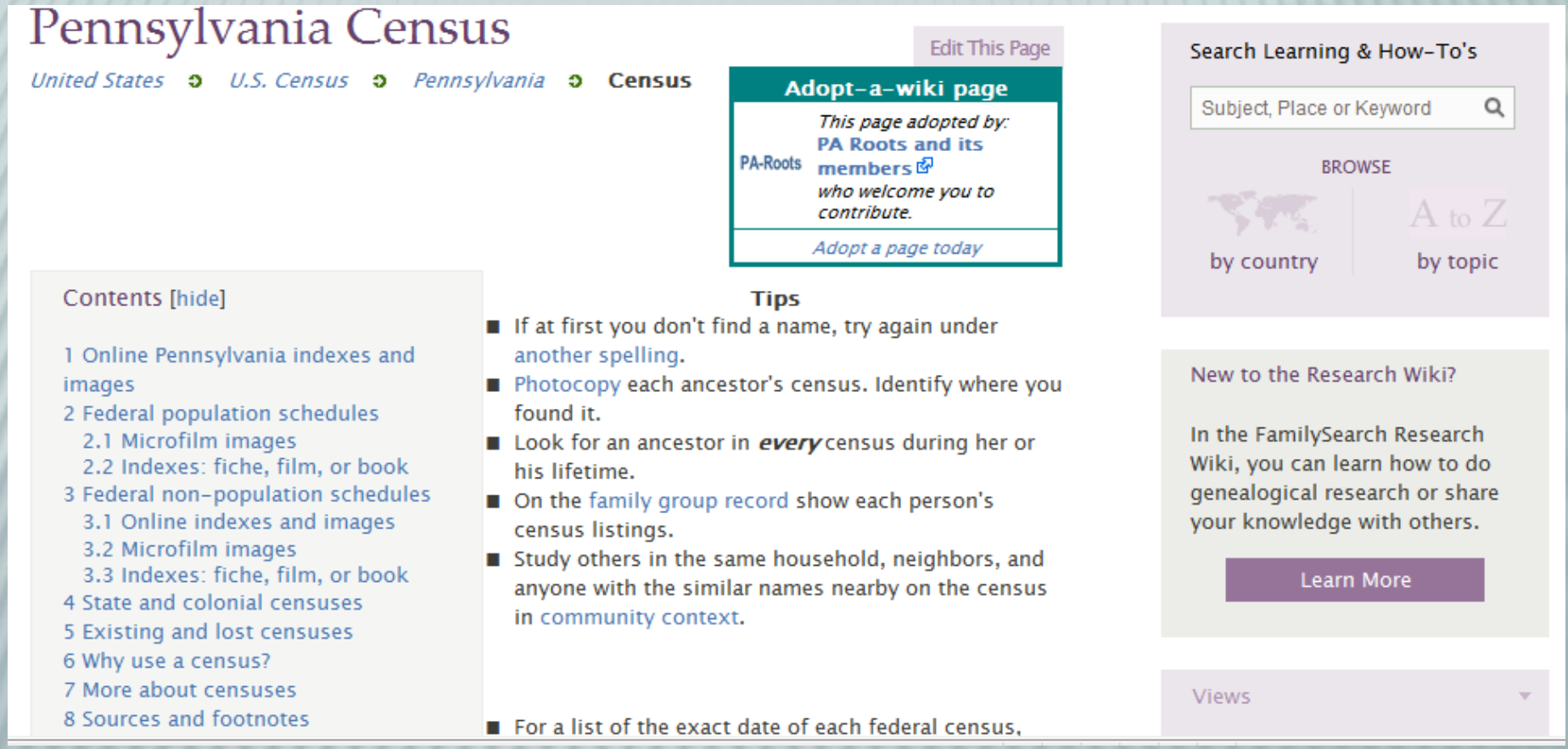
Can you help?

Would you like to be involved? Visit a page, help answer a question, share your knowledge!

SUCCESS!

A patron at the Family History Library was asking for help on how to use ward maps with census records for Pennsylvania. First, they looked in the Wiki for Pennsylvania Census Records.

But there was a lot of information about Pennsylvania Censuses that could be very helpful.



Pennsylvania Census

United States › U.S. Census › Pennsylvania › Census

Edit This Page

Adopt-a-wiki page

PA-Roots — *This page adopted by:* **PA Roots and its members** *who welcome you to contribute.*

Adopt a page today

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1 Online Pennsylvania indexes and images
2 Federal population schedules
  2.1 Microfilm images
  2.2 Indexes: fiche, film, or book
3 Federal non-population schedules
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  3.2 Microfilm images
  3.3 Indexes: fiche, film, or book
4 State and colonial censuses
5 Existing and lost censuses
6 Why use a census?
7 More about censuses
8 Sources and footnotes

Tips

- If at first you don't find a name, try again under another spelling.
- Photocopy each ancestor's census. Identify where you found it.
- Look for an ancestor in ***every*** census during her or his lifetime.
- On the family group record show each person's census listings.
- Study others in the same household, neighbors, and anyone with the similar names nearby on the census in community context.
- For a list of the exact date of each federal census,

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And . . . .

Information on Pennsylvania indexes with links to take her right there

Online Pennsylvania indexes and images

Online Federal Population Schedule Indexes and Images for Pennsylvania									
		Free			Free at Some Libraries (usually with a library card)				Pay
		Record Search [1]	Family Search [2]	Census Bureau [3]	Heritage Quest [4]	Footnote [5]	Ancestry FHL ed. [6]	Ancestry Library ed. [6]	Ancestry Home ed. [6]
1930	indexes	–	*Link*	–	–	Link	Link	Link	Link
	images	–	–	–	Link	Link	Link	Link	Link
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1870 [7]	indexes	Link	*Link*	–	Link	–	Link	Link	Link
	images	Link	*Link*	–	Link	–	Link	Link	Link
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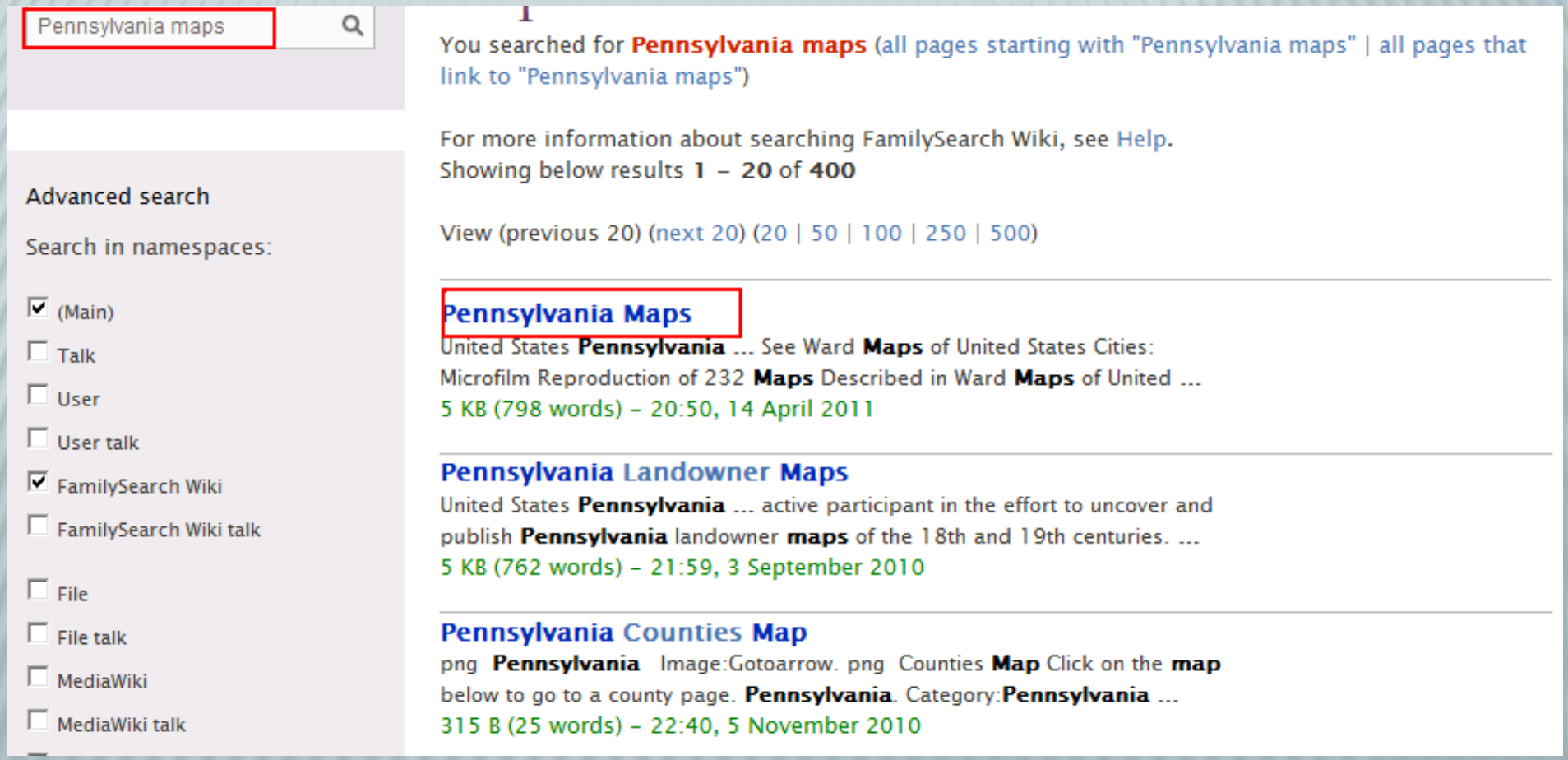
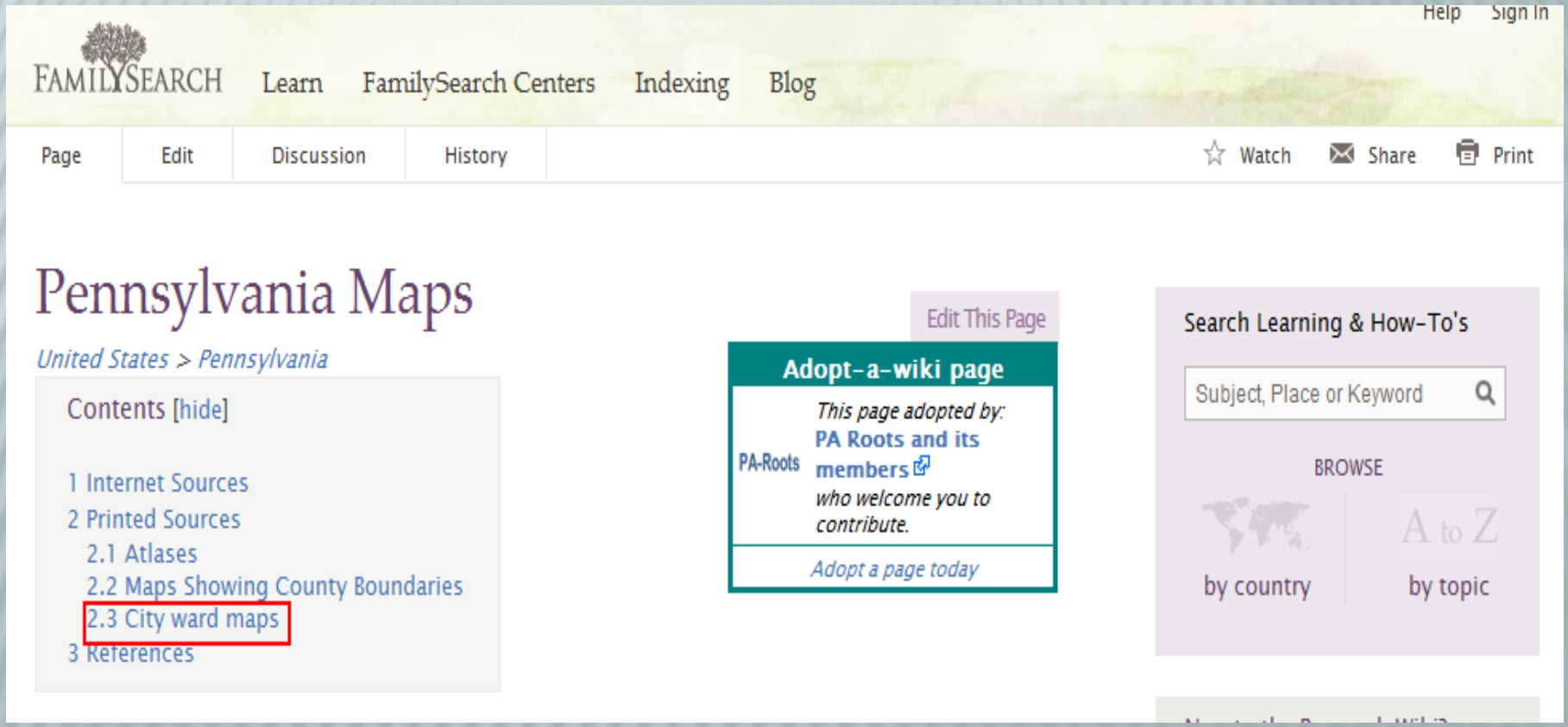
They didn't find anything about ward maps on the Census records page, so they searched on Pennsylvania Maps.



In the Table of Contents, there was a section for City Ward Maps and at the bottom of the page, there was an explanation for using the city maps when doing census research!



City ward maps

Wards were civil subdivisions of cities that divided services such as police, fire and rescue, utilities, and voting. Ward maps can be helpful when using census records. See *Ward Maps of United States Cities: Microfilm Reproduction of 232 Maps Described in Ward Maps of United States Cities.* Washington, D. C.: Library of Congress, [1975?]. (Family History Library film 1377700; on 320 fiche beginning with 6016554.) These include:

- Allegheny, 1867–78 (Family History Library fiche 6016561–66)
- Philadelphia, 1802–98 (Family History Library fiche 6016721–36)
- Pittsburgh, 1855–98 (Family History Library fiche 6016737–43)

Landowner Maps Information about the landowner maps.

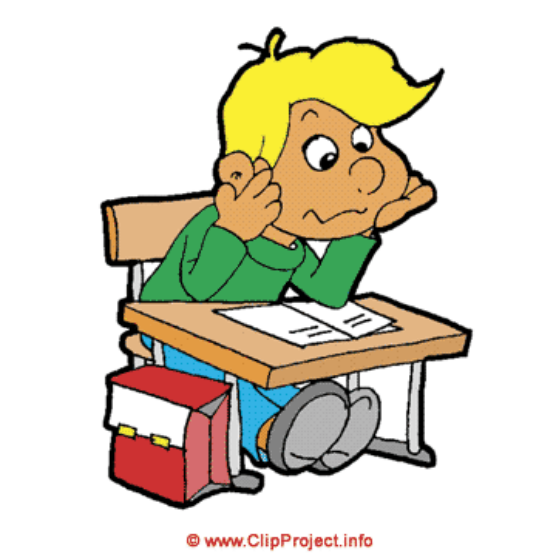
And there were links to the films and fiche at the Family History Library

Then there was more help, because she could go right to the correct film and click on that to get more information. She could then order the film or see if it was online, digitally.

She was one happy lady

She's cheering for the Wiki

Great helps for contributors!



Who Wants to be a Family History Millionaire?

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Syllabus for class taught by Ben Bennett, Chief of Staff, FamilySearch Patron Services presented at the BYU 2010 Conference on Computerized Family History & Genealogy.

Course Title: Who Wants to be a Family History Millionaire?

Abstract: Ever wanted to be a millionaire but just didn't have the cash? Now you can be a Family History millionaire by sharing what you know and helping millions of others (like you) who care about their ancestors. Learn how to share what you know with the global FamilySearch community (including Research Wiki, Research Forums, Indexing, Discussions, and other communities). As you learn how to help others with these resources, you'll also learn how to benefit from the community thus making you a Family History millionaire twice over!

Learn how to contribute

Getting Started - Video Demonstrations

Complete course on editing in the wiki

Review individual contributor videos:

- Editing a Wiki Article
- Adding Links
- Adding Images
- Adding Citations
- Creating a Wiki Article
- Watching Wiki Articles
- Using Templates
- Webinar: Leveraging the Power of We: a Watershed Event in Discovering Where to Find Your Ancestors by FamilySearch's Michael Ritchey

Getting Started - Contributor Help Articles

Editing

- Basic editing (see demo)
- Basic: Copy and paste into a wiki page
- Help: The Editing Tool
- Simple edits you can make
- Basic Wikitext

Images

- Submitting images (see demo)
- Adding images to a page

Creating and Naming Pages

Research Wiki Training Course

Wiki Overview

Searching for and Creating Articles

Editing a Wiki Article

Inserting Images and Templates

Links and Citations

Watching Wiki Articles

End of Course Survey

You can get one-on-one help

FamilySearch Wiki:Mentoring

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Mentoring Program | Mentors List

The Wiki encourages a spirit of help and cooperation between users and contributors. More experienced wiki users can be helpful to new users by **mentoring** them through the basics of using the Wiki, or offering specialized help. Through this process, new learners should be able to become effective contributors more quickly. We can learn from one another.

Sign up to be a mentor, or to receive mentoring

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1 A mentor is one who:
2 A mentor is not:
3 Mentors are needed to help:
4 Resources

A mentor is one who:

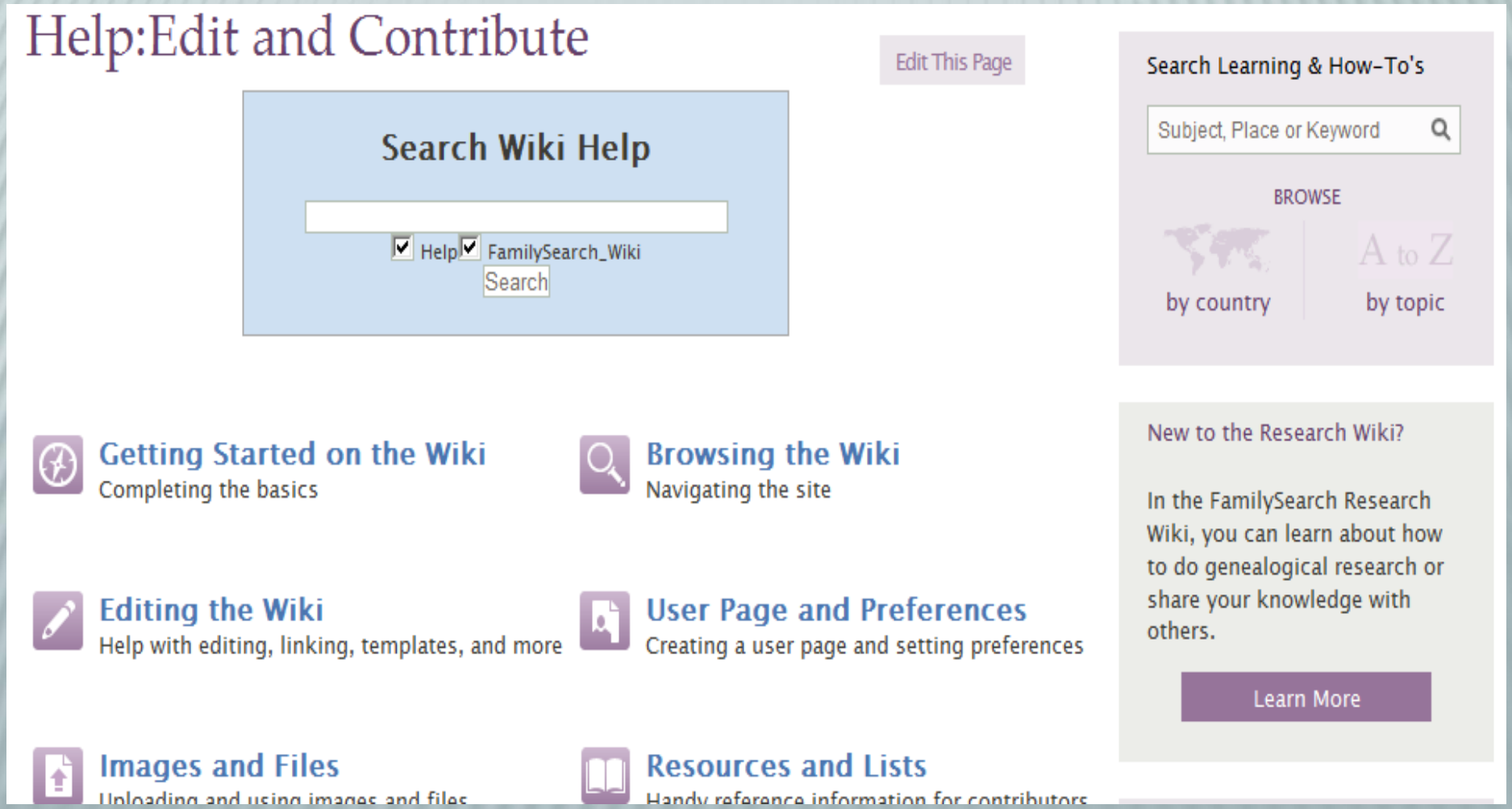
- Answers questions and offers friendly advice and support.
- Helps with technical difficulties, policy interpretation and conflict management.
- Enjoys working with and teaching people.
- Has time available to help.
- Has a working knowledge of the area he/she is willing to mentor in or be willing to be taught how to mentor in a particular area.

Experts are at your finger-tips

General Contributors

Mentor	Status	Areas of Expertise	Notes	Mentoring
sbfunk / Talk Page	Available	Beginning contributors and FHC pages	Currently serving in Wiki Support	
James Tanner / Talk Page	Available	Contributors both beginning and advanced	Currently acting on the Wiki Support Team	
evancol / Talk Page	Available	All levels of contributing		
jenson1 / Talk Page	Available	All levels of contributing	Currently acting on the Wiki Support Team	
Charles Smith/ Talk Page	Available	All levels of contributing	Currently serving in Wiki Support	

All the Contributor Help you need



EXPLORE THE RESEARCH WIKI!