FamilySearch.org: Overview and Navigation

Objectives

By the end of this class, you will learn:

- Overview of **FamilySearch.org** basics.
- How to update, improve, or add to your Family Tree
- How to get help to find answers to your questions.

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 some other resources.

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

    Source Box: Create and store sources.

    Sign out: Close FamilySearch.org on your browser.
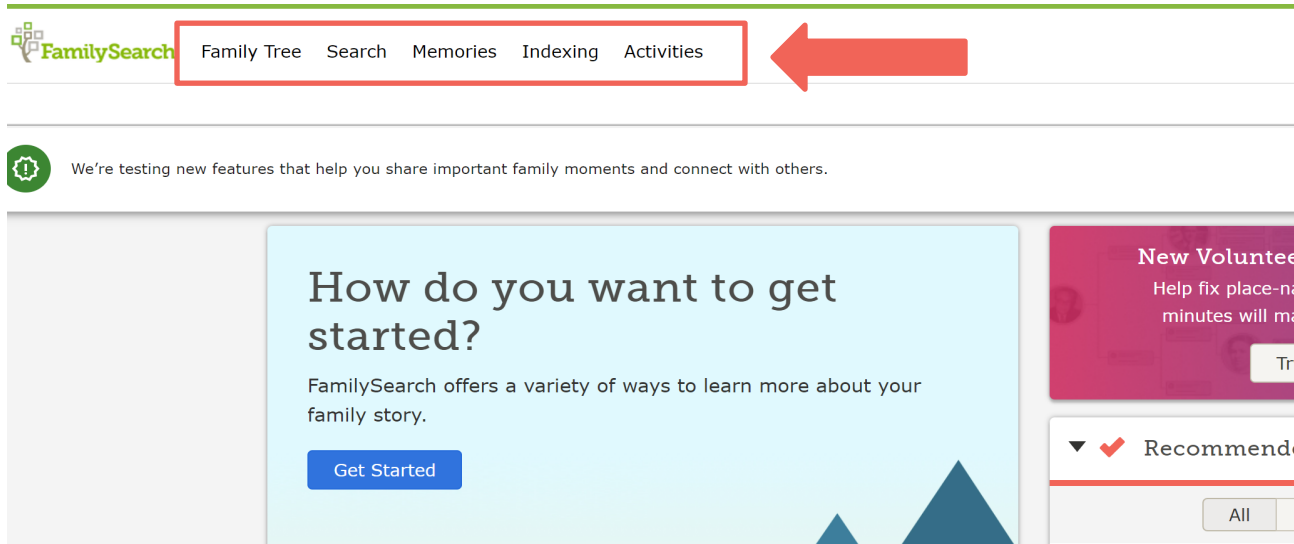
TABS

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

Search – Find records from many databases, including 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.

There are two main pages: The **Tree** page and the **Person** page.

- **Tree:** You may choose from 4 pedigree views under the arrow.

Options: allows you to choose features to show in the Tree view. Check the boxes according to your preferences.

You can add family members by selecting **+ Add Father, +Add Mother** or click on **Children** to show a dropdown menu to **+Add Child** or view children that have been previously added.

- **Person:** From the Tree view, click on any ancestor and ID card will appear. Click on the **Name**, or **Person** at the bottom of the ID card to open the **Person** details page.

PERSON PAGE

You can add or edit information to the person main profile page by clicking on **+Add** or **Edit**.
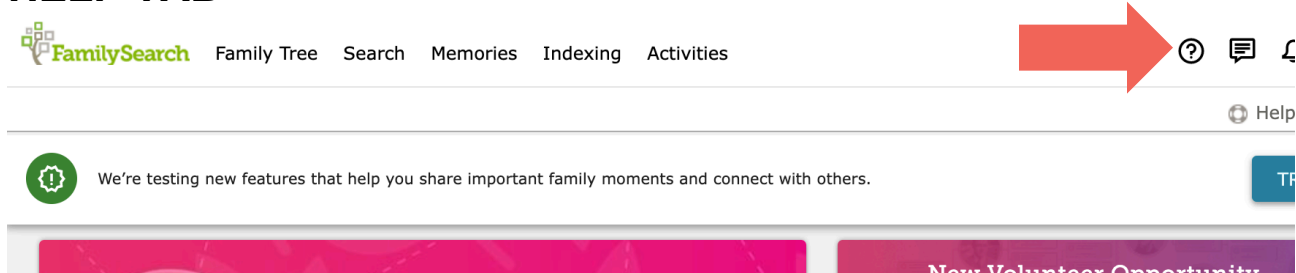
SEARCH TAB

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!