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Family Search

November 14, 2017

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What’s up at FamilySearch?

14 November 2017

John de Jong
North America Archives Digitization Negotiation Team Leader
What is FamilySearch?

Largest genealogical organization in the world

Non-profit – volunteer driven

Sponsored by
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Archival Community Participant
What is the Purpose of FamilySearch?

Help people connect with their ancestors
Role in a Worldwide Community

Records

Lineage-Linked Databases

Leadership, Expertise, and Standards

Research Assistance
- 1998
  - More indexing
  - Public tree
  - Hinting

- 1999

- 2007

- 2012

- 2017
## Latest Facts:

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Reach of Image Capture

- Over 320 camera teams filming in over 45 countries
- 50 camera teams in North America
- 1+ Million images posted daily.
FamilySearch Digital Cameras

- MegaPlus 6.3 MP, 2000
- Atmel Camelia 8 MP, 2002
- Redlake 11 MP, 2004
- Illunis 16 MP, 2007
- Illunis 50 MP, 2010
- Nikon D810 36 MP, 2017
Image Formats

- JPEG
- JP2000
- TIFF
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Camera Locations – 1 October 2017
Typical Camera set up
Preservation

Granite Mountain Records Vault

- Over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm
- Over 235 thousand digital books
- Over 3.5 billion images of family history records
- Increasing by 150 million images each year
Preservation

Granite Mountain Records Vault

• Over 40pb of tape storage
• Ingesting 1.5M digital images daily
• Over 9pb spinning data
• Growth rate of over 1pb per year
• Migration to new formats
Record Preservation – more than taking pictures

FamilySearch follows these steps:

1. **Prioritize** records
2. **Negotiate** digitization agreements
3. **Digitize** original manuscripts and microfilms
4. **Describe** record collections
5. **Preserve** digital content in the vault
6. **Arrange** images for online browsing
7. **Index** names, dates, and places
8. **Standardize** names, dates, and places
9. **Publish** images and indexes online
10. **Guide** people to succeed
Create a Record Strategy (New York)

- Top record types:
  
  1. Vital records
  2. Church records
  3. State census
  4. Naturalization
  5. Probate records
  6. Cemeteries
  7. Other vitals
  8. Military records
  9. Land records
  10. Voter registration
  11. Tax records
  12. Lineage societies
  13. Genealogy collections
  14. Court records
  15. School records
Focus on an Archive Class (New York)

• NY county courthouses typically have these priority records:

  1. Vital records
  2. Church records
  3. State census
  4. Naturalization
  5. Probate records
  6. Cemeteries
  7. Other vitals
  8. Military records
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Select Records to Digitize (New York)

• Select these records for the New York county template:

1. Births, marriages, deaths
2. Church records
3. State census
4. Oaths, declarations, etc.
5. Wills and estate papers
6. Cemeteries
7. Hospital, coroners, pauper
8. Military records
9. Deeds and mortgages
10. Voter registration
11. Early tax rolls
12. Lineage societies
13. Genealogy collections
14. Early civil, criminal court
15. School records
## FamilySearch Indexing Statistics

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[Find a Project]
Records Access

Records Catalog

FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.

Search by:
- Place
- Surnames
- Titles
- Author
- Subjects
- Keywords

Search for:
- Call Number
- Film/Fiche Number

Search these family history centers:
- Any

Search | Reset

Other Catalogs to Consider:

**OCLC WorldCat**

WorldCat is the world’s largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the web, where most people start their search for information.

**ArchiveGrid**

ArchiveGrid is a collection of nearly two million archival material descriptions, including MARC records from WorldCat and finding aids harvested from the web.
Records Access

• Historical Records
• Indexed Records
### Historical Record Collections

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Web Indexing Methodology

Web program – Internally developed software
• One indexer, with review. If more than 20% is changed, then goes to another reviewer
• All in Cloud AWS – no downloads
• Operating system agnostic – MAC, PC, etc. just need a browser
• Equipment – computer, tablets, phone (snippets in future) – OR
• Pay 3rd agents – off-shore vendors – languages where we have no strong volunteer workforce
Indexing processes

• Q&A backup systems
• Automated validations looking for anomalies
• Grouping
• Name Authorities
• Localities – SC deaths, 95% in Australia?
• Error scale – 1% of 300 million – is 3 million
• User corrected in progress
Projects Underway Worldwide

Select a region or country from the list below to see indexing projects available worldwide.
Over 50 Countries

North America
Bahamas
Canada
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Puerto Rico
United States
U.S. Virgin Islands

Europe
Albania
Austria
Belgium
Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
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Germany
Hungary
Italy
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Russia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine
United Kingdom

Asia
China
Philippines
Sri Lanka

Africa
Cote d’Ivoire

Ghana
South Africa
Zimbabwe

Oceania
Australia

South America
Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela
North America

- North America
- Featured Countries: Canada, United States

408 projects

View Projects
How do you get volunteers?

- Social media
- Member outreach
- Local Genealogical Societies
- Community outreach
- Special Events
- Project focused partners
Thank You!

Volunteers Participated: 79,855

Records Indexed: 7,275,546

Worldwide Indexing Event 2017

You helped index 7 million names that will help families worldwide find their ancestors and gather their families together in the family tree.

These records are especially valuable to those who have already entered all the information they know about their family and need records to find more family members.

It’s Never Too Late to Index.

Start Indexing  Invite Your Friends  Find a Project
The Freedmen’s Bureau Project

THE PROJECT

To help bring thousands of records to light, The Freedmen’s Bureau Project was created as a set of partnerships between FamilySearch International and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), and the California African American Museum.

The project began on Juneteenth (June 19) 2015 and with the help of more than twenty-five thousand volunteers, was completed on June 20, 2016. As a result of the tireless effort of thousands, the names of nearly 1.8 million men, women and children are now searchable online. Now that the images have been indexed, millions have access to the names of their ancestors, allowing individuals to build their family trees and connect with their heritage.
Genealogy Volunteers Index 1940 U.S. Census in Record Time

More than 132 Million names from the 1940 U.S. Census are now searchable on The Church's FamilySearch website. The work, which was supposed to take a year, was completed in just four months thanks to the successful partnership between a consortium of national genealogical organizations, FamilySearch.org and more than 163,000 volunteers.
Other indexing avenues

Commercial transcription services:
- Record fields separated into pieces
  - Names, localities, age, gender, issues, dates
- Specialized indexers grouped by skill set and experience

Create your own website:
- NARA Citizen Archivist
- Smithsonian Transcription Center
  - they host you bring volunteers
Indexing Projects with Affiliate Partners

80 Million Mexican Vital Records

New and Exclusive—U.S. Wills and Probate Records
An exciting new collection rich in stories, keepsakes, heirlooms, and secrets.

Available only on the new *ancestry*

Explore more than 170 million documents from all 50 states.
Enter what you know about an ancestor who died in the U.S.

First & Middle Name(s)  Last Name

Probate year  Location

What details, secrets, and stories can wills and probate records reveal?

Search the genealogical data of Dutch archives
and automatically find linked records and additional information about people and context

What name are you looking for?

172 million individual entries

or use the advanced search
Major Partners

PARTNERS

- FamilySearch
- ancestry.com
- New England Historic Genealogical Society
- MyHeritage
- family.me
- Global Family Reunion
- findmypast.com
Standardize Names, Dates, and Places
Spelling Variations

Stanislaw Ciellusniak
Illinois, Cook County Marriages, 1871–1920
- birth: 1890
- spouse: Julia Mozdzicsz
- marriage: 12 Jan 1912 — Chicago, Cook, Illinois

Stanislaus Czelusniak
Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915
- birth: 1889 — , Poland
- parents: Anton Czelusniak, Teresa Jorcinska
- spouse: Mary Mideura
- marriage: 01 Feb 1910 — Easthampton, , Massachusetts

Stanislano Czelusniak
Brazil Baptisms, 1688–1935
- birth: 01 Apr 1897
- residence: Araucária, Paraná, Brazil
- parents: Mathiae Czelusniak, Apolinae Czelusniak

Stanislaw Cezalusniak
Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821–1962
- spouse: Tekla Sanickas

Stanislaw Celusniak
Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821–1962
- spouse: Jekla Sanicka Celusniak
Publish Indexes and Images Online
Publish Indexes on FamilySearch

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Citing this Record

Publish Images on FamilySearch

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH
Worcester

The St. Francis Home, Ward

FULL NAME
Lucy (Laurent) Grimet

Residence
Chicopee

SEX
Female

COLOR OR RACE
W

MARITAL STATUS
Widowed

DATE OF BIRTH
(Oct 15, 1910)

AGE
83 yrs 5 mos 5 days

OCCUPATION
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BIRTHPLACE
Canada

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Oct 13, 1940, to Oct 15, 1940, that I last saw him, alive on Oct 15, 1940, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 4 p.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Heart disease and bronchitis.

REGISTERED BY

Registered No. 2178

Printed by

J. C. Tasse, M.D.
Guidance - Support

Research Wiki

• 84,000 articles
• 2 million edits
• 660 million views
Italy: Research

This course provides an overview of the areas and peoples that make up Italy and provides a historical background about genealogical records.

By Ruth Lapioli Merriman, MLS, AG
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