

# **Exploring the FamilySearch Website**

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This handout is NOT a comprehensive overview; rather, it is a summary of NEW features recently introduced.

FamilySearch website url: <u>https://www.familysearch.org/en/</u>

Register for free account (needed to view records): click on "create account" on top right of homepage.

# **HOMEPAGE:**

New "Share Box": upload an image of a photo or document to share.

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Click on "**Friends**" to find people on FamilySearch to connect with, so you can share information. There is a link for you to send to someone not currently registered on FamilySearch.

"Tasks" "Recents" and "To-Do" help you stay focused and organized as you work on the website.

## SEARCH

FamilySearch Family Tree	Search Memories
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## SEARCH HISTORICAL RECORDS

# Homepage: https://www.familysearch.org/search/

Eearn how to use this page more effectively. We have an article for beginners, and one fo	r experts.	
Search Historical Records	First Names	Last Names
Records create a paper trail for your ancestors and can lead you to important details about their life. Enter a name, and we'll look for it in birth certificates, marriage registrations, census records, and other official documents.	Place City, County, State, Province, or Cour	Year Birth or Death Year
TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE SEARCHES	Q SEARCH MORE OPTIONS	

Help for beginners: https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/search-historical-records-update

Help for advanced researchers: https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/advanced-strategies-searching-records

The <u>Search Historical Records</u> page has been updated. It is more efficient to search in a specific collection (lower right) than to use the generic search box. If you do use the search box, click on "More Options" to expand your search parameters.

**Search by Place:** Click on "Browse Places" to reveal a world map; click on a continent and then a country to access the research page for that country. On the country's research page is specific information to learn about the country and to search its records.

**Find A Collection:** Type a title (e.g., 1910 Census) or click on "Browse All Collections" to find a collection of interest. Then, use the search bar within that collection to search indexed records.

# **SEARCH IMAGES (not indexed)**

Homepage: https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/beta



The <u>Search Images</u> collection contains all the digitized images on FamilySearch. Begin by entering a place or location. All collections for that location will be displayed.



Use the "Refine Search" filter on the right to choose a specific place.

Also use the Options filter to choose what type of content to show in the chart. One field under "Options" is to view how much of the collection has been name indexed.

Clicking on the name of a collection will take you to the original digital image, which you can then search. The original microfilm number is on the upper right #007766054 > Item 6

# **FAMILY TREE**

Homepage: https://www.familysearch.org/search/tree/name

This is a collaborative tree meaning that people can share information on a specific person. Any documents, photos or audio files uploaded to a person's page is viewable to anyone. Information on LIVING people is NOT viewable, and is hidden to the public; data is viewable ONLY to the person who entered information on a living person.

A Family Tree for the Human	FIND BY NAME	FIND BY ID
Family	First Names	Last Names
Search the largest shared family tree in the world. Discover ancestors, and see where you connect.	Place	Year
SEE WHERE YOU FIT IN	City, County, State, Province, or Cour	Birth or Death Year
	Q SEARCH MORE OPTIONS	

If you are new to FamilySearch, you will need to enter information on yourself, then on any living people, to connect with deceased ancestors who are in the tree.

NEW: First Ancestor. See this post: https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/first-ancestor-tree-view

When navigating in the tree, use the various views:



On a Person Page, see the "About" tab for a synopsis of the information about that person:

# John Andrew Kostakos

2 April 1879 – 14 December 1970 • K838-TY7

#### ■ VIEW TREE 🕹 VIEW RELATIONSHIP 🔺 FOLLOWING

ABOUT DETAILS SOURCES (34) COLLABORATE (31)

# Brief Life History of John Andrew

When John Andrew Kostakos was born on 2 April 1879, in Agios Ioannis, Sparta, Laconia, Greece, his father, Andreas Kostas Kostakos, was 70 and his mother, Politimi N. Christakos, was 39. He married Harikleia G. Aridas on 12 October 1916, in Manhattan, New York City, New York, United States. They were the parents of at least 1 son and 4 daughters. He lived in New York City, New York, United States for about 2 years and Brooklyn, New York City, New York, United States in 1940. He registered for military service in 1942. In 1947, at the age of 68, his occupation is listed states. He died on 14 December 1970, in Brookly...



MEMORIES

Do you know John Andrew? Do you have a story about him that you would like to share? Write a story

#### **RESEARCH WIKI**

Wiki homepage: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main Page

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# FamilySearch Research Wiki A Genealogy Resource Guide 105.837 articles Find the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below. Search by place or topic Find Search Tips Q Jump-start your research Guided Research will List of all Localities help you find the best databases for select locations. Guided Research North America Asia

For a place search, click on the map; then use the drop-down menu to choose a specific location

Search by topic: enter a topic name such as: slavery, African American, burned counties research

Guided Research to help find birth, marriage and death information: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Guided Research for Online Records

### **DIGITAL LIBRARY**

# Homepage: <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/">https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/</a>

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## **LEARNING CENTER**

Homepage: <u>https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/learning-center</u>



Research Process -Introduction





The classes are given by presenters worldwide, and sponsored by different genealogy organizations.

Monthly classes and webinars; click here for a list: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/FamilySearch\_Library\_Classes\_and\_Webinars

# **RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS/VIRTUAL GENEALOGY CONSULTATIONS**

Homepage: https://go.oncehub.com/ResearchStrategySession

email: onlineconsultations@familysearch.org

Sign up for a free, 20-minute online research consultation with a friendly research guide.

# FAMILYSEARCH LIBRARY RECORD LOOKUP SERIVCE

Homepage: <u>https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/record-lookup-service</u>



For guests who are not able to visit the Library, we offer a free lookup service.

## **SMARTPHONE APP**

Download the FamilySearch app for your type of phone and research on the go!

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Homepage: https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/

