

Today's Presenter



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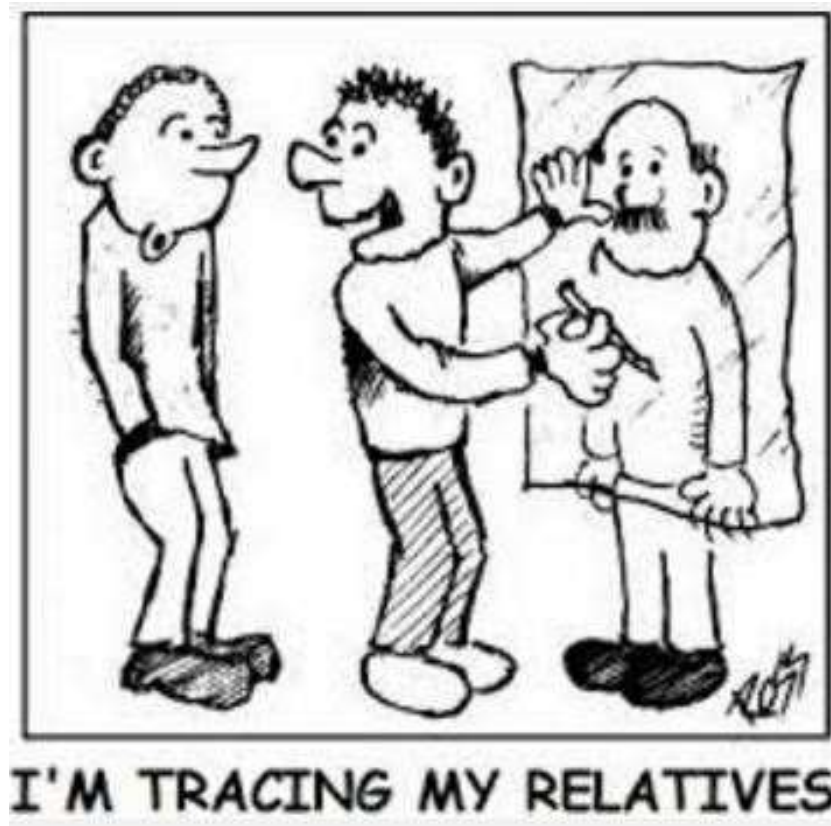
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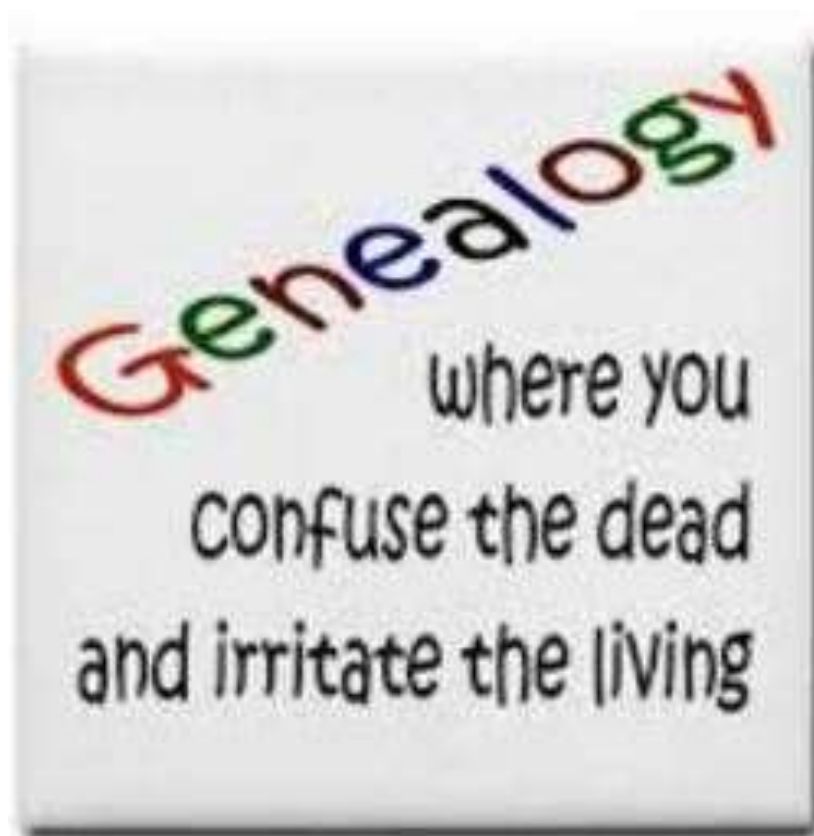
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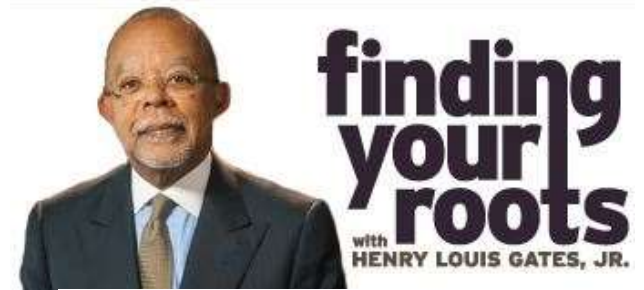
Beginners may need some assistance



And possibly a bit irritating at times



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Key genealogy resources

- Local and state genealogical society
- Local and state historical society
- www.usgenweb.org --a website for every county in the U.S.
- Local library website --look for genealogy or email information

Some things to know about FamilySearch.org



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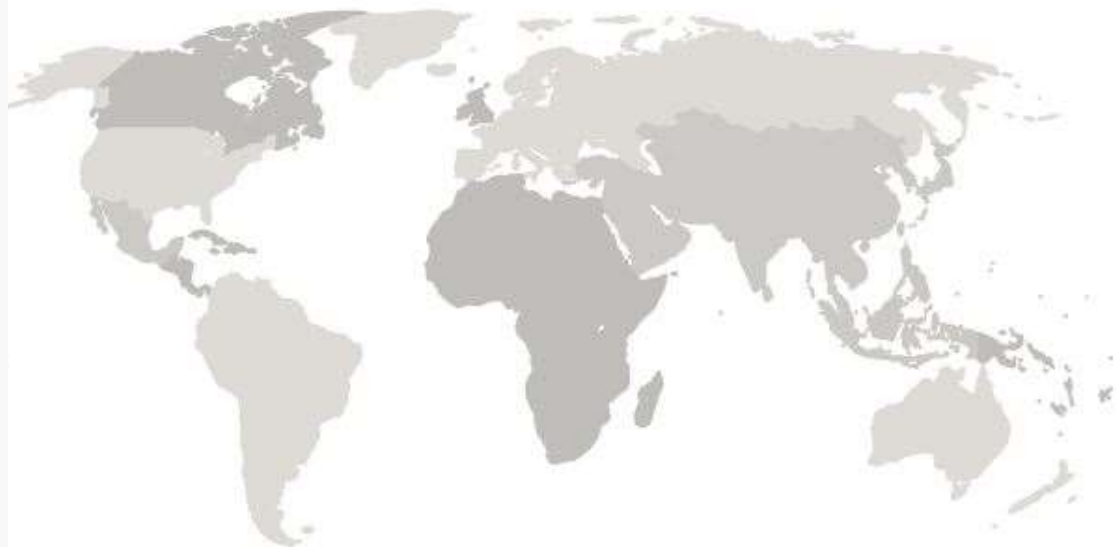
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- ▶ Caribbean and Central America (71)
- ▶ Continental Europe (503)
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- ▶ Other (6)
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- ▶ South America (110)
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- ▶ United States of America (998)



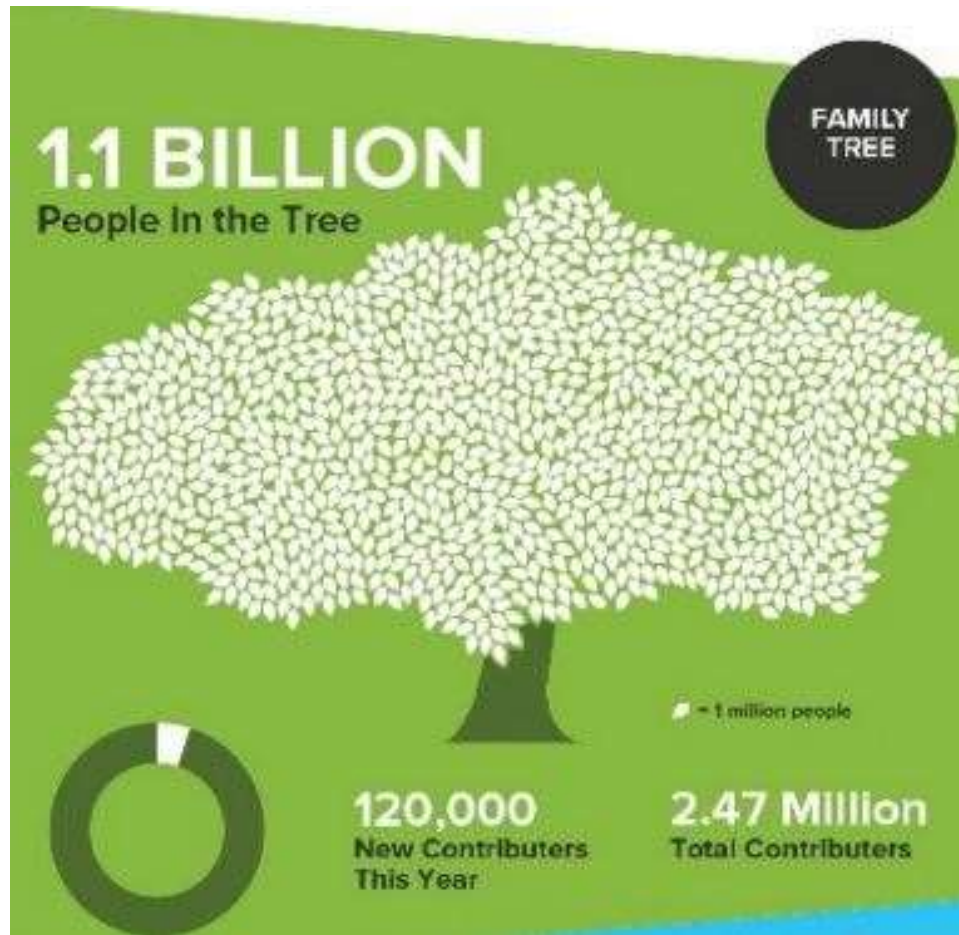
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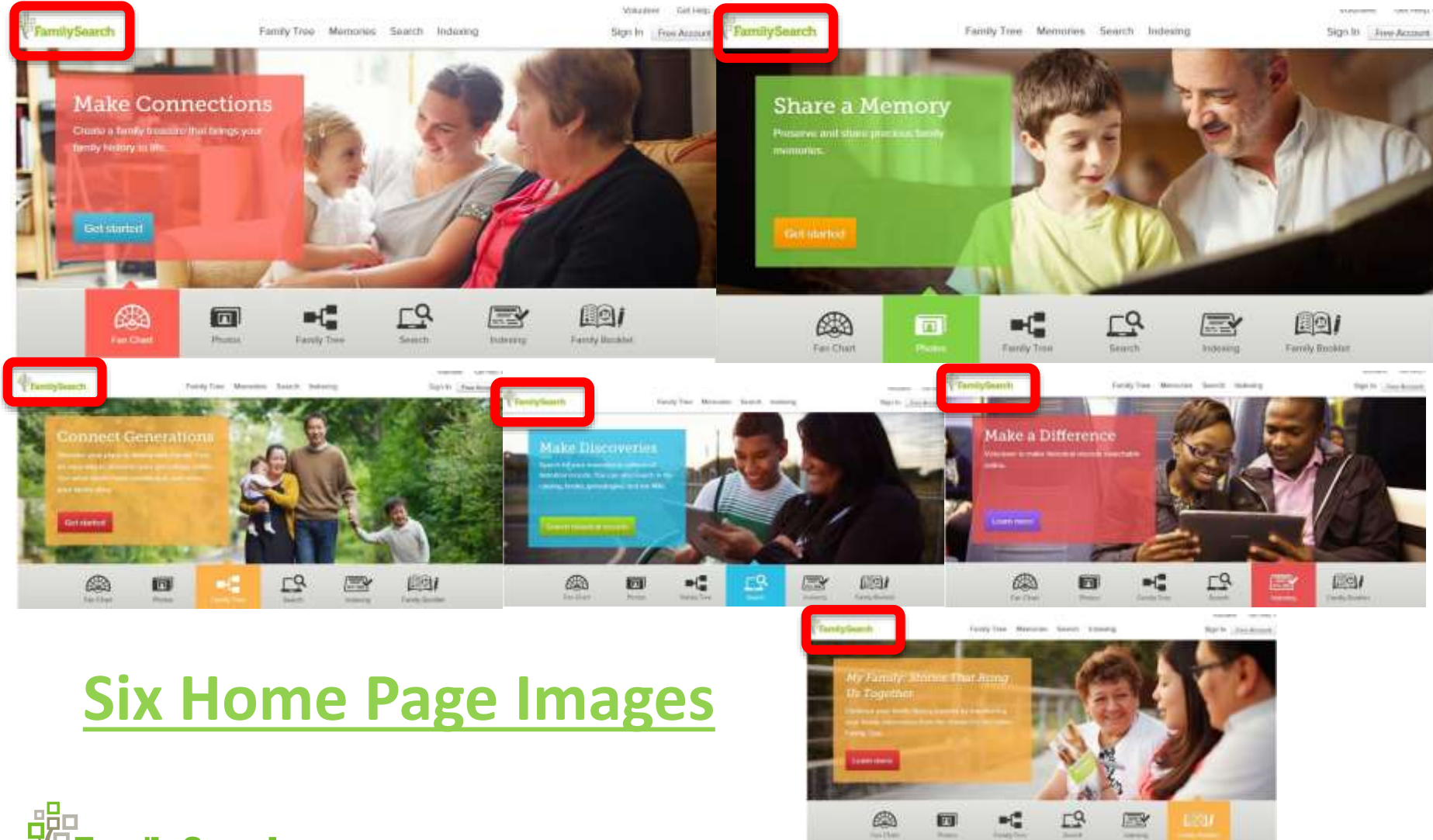
A very large Family Tree



Agenda

- Search Tips
 - Filters
 - Wild Cards
 - First Name Only
 - Finding Married Names
 - Source Film Numbers
- Family Tree
- Questions
- Get Help—Self Help
 - Getting Started
 - Help Center
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Search defaults to Records



Family Tree

Memories

Search

Indexing

Help Make Records
Searchable Online

Make a difference by joining the growing
number of people who are helping to make

Records

Genealogies

Catalog

Books

Wiki

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Genealogies: “past conclusions”

Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File, IGI

Search Genealogies

Genealogies are trees submitted to FamilySearch that can help you fill out your family lines within Family Tree. Accuracy of the data in these genealogies varies from tree to tree; we encourage you to validate all data.

Search by: **Relationship** AF Number

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event:

Birth | **Marriage** | Residence | Death | Any

Search with a relationship:

Spouse | Parents

Spouse's First Names

Spouse's Last Names

Learn about Genealogies

Ancestral File

A static collection of genealogies submitted by users, prior to 2003, including 40 million ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. Submissions were merged to eliminate duplication.

Pedigree Resource File

A growing collection of genealogies submitted by users including hundreds of millions of ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. No corrections or merges are made.

International Genealogical Index (IGI)

Information for over 430 million ancestors contributed by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Each record contains one event, including birth, baptism (christening), marriage, or death.

Community Trees

Catalog for records ever microfilmed

SEARCH BY:

Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place

Butler

SEARCH FOR:

Call Number | Film/Fiche Number

SEARCH THESE FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS:

Any

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Other Catalogs to Consider:



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.

Card catalog



- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - History (20)
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- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Maps (5)
- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Maps - Indexes (1)
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- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Military records (1)
- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Military records - World War, 1939-1945 (1)
- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Naturalization and citizenship (3)
- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Newspapers (1)
- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Obituaries (2)
- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Occupations (2)
- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Probate records (3)
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- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Schools (2)
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- ▶ United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Vital records - Indexes (1)

List of microfilmed Deeds

Pennsylvania Butler County Deeds	Film number
Deeds, v. A-B 1804-1812	1434214
Deeds, v. C-D 1812-1821	1434215
Deeds, v. E-G 1821-1832	1434216
Deeds, v. H-J 1832-1837	1434217
Deeds, v. K-L 1837-1840	1434250
Deeds, v. M-O 1840-1845	1434251
Deeds, v. O-Q 1845-1849	1434252
Deeds, v. R-S 1849-1852	1434253
Deeds, v. T-U 1852-1854	1434254

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Film Availability: Available For Loan



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Catalog shows records that are online

Probate files (Butler County, Pennsylvania), ca. 1803-1918

Authors: [Butler County \(Pennsylvania\). Register of Wills \(Main Author\)](#)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1990-1991

Physical: 95 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.

References: (Digital Collection) [Pennsylvania, probate records, 1683-1994](#)

Notes

Pennsylvania, Probate Records are available online, click [here](#).

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Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library

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Family History Library

Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center

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Family History Books

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[Other](#) (50)[Serials](#) (20)[Books](#) (1)

Collection

[Family History Library](#) (69)[Mid-Continent Public Library](#)[- Midwest Genealogy](#)[Center](#) (4)

Results 1 - 10 of 71 for All records

Sorted by: Relevance ▾

[The Murphree ancestry of Bill R. Linder of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas](#)

Linder, Bill R., 1937-

Other

Moses Murphree

Moses Murphree, son of Daniel Murphree and Sarah Dempsey, was born about 1758 in North Carolina.

He was likely born in Bertie County where his parents lived at the time. **Moses Murphree** would have been a young boy when his parents moved from Bertie to Orange County, North Carolina. He lived in Chatham County, North Carolina, after it was formed from Orange.

Following the Revolutionary War, he moved to South Carolina and bought land there as early as 1787, possibly 1786. From a source not documented, we have the name **Lucinda**, born 1770-1780, as the wife of **Moses Murphree**.¹ A wife is not named in his will, made 20 May 1843 in Pickens County, South Carolina, proved 8 May 1846.

1. **Joseph Murphree**, b. abt 1790 Pickens Co., SC, did not marry.

2. **Elizabeth Murphree**, b. abt 1792 (57-1850) Pickens Co., SC, md. Jesse Suggs (70-80/1840, d. by 1850 census). *Children*: Elias Suggs, b. 1829; Elijah Suggs, b. 1831; and Dorcos Suggs, b. 1836.

3. **William Murphree**, b. abt 1794 Pickens Co., SC, wd 31 Jul 1846, wp 10 Aug 1846 Pickens Co., SC². He md. Mary ("Polly") Baker? (d. 9 Mar 1891). *Children*: James Nimmons (or M. [Madison?]) Murphree, b. 5 Aug 1816,³ Twelve Mile River, Pickens Co., SC, d. 9 Sep 1878 Pickens Co., SC, md. Mira Baker⁴ (b. 30 Dec 1805, d. 28 Apr 1904 bur. Baker Cem., Pickens Co., SC); Sarah Murphree, md. _____ Stewart; Moses Murphree⁵; John S. Murphree; Elizabeth Murphree; Benjamin R. Murphree, b. ca. 1833; Tabos Murphree; Rebeckah Murphree; and one other child. William Murphree's widow Polly md. (2) Thomas S. Alexander (d. 1856).⁶

Wiki: over 82,000 “how-to” articles

Family History Research Wiki

Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in our **82,803** articles

Search by place or topic
(or click on the map)



Search Tips:

- Start with broad localities, then click through to smaller ones
Example: England
- Use keywords, not phrases
Example: Hispanic Resources



Search Historical Records

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website homepage. At the top left is the FamilySearch logo. The navigation bar includes links for Family Tree, Memories, Search, and Indexing. The 'Search' link is highlighted with a red box. On the right side of the navigation bar are links for Volunteer, Get Help, Sign In, and Free Account. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'Make Discoveries' and a description of the search capabilities. A yellow button labeled 'Search historical records' is positioned below the text. At the bottom of the page is a navigation bar with icons for Fan Chart, Photos, Family Tree, Search, Indexing, and Family Booklet. The 'Search' icon is highlighted with a red box.

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Search for your ancestors in millions of historical records. You can also search in the catalog, books, genealogies, and the Wiki.

Search historical records

Fan Chart Photos Family Tree **Search** Indexing Family Booklet

Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

DECEASED ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names

Last Names

SEARCH WITH A LIFE EVENT:

Birth | **Marriage** | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace

Birth Year (Range)

 From To

SEARCH WITH A RELATIONSHIP:

Spouse | **Parents** | Other Person

RESTRICT RECORDS BY:

Location | **Type** | Batch Number | Film Number

Country

State or Province

Match all terms exactly

Search

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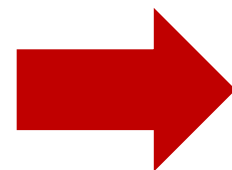


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Search Records



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Searching for Specific Records

Video starts when you open the help topic

Follow steps to complete task

Searching for Specific Records

1. Determine what record you would like to find. E.G Your deceased ancestor's birth record.
2. Consider what details this record may contain and enter them into the fields provided. E.G Full Name, Parent's Names.
3. Under **Restrict Records By**, Enter the location this record was likely created. E.G United States, Pennsylvania.
4. Click **Type**.
5. Check the type of record you are searching for. E.G Birth, Baptism and Christenings.
6. Click **Search**.

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Search Historical Records

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Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

JAMES

Last Names

LYNCH

Search with a life event:

[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Search with a relationship:

[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#) | [Other Person](#)

Restrict records by:

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Country

State or Province

Match all terms exactly

Search

Reset

Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 302,743 results for Name: **JAMES LYNCH**

Number of results to show:

302,743 results !!!

Preview	Name	Events
▶	James Lynch Head United States Census, 1940	birth: 1882 Delaware residence: 1940 Representative District 10, Kent, Delaware, United States
▶	James H Lynch Head United States Census, 1940	birth: 1908 Delaware residence: 1940 Representative District 6, New Castle, Delaware, United States
▶	James Vinson Lynch Son United States Census, 1940	birth: 1935 Delaware residence: 1940 Representative District 6, New Castle, Delaware, United States

Tip 1

Search Using Filters—

**Life Events and
Relationships**

Search by life event—Marriage

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Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

JAMES

Last Names

LYNCH

Search with a life event:

Birth **Marriage** Residence | Death | Any

Marriage Place

IOWA

Marriage Year (Range)

1855

1870

Search with a relationship:

Spouse | Parents | Other Person

Restrict records by:

Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number



2nd Result

Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 4,481 results for Name: **JAMES LYNCH**, Event: **Marriage**, Place: **IOWA**, Event Range: **185!**

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Preview	Name	Events			Relationships
▶	James Lynch Iowa Marriages, 1809-1992	marriage:	15 September 1857	Lee, Iowa	spouse: Mary Jane Davis
▶	James Lynch Iowa Marriages, 1809-1992	marriage:	10 November 1860	Warren Co., Iowa	spouse: Ellen Jugnip

Search using life event and relationship

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Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

JAMES

Last Names

LYNCH

Search with a life event:

[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Marriage Place

IOWA

Marriage Year (Range)

1855

1870

Search with a relationship:

Spouse | [Parents](#) | [Other Person](#)

Spouse's First Names

ELLEN

Spouse's Last Names

Restrict records by:

[Location](#) | [Type](#) | [Batch Number](#) | [Film Number](#)

First Result !!!

Name	Events	Relationships
Try adding more search terms to improve your search results.		
James Lynch Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992	marriage: 10 November 1860	Warren Co., Iowa spouse: Ellen Jugnip

Tip 2

**Use Life Event and
Restrict by Type**

1880 U.S. census, Iowa

Search using Residence and Restrict by Type

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names: JAMES
Last Names: LYNCH

Search with a life event:
Birth | Marriage | **Residence** | Death | Any



Residence Place: APPANOOSE IOWA
Residence Year (Range): 1880 - 1880

Search with a relationship:
Spouse | Parents | Other Person

Restrict records by:
Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number

Country:
State or Province:
Type

- Birth, Baptism, and Christenings
- Marriage
- Death
- Census, Residence, and Lists
- Immigration and Naturalization
- Military
- Probate
- Other



Single, correct result !!!

Search Results from Historical Records
1-1 of 1 results for Name: **James Lynch**, Event: **Residence**, Place: **Appanoose Iowa**,
Event Range: **1880-1880**, Record Type: **Census, Residence & Lists**

Name	Events	Relationships
James Lynch Head  United States Census, 1880	birth: 1836 Ireland residence: 1880 Franklin, Appanoose, Iowa, United States	spouse: Ellen Lynch children: Elmina Lynch, Mary Lynch, Chena Lynch, Florence Lynch, Annie Lynch

Tip 3

Use Wild Cards *

A researcher's best friend

First name plus first letter* of surname

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event:

[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Residence Place

Residence Year (Range)

2nd result is Alfred Hoursing 😊😊😊

Name	Events	Relationships
Try adding more search terms to improve your search results.		
Alfred H Hebert Son 📍 United States Census, 1900	birth: August 1883 residence: 1900 Merrill city Ward 5, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States	father: Henry W Hebert mother: Della M Hebert other: Arthur E Hebert, Jessie C Hebert, Gertrude D Hebert, Carrie Bouchard
Alfred Hoursing Son 📍 United States Census, 1900	birth: March 1889 residence: 1900 Merrill city Ward 1-2, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States	father: William Hoursing mother: Louise Hoursing other: Louise Hoursing, Ezma Hoursing, Willie Hoursing, Hurbert Hoursing, Esther Hoursing

First name plus last part of surname

Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover

DECEASED ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names

ALFRED



Last Names

*SING

SEARCH WITH A LIFE EVENT:

Birth | [Marriage](#) | Residence | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Birthplace



Birth Year (Range)

From

To

Residence Place

MERRILL, WISCONSIN



Residence Year (Range)

1900

1900

1st result is Alfred Hoursing 😊😊😊

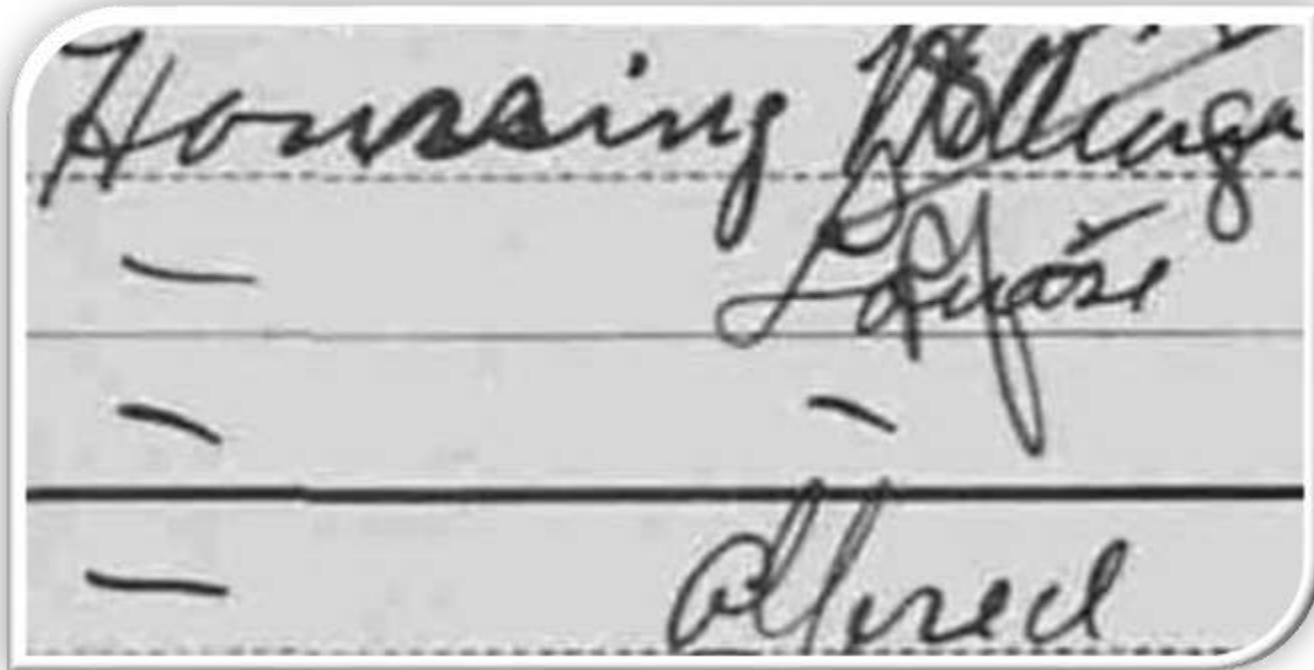
Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 984 results for Name: **ALFRED *SING**, Event: **Residence**, Place: **MERRILL, WISCONSIN**, Eve **1900**

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Preview	Name	Events	Relationships
▶	Alfred Hoursing Son United States Census, 1900	birth: March Wisconsin 1889 residence: 1900 Merrill city Ward 1-2, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States	father: William Hoursing mother: Louise Hoursing other: Louise Hoursing, Ezma Hoursing, Willie Hoursing, Hubert Hoursing, Esther Hoursing

You be the indexer for this name



Tip 4

**Search with
Wild Card ?**

When a ? Is an Answer

Problem—Can't find George MONEY

Solution—Use the wild card “?”

George M?NEY

Found George MANEY

Tip 5

Finding Married Names

1870 Alexander Orr family

Household	Gender	Age	Birthplace
Alex Orr	M	53	South Carolina, United States
Malinda Orr	F	45	South Carolina, United States
John Orr	M	21	South Carolina, United States
William Orr	M	18	South Carolina, United States
Amanda Orr	F	17	South Carolina, United States
Margarett Orr	F	15	South Carolina, United States
James Orr	M	13	South Carolina, United States
Marietta Orr	F	11	South Carolina, United States
Carrie Orr	F	9	South Carolina, United States

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event:

[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Death Place

Death Year (Range)

SOUTH CAROLINA

From

To

Search with a relationship:

[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#) | [Other Person](#)

Father's First Names

Father's Last Names

ALEXANDER

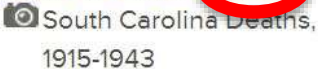
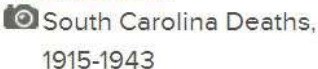
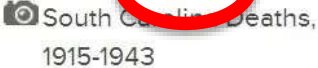
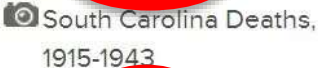

ORR

Mother's First Names

Mother's Last Names

MALINDA

Four married names

Name	Events
Corrie Malinda Orr Hicks 	birth: 26 November 1861 Anderson Co., S.C. death: 3 January 1938 Brushy Creek Tp., Anderson, South Carolina burial: 5 January 1938 Piedmont, S.C.
Thomas C. Orr 	death: 28 September 1927 Columbia, Richland, South Carolina
Marietta Orr Smith 	birth: 12 September 1859 Anderson Co. death: 14 December 1924 Piedmont, Anderson, South Carolina burial: 15 December 1924
Amanda Stegall 	birth: 26 May 1853 Anderson Co. death: 27 April 1919 Easley, Pickens, South Carolina burial: 28 April 1919 Rock Springs
Margaret King 	birth: 22 February 1855 Anderson County death: 8 September 1916 Easley, Pickens, South Carolina burial: 9 September 1916 George Creek

Mother's maiden
name is
COUCH

Relationships	
father:	Alexander Orr
mother:	Malinda Couch
spouse:	Stephen D. Hicks
father:	Alexander Orr
mother:	Malinda Crouch
father:	Alexander Orr
mother:	Malendia Orr
father:	Alex Orr
mother:	Malinda Couch
father:	Alex Orr
mother:	Melinda Couch

Tip 6

Use the Source Film Number

[◀ Back to Search Results](#)

Jehial Spensor, "Ohio, Marriages, 1800-1958"

Name: **Jehial Spensor**
 Birth Date:
 Birthplace:
 Age:
 Spouse's Name: **Betsey Blackburn**
 Spouse's Birth Date:
 Spouse's Birthplace:
 Spouse's Age:
 Event Date: 10 Nov 1825
 Event Place: Trumbull, Ohio
 Father's Name:
 Mother's Name:
 Spouse's Father's Name:
 Spouse's Mother's Name:
 Race:
 Marital Status:
 Previous Wife's Name:
 Spouse's Race:
 Spouse's Marital Status:
 Spouse's Previous Husband's Name:
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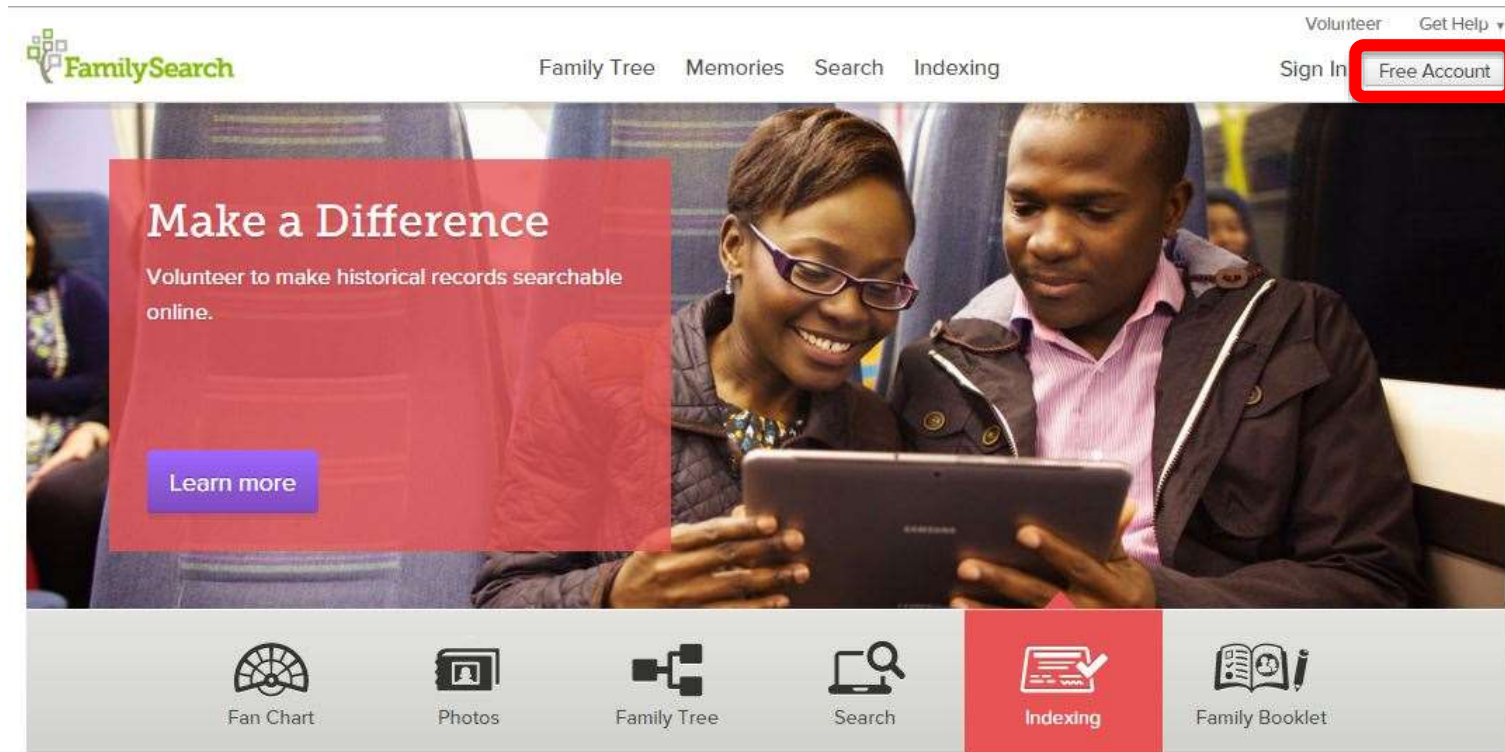
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Jehial Spensor
to
Betsy Blackburn

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas this may certify
that the solemnities of the Marriage Covenant was
solemnized Between Jehial Spensor & Betsy Blackburn
on the 10th day of Nov 1825 Both of the township
of Vernon By Me Ezra Hyde J. C. S.
Received January 18, 1826 and recorded by me
George Parsons Clerk

“...Between Jehial Spensor & Betsy
Blackburn on the 10th day of Nov 1825
Both of the township of Vernon . . .”

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Tell Us a Little About Yourself

First Name

Last Name

User Name

- Enter a unique name containing letters or numbers and no spaces.

Password

- Enter a combination 8 to 128 letters and numbers with no spaces.

Show Password

Confirm Password

Email

- Enter an email address for recovering your username or password.

OR

Mobile Number

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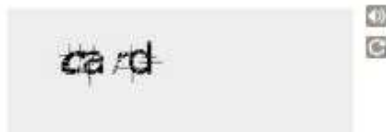
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Birth Date

Month ▼ Day ▼ Year ▼

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Collaborative Family Tree of One Billion Ancestors

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FamilySearch Branches out

New features allow beginners and experts to share, collaborate and add life to their family tree.

Several entry points to the Tree

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top left is the FamilySearch logo. In the top right, there are links for "Volunteer" and "Get Help", and the name "James Ison". Below the logo, there are navigation links for "Family Tree", "Memories", and "Search". A red circle highlights the "Family Tree" link. The main content area features a red box with the text "See Your Roots" and a subtext "Create a beautiful genealogy fan chart that you can share with family in person, via email, or a social network." Below this text is a blue "Create now" button. To the right of the text is a fan chart visualization for James Lee Ison (1946-Living). The fan chart shows three branches: Frank ISON (1894-1964), Lee Francis ISON (1925-2002), and Margaret Olivia Amanda HAMSYG (1922-2011). Further out on the branches are Lorilla Belle SPENCER (1890-1961), Alfred George HAMSYG (1889-1964), and Della Leona ZEILCHERT (1891-1972). At the bottom of the page is a navigation bar with icons for "Fan Chart", "Photos", "Family Tree", "Search", "Indexing", and "Family Booklet". Red boxes highlight the "Fan Chart" and "Family Tree" icons.

Discover Your Deceased Ancestors

Find by Name Find by ID

First Names Last Names
LORILLA SPENCER

Male Female Unspecified

Birth | Christening | Death | Burial | Marriage

Place of Birth Birth Year

Spouse | Father | Mother

Spouse's First Names Spouse's Last Names
FRANK

Father's First Names Father's Last Names
CHARLES

Match All Exactly

Find Reset

Use FIND to locate deceased ancestors in the Family Tree



Use FIND
to locate
deceased
ancestors
in the
Family
Tree

Navigation: TREE | PERSON | **FIND** | LISTS | WHAT'S NEW

Discover Your Deceased Ancestors

Find by Name | Find by ID

First Names: LORILLA | Last Names: SPENCER

Male | Female | Unspecified

Birth | Christening | Death | Burial | Marriage

Place of Birth | Birth Year

Spouse | Father | Mother

Spouse's First Names: FRANK | Spouse's Last Names:

Father's First Names: CHARLES | Father's Last Names:

Match All Exactly

Find | Reset

Each person has a personal ID (PID)

Name	Events	Relationships
These results strongly match your search terms. 1-1		
 Lorilla Belle SPENCER KFD2-JV5	birth: 29 August 1890, Prole, Warren, Iowa, United States death: 7 November 1961, Toledo, Lucas, Ohio, United States burial: 9 November 1961, Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio, United States	spouse: Frank ISON KFD2-JVC father: Charles Rollin SPENCER K653-HKD mother: Elmina Winona LYNCH K653-HKX

KFD2-JV5

Highlighting a result

The screenshot shows a search result for a person's profile. On the left, a search bar contains 'FIND' and 'LISTS'. Below it, a list of search results is shown, with the top result highlighted in blue. The main profile view on the right displays the person's name, birth and death dates and locations, and statistics for sources, memories, and discussions. At the bottom, a navigation bar has two options: 'TREE' and 'PERSON'. The 'TREE' option is circled in red.

SEARCH: FIND LISTS

Name

These results strongly match your search

Lorilla Belle SPENCER
KFD2-JV5

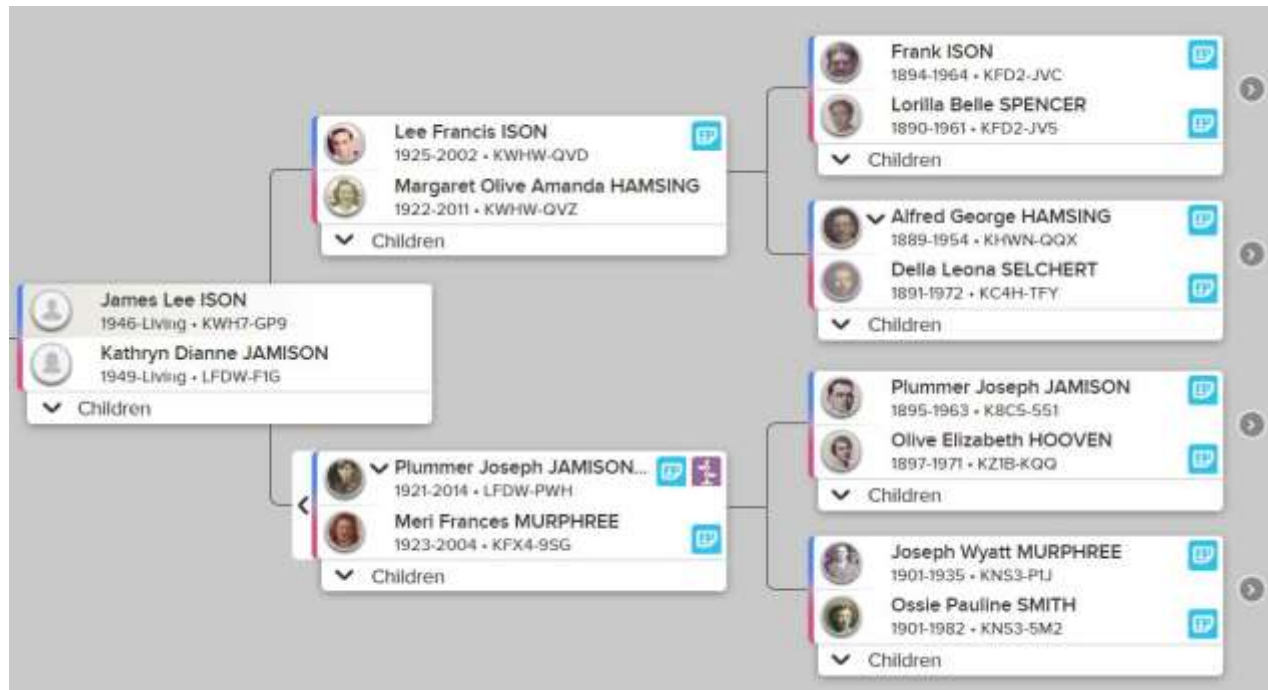
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DEATH: 7 Nov 1961
Toledo, Lucas, Ohio

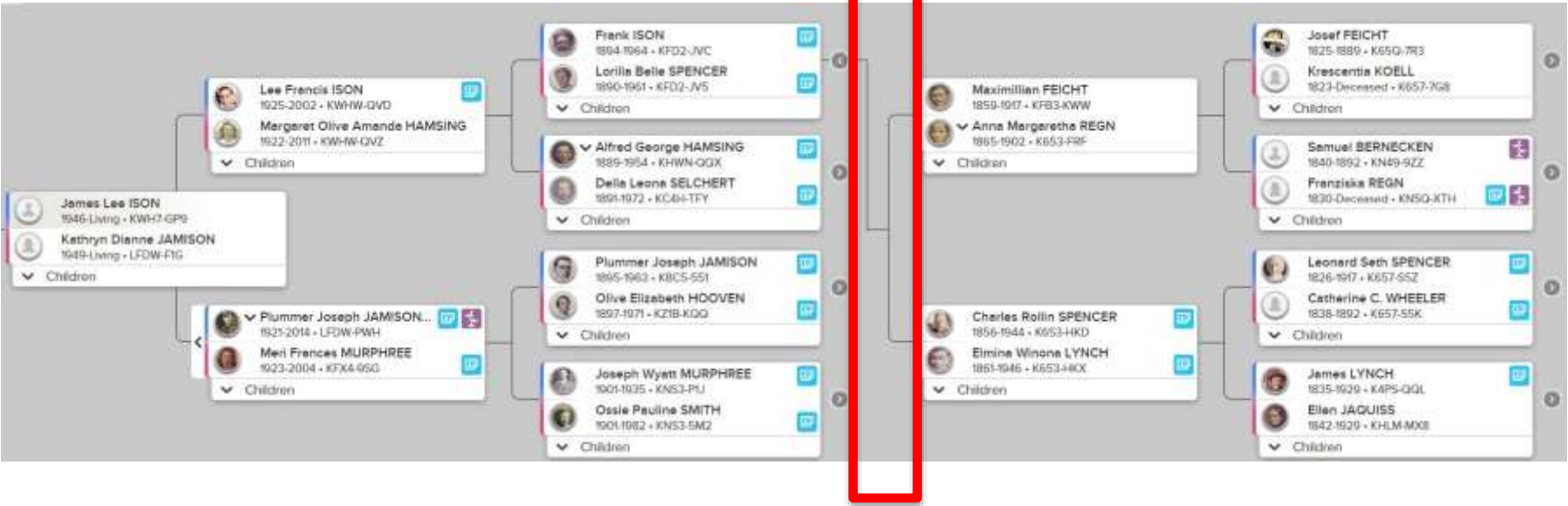
10 SOURCES 3 DISCUSSIONS 68 MEMORIES

TREE PERSON

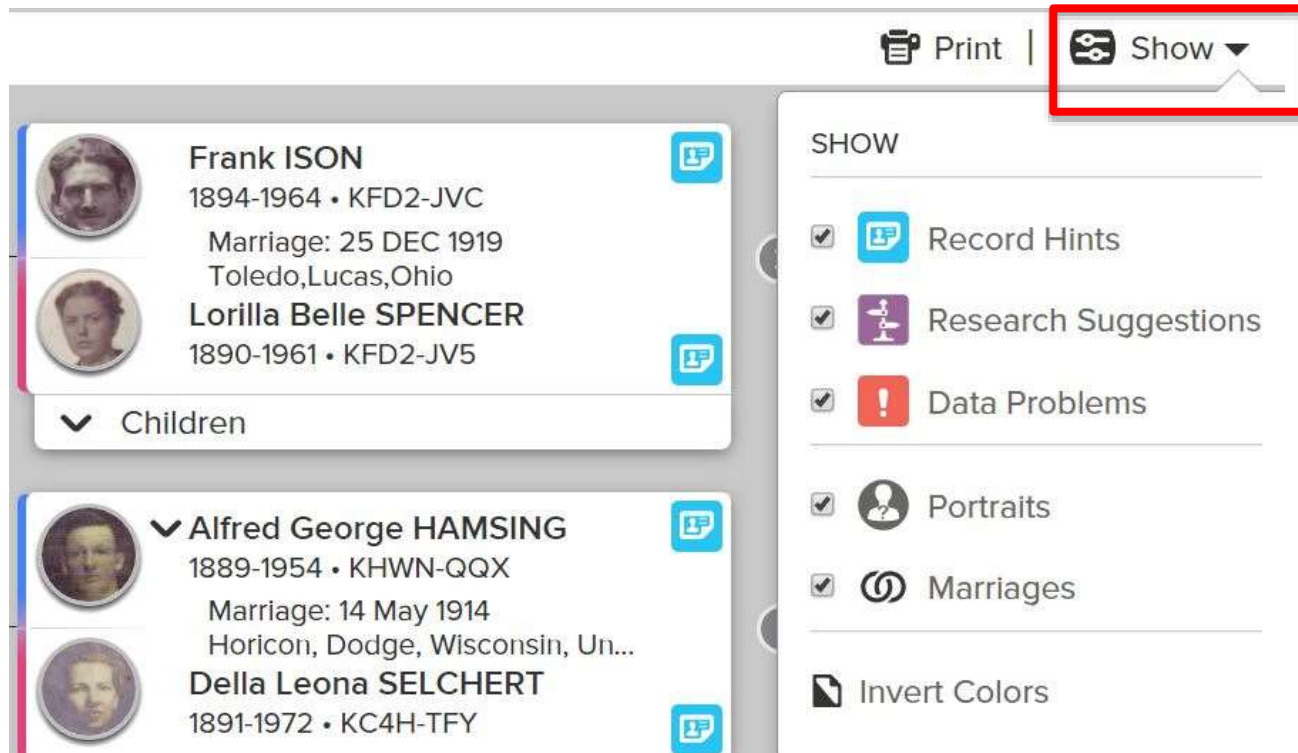
Traditional pedigree in landscape



With expanded view



Several “Show” options



The screenshot displays the FamilySearch interface. At the top right, there is a 'Print' button and a 'Show' dropdown menu, which is highlighted with a red box. The 'Show' menu is open, revealing several options:

- SHOW
- Record Hints
- Research Suggestions
- Data Problems
- Portraits
- Marriages
- Invert Colors

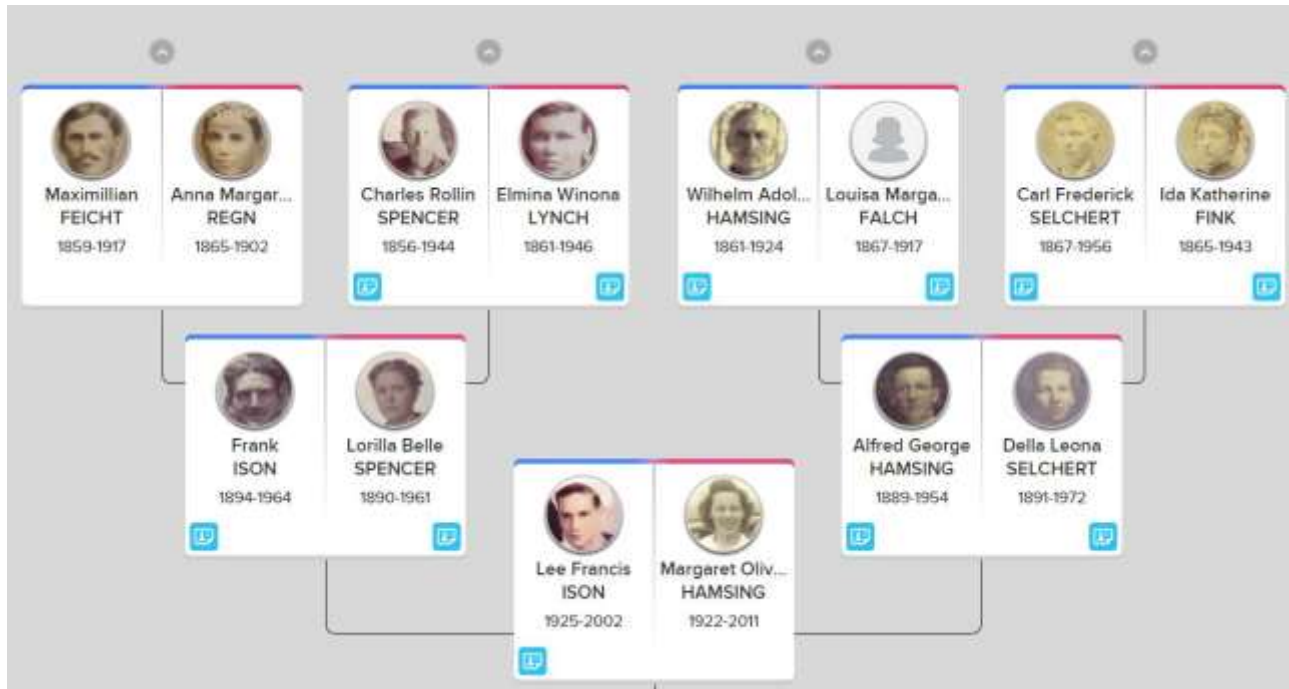
The main content area shows a list of individuals with their portraits and details:

- Frank ISON**
1894-1964 • KFD2-JVC
Marriage: 25 DEC 1919
Toledo, Lucas, Ohio
- Lorilla Belle SPENCER**
1890-1961 • KFD2-JV5
- Children
- Alfred George HAMSING**
1889-1954 • KHWN-QQX
Marriage: 14 May 1914
Horicon, Dodge, Wisconsin, Un...
- Della Leona SELCHERT**
1891-1972 • KC4H-TFY

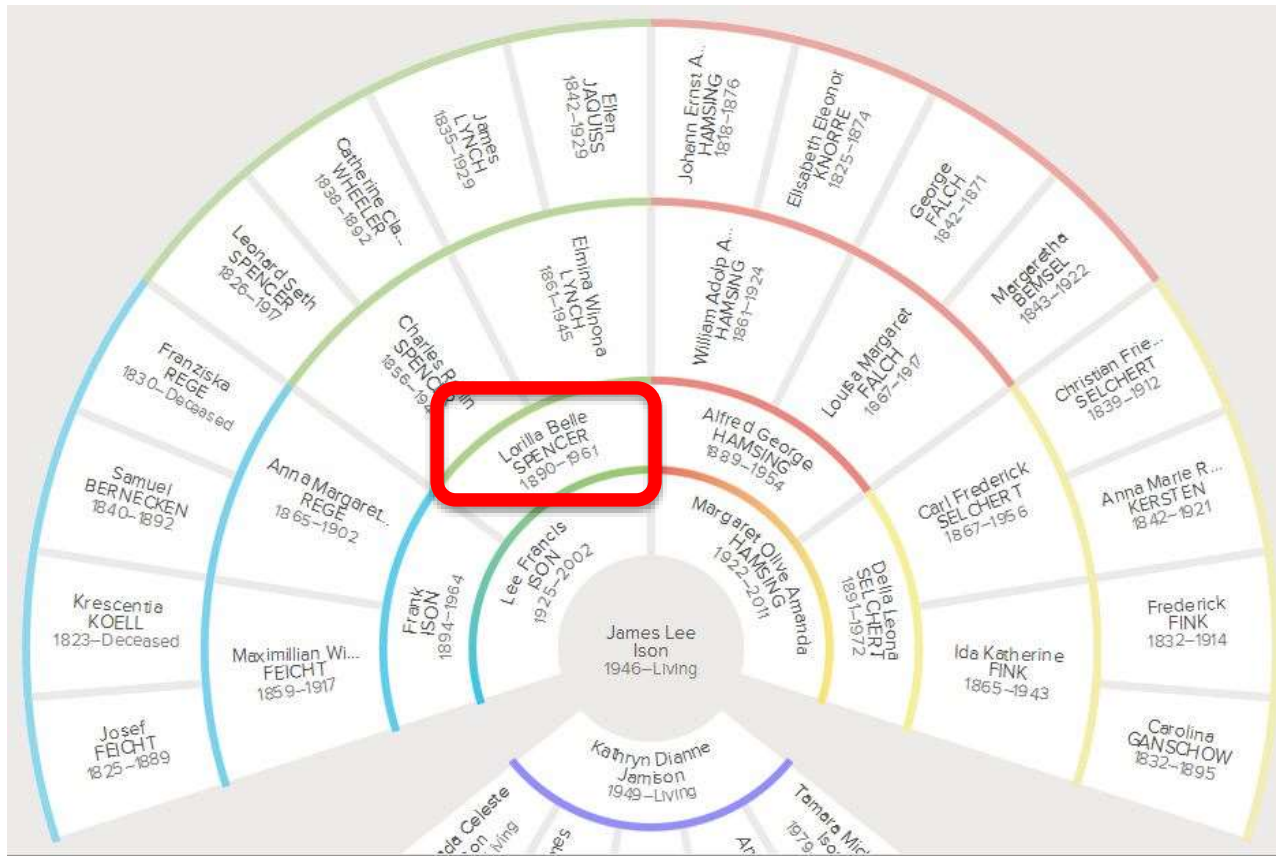
Four “Tree” options



Portrait pedigree



Faster, easier, more fun Fan Chart



Highlight ancestors in Fan Chart

Lorilla Belle SPENCER
KFD2-JV5 ★ Unwatch


BIRTH 29 Aug 1890
Prole, Warren, Iowa

DEATH 7Nov1961
Toledo, Lucas, Ohio

10 SOURCES 0 DISCUSSIONS
44 MEMORIES

TREE PERSON

Preserve and Share Memories through Photos


 **Lorilla Belle SPENCER**
29 August 1890 – 7 November 1961 - KFD2-JV5
[View Tree](#) [Unwatch](#)

[Details](#) [Memories](#) **41**


Photos: 20 | Documents: 0 | Stories: 23

Photos


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Lorilla Spencer, 1917




Lorilla Spencer, 1913




Lorilla Spencer and hat




Lorilla Spencer and picnic trike





Lorilla Spencer, 1908






Lorilla Spencer and school children, 1908







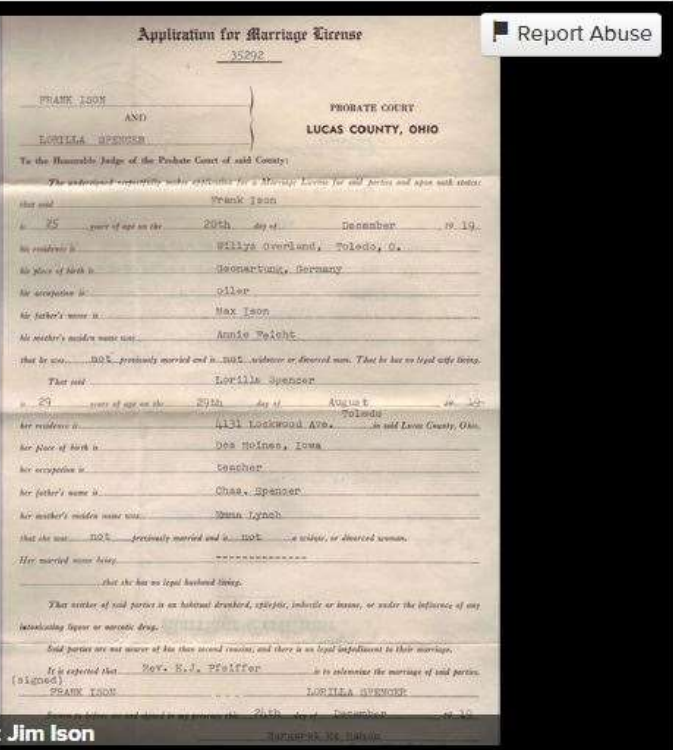
Lorilla Spencer on her horse

Add documents in your possession

Edit Title

Lorilla Spencer and Frank Ison's Marriage Application 1919

Zoom Report Abuse






Contributed By: **Jim Ison**

DESCRIPTION

Frank was age 25 and Lorilla was 29. He gave his residence as his place of employment at the Willys Overland car company where he stated he was an oiler. Lorilla had teacher as her occupation. There are a number of mistakes such as Lorilla's birth location given as Des Moines, Iowa, which was the largest city close to where she was born. Notice that Lorilla's mother was erroneously listed as Emma instead of Elmira.

Edit Description

PEOPLE IN THIS DOCUMENT:

-  **Lorilla Belle Spencer** ▾
Lorilla Belle SPENCER
(1890-1961) KFD2-JV5
-  **Frank Ison** ▾
Frank ISON
(1894-1964) KFD2-JVC
-  **Charles Spencer** ▾
Charles Rollin SPENCER
(1856-1941) K653-HKD

PEOPLE 3

ALBUMS 0

STORIES 0

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EVENT


DELETE

Preserve and Share Memories through Stories

Stories

Add | [+ Create a New Story](#)


Clo



Lorilla Spencer, 1917

Lorilla during the time she taught in Whitesburg, Kentucky and was being courted by Frank Ison. Notice the necklace and


[More...](#)



Lorilla Spencer, May 1913

Perhaps this photo was taken to include with Lorilla's applications for teaching positions in Alaska, Georgia, the Philippines, and


[More...](#)



Lorilla Spencer and hat

Where do you think Lorilla was going as dressed in this undated picture? Perhaps to church? Could she be dressed


[More...](#)



Lorilla Spencer and picnic hike

This photo reads: "Ready to hike, October 1918." Perhaps it is taken from the front porch of her boarding house in


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Lorilla Spencer and hair

Lorilla was 17-18 years old when this picture was taken. She was working as a teacher in a one-room school in the Black Hills of South


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Lorilla Spencer with school children

Lorilla is the teacher just to the right of the flag. This picture is from a post card without any description or identification.


[More...](#)



Lorilla Spencer 1907

This picture is from a picture of her sisters and brothers with their grandfather, Leonard Spencer. She is likely 16 and may have


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Lorilla Spencer 1902

This picture is from the 1902 family picture that included Lorilla's older two sisters, older brother, parents and grandfather, Leonard


[More...](#)



Lorilla Spencer on horseback, 1898

Lorilla was a "cowgirl" in Iowa about 1898 at age 8. She is pictured riding on her horse "Front-half" (just kidding). In 1900,

[More...](#)



Lorilla Spencer 1895

This picture is from the family picture with her parents, sister, and brother when she is about 5 years old. Is this where the blonde

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Lorilla Belle SPENCER (KFD2-JV5)



Lorilla Spencer's class in South Dakota ~ 1907

Contributed By [Jim Ison](#) · 22 July 2013 · 0 Comments

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Lorilla is the teacher just to the right of the flag. This picture is from a post card without any description or identification. In 1907, she graduated from high school with 16 other students from Hyde County, South Dakota. In August 1907, she turned 17 and became a school teacher based on her exceptional academic record and because there were not enough teachers, especially in remote parts of the state. Her first school was in Blunt, SD, not too far from Pierre, the state capital. Her next teaching assignment was in a one-room school near Deadwood. Then she taught at the Squaw Creek school about 5 miles Northwest of Creighton, in the "boonies."

Person view shows 3 generations

The screenshot shows a person profile for Lorilla Belle SPENCER. The profile includes a circular portrait, a star icon with the text 'Unwatch', and a unique ID 'KFD2-JV5'. The birth information is '29 Aug 1890' in 'Prole, Warren, Iowa'. The death information is '7Nov1961' in 'Toledo, Lucas, Ohio'. Below this, there are three statistics: '10 SOURCES', '0 DISCUSSIONS', and '44 MEMORIES'. At the bottom, a navigation bar has three options: 'TREE' with a tree icon, 'PERSON' with a person icon, and 'PERSON' with a person icon. The 'PERSON' option is highlighted with a red box. On the left side of the profile, there are three overlapping cards for other people: 'Elimina WINTON LYNCH 1861-1945', 'Lorilla Belle SPENCER 1890-1961', and 'Lee Francis ISON 1925-2002'.

Lorilla Belle SPENCER
KFD2-JV5 ★ Unwatch

BIRTH 29 Aug 1890
Prole, Warren, Iowa

DEATH 7Nov1961
Toledo, Lucas, Ohio



10 SOURCES 0 DISCUSSIONS
44 MEMORIES

TREE PERSON PERSON

Family Members



Spouses and Children

Hide All | [+](#) Add Spouse

 **Frank Ison**
 1894-1964 • KFD2-JVC
 **Lorilla Belle SPENCER**
 1890-1961 • KFD2-JV5
 Married
 25 Dec 1919

[EDIT COUPLE](#)



Children (2)

 **Warren Ison**
 1921-2000 • K2Q6-YK2
 **Lee Francis ISON**
 1925-2002 • KWHW-QVD
[+](#) Add Child

[+](#) Add Child with an Unknown Father








Parents and Siblings

Hide All | [+](#) Add Parent

 **Charles Rollin SPENCER**
 1856-1941 • K653-HKD
 **Elmina Winona LYNCH**
 1861-1945 • K653-HKX
 Married
 26 DEC 1880
 Prole,Warren,Iowa

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Children (7)

 **Clarinda Ellen Spencer**
 1882-1968 • KHTF-748
 **Zella Leona Spencer**
 1884-1957 • KCFW-SFW
 **Earl Romanzo Spencer**
 1887-1957 • KCV3-PBF
 **Lorilla Belle SPENCER**
 1890-1961 • KFD2-JV5
 **Irene Icelet Spencer**
 1895-1895 • KZ32-Q2Y
 **Ray Alvard Spencer**
 1897-1970 • K65Q-9S9
 **Seth Kenneth Spencer**
 1899-1980 • KZJX-LRY

Spouse

Kids

Parents

Siblings

Record hints and search records

The screenshot displays the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, the FamilySearch logo is on the left, and navigation links for Family Tree, Memories, Search, Indexing, and Temple are in the center. On the right, there are user profile options for 'James Ison'. Below the navigation bar, a menu includes TREE, PERSON, FIND, LISTS, and WHAT'S NEW. The main content area features a profile for Lorilla Belle SPENCER, born 29 August 1890 and died 7 November 1961. The profile includes a photo, name, dates, and options to view the tree or unwatch. Below the profile are tabs for Details, Memories (68), and Ordinances. A red arrow points from the profile area to the RECORD HINTS section on the right. The RECORD HINTS section lists two hints: 'Lorilla Spencer, Ohio, Marriages, 1800-1958' and 'Lorilla Ison, United States Census, 1930'. A 'Show Details' link is provided. Below the hints is a RESEARCH HELP section with a 'Search Records' button. Another red arrow points from the bottom of the profile area to the RESEARCH HELP section.

FamilySearch

Family Tree Memories Search Indexing Temple

James Ison

TREE PERSON FIND LISTS WHAT'S NEW HELP OTHER

Lorilla Belle SPENCER
29 August 1890 – 7 November 1961 - KFD2-JV5
View Tree Unwatch

Details Memories 68 Ordinances

Vitals | Other | Family | Sources 10 | Discussions 3 | Notes 0

Life Sketch Clos
Add

Vital Information Clos
Open Details

Name
Lorilla Belle SPENCER

Gender
Female

Birth

RECORD HINTS

- Lorilla Spencer
Ohio, Marriages, 1800-1958
- Lorilla Ison
United States Census, 1930

Show Details

RESEARCH HELP

Search Records

Hint results in 1930 census image

560	576	Don J Frank	Head	10	2000	R	no	M	W	35
		— Lorilla	wife H				✓	F	W	39
		— Warren	Son				✓	M	W	9
		— Lee	Son				✓	M	W	3½

Record search results

Name	Events
Lorilla Belle Spencer Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935	birth: 27 August 1890 Warren, Iowa, United States
Lorilla Spencer Daughter United States Census, 1900	birth: August 1890 Iowa residence: 1900 Summerset Township Fontanelle town, Adair, Iowa, United States
Lorilla Spencer Daughter United States Census, 1910	birth: 1891 Iowa residence: 1910 Highmore, Hyde, South Dakota, United States

Sources are easily added

Sources

[Open Details](#) |  [Create a New Source](#) |  [Attach from Source Box](#)

-  Iowa Birth Certificate of Lorilla Belle Spencer
-  Iowa Births and Christenings, 1830-1950 for Lorilla Belle Spencer, 1890
-  United States Census, 1900 for Lorilla Spencer
-  South Dakota State Census, 1905 for Lorilla Spencer
-  United States Census, 1910 for Lorilla Spencer
-  Ohio, County Marriages, 1790-1950 for Lorilla Spencer to Frank Ison, 1919

Value of a collaborative Tree

Birth
11 Jun 1842
Brietzig, Pommern, Prussia

Modified | [History](#)
25 May 2012 by Jim Ison

I entered the birth date
in 2012

Sources | Tag **1**



Johann August Selchert, "Find A Grave Index"

Christening
26 June 1842
Brietzig, Kreis Pyritz, Pomerania, Prussia, Germany

Reason This Information Is Correct
Information is to be found in the Brietzig church records.

Modified | [History](#)
11 April 2014 by Lester Ludwig

Lester Ludwig entered the
christening date in 2014

Brietzig Lutheran Church from Lester



Weekly message of Tree updates



What's new in your family tree?

Elizabeth Murphree (p.21JJ-KKV)

Discussion added by tbriant on February 7

Nancy Holloway (p.2S4K-Q6S)

Name updated by Jayne on February 5

Artemisa 'Polly' 'Mary' Sisk (p.2W7N-PB7)

Name updated by Brenda Reeder on February 7

Birth updated by Brenda Reeder on February 7

Pause for Questions

Get Help on every screen

Get Help



Family Tree Memories Search Indexing

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Connect Generations

Discover your place in history with Family Tree, an easy way to preserve your genealogy online. See what others have contributed, and share your family story.

Get started

Fan Chart Photos **Family Tree** Search Indexing Family Booklet



Extensive help options

Self Help

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Self Help options



The image shows a screenshot of a help menu. A red rectangular box highlights the 'Self Help' section. The 'Self Help' section includes a play button icon followed by 'Quick Start to FamilySearch (03:34)', 'Getting Started', 'Help Center', 'Learning Center', 'Research Wiki', and 'What's New'. To the right of the highlighted section is the 'Contact Us' section, which includes 'Call Us', 'Live Chat', 'Send Message', 'Find Local Help', 'Remote Connect', and 'My Cases'.

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Getting Started

Getting started with your family history

Step 1. Discover Your Story

The first step in discovering your story is reaching out to parents, grandparents—any relative that can share stories, photos, or other information with you. Using the FamilySearch Photos and Stories, you can capture, preserve, and share what you find. As you do, you will find yourself on the path to discovering your own story.



Step 2. Explore Your Family Tree

Family Tree is where your family history comes together. The second step to getting started is to explore your family tree. Since researchers and volunteers from around the world are adding to Family Tree daily, some work may have already been done for you. Add missing names, dates, and relationships, collaborate with other family members, and watch your family tree grow.



Exploring Your Family Tree

Step 3. Find Your Ancestors

Step three is to grow your family tree by searching historical records on FamilySearch.org. Your ancestors' everyday milestones and experiences—like birth, marriage, and death—often created historical records that have been indexed and made searchable online. Use Search to find more details about the people in your family story.



Eight Help Center Topics



Family Tree Memories Search Indexing

HELP CENTER ▾

GETTING STARTED

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RESEARCH WIKI

Family Tree

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FamilySearch Account

Genealogy Assistance

Family History Center

Mobile

Center

topics to learn how to build
ree, record your living
dex records, search for
nd more.



Help Center—How to Search

HELP CENTER ▾

GETTING STARTED

LEARNING CENTER

RESEARCH WIKI

How to Search

FamilySearch has records that span billions of names across hundreds of collections, including birth, marriage, death, census, and other original records. Most of these records are indexed, so you can search for records that identify your ancestors.



Frequently Asked Questions

▼ Open

Tips and Tricks

▼ Open

Research Strategies

▼ Open

Other Resources

▼ Open

Learning Center—hundreds of courses

Browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history.

What course are you looking for?

Place

- [America, Europe](#) (4)
- [Argentina](#) (1)
- [Australia](#) (4)
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- [Brazil](#) (3)
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- [Pennsylvania](#) (3)
- [Poland](#) (8)
- [Portugal](#) (3)



5 minutes

Finding Our Cousins: Using New Tools on FamilySearch.org



Beginning South Africa Research

48 minutes



Create a Life Sketch in Family Tree

1 page



Finding Our Cousins: Introduction to Puzzilla.org

2 Minutes



South Africa National Archives

41 minutes

Most Popular Courses



Descendancy Research

40 Minutes

New Courses



Duplicates in Family Tree

www.familysearch.org/learningcenter



Introduction to Polish Research

In this introduction to Polish research course Cecile Wendt Jensen will dispel the myths that records were destroyed during the world wars and that language barriers make Polish research difficult. She will also give examples and suggestions on how to use records, databases and archives.

Video and Slides (53 minutes) | Type: Online Lesson



Polish Ancestry

Cecile Jensen will teach basic techniques on how to start or advance your Polish genealogy research.

Video (62 minutes) | Type: Online Lesson



Polish Displaced Persons

In this course you will learn how to research Polish individuals who were displaced during and after World War II.

Video (44 minutes) | Type: Online Lesson



Reading Polish Handwritten Records Lesson 1: Polish Letters

In this lesson, you will learn about the letters in the Polish alphabet.

Interactive Slides (20 minutes) | Type: Online Lesson

Make Discoveries

Search for your ancestors in millions of historical records. You can also search in the catalog, books, genealogies, and the Wiki.

[Search historical records](#)

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Discover what apps can help you with your family history.

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What can you find in the Wiki?

- Genealogy databases and online resources
- Genealogy strategies and guidance
- Explanation of record types and their uses
- Locality pages with relevant resources
- Topic pages, e.g., Organize your Genealogy

What the wiki IS NOT

- NOT a database of specific individuals
- BUT, helps find records that may list your ancestor

Therefore:

- *Don't* search for your ancestor's name
- *Instead*, search for the locality your ancestor was born, died, or lived

FamilySearch Research Wiki Help

Where does the information come from?

- Started with the FHL Research Outlines
- FamilySearch research specialists
- Genealogists from the genealogy community
- Like Wikipedia; anyone with a FamilySearch account can edit the wiki
- We need your help!

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Europe

Europe is a continent in the northern hemisphere, located to the west of [Asia](#) and north of [Africa](#). Countries within Europe can be grouped together into five regions.

- **The British Isles**

England - Scotland - Wales - Ireland - Northern Ireland - Isle of Man - Guernsey - Jersey

- **Central Europe**

Austria - Belgium - Czech Republic - Germany - Hungary - Liechtenstein - Luxembourg - The Netherlands - Poland - Slovakia - Slovenia - Switzerland

- **Eastern Europe**

Albania - Belarus - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Bulgaria - Croatia - Estonia - Georgia - Kosovo - Latvia - Lithuania - Macedonia - Moldova - Montenegro - Romania - Russia - Serbia - Ukraine

- **Mediterranean Europe**

Andorra - Cyprus - France - Greece - Gibraltar - Italy - Malta - Monaco - Portugal - San Marino - Spain - Vatican City

EUROPE



Germany Genealogy

(Redirected from Germany)

Europe → Germany

Guide to **German ancestry, family history, and genealogy**: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

Country Information [\[edit | edit source \]](#)

Germany is a country in Western and Central Europe that borders Denmark, Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands. The territory of Germany has varied considerably over the centuries. Until 1871 Germany consisted of numerous independent kingdoms, duchies, principalities, and states, whose borders often changed and merged. These changes often make it difficult to determine which archives may have the particular records you need. In 1871 all German-speaking states except the Austrian states were consolidated into the German Empire under the leadership of Preußen.^[1]

Place-names and county, province, and state jurisdictions have also changed, often more than once. Because of these changes, you may not be able to find the name of your German ancestor's town on a modern map. You may also have trouble determining the jurisdiction where their records were kept. Various resources are available to help you find that information.

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Germany Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in United States research.

- Finding Records using gazetteers
- The German Genealogy Wiki (GenWiki) [\[G\]](#) contains a lot of helpful information. The English-language version is dated and somewhat limited. For more information consult the German-language version. It can be navigated easily using an electronic translator, such as GoogleTranslate.
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Germany Genealogy

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Guide to **German ancestry, family history, family history, and military records.**

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Germany is a country in Western and Central Europe. It is bordered by Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands. In 1871 Germany consisted of numerous independent states that were merged. These changes often make it difficult to find records for German-speaking states except the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

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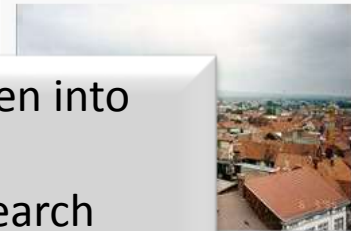
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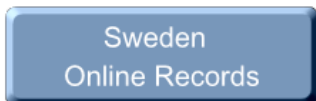
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Finding Links to Online Genealogy Records

- “One stop shopping” to all links to country-wide or state-wide online collections
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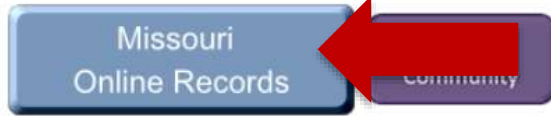
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Its most unique genealogical features:

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- Slavery research is usually challenging
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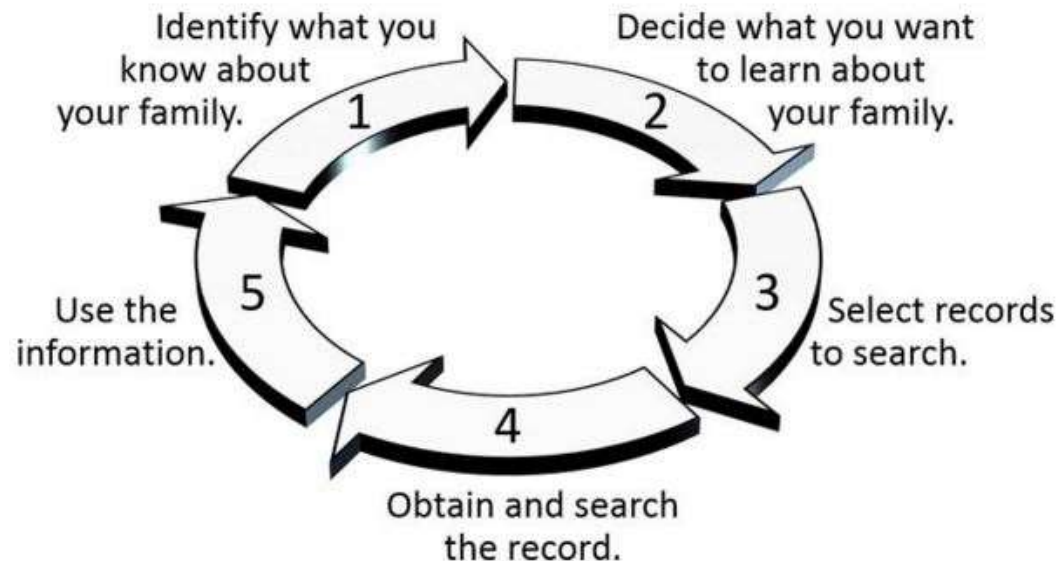
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