Today’s Presenter

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Genealogy Essentials:
Helping Patrons Search for Family Roots

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Beginners may need some assistance
And possibly a bit irritating at times.
More popular than ever
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
World’s largest collection of records
Preserved in the Granite Mountain Vault
Digital Online Worldwide Collections

- Africa (22)
- Asia & Middle East (55)
- Australia & New Zealand (29)
- Canada (98)
- Caribbean and Central America (71)
- Continental Europe (503)
- Mexico (65)
- Other (6)
- Pacific Islands (8)
- South America (110)
- United Kingdom and Ireland (128)
- United States of America (998)
1 million digital images captured every day
A very large number of volunteers
A very large Family Tree

1.1 BILLION
People In the Tree

120,000
New Contributors
This Year

2.47 Million
Total Contributors

~1 million people
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
  • Learning Center
  • Research Wiki
  • What’s New

• Get Help—Contact Us
• Questions
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Six Home Page Images
Search defaults to Records
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

Search  Reset

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)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Land and property (4)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Land and property - Maps (1)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Maps (5)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Maps - Indexes (1)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Military history - Civil War, 1861-1865 (1)
- 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)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Probate records - Indexes (2)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Schools (2)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Vital records (5)
- United States, Pennsylvania, Butler - Vital records - Indexes (1)
List of microfilmed Deeds

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<td>Deeds, v. T-U 1852-1854</td>
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Can order films to local Family History Center

Film Availability: Available For Loan

Film Number: 1434214

- Short-term Microfilm Loan (?) $7.50
- Extended Microfilm Loan (?) $18.75
**Catalog shows records that are online**

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

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Authors:</th>
<th>Butler County (Pennsylvania). Register of Wills (Main Author)</th>
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<td>Publication:</td>
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<td>References:</td>
<td>(Digital Collection) Pennsylvania, probate records, 1683-1994</td>
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**Notes**

*Pennsylvania, Probate Records are available online, click here.*
Over 200,000 books are online at FamilySearch

- Allen County Public Library
- Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library
- Brigham Young University Idaho David O. McKay Library
- Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library
- Church History Library
- Family History Library
- Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- Onondaga County Public Library
Family History Books

Murphree by Linder

Material Type
Other (50)
Serials (20)
Books (1)

Collection
Family History Library (69)
Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center (69)

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-
Details

Other

Advanced S
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. A wife is not named in his will, made 20 May 1843 in Pickens County, South Carolina, proved 8 May 1846.


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 Dorcas Suggs, b. 1836.

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 Historical Records

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

[Image of a website interface with a search button highlighted]
Searching for Specific Records

Video starts when you open the help topic

Follow steps to complete task
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
JAMES        LYNCH

Search with a life event:
Birth  Marriage  Residence  Death  Any

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  Reset
### Search Results from Historical Records

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

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

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<th>Preview</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Events</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>James Lynch</td>
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<td></td>
<td>residence: 1940 Representative District 10, Kent,</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Delaware, United States</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>James H Lynch</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>residence: 1940 Representative District 6, New Castle,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>James Vinson Lynch</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Delaware, United States</td>
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Tip 1

Search Using Filters—

Life Events and Relationships
Search by life event—Marriage

Search Historical Records

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

**Deceased Ancestor's Name**

<table>
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<th>First Names</th>
<th>Last Names</th>
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<tr>
<td>JAMES</td>
<td>LYNCH</td>
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**Search with a life event:**

- **Birth**
- **Marriage**
- **Residence**
- **Death**
- **Any**

<table>
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<th>Marriage Place</th>
<th>Marriage Year (Range)</th>
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<td>IOWA</td>
<td>1855 - 1870</td>
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**Search with a relationship:**

- **Spouse**
- **Parents**
- **Other Person**

**Restrict records by:**

- **Location**
- **Type**
- **Batch Number**
- **Film Number**
### 2\textsuperscript{nd} Result

#### Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 4,481 results for Name: JAMES LYNCH, Event: Marriage, Place: IOWA, Event Range: 1851

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

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| ![Icon](icon) | James Lynch (i)
Iowa Marriages, 1809-1992 | marriage: 15 September 1857 | Lee, Iowa | spouse: Mary Jane Davis |
| ![Icon](icon) | James Lynch (i)
Search using life event and relationship

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
--- | ---
JAMES | LYNCH

**Search with a life event:**

Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Marriage Place | Marriage Year (Range)
--- | ---
IOWA | 1855 | 1870

**Search with a relationship:**

Spouse | Parents | Other Person

Spouse's First Names | Spouse's Last Names
--- | ---
ELLEN | 

**Restrict records by:**

Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number
--- | --- | --- | ---
First Result !!!

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<td>James Lynch</td>
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<td>Iowa, Marriages,</td>
<td>November 1860</td>
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<td>Iowa Co.,</td>
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Try adding more search terms to improve your search results.
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: APPANOISE 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 !!!

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<tr>
<td>Head</td>
<td>residence: 1880</td>
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<tr>
<td>Census, 1880</td>
<td>1880</td>
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Tip 3

Use Wild Cards *
A researcher’s best friend
First name plus first letter* of surname

<table>
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<th>Deceased Ancestor's Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>First Names</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALFRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Last Names</td>
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<td>H*</td>
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Search with a life event:

<table>
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<table>
<thead>
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<th>Residence Place</th>
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<td>MERRILL, LINCOLN, WISCONSIN</td>
<td>1900 - 1900</td>
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2\textsuperscript{nd} result is Alfred Housring 😊😊😊

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<td>Alfred H Hebert</td>
<td>birth: August 1883, Wisconsin</td>
<td>father: Henry W Hebert</td>
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<tr>
<td>Son</td>
<td>residence: 1900, Merrill city Ward 5, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States</td>
<td>mother: Delta M Hebert</td>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
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<td>other: Arthur E Hebert, Jessie C Hebert, Gertrude D Hebert, Carrie Bouchard</td>
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<tr>
<td>Census, 1900</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alfred Hoursing</td>
<td>birth: March 1883, Wisconsin</td>
<td>father: William Housling</td>
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<tr>
<td>Son</td>
<td>residence: 1900, Merrill city Ward 1-2, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States</td>
<td>mother: Louise Housling</td>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td></td>
<td>other: Louise Housling, Ezma Housling, Willie Housling, Hurbert Housling, Esther Housling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Census, 1900</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
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 | Last Names
ALFRED | *SING

SEARCH WITH A LIFE EVENT:

<table>
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<td>MERRILL, WISCONSIN</td>
<td>1900</td>
<td>1900</td>
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### 1\textsuperscript{st} 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]

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<td>Alfred Hoursing</td>
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<td>father: William Hoursing</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Son</td>
<td>residence: 1900 Merrill city Ward 1-2, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States</td>
<td>mother: Louise Hoursing</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>United States Census, 1900</td>
<td></td>
<td>other: Louise Hoursing, Ezma Hoursing, Willie Hoursing, Hubert Hoursing, Esther Hoursing</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
You be the indexer for this name

[Image of a handwritten entry]
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
<table>
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<th>Household</th>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Birthplace</th>
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<td>53</td>
<td>South Carolina, United States</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Malinda Orr</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>South Carolina, United States</td>
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<tr>
<td>John Orr</td>
<td>M</td>
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<tr>
<td>William Orr</td>
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<td>Amanda Orr</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Margarett Orr</td>
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<tr>
<td>James Orr</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>South Carolina, United States</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marietta Orr</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>South Carolina, United States</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carrie Orr</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>South Carolina, United States</td>
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</table>
## Four married names

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Events</th>
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</thead>
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| **Corrie Malinda Orr**<br>South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1943 | birth: 26 November 1861 Anderson Co., S.C.  <br>death: 3 January 1938 Brushy Creek Tp., Anderson, South Carolina  
burial: 5 January 1938 Piedmont, S.C. |
| **Thomas C. Orr**     <br>South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1943 | death: 28 September 1927 Columbia, Richland, South Carolina |
| **Marietta Orr Smith**<br>South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1943 | birth: 12 September 1859 Anderson Co.  
death: 14 December 1924 Piedmont, Anderson, South Carolina  
burial: 15 December 1924 |
| **Amanda Stegall**    <br>South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1943 | birth: 26 May 1853 Anderson Co.  
death: 27 April 1919 Easley, Pickens, South Carolina  
burial: 28 April 1919 Rock Springs |
| **Margaret King**     <br>South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1943 | 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
Tip 6

Use the Source Film Number
Look for the GS Film number when there is no image
“. . .Between Jehial Spensor & Betsy Blackburn on the 10th day of Nov 1825 Both of the township of Vernon . . .”
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Email

Enter an email address for recovering your username or password.

OR

Mobile Number

Enter a mobile number that can receive text messages for recovering your username or password.
Contact Name (Everyone Sees This) — What's this?

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Birth Date

Are you a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

Please type the letters from the picture...

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Collaborative Family Tree of One Billion Ancestors

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
Use FIND to locate deceased ancestors in the Family Tree.
Use FIND to locate deceased ancestors in the Family Tree
Each person has a personal ID (PID)

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<tbody>
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<td>Lorilla Belle SPENCER</td>
<td>birth: 29 August 1890, Prole, Warren, Iowa, United States</td>
<td>spouse: Frank ISON KFD2-JVC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>death: 7 November 1961, Toledo, Lucas, Ohio, United States</td>
<td>father: Charles Rollin SPENCER K653-HKD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>burial: 9 November 1961, Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio, United States</td>
<td>mother: Elmina Winona LYNCH K653-HKX</td>
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KFD2-JV5
Highlighting a result
Traditional pedigree in landscape
With expanded view

Additional Generations
Several “Show” options
Four “Tree” options

- Landscape
- Portrait
- Fan Chart
- Descendancy
Portrait pedigree
Faster, easier, more fun Fan Chart
Highlight ancestors in Fan Chart
Preserve and Share Memories through Photos
Add documents in your possession
Preserve and Share Memories through Stories

Stories
Add | Create a New Story

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
More...

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

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
More...

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
More...
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 capitol. 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
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Hint results in 1930 census image
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Sources are easily added

- 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

  - 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

I entered the birth date in 2012

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 t briant on February 7

Nancy Holloway (p.2S4K-Q6S)
Name updated by Jayne on February 5

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

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.

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
Help Center—How to Search

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

Tips and Tricks

Research Strategies

Other Resources
Learning Center—hundreds of courses

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
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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Want to Help?
Use clickable map
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
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. 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.

Getting Started  [ edit | edit source ]

Getting Started with Germany Research

Links to articles on getting started with German research.

- "How to" Guides
- Getting Started
- Gathering Information
- Locating Place of Origin
- Research Strategies

See More Research Strategies

Germany Research Tools

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

- Finding Records using gazetteers
  - The German Genealogy Wiki (GenWiki) 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.
- German Research Websites

See More Research Tools

Modern Map of Germany  [ edit | edit source ]

FamilySearch
New sidebars broken into sections:
- Beginning research
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Sweden Genealogy

Sweden Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Sweden

- Parish Register Headings
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Sweden Online Records

Ask the Community

Provinces [ edit | edit source ]
Finding Links to Online Genealogy Records

• “One stop shopping” to all links to country-wide or state-wide online collections
• Listed by record type – birth, marriage, death at the top
• Links can go to free and subscription website ($)
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All Countries
Online Genealogy Records by Location

Online Genealogy Records Wiki pages contain links to online records for different states, provinces, or countries. These online records may include birth records, marriage records, death records, biographies, cemeteries, censuses, church records, histories, immigration records, land records, maps, military records, native races, naturalizations, newspapers, obituaries, or probate records.

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Currently over 200 Online Genealogy Records Pages!

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**England Counties**
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- Kent Online Genealogy Records
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Topics links can include:

- Birth, marriage, & deaths
- Cemeteries
- Census
- Church records
- Directories
- Ethnic specific databases
- Immigration records
- Land records
- Military records
- Naturalization records
- Newspapers
- Probate records
- Tax records
Missouri, United States Genealogy

United States → Missouri

Guide to Missouri ancestry, family history, and genealogy birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

Missouri Information [edit | edit source]

Missouri became the twenty-second state admitted to the United States in 1819. Missouri was created from Missouri Territory and is located in the southeast region of the United States.[1]

Getting Started [edit | edit source]

Getting Started with Missouri Research

Links to articles on getting started with Missouri research.
- How to Find Birth Records
- How to Find Marriage Records
- How to Find Death Records
- Research Strategies

Missouri Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Missouri research.
- Boundary Changes for Missouri Counties
- Missouri Archives and Libraries
- MOGenWeb
- Geographical Names Information: U.S. gazetteer of places, court offices in Missouri.

Also, use blue button found on Country, state and county pages

Missouri Online Records

Missouri Clickable Map [edit | edit source]

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Missouri, United States Genealogy

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“How to” pages

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AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH

Enter Search Topic
Welcome to the African American Research page

Its most unique genealogical features:

- Family name changes were common after the Civil War
- Slavery research is usually challenging
- Freedman's Bank Freedmen's Bureau Records
- Researching African American Genealogy
- Join the Facebook African American Genealogy Research Community.

State African American Pages

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arkansas
- Arizona
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- Maine
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The Wiki describes the research process

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New to Research: 5-step process

1. Identify what you know about your family.
2. Decide what you want to learn about your family.
3. Select records to search.
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5. Use the information.

New to Research
Understand the steps you need to take when doing your own family history research.
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Submit your Wiki Content

For Example:

- Davidson County, TN started keeping marriage records in 1879.

  or...


  - Volunteer to help enter above submissions
  - Request Wiki pages be filled out more thoroughly
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Information to Add to the Research Wiki *

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Or, edit the wiki directly

Bibb County, Alabama Genealogy

Guide to Bibb County, Alabama ancestry, family history, and genealogy birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records

United States  Alabama  Bibb County

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