

FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURES BURIED IN FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

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Find your family & discover yourself!

To get help in your search or to just get on the right track is by going to the upper right and clicking (?). You can click on suggested topics but I'm pointing to the Community Groups and Helper Resources.

A screenshot of the FamilySearch Community homepage. At the top, it says "Welcome to the FamilySearch Community!" with the tagline "Where you can find your answers from others who may know." Below this is a search bar. The main content area is divided into three columns: "FamilySearch Help" (with a photo of people at a computer), "Suggest an Idea" (with a lightbulb icon), and "Groups" (with a photo of people in a circle). To the right is a "Welcome!" section with "Sign In" and "Register" buttons, and a "Quick Links" section with "Contact Us", "Free Research Consultation", and "My Bookmarks" (0). At the bottom, there are tabs for "Trending Discussions", "Answer a Question", and "Announcements".

Click on Groups to search for one that may assist you. You can search by place, language, or type of research, the options are open.

A screenshot of the FamilySearch Groups search results page. At the top, there are tabs for "All Groups", "My Groups", "Research Groups", and "FamilySearch Sponsored Groups". Below the tabs is a search bar labeled "Search Groups". The results are displayed in three columns. The first column shows a group titled "(BYU) RelativeFinder; & (FamilySearch) Family Tree" with a "Relative Finder" logo and a "35" member count. The second column shows a group titled "Adoption Research" with a red and black logo and a "467" member count. The third column shows a group titled "Africa Multi-Area FH Advisors" with a green and white logo and a "1" member count.

These are great for getting additional help beyond your local area.

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For researching, go to the Research Wiki. We will leave the family tree to last. Go to **Search**→**Research Wiki**.

FamilySearch Research Wiki
A Genealogy Resource Guide
101,217 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

List of all Localities

Jump-start your research
Guided Research will help you find the best databases for select locations.
Guided Research

North America
South America
Europe
Africa
Asia
Australia/Oceania

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

Place

Search for:
Call Number | Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)

Availability
 Any
 Online
 FamilySearch center

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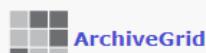
Search where you need to find out what records are available for you in this area. Each area is set up the same way so you can easily find all available online

You'll also want to research by going catalog. **Search**→**Catalog**. Here you'll find all types of records from books, film, fiche, etc. If they are available there will be a link to them for you to search. If it is not available, you can also search **WorldCat** and **ArchiveGrid** here to save time.

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.



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



The next place to check for records that can assist you is "Books". **Search**→**Books**. They have over 500,000 digital books you can search for from here or in the catalog. Currently 17 libraries are being scanned.

Search→**Genealogies**. Directory of over tens of thousands of personal family trees, lineages or pedigrees, and other histories. Organized into collections for searching individually or all together. Wales medieval databases and other U.S. lineage linked trees, Community Trees, Oral Genealogies includes the islands, Africa and Oceania, Computer-Generated trees, Guild of One-Name Studies, MyTrees.com, RootsFinder, American Ancestors, Pedigree Resource File, Ancestral file & I.G.I.

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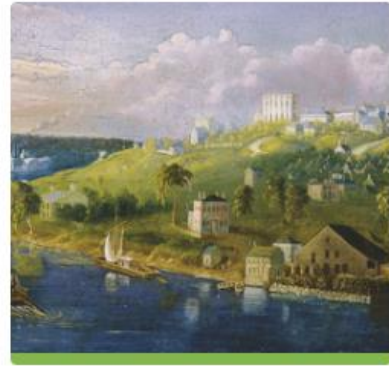
Ancestor Challenge

Take a quiz to see how well you know those who came before you.



WWI Service Records

24 million men were required to register for the WWI draft. Your relative may have been one of them.



Nauvoo

See if any of your relatives lived in Nauvoo at the time of Joseph Smith.



Historical Records

Discover events in your ancestor's life within historical records.



My Pioneer Ancestors

See if any of your ancestors crossed the plains with the early pioneers.



WWII Service Records

See if any of your relatives served in World War II.

Activities for our youth: Family History Activities in-home & online designed for the whole family!

You and your stories

[VIEW ALL](#)



Where am I from?

Where in the world did you come from?



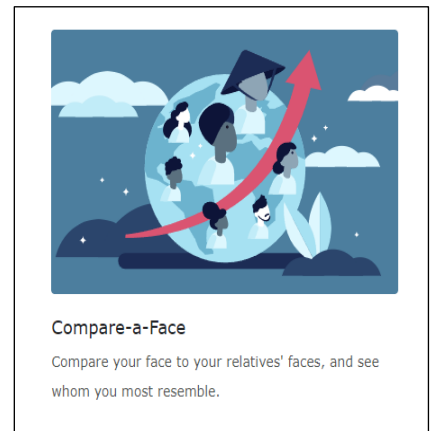
All About Me

You are one of a kind! Learn more about yourself and your family.



Famous Relatives

Discover your connection to famous people.



Compare-a-Face

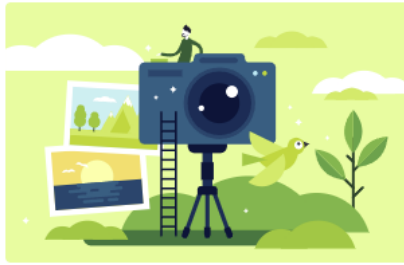
Compare your face to your relatives' faces, and see whom you most resemble.

There are also many things on other sites. www.thefhguide.com



Record My Story

Tell your stories and the stories of your family.



Picture My Heritage

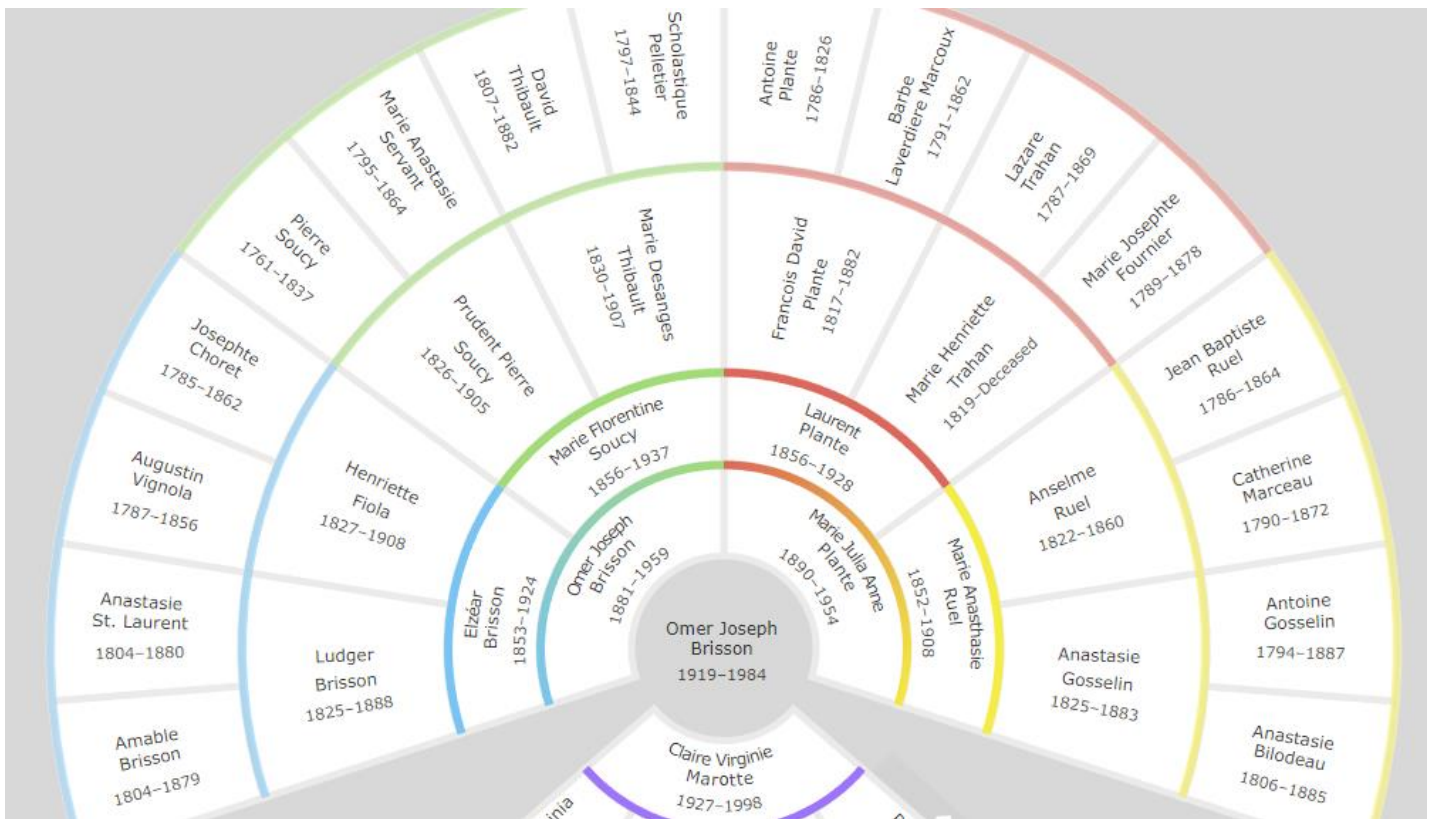
Connect to your heritage. Add your face to historical photos.



In-Home Activities

Family activities that help you discover, gather, and connect with your family—past and present.

Now go to your tree. FamilyTree→Tree. Here you can view your chart in Landscape, Portrait, Fan Chart, Descendance, or first ancestor.



From here we can do much, but the best is by person view. We'll cover that in the class because from here you can search FamilySearch.org, Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage, Geneanet, Filae & Google.

A timeline view gives you a perspective of their life. Memories and stories can be added. You can collaborate, and the sources are shown as well as the details. You can also follow people so you will be notified when someone changes something. You'll get a weekly report.

You can share many things with others through Facebook or email, the choice is yours. Last, but not least, is the blog where you can keep up with the latest of all things going on!

FamilySearch.org has so much to offer and continues to grow and serve.