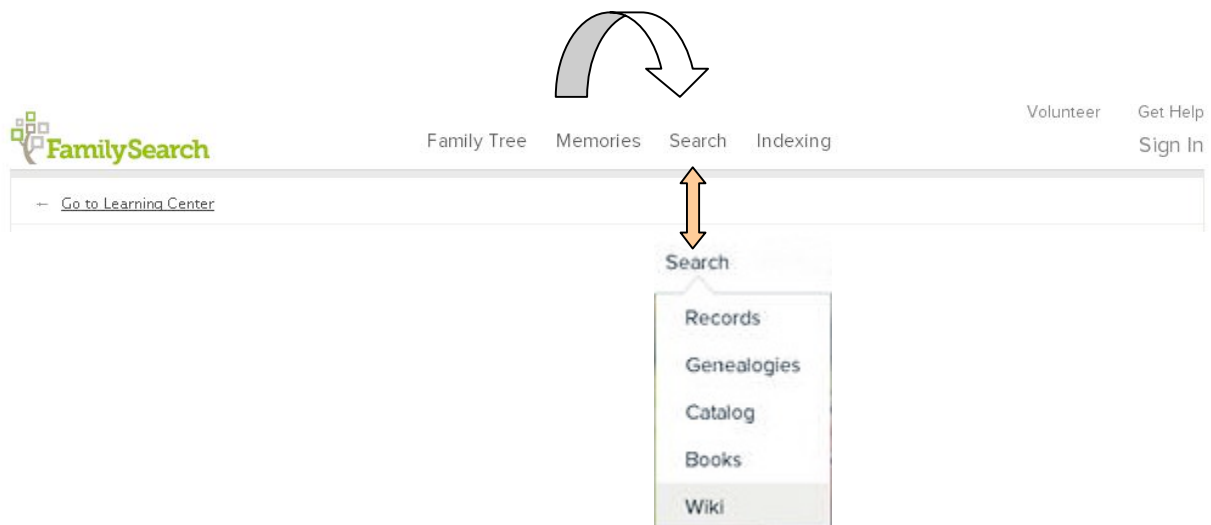


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The Family Search website at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) is a comprehensive online resource for genealogical information and research. You can use this website to search digital images and indexes of family history records from all over the world. You can also search the Family History Library catalog for books, family histories, and microfilms. Family Search can also serve as a valuable reference and research tool, providing information about virtually any genealogy topic. This includes reference material of interest to experienced researchers, as well as beginner-level information for people who are just getting started in their genealogy research.

**Family Search home page:** <https://familysearch.org/>

It all begins on the Family Search website's home page. If you don't already have an account on this website, it is recommended that you open one to get the full use of all of the features available on the website. Most of what you will do on this website is accessed through the **Search** function on the main tool bar at the top of the page.



For beginners, there are a couple of useful pages in Family Search that will introduce you to some basic concepts in genealogy research.

## **Principles of Family History Research**

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Principles\\_of\\_Family\\_History\\_Research](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Principles_of_Family_History_Research) .

This wiki article describes a process for doing genealogical and family history research. In addition to following a process, research includes knowing about the different types of records that have the information you seek. For discussions of specific records to use in your research, see the "Topics" on this wiki for the country, state or province of interest. (Note that the headings for each step in this outline are links to other wiki pages with detailed information on that topic.) This article is intended for persons who are interested in learning more about family history research.

## **A Guide to Research**

For a brief overview of the research process, see "A Guide to Research" in the Family Search wiki: [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/A\\_Guide\\_to\\_Research](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/A_Guide_to_Research)

This is a step-by-step outline of the family history research process. Each of the items in the guide's outline is a link to further detail within the page, and is illustrated with useful diagrams to help explain the overall research process.

