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FamilySearch

Nooks and Crannies

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Please Interupt Me

Procedure

We will discuss a part of the LDS FamilySearch website then execise it using the families you are researching

FamilySearch

Search Warnings

- Search data base information are indices and are not data
- The information in the index may not be all the information on the actual record
- Even though a soundex algorithm is used, none are perfect
- There are multiple opportunities for data to be corrupted
- Patron submitted family trees may contain guesses and must be documented

LDS FamilySearch Website

- Registration is now required
- FamilySearch Sections
  - FamilyTree
  - Records
  - Memories
  - Indexing

FamilySearch Record Search

- Contains links to 2290 collections of actual documents, some are:
  - Indexed, each with its own search interface
  - Non-indexed, may be browsed
- Search by
  - Region
  - Batch Number
  - Microfilm Number
- May select which collection of results to view
- Indices are marked as:
  - If attached to FS Family Tree
  - All transcribed data from document
  - If image of document available
- Search results may be exported in MS PowerPoint format

FamilySearch Records

General Search Suggestions

- Do not enter all the information you know about an individual into the search fields
  - Range the dates - ±1 or 2 years
- Sometimes it is necessary to search
  - by region
  - by data type
  - by first name only
- Wildcards can be used (*)

FamilySearch Genealogies

- Old International Genealogical Index (IGI)
- Old Ancestral File
- Old Pedigree Resource File
- Guild of One Name Societies (GOONS)

FamilySearch Catalog

The LDS Family History Library Catalog

- Search for documents by:
  - Place
  - Surname
  - Titles
  - Author
  - Subject
  - Keywords
- Find closest depository
- Document availability is marked as:
  - Indexed
  - Digitized
  - Microfilm
- Note: Microfilms no longer rentable at Family History Centers
- Some digitized images are downloadable with restrictions

FamilySearch Family Tree

- FS Family Tree is a single family tree for the whole world - a true "One World Tree" (a registered name by Ancestry.com for their collection of family trees)
  - Anyone can add/change/delete any information or individual in the tree
  - Documents from FS Records may be attached
  - Personal documents and photos may be attached
  - You may put a "Watch" on any individual
  - A list of your watches may be viewed
  - A list of changes to your watched items may be viewed
    - Includes what change made and by whom
  - LDS Church Members see additional information
- Be careful of entries with no documented information

FamilySearch Memories

- You may upload images (JPGs) into your personal image library
  - Family photos
  - Documentation
    - Census pages
    - Baptism entries
    - Marriage entries
    - Death certificates
  - Images must be approved
- You may attach images to any individual in Family Tree

FamilySearch Books

- Access to digitized books in 15 libraries across the US
- Depending on restrictions, some may be downloaded

FamilySearch Wiki

- Online helps for family research

FamilySearch Indexing

- Not all available documents have been indexed
- Your opportunity to help add additional online indices

Good Searching!