

# Family Search (Records, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, Wiki)

## Search for a name under **Records**

In searching for a NAME, you may try using wildcards such as a **?** in place of one letter or an **asterisk** to replace several letters. (must have at least 3 letters: Joh\* will work , Jo\* will not work)

Search by an “EVENT” such as birth marriage, residence, death (Can try giving a 2, 5, or 10 year span)

Search by a “RELATIONSHIP” such as spouse, parents. Try just entering the parents when looking for children. Or you might look for the children’s death records if you’re trying to find the mother’s maiden name or child’s spouse. Death dates will have more information on them. Marriage records can be good too if they list both the parents’ names.

“FILTER BY COLLECTIONS”: click on this to open all the collections. Maybe I want to see only tax collections or an obituary index. They are adding to this collection frequently and you can see at the top of the column when it was updated.

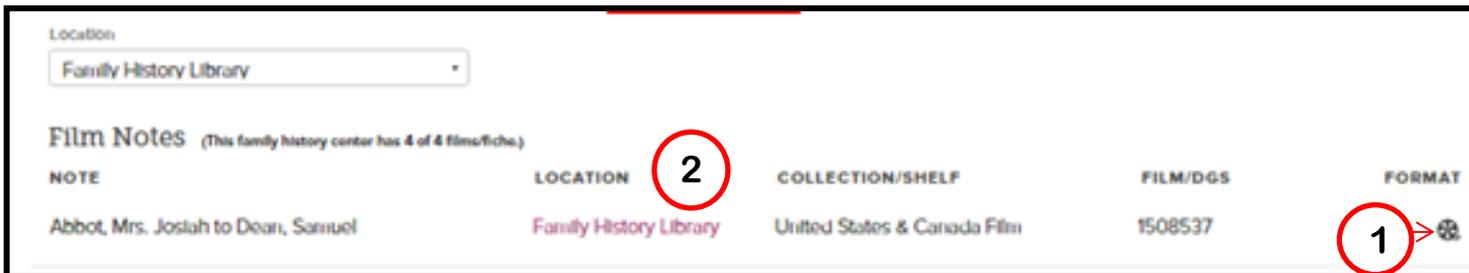
“BROWSE IMAGE” -Image only means that the record is in its original form –not indexed. Images have been grouped often by localities or year range instead of by a person’s name.

## Search by **Genealogies**

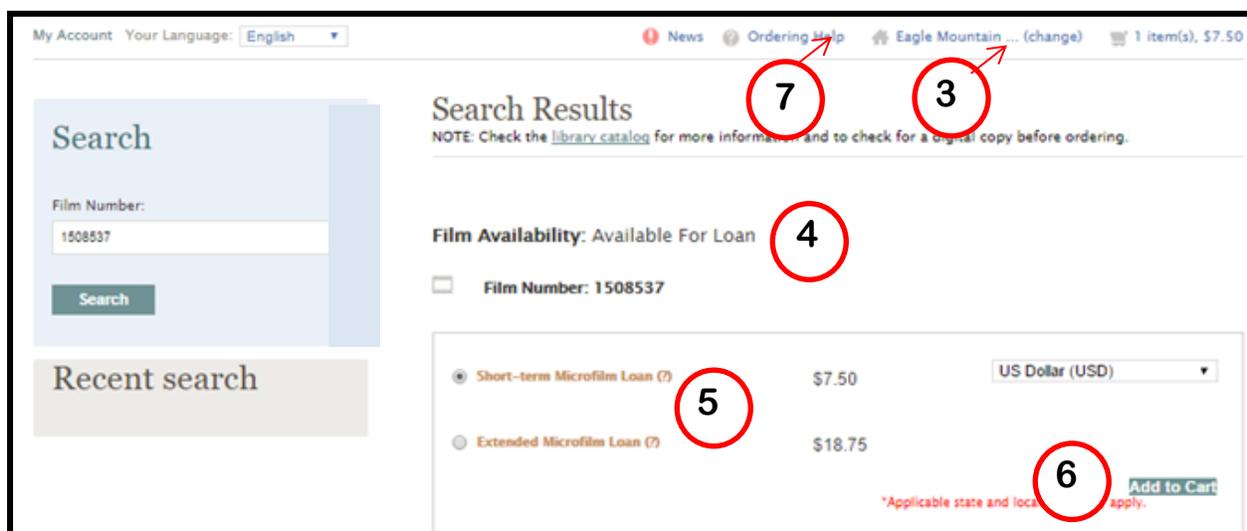
Genealogies are records from the old ancestral files and pedigree resource files. They are records people turned in before the computer age. Insert what information you know on your ancestor and click search. Perhaps someone else has more information on that ancestor. You can’t use this information as a source, but it may give you the names you need to know to go and find official sources in which you can verify them. Some may have sources attached to their file.

## Search the **Catalog**

The catalog is a collection of films, books or fiche from various libraries. Only about 7% of all the genealogies we know about are online. The rest will be found in books and films. Online information is growing daily but if you can’t find it online, you may want to go to the catalog, especially if you are searching in the 1700’s and earlier. You can search by place, last names, titles, author, subjects or keywords. FamilySearch catalog also includes a link to WorldCat which is the largest network of library content and services in the world and ArchiveGrid. You can order films to come to a family history center near you. The cost is about \$7.50 for a short term loan which is 60 days plus 30 days for shipping. Long term loan is \$18.75 and has no return date. To get more information on film ordering, go to the top right of the screen under “Get Help” and type in “Online film ordering” in search bar and it will take you to some short videos on how to do this. See back of this page. Films are free when ordering and using them in the Downtown FH Library or BYU FH Library.



To order a film, find the one you want in the card Catalog. It will tell you if it is online. If not you will see a film icon. **1** Click on it. Click on name of the library **2** to find hours, address, and phone number if you desire. Make sure the name your FH center is listed here. **3** Check for availability. **4** Check short or extended loan. **5** Click "add to cart". **6** You can continue to shop or proceed to check out. They will walk you through the steps. Ordering help- here **7**



## Search for Books

FamilySearch is adding 125 books online daily. Books can contain family histories, genealogies and all kinds of stories and hints to find your ancestors. (There is also a wealth of information Family History Libraries.) Try inserting your surname or one of your ancestors into the search bar and see all the books that may contain that name. Click on the "details" and that will tell you what information is contained in that book whether it is online or not. Check out the other kinds of information available on the left column like "Suggested New Searches". Sometimes there are stories or articles on the web that have your ancestors in them.

## Search the Wiki

Wiki is like Wikipedia only better. Here instead of searching for people by name, you search by a place. Boundaries and places changed over the years. The place you are looking for may not have existed when your ancestor lived. Wiki gives you all kinds of information on types of searches, strategies and research tools. Anything in blue type is a direct link to that site. There are hundreds of places to search. Every place on earth kept records a little differently, so this a great tool for finding your ancestors.