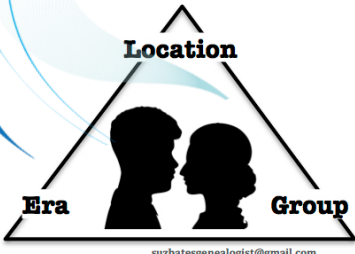


Genealogy

What is it?

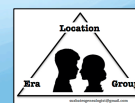
Where do I Begin?



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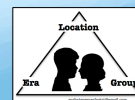
What are you hoping family history research will give you?

- Find Stories
- Collect Facts
- Make a Tree
- Meet Living Relatives
- Learn How Your Family Fits into History
- into a Town History, a Building History etc.
- A Combo! Or Something Else!



Be Organized

1. Journaling Your Story
2. Location Timeline
3. Family Group Sheet
4. Pedigree
5. Family Tree
6. Keep a Work Log



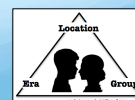
Personal History Journal Prompts

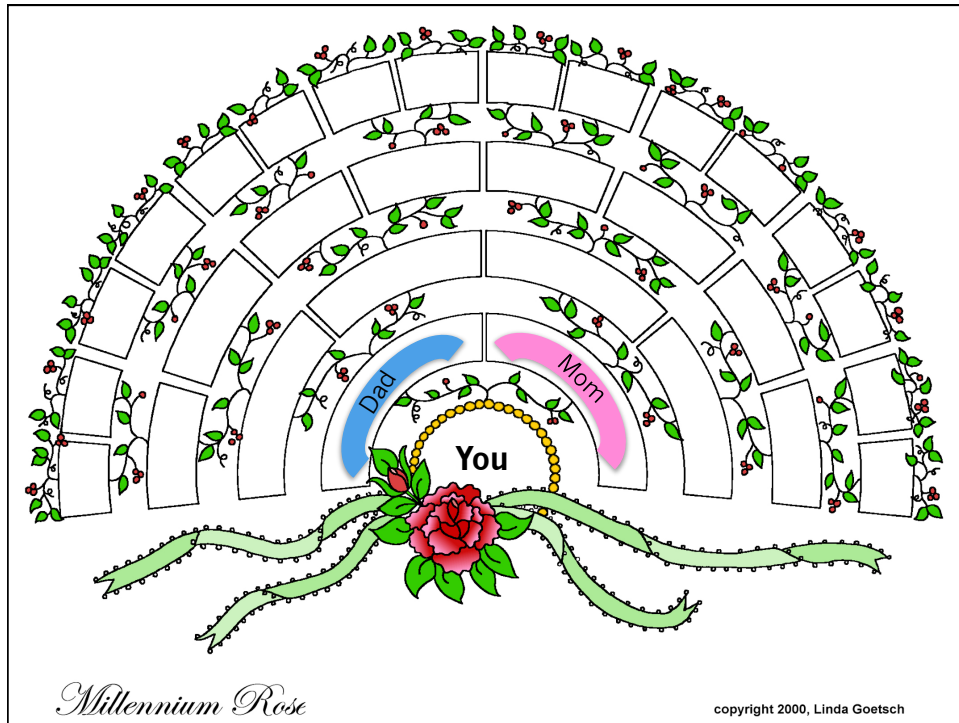
- Write about your name. Where did it come from? What does it mean?
- When and where were you born?
- Write about your mom and/or dad. What would you want people to know?
- Do you have any siblings? Write about them or how you felt about not having siblings.
- Where did you grow up? What do you remember from that place?
- Think about your house growing up. What was it like?
- What was your childhood bedroom like?
- What was your favorite activity as a child?
- What was your favorite place as a child?
- Who were your friends as a child?
- Did you travel as a child? What were your favorite places to visit?
- What did a typical day look like as a child?
- What did a typical day look like as a teen?
- What was high school like for you?
- What world events were significant to you as a child?
- Write about your grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or cousins.
- Write about your early school memories
- What was your favorite subject in school?
- Who was your favorite teacher as a child?
- Did you move as a child? Write about it.
- Who taught you to drive?
- What was your favorite food as a child?
- Write about your most memorable birthday
- How did you typically celebrate your birthday?
- Write about your favorite holiday memory.
- What was the hardest part about growing up?
- What was the best part about growing up?
- When did you first leave home? Write about that experience.
- What did your parents do for work?
- What was your first job?
- What is your favorite family story?
- Are there any funny stories that have been passed down through the generations? Write one of them.
- What were you most proud of as a child?
- What did you want to be/do when you grew up? Did you become or do it?
- Who inspired you as you matured?
- What job has been your favorite?
- What was the best part of your 20's? 30's? 40's? Etc.
- Are you in a relationship? How did you meet your significant other?
- Did you have any boyfriends/girlfriends as a youth? Write about them.
- Do you have kids? Write about them
- What are you most proud of as an adult?
- Where is the most fascinating place you've visited?
- What is one thing about today that you never want to forget?
- What item will you cross off your bucket list next?
- What advice would you give your younger self?

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Journal Prompts





Step 1 Location Timeline

Step 2 Family Group Sheet

Step 3 Pedigree

Step 4 Family Tree

Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____
On Chart No. _____

Chart No. _____

You

1
Born
Place
Married
Place
Died
Place

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

Dad

2
Born
Place
Married
Place
Died
Place

Mom

3
Born
Place
Died
Place

Grandfather

4
Born
Place
Married
Place
Died
Place

Grandmother

5
Born
Place
Died
Place

Grandfather

6
Born
Place
Married
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Grandmother

7
Born
Place
Died
Place

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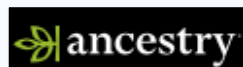
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Most Researchers Start Online

The Big Two

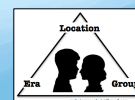
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- FamilySearch.org








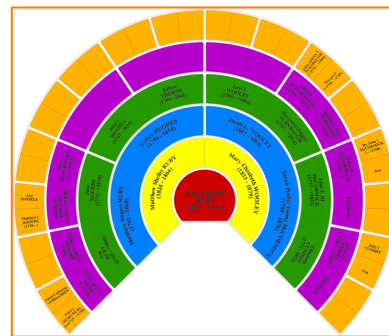
*Learning how to research
never stops!*





Genealogy Start Quick Start

Use genealogy forms to get you started and keep you going.






-  A Family Tree
-  Pedigrees
-  Family Group Sheets
-  Location Timelines
-  A Genealogy Work Log











Start with You!

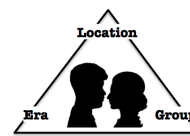
-  Record or write down your stories
-  Interview parents and other relatives.
 - What stories in your life do you want future generations to know?
 - What were the happiest times in your life?
 - What were trying times in your life and what lessons did you learn?
 - (Pull out your genealogy forms.) Do you know any facts for these family members?

Now start collecting facts, stories and connections.

-  Books from your local and other libraries
-  Online:
 - Ancestry.com is free in the library
 - FamilySearch.org is free from anywhere
 - Heritage Quest is free from home with a library card
-  Start with Federal and State Censuses.
-  Fill in your genealogy forms.
-  Keep track of your research in your genealogy work log.

Heading to the Library?

-  Bring your genealogy work log with pens and pencils
-  Bring a flash drive.
-  Bring your password for at least FamilySearch.org
-  Bring your Location Timelines and Family Group Sheets for the ancestors you are researching.
-  If you're photocopying, bring money and folder to store the documents
-  Leave all original copies of family documents at home unless you are scanning them so you can leave them at home. Scanning to a flash drive is free at most public libraries.
-  Bring your cell phone incase you need to take pictures.
-  Bring an open mind towards finding new information and surprises along the way!



Census and City Directories are the backbone of genealogy research in the U.S. They will help you:

- get an overview of the lifespan of your ancestors
- be able to validate subsequent records you find
- compare and create other lifespan timelines for family members

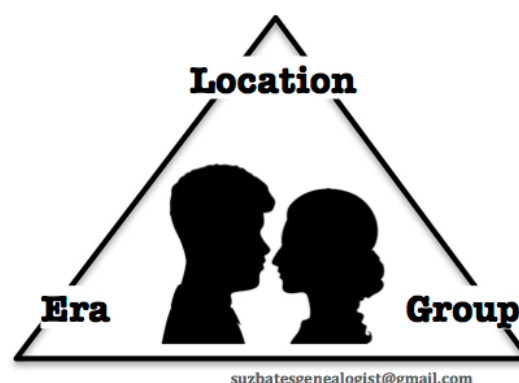
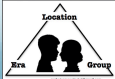
HeritageQuest.org – remote access through your public library

Look Up ▲

BEFORE LEFT ◀ ▶ RIGHT AFTER

TURN IT OVER

DOWN ▼

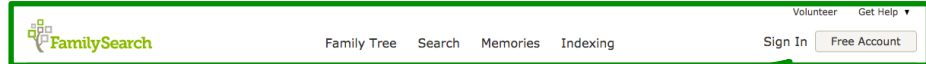


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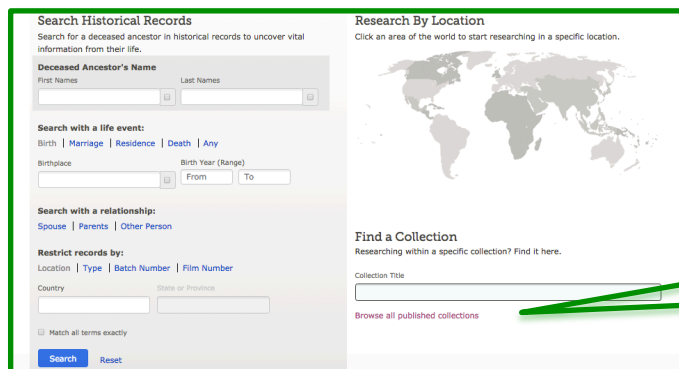
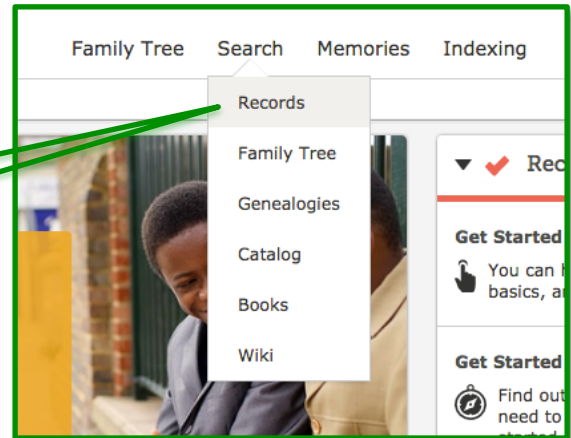
Finding the U.S. Federal Censuses on FamilySearch.org

How can I find the U.S. Federal Censuses at FamilySearch.org?

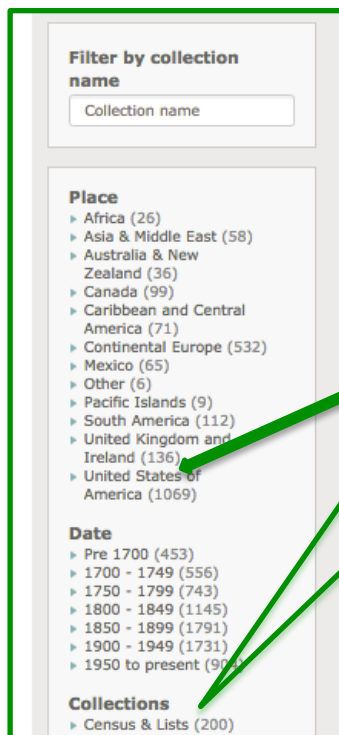


Go to FamilySearch.org and sign in.

Once you have signed in, click the search tab and toggle down to *Records*.

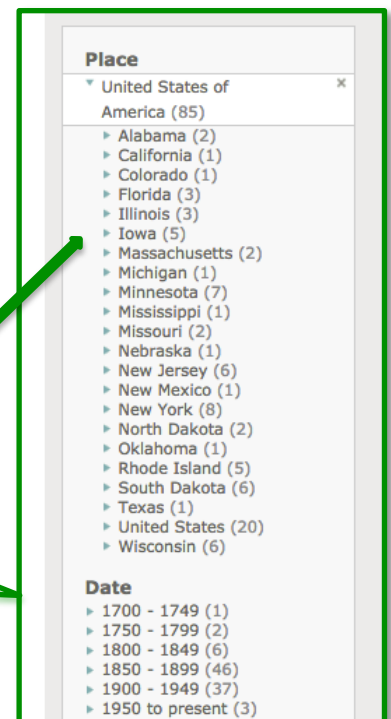
The image shows the 'Search Historical Records' form on the FamilySearch.org website. It includes fields for 'Deceased Ancestor's Name' (First Name, Last Name), 'Search with a life event' (Birth, Marriage, Residence, Death, Any), 'Search with a relationship' (Spouse, Parents, Other Person), and 'Restrict records by' (Location, Type, Batch Number, Film Number). There is also a 'Research By Location' section with a world map and a 'Find a Collection' section with a 'Collection Title' field and a 'Browse all published collections' link.

Rather than filling out a first name and last name, click the *Browse all Published Collections* link.

The image shows the 'Filter by collection name' sidebar on the FamilySearch.org website. It includes a 'Place' filter with a list of countries and regions, a 'Date' filter with a list of time periods, and a 'Collections' filter with a list of collection types. The 'United States of America' is selected under the 'Place' filter.

Scroll down on the left and click the *Census & Lists* filter. And then click the United States of American filter.

Now choose your state and date filter.

The image shows the 'Place' and 'Date' filters on the FamilySearch.org website. The 'Place' filter is expanded, showing a list of states and territories. The 'United States of America' is selected, and a list of states is shown. The 'Date' filter is also expanded, showing a list of time periods. The '1700 - 1749' period is selected.

Finding the US Federal Censuses on Ancestry.com

How Do I find a US Federal Census?

On the Ancestry.com homepage find the *Search* tab along the top bar.

Toggle down to *Census & Voter Lists*.

Look on the right side of your screen and click *U.S. Federal Census Collection*.

Narrow by Category

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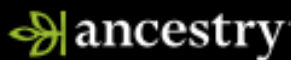
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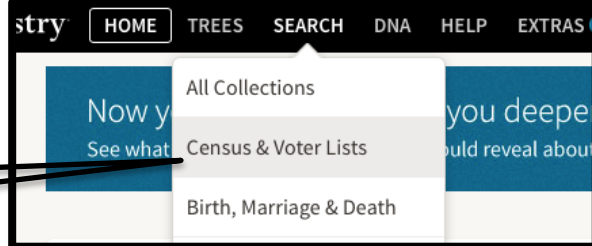


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HELP



SEARCH ☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Birth Day Month Year Location
City, County, State, Country

Death Day Month Year Location
City, County, State, Country

Lived In Day Month Year Location
City, County, State, Country

Marriage Day Month Year Location
City, County, State, Country

Arrival Day Month Year Location
City, County, State, Country

Military Day Month Year Location
City, County, State, Country

Any Event Day Month Year Location
City, County, State, Country

Add family member: Father Mother Sibling Spouse Child

Father First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Mother First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Sibling First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Spouse First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Child First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Keyword

Gender -- Select -- Race/Nationality

Census Place Year Location
City, County, State, Country

SEARCH Clear search

Included data collections:

- 1790 United States Federal Census
- 1800 United States Federal Census
- 1810 United States Federal Census
- 1820 United States Federal Census
- 1830 United States Federal Census

About this collection

The U.S. has taken a census of its population every ten years since 1790. The most recent census available to us at present is the 1940 census, due to a 72-year privacy restriction. While the questions in U.S. census records varied from year to year and in state censuses, from state to state, you can find information like names of other household members, ages, birthplaces, residence, occupation, immigration and citizenship details, marriage information, military service and more. The 1890 census was largely destroyed in a fire, but we have compiled a "substitute" with various other records to help bridge the gap.

See Amelia Earhart living in Des Moines, Iowa in the 1910 U.S. Federal Census.

View all collections included in this search

More help

- Using Ancestry: Census Search Tips
- Using U.S. Censuses: Next Steps
- A Fire Destroyed the 1890 Census, but It Doesn't Have to Destroy Your Search
- Download blank census forms
- View handwriting examples
- Learn about our improvements to our U.S. Census Collection, 1790-1930