

FERRETING OUT SOURCES USING FAMILYSEARCH

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Our primary question for today was: Where do I locate _____ ?

1. Search Family Tree first - what have other researchers found?
 - a. Search Family Tree by individual names using "Find" icon
 - b. Sources attached are linked at "Sources" on the Person page
 - c. Available sources not yet attached may be found under "Research Help: Hints" or "Search Records"
 - d. Opinions of researchers = clues NOT facts until you read them
2. "Search: Genealogies"
 - a. Previously submitted genealogies, many NOT included in FT
 - b. Submissions to Genealogies: viewed but cannot change
 - c. Not interested in the researchers; just examining their sources
 - d. "going to school" on the work of others.
3. "Search: Catalog"
 - a. Catalog includes the entire collection of the Salt Lake Family History Library plus the 14 FamilySearch Libraries worldwide.
 - b. Catalog contains only sources in FamilySearch system
 - c. Search catalog by geography, surname, subject, or keywords
 - d. Cast a broad net – search geography as (1) U.S. (2) State etc.
4. "Search: Records"
 - a. Search engine is indexed data; not too useful for sources;
 - b. Right side with world map is especially useful for international searches and sources
5. FS Wiki
 - a. Roadmap to on-line sources and URL's
 - b. Ultimate "source for sources"
 - c. Search by keywords not by sentences – unlike Google
 - d. Search by location or historical events
 - e. Importantly, searches far beyond FS; e.g. societies, ethnic groups and clubs, universities, state libraries. Can locate anything on-line