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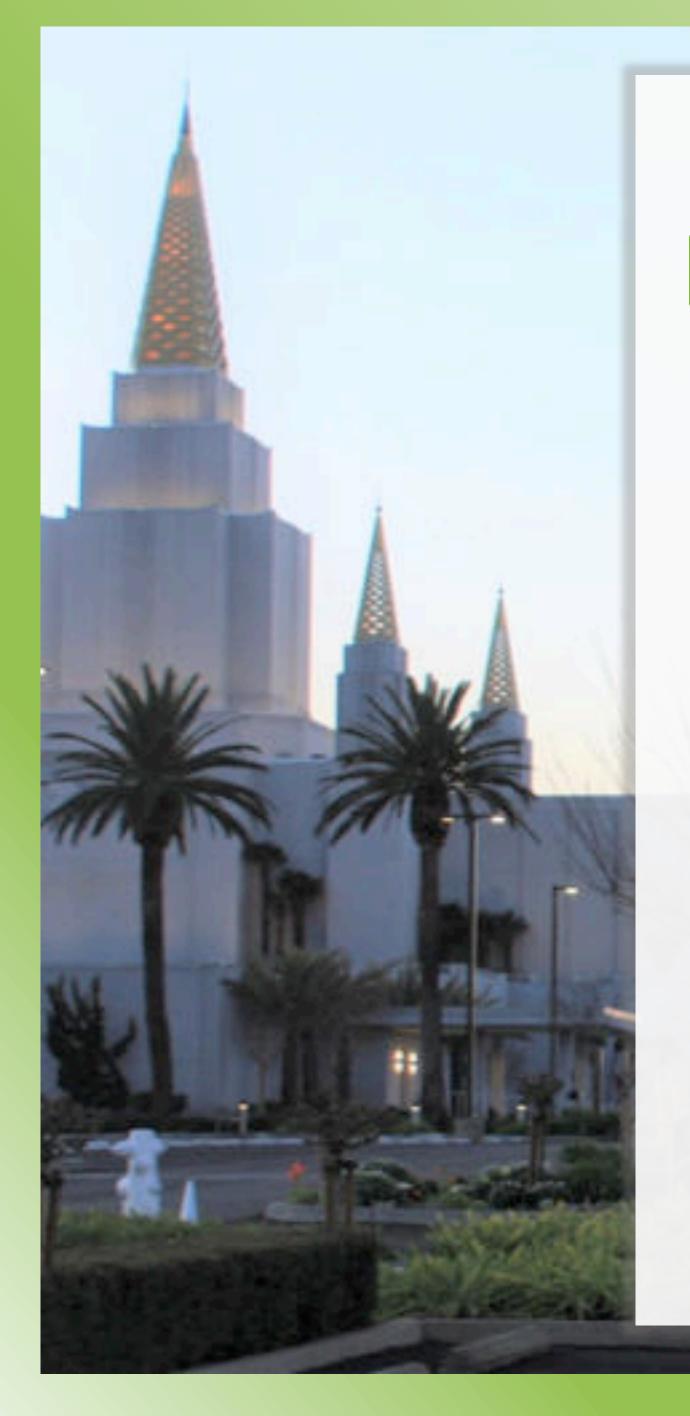
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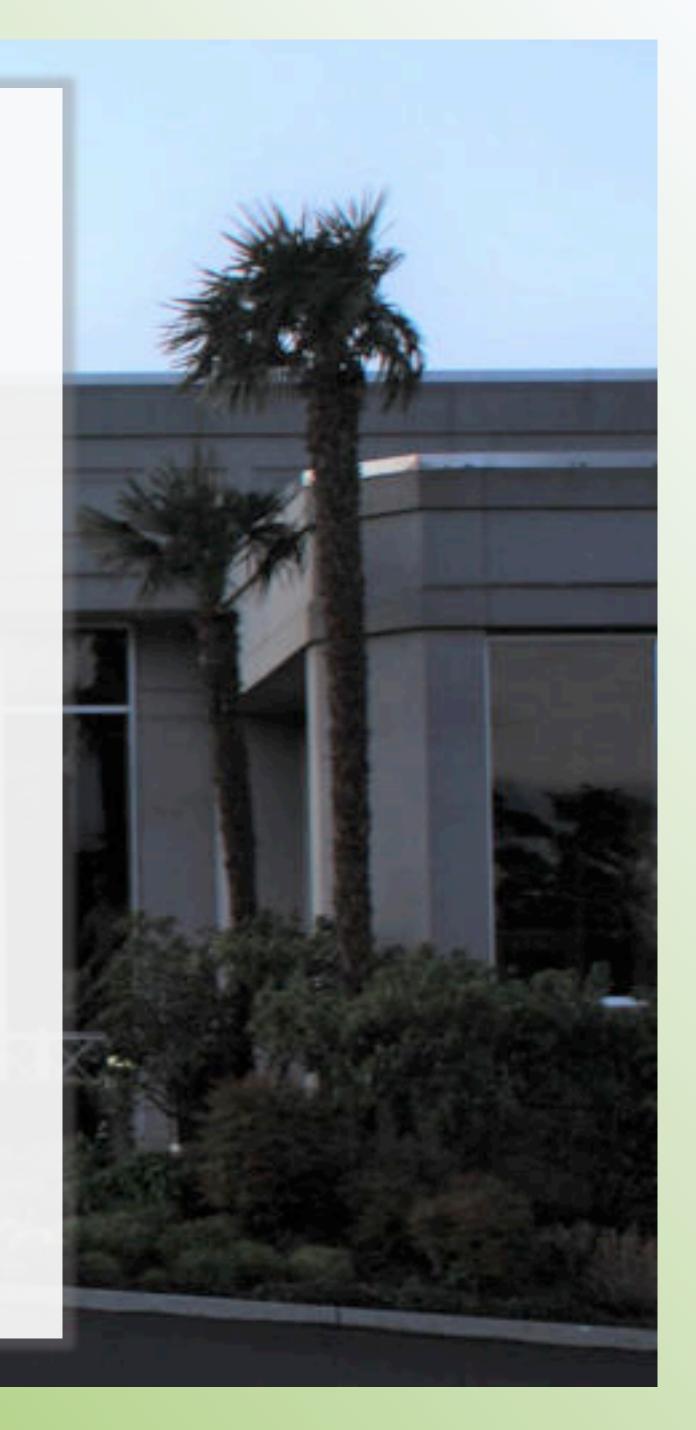
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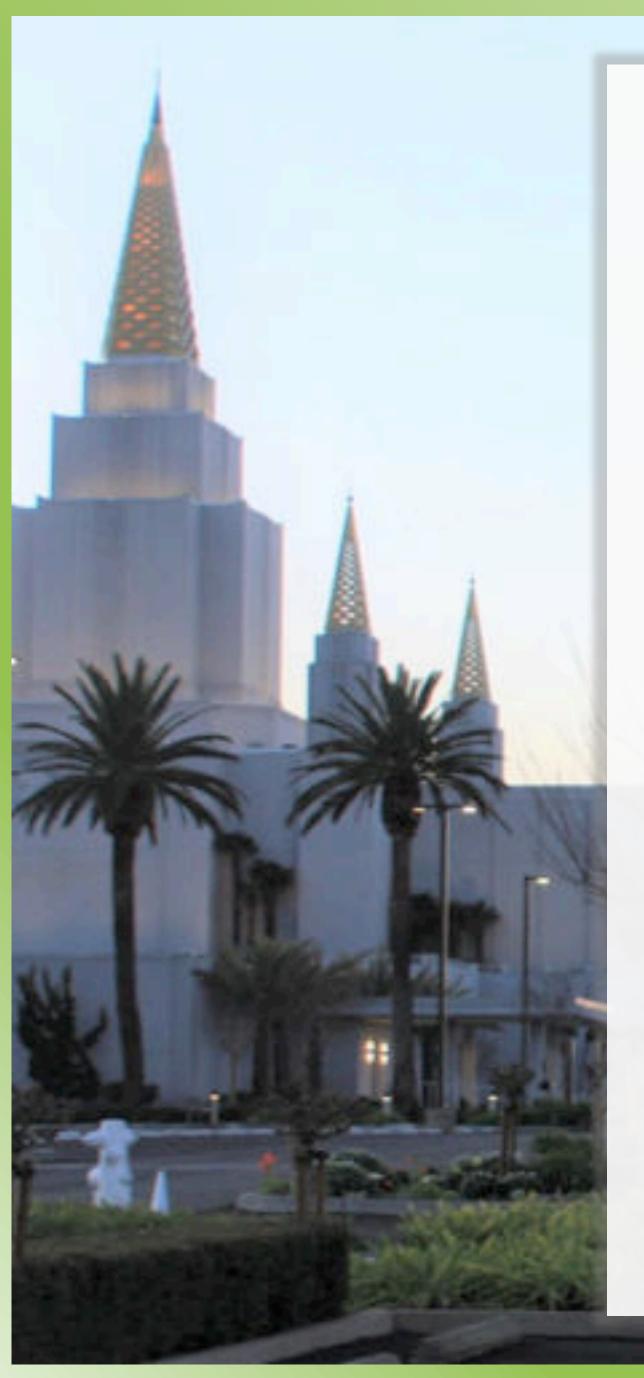






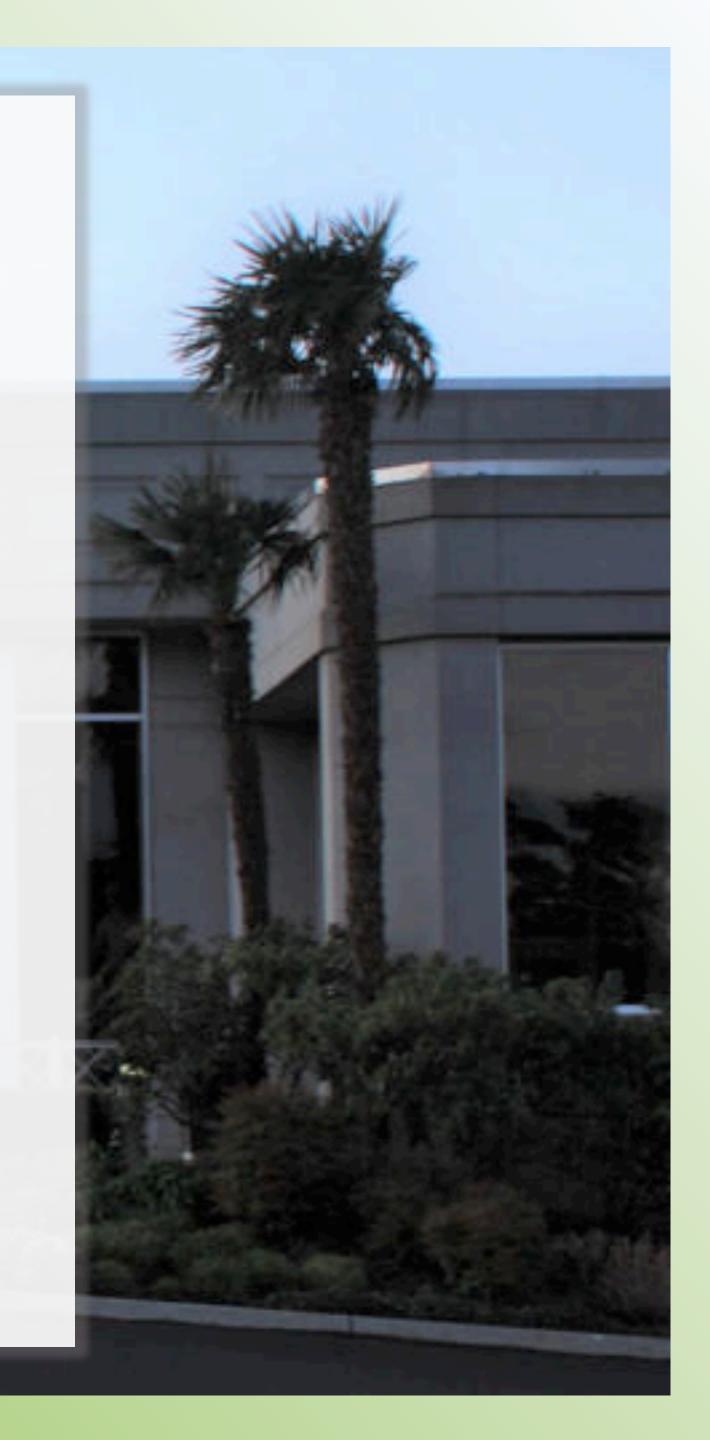


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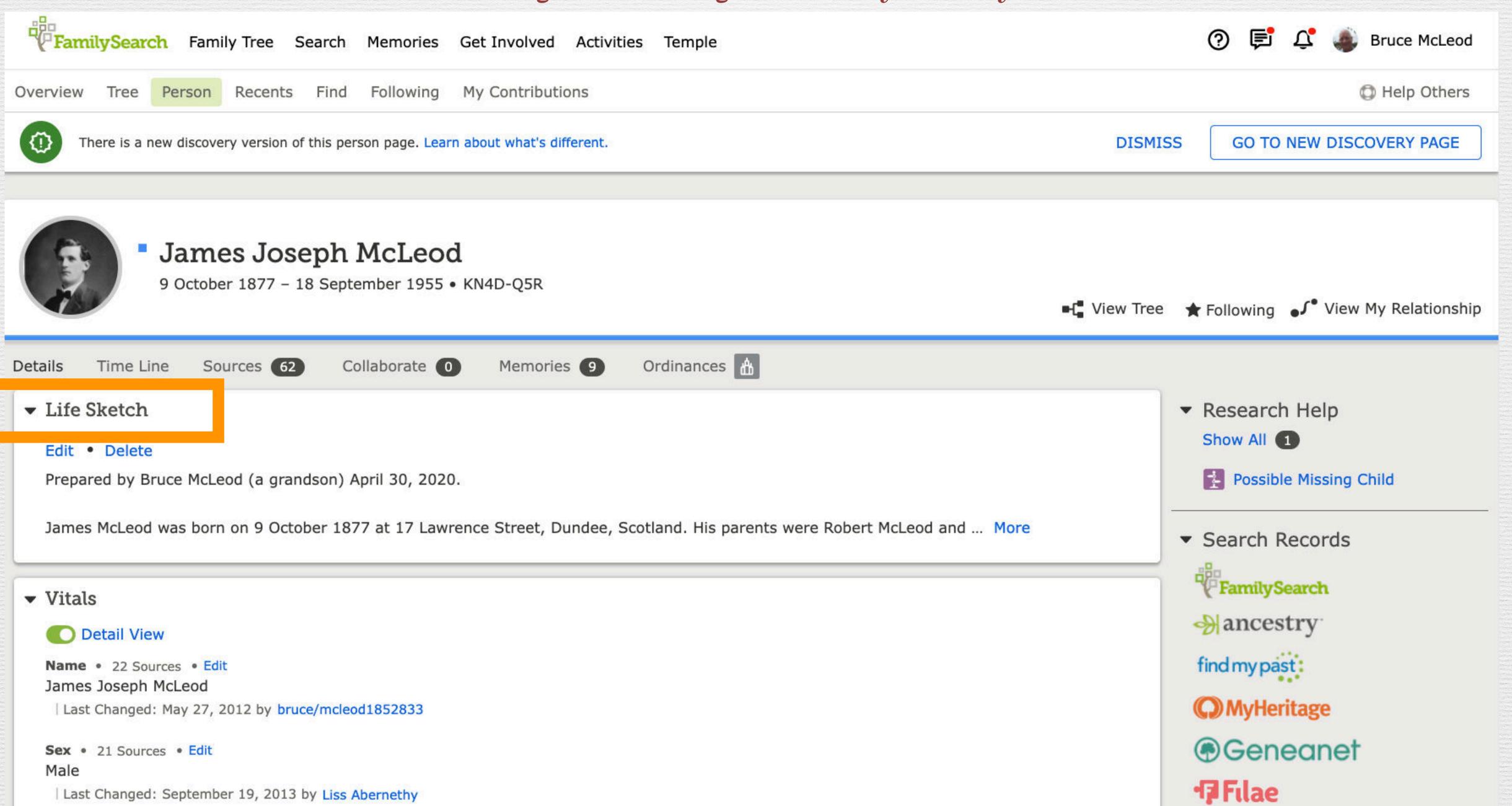
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Prepared by Bruce McLeod (a grandson) April 30, 2020.

James McLeod was born on 9 October 1877 at 17 Lawrence Street, Dundee, Scotland. His parents were Robert McLeod and Mary McLeod (Maiden name McGiviney). Robert worked as a Mason Builder

Physical Description: Consistently described in his adult record as 5'7", 160 lbs, Blue Eyes, Brown Hair. In his mid-60s his hair was gray and he needed glasses.

Personality: According to his son he was very quiet, quite old world, dour (stern, gloomy) and very strict. This was in quite a contrast to his wife who was very pretty, sang a lot and was very outgoing. My Dad used to tell me that his Dad would always say to him, "Be canny with the butter lad". Which I guess indicated Scottish frugality. [Note: It worked out well for us because we always had a full plate of butter on our dinner table and we were encouraged to use all we could.]

James was the second eldest of nine children in the family. He went to school in his earliest years, but by the time he was 13 he was a "Halftimer", which meant he went to school half of the day and went to work the other half of the day. This compared with his sister Elizabeth who was two years older and worked full-time in the jute mills and his sister Mary who was three years younger and still a full time "Scholar".

On October 3rd 1891 his father Robert died at the age of 39 of a cerebral hemorrhage that he had suffered three days earlier. Jim was still 13 years of age at this time. His father left behind a 36 year-old wife with seven children ages 0-15 This left Jim with big family responsibilities to help out earning money in order for the family to survive. These were tough times for the family in Dundee.

By 1901, while in his early twenties he was still living at home at 3 Lawrence Street in Dundee, helping his mother and six of his siblings. He was working as a "Spirit Merchant's Assistant".

He worked onboard ships after this and I have a money belt in my possession stitched on it that says "India 1902", so it is possible his travels may have taken him to India.

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Scotland onboard the "Columbia".

After Mary Ann and the two children' returned to the United States in 1919, she and Jim and the children next lived in Oakland, California in 1920 where Jim worked as a rigger in the shipyards.

On August 18, 1920, the entire family returned from Sydney, Australia to Vancouver, Washington onboard the "Tahiti" and then on August 20, 1920 arrived in Seattle, Washington, still onboard the Tahiti. The family's final destination was Salt Lake City. On the ship manifest, they indicated they had no friends or relatives in Sydney, Australia and it is unclear how long they were in Australia.

The next records show that Mary Ann gave birth to twins Ronald and Sidney on 5 January 1921. Tragically, one was stillborn and the other died a couple of days later. [Note: They are buried in pauper graves in City Cemetery. It is impossible to find their headstones as they have been eroded away.]

United States Directory records show the family lived in Salt Lake City from 1921 continuously through 1946.

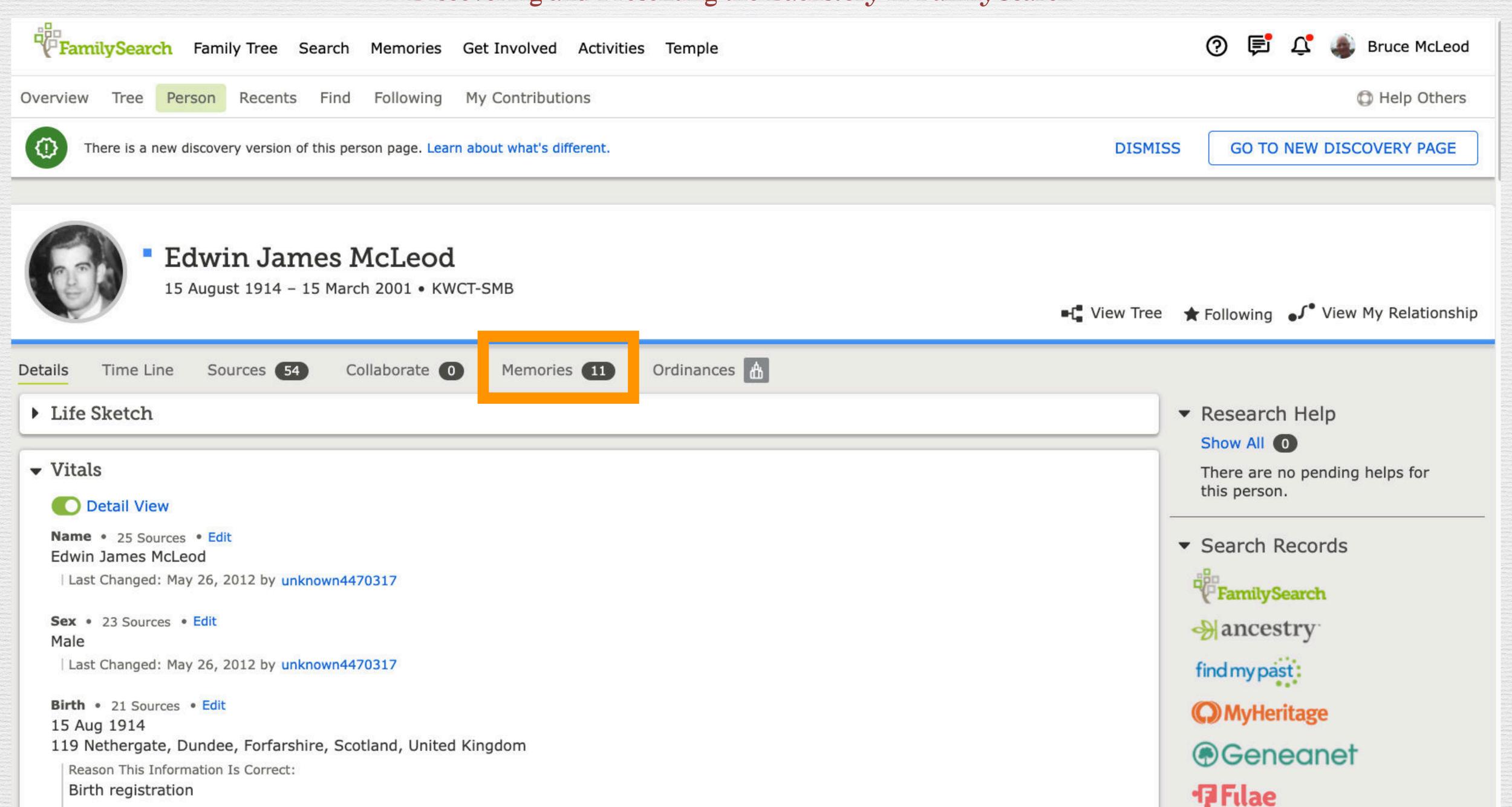
Jim indicated his intent to become a United States Citizen in 1919 and again on November of 1932

In 1942 Jim was still working for Utah Light and Traction located at 6th East and 5th South operating streetcars and buses. He was 64 at this time. They continued to live in Salt Lake City until at least 1946 and possibly longer.

At some point, Jim retired and he and Mary Ann next resided in San Mateo California in 1950, later moving to Santa Cruz, California. Sometime in this time frame he suffered a stroke that impacted his mobility. In 1954 they lived at 4445 Nova Drive, Santa Cruz. In 1955 they had moved to 721 41st Ave in Santa Cruz. He passed away on 18 September 1955.

Jim had a very difficult life with his father passing away when he was 13 and being the oldest male in the house with seven siblings and the responsibility that went with that. He worked in a jute mill half-time when 13 years of age, just before his father died and then probably full-time upon his father's passing. He was separated from his family for five years during WW I and lost two children shortly after birth. So, if Jim was a bit dour, it is certainly understandable. RIP Jim, we love you. Less

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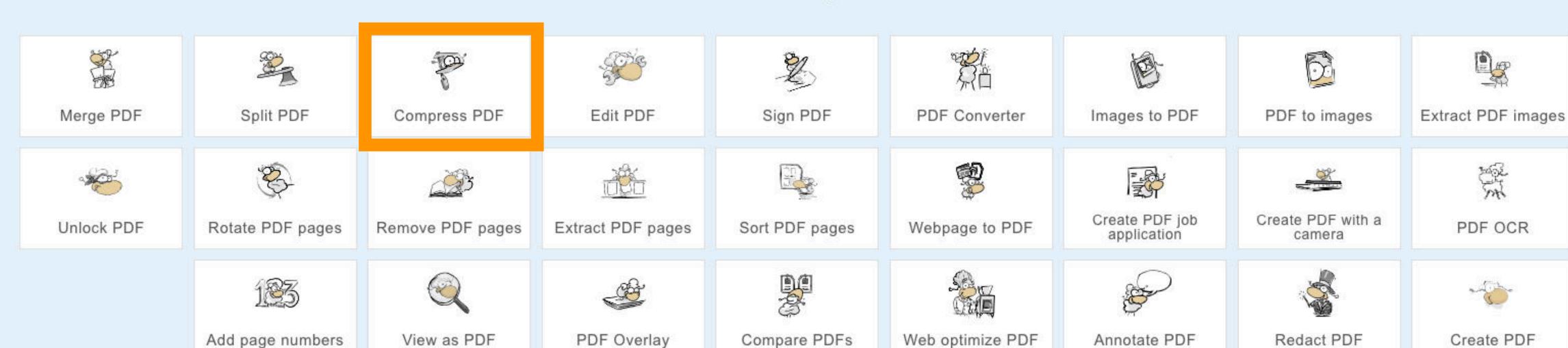
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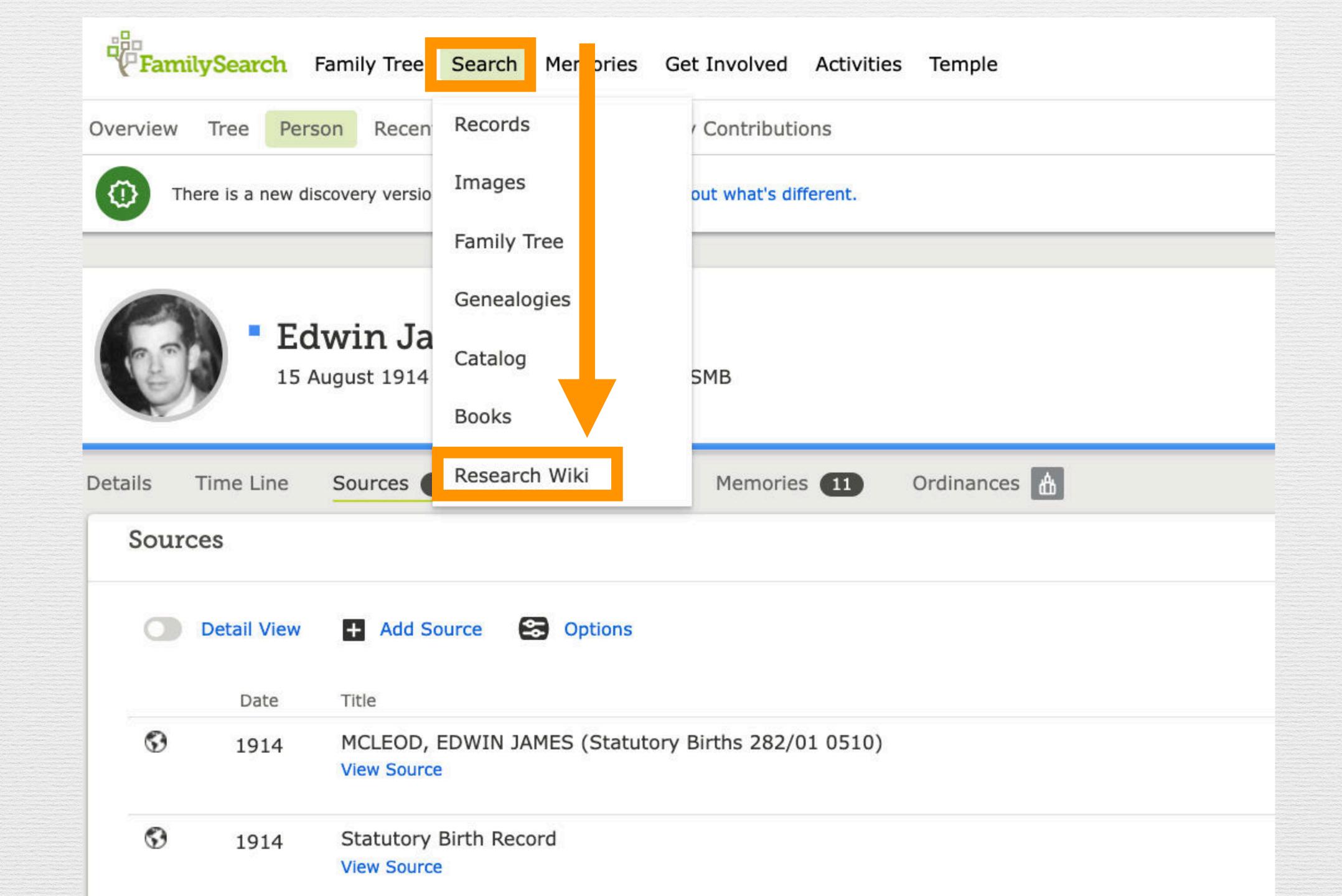
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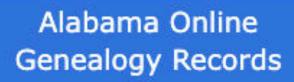
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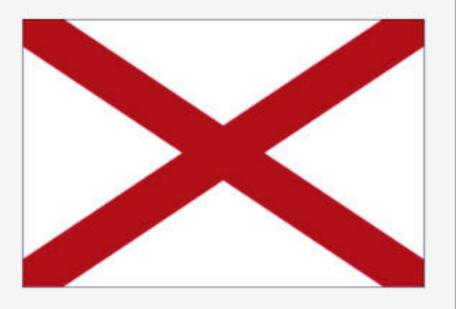
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This table shows links to statewide collections. To find links to collections on the county level, use the county Wiki pages. Some subscription websites listed below can be searched for free at a family history center or FamilySearch affiliate library.

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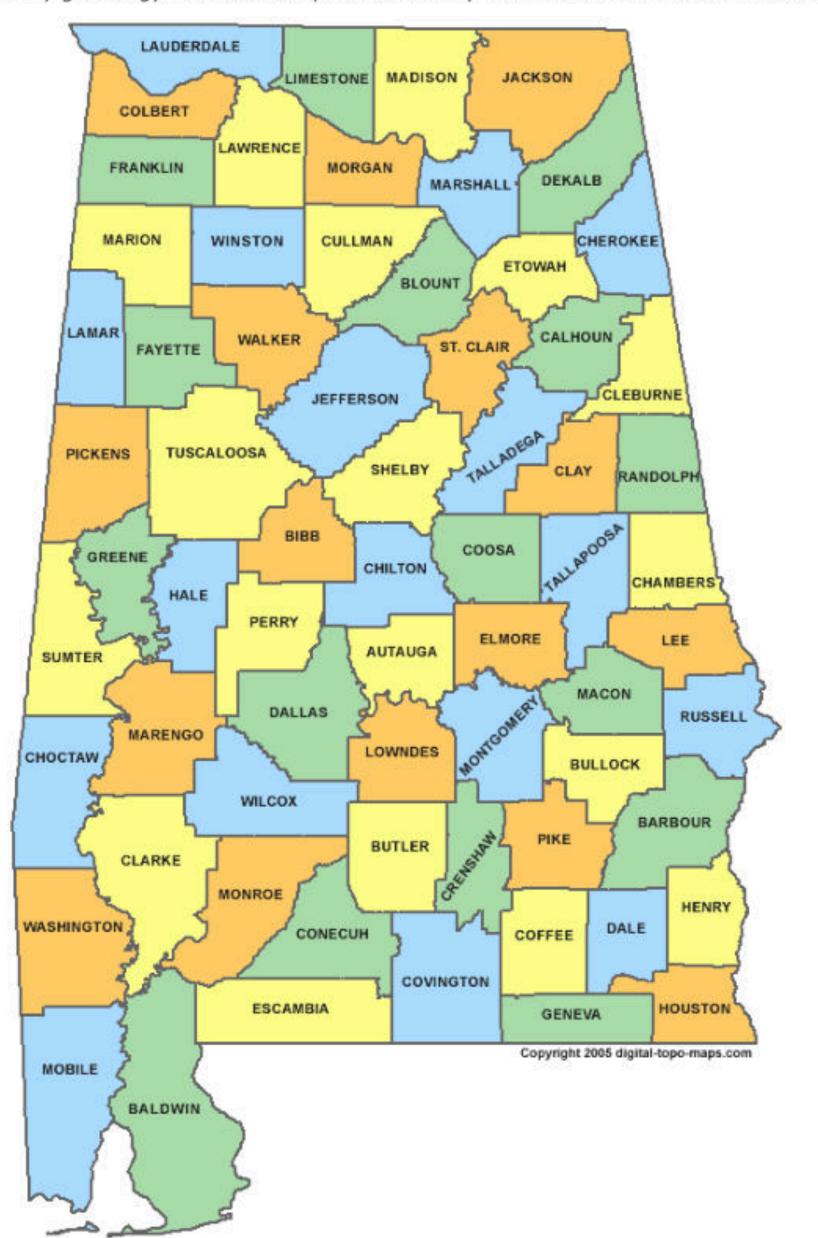
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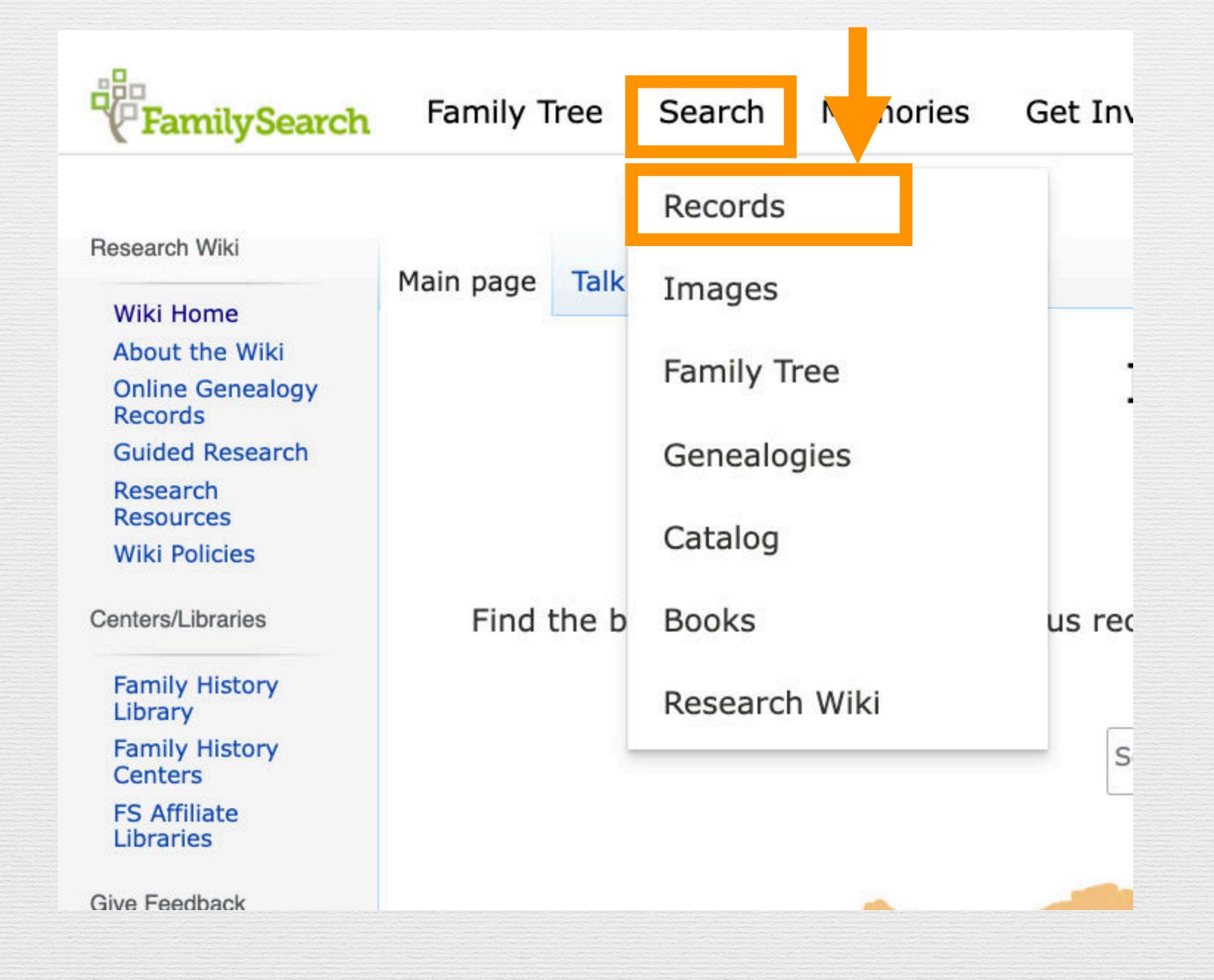
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California Immigration Registers of Japanese, Filipinos, and Hawaiians at San Francisco, 1928-1942

California, Pioneer Migration Index, Compiled 1906-1935

California, San Francisco, Immigration Office Special Inquiry Records, 1910-1941

California, San Pedro, Immigration Office Special Inquiry Records, 1930-1936

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slave

South Africa, Register of Slaves, 1762-1838

South Carolina, Charleston District, Bill of sales of Negro slaves, 1774-1872

South Carolina, Secretary of State, Slave Mortgage Records, 1734-1780

United States Census (Slave Schedule), 1850

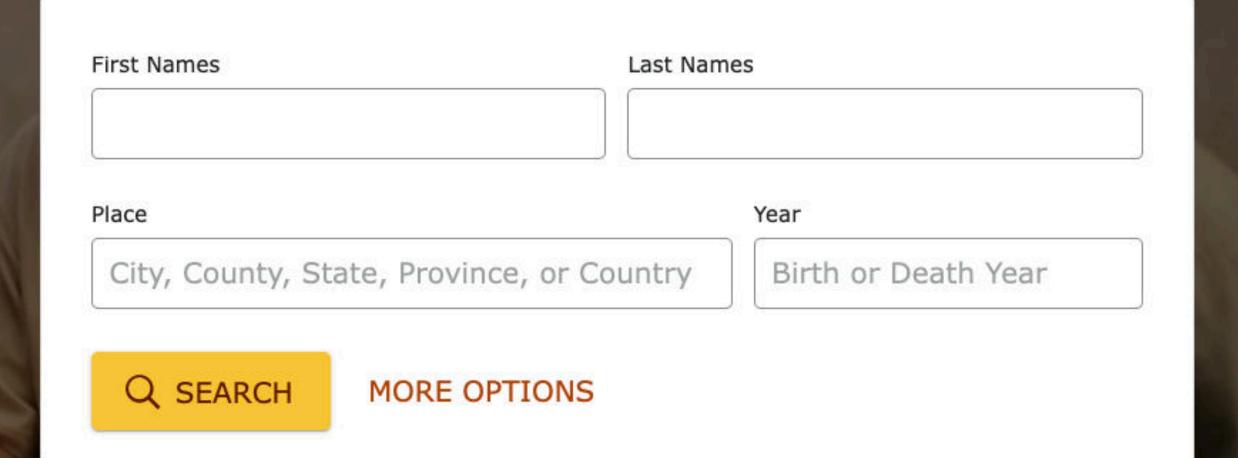
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☑ TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE SEARCHES







#### Search by Place

Different regions of the world call for different research strategies. Enter a place, and we'll show you the tools and resources we have to help you discover your ancestors who lived there.

Find a Country, Province, or State

**BROWSE PLACES** 





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## China Collection of Genealogies, 1239-2014

These digital images represent only a portion of FamilySearch's complete collection of Chinese genealogies (家譜). To search FamilySearch's full collection of digital images of Chinese genealogies go to https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/.

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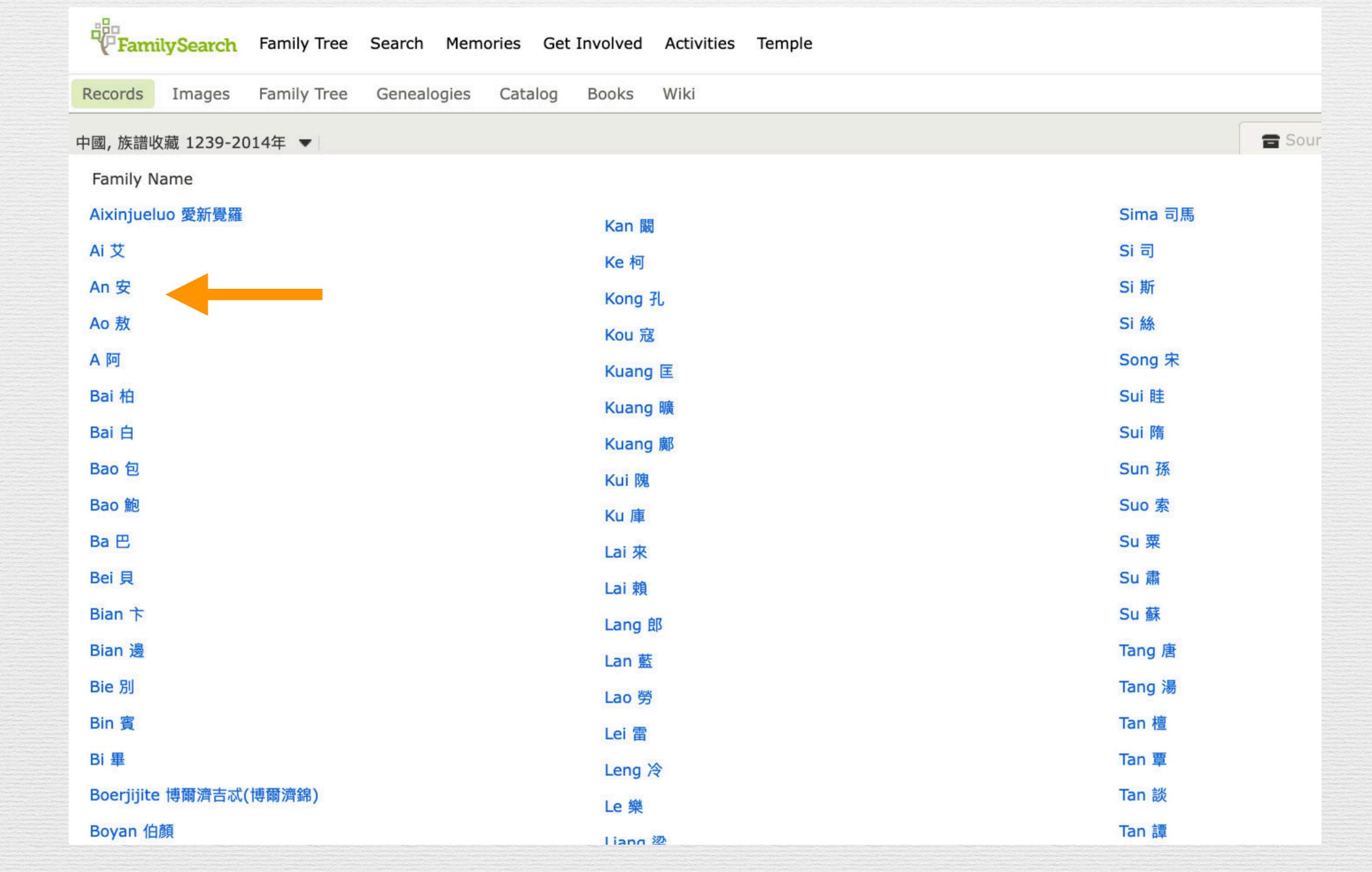




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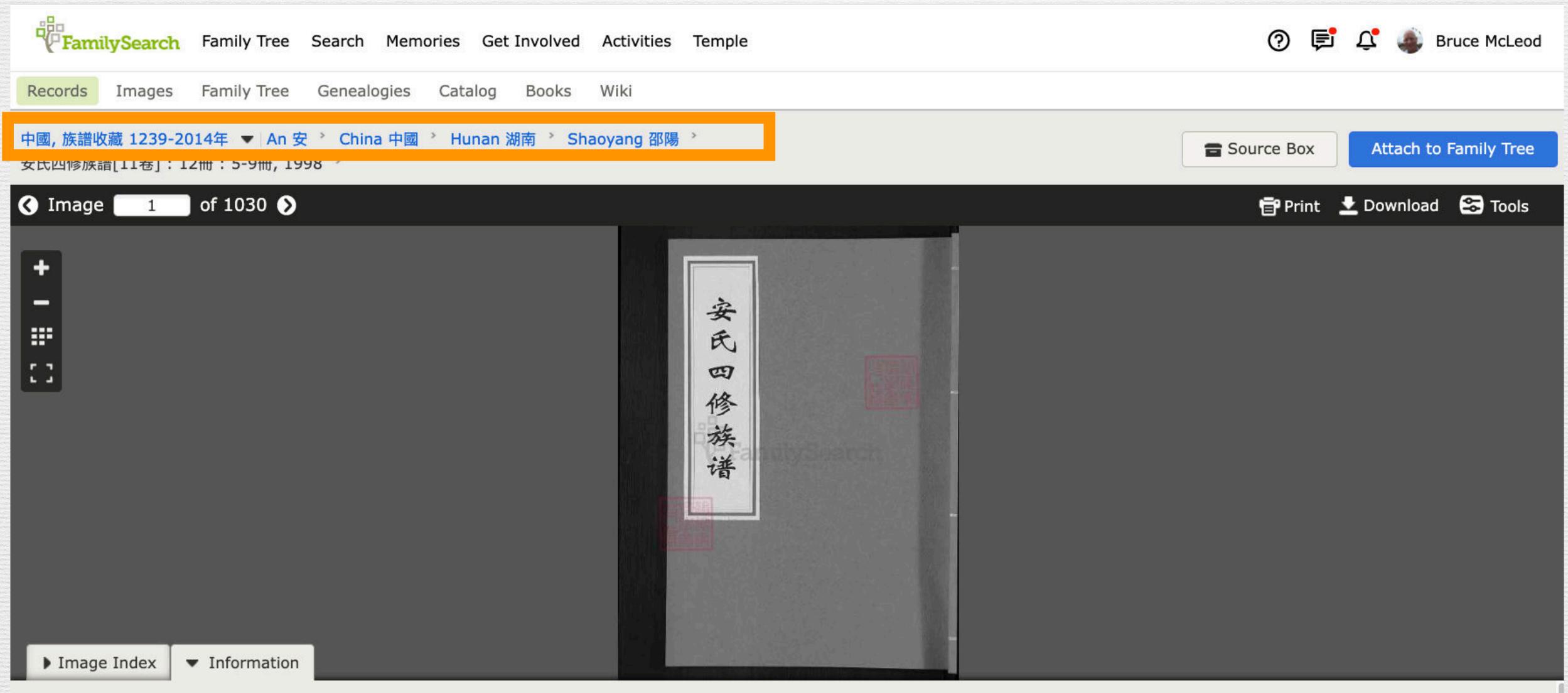




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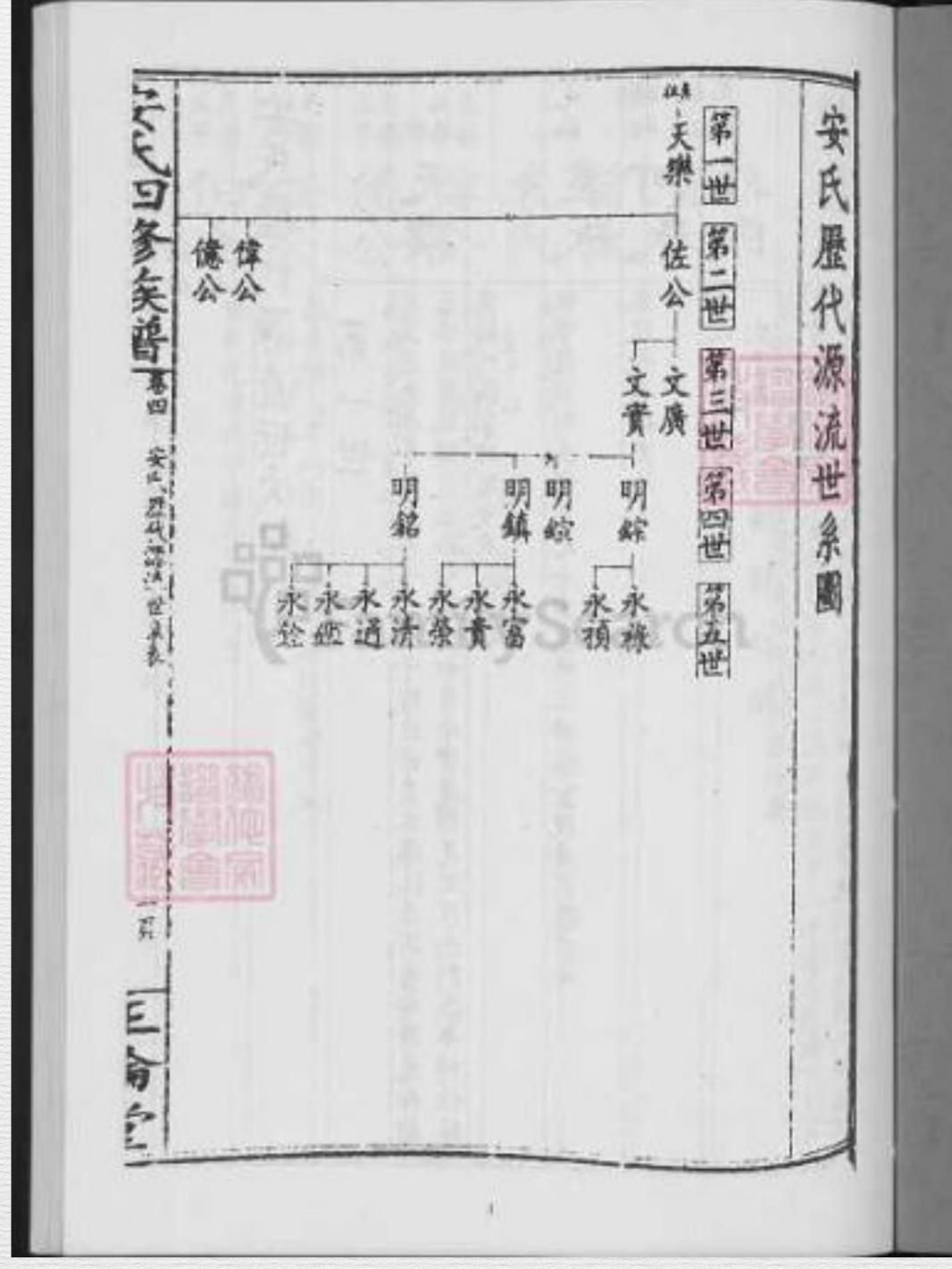
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Family Tree Genealogies Catalog

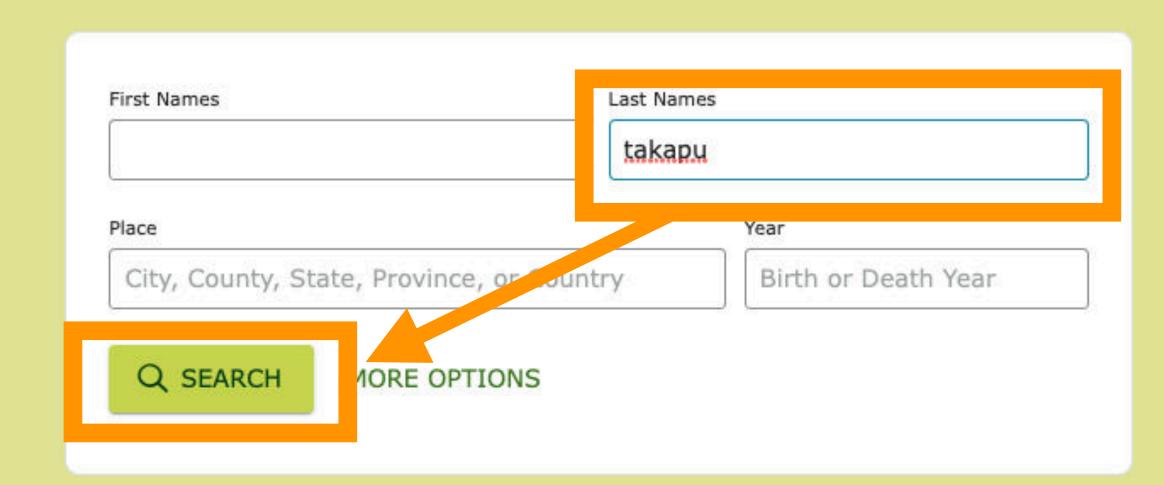
Wiki Books

# Oral Genealogies

Spoken lineages and histories from places around the world, especially Africa and Oceania. FamilySearch preserves the audio file and creates a family tree from its contents.

HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE

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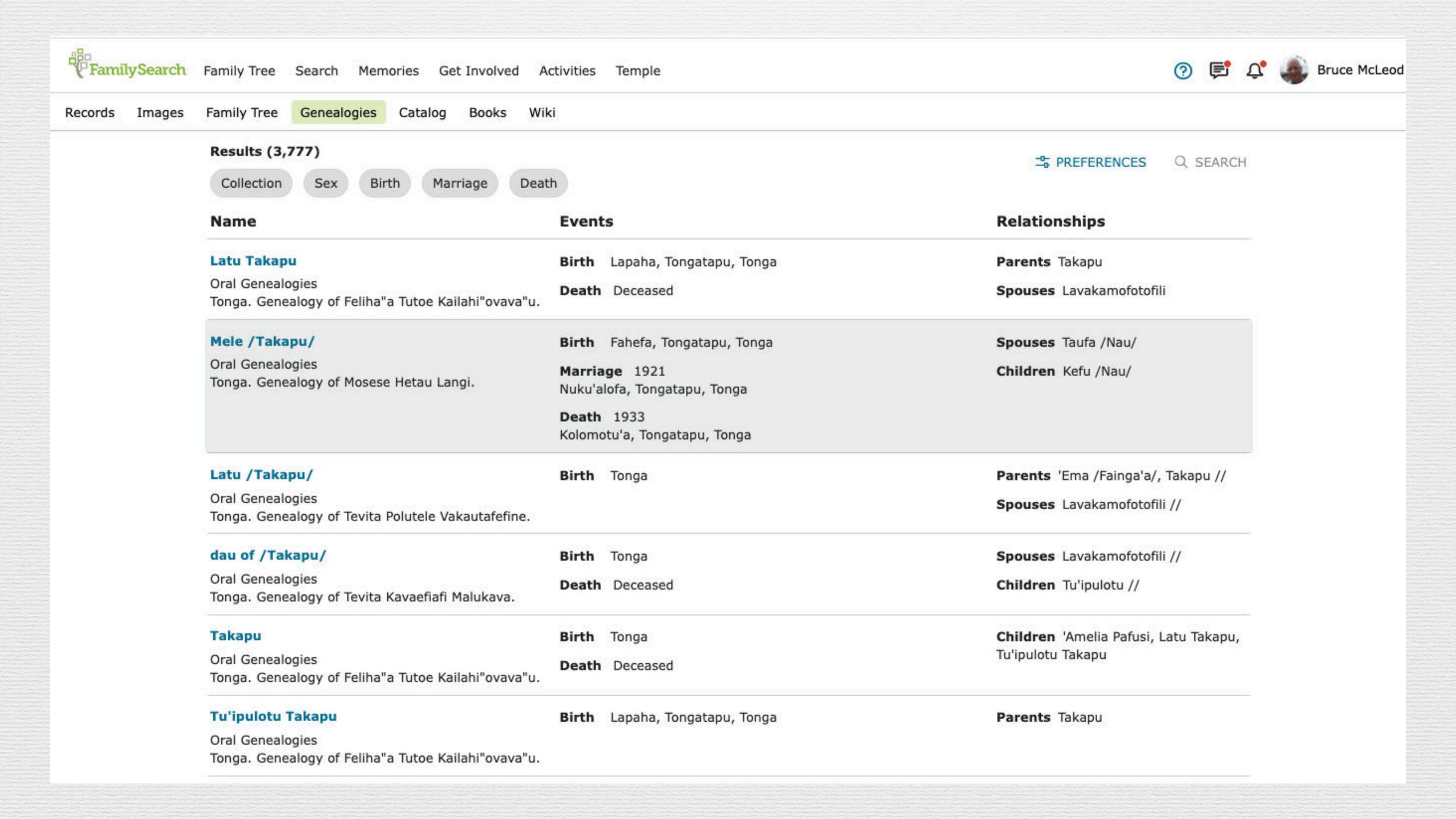


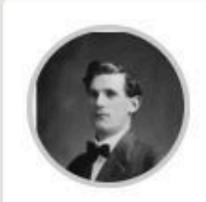


### Find Oral Genealogies by Keyword

Enter a surname, place, village, or clan.

Oral Genealogies include information in their title or description that often contains the names of interviewees, first ancestors, locations, and clan names. Search for them here.

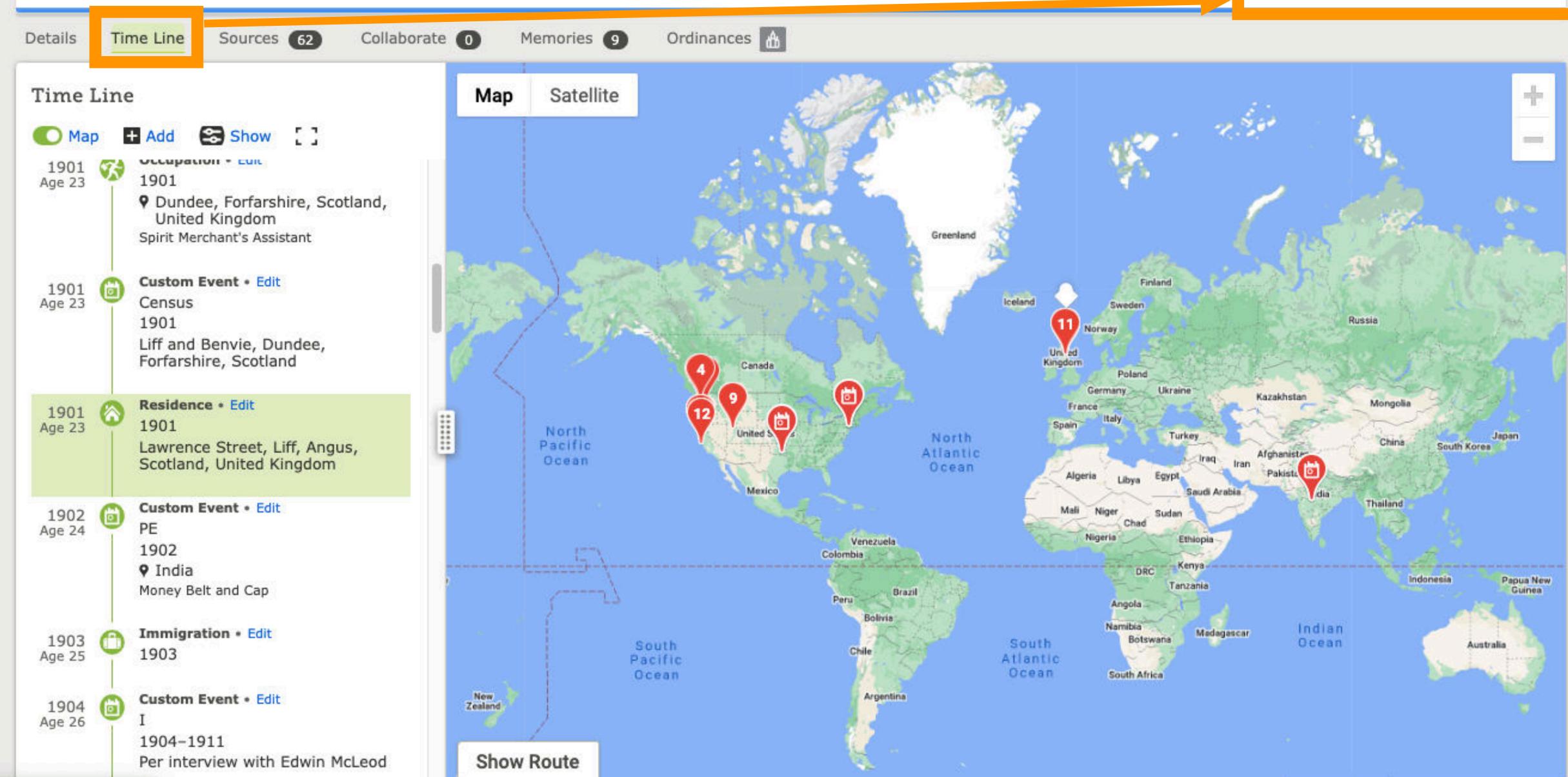


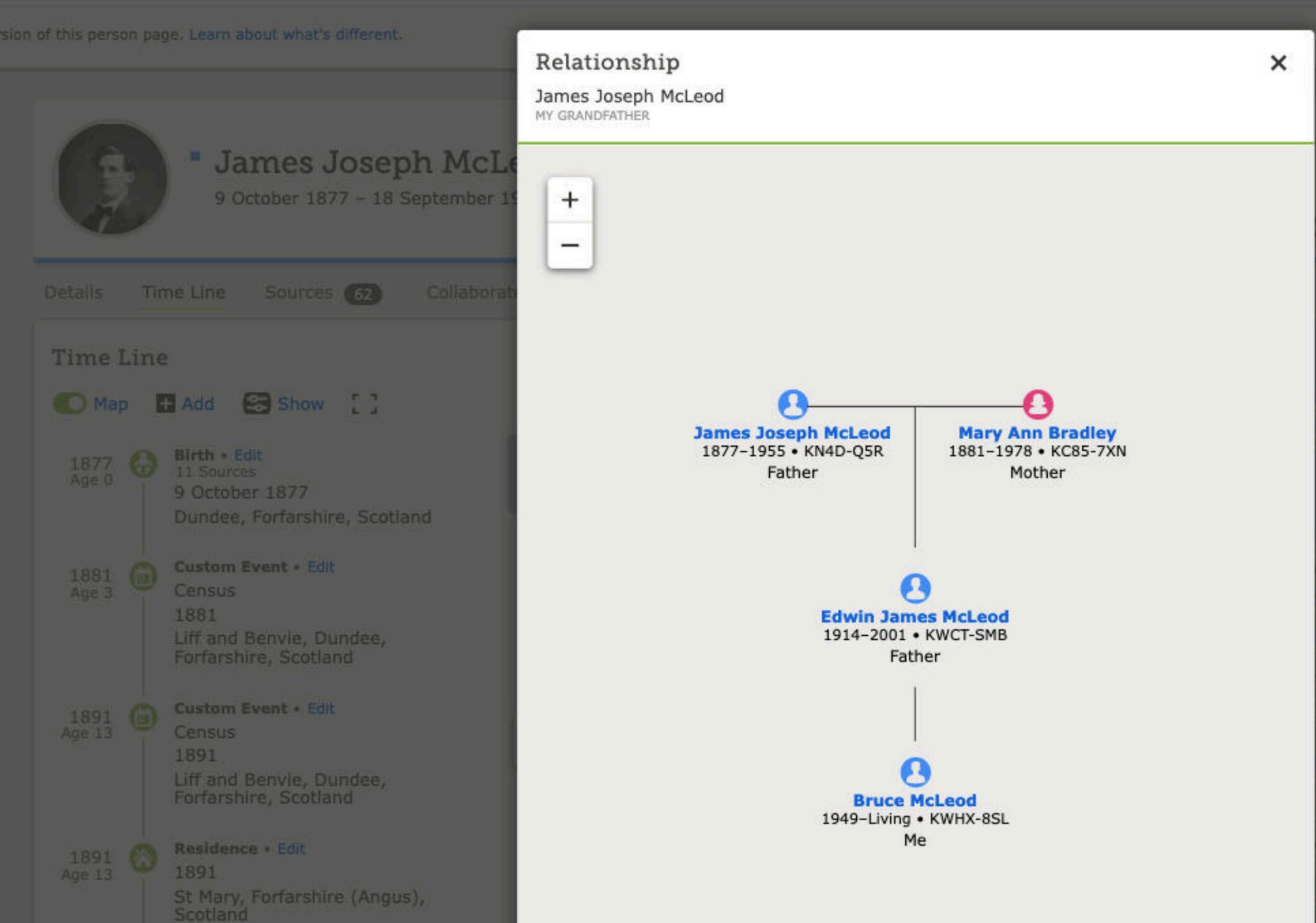


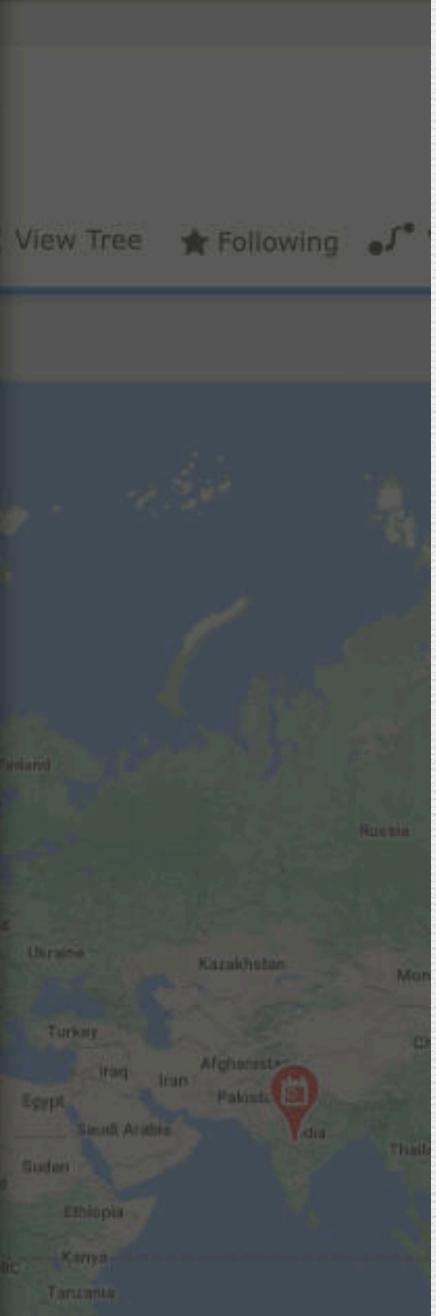
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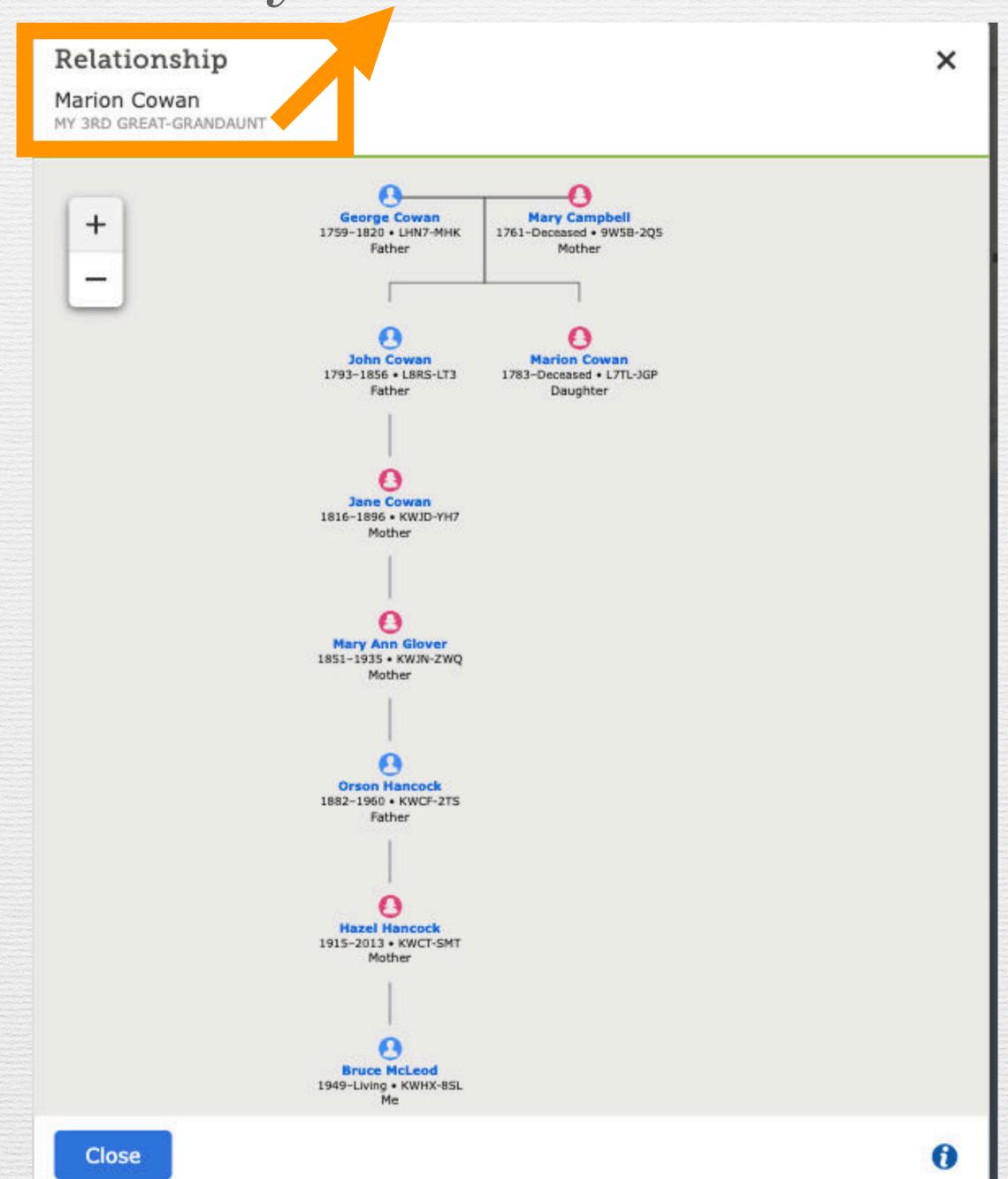
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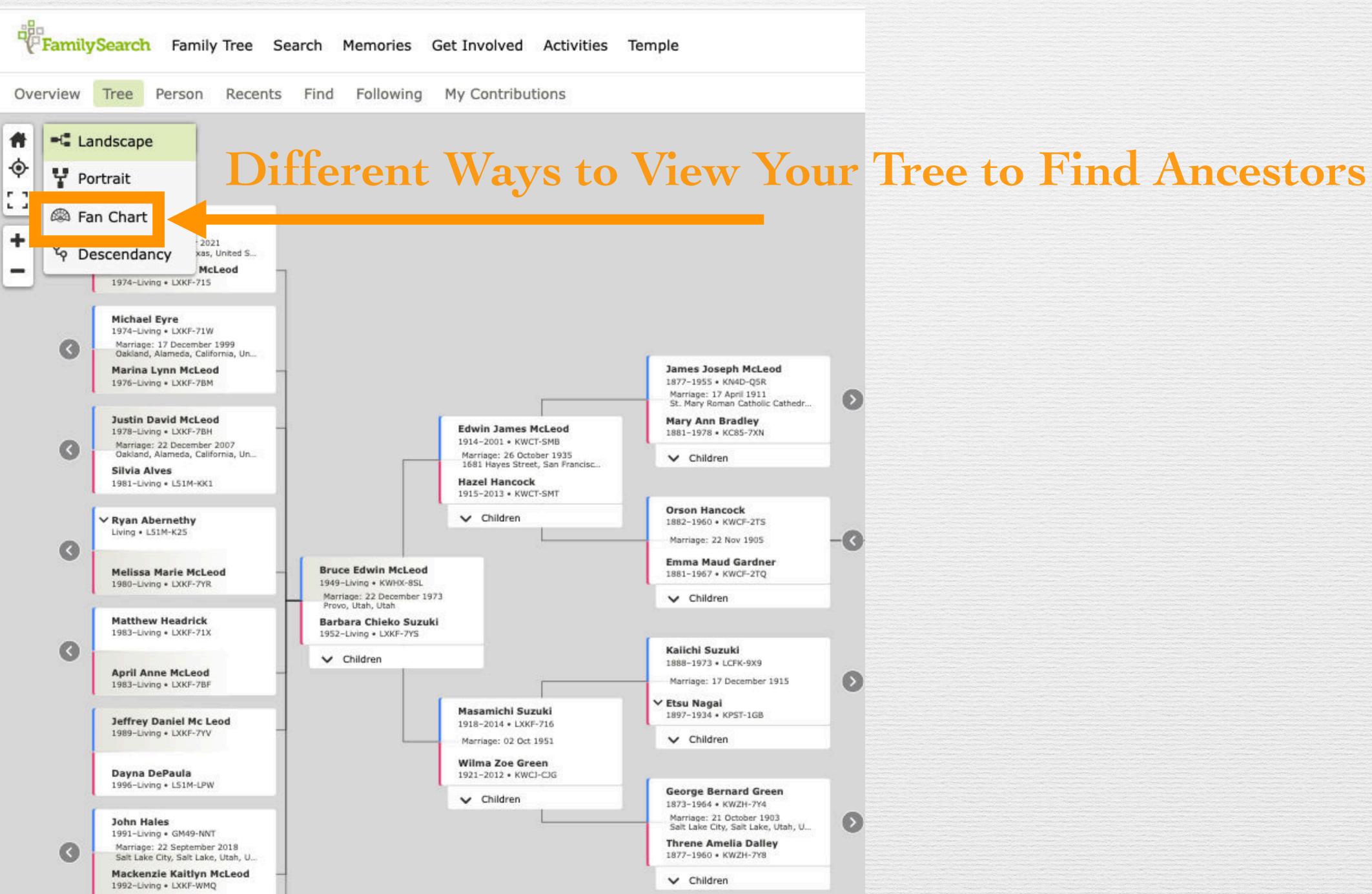


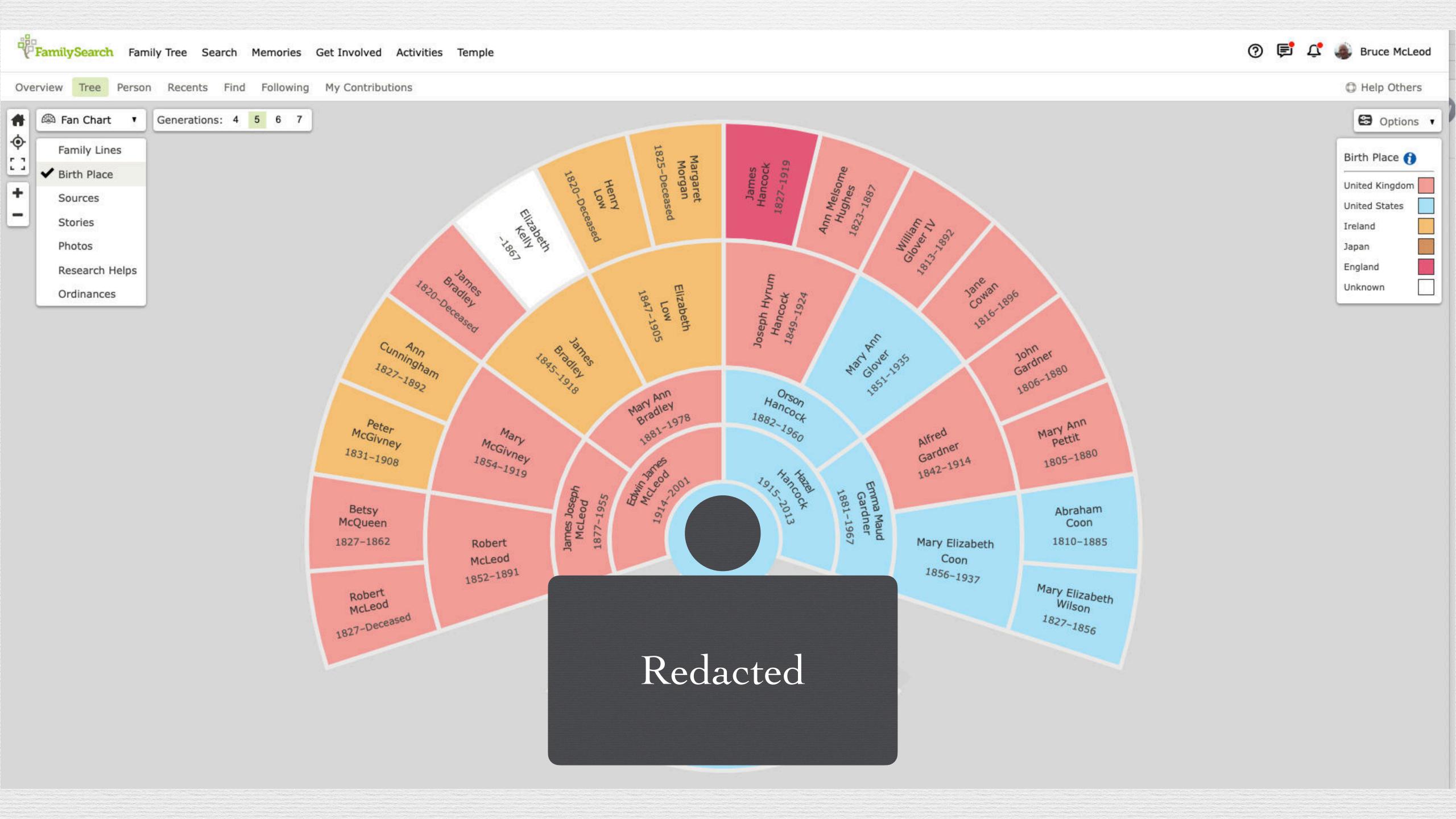


# My 3rd Great-Grand Aunt



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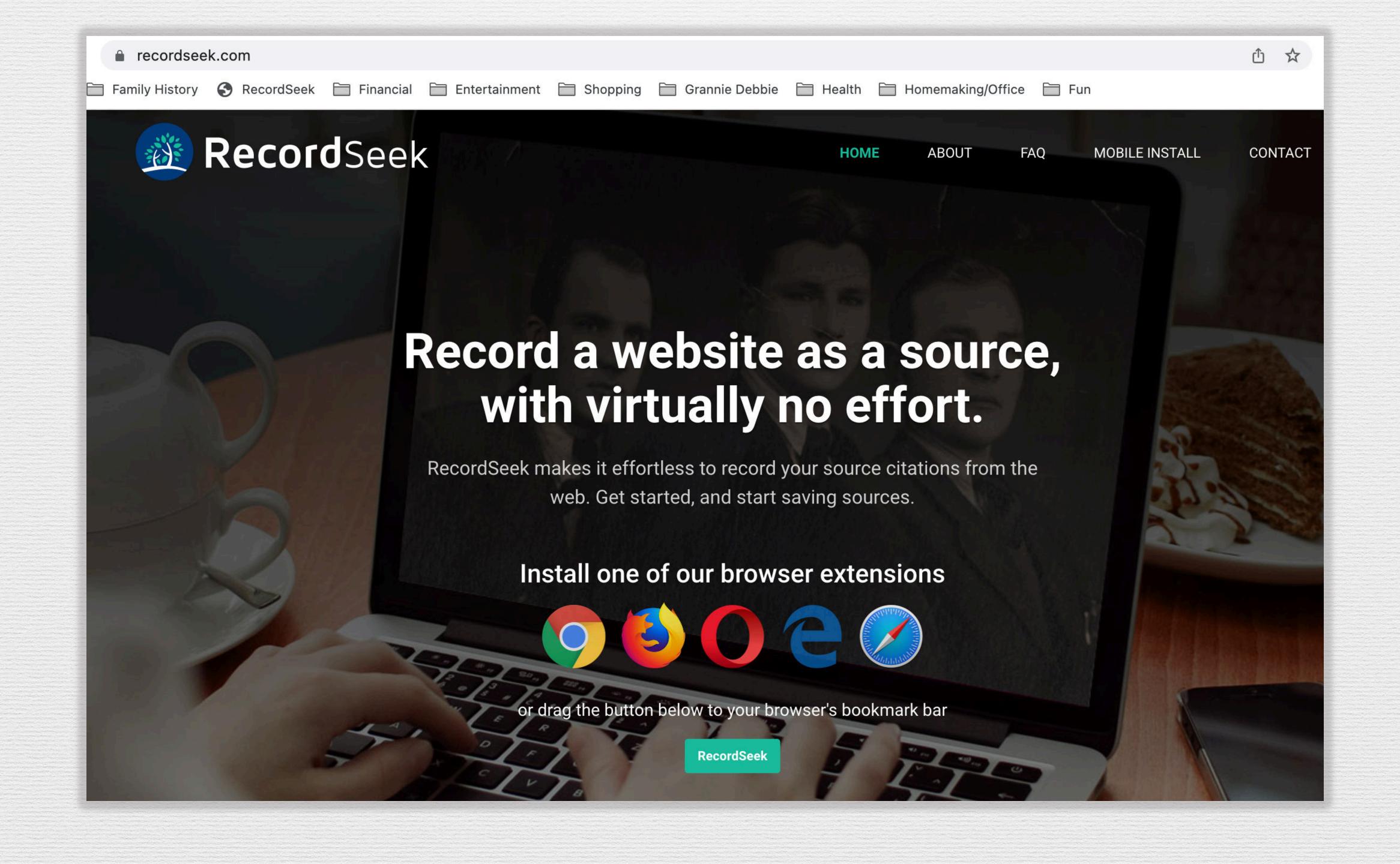


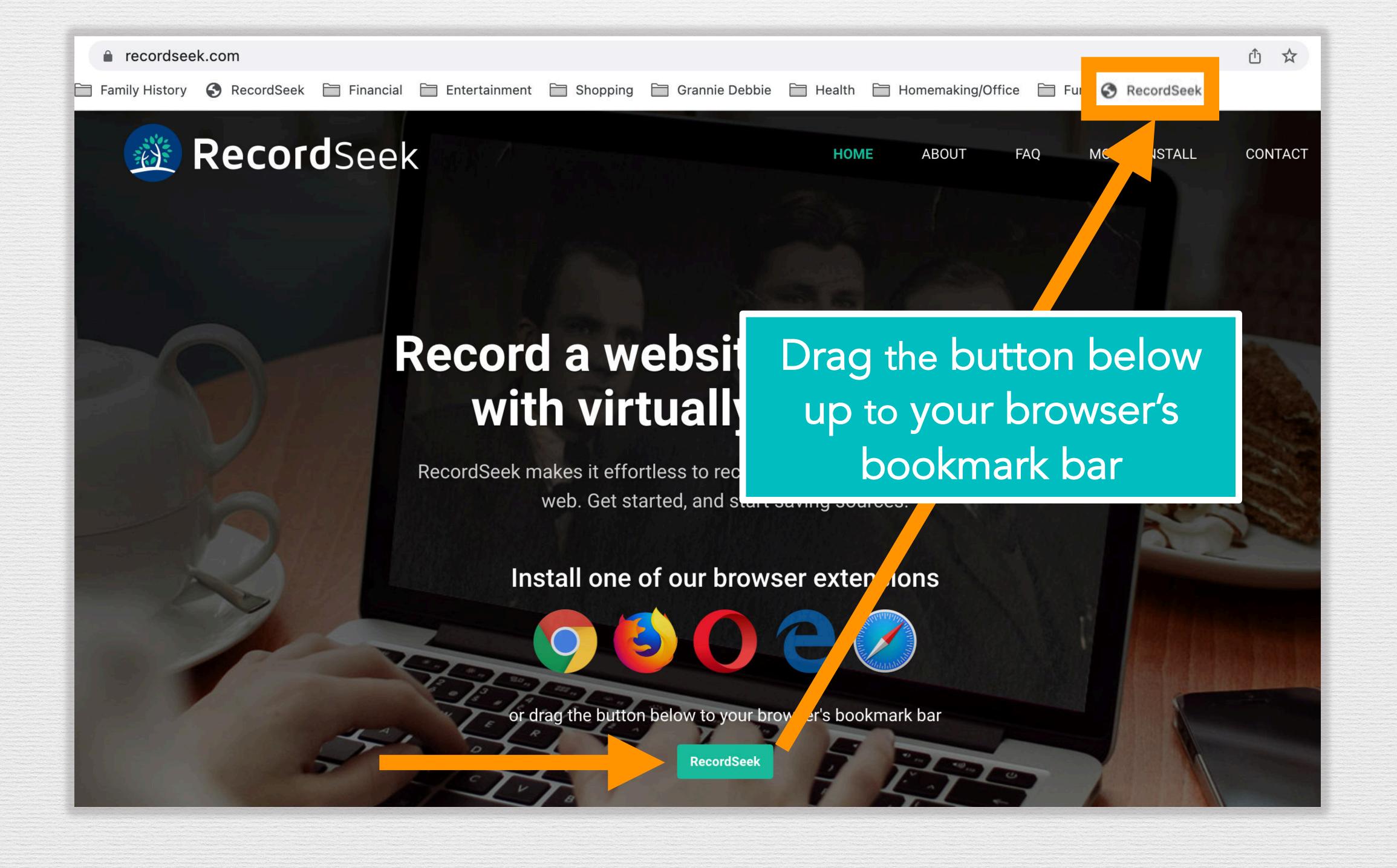


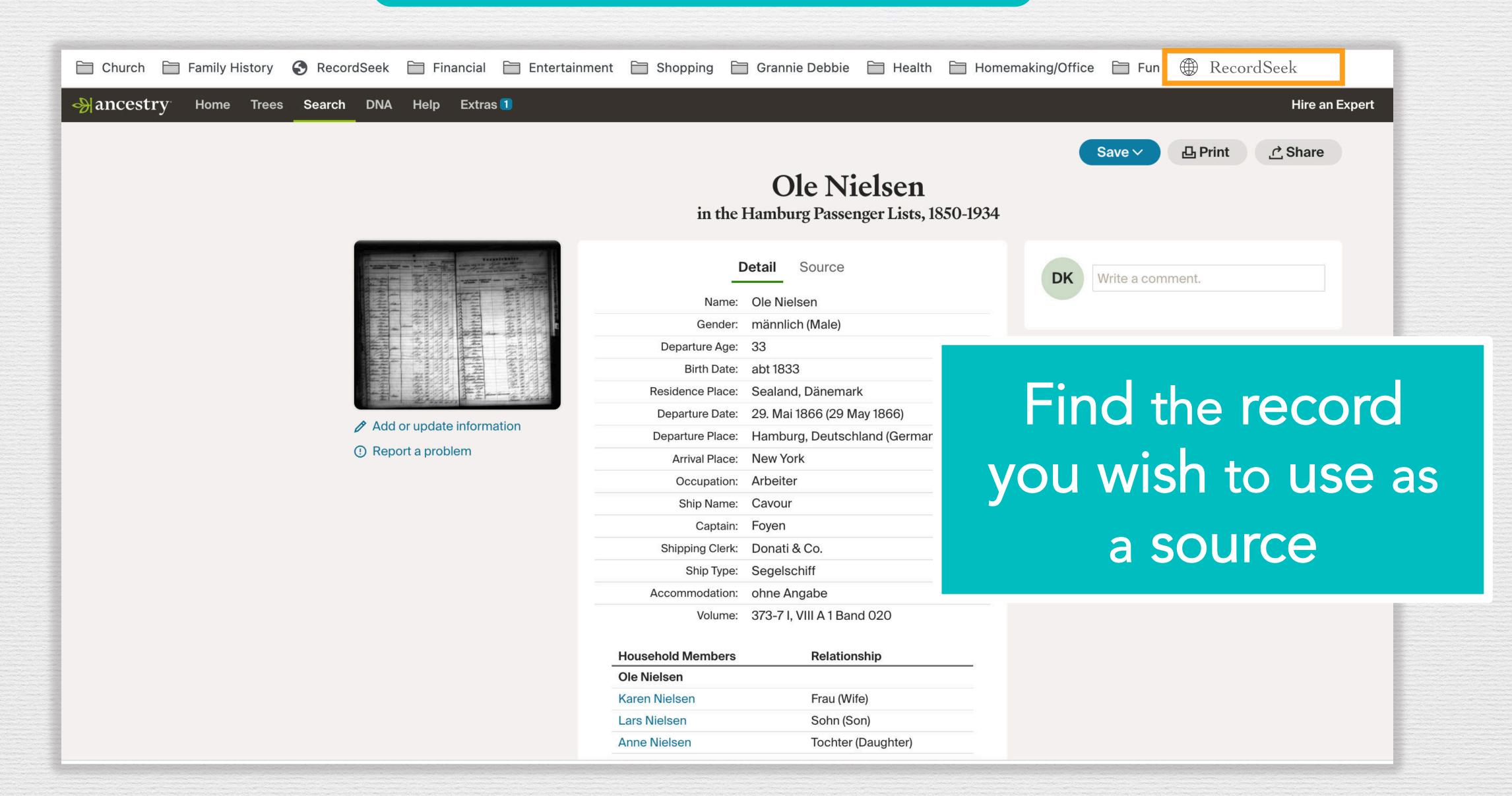
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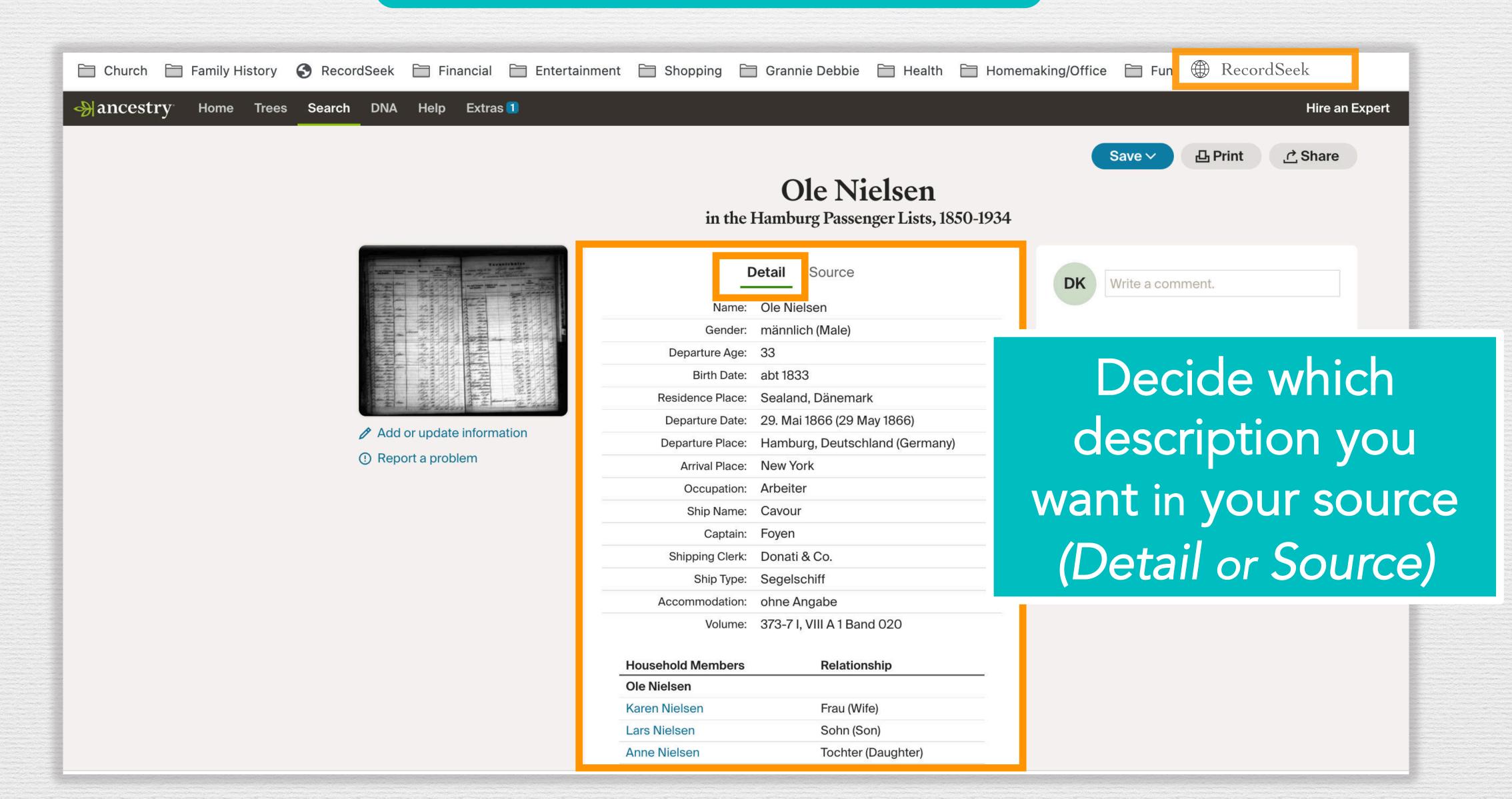


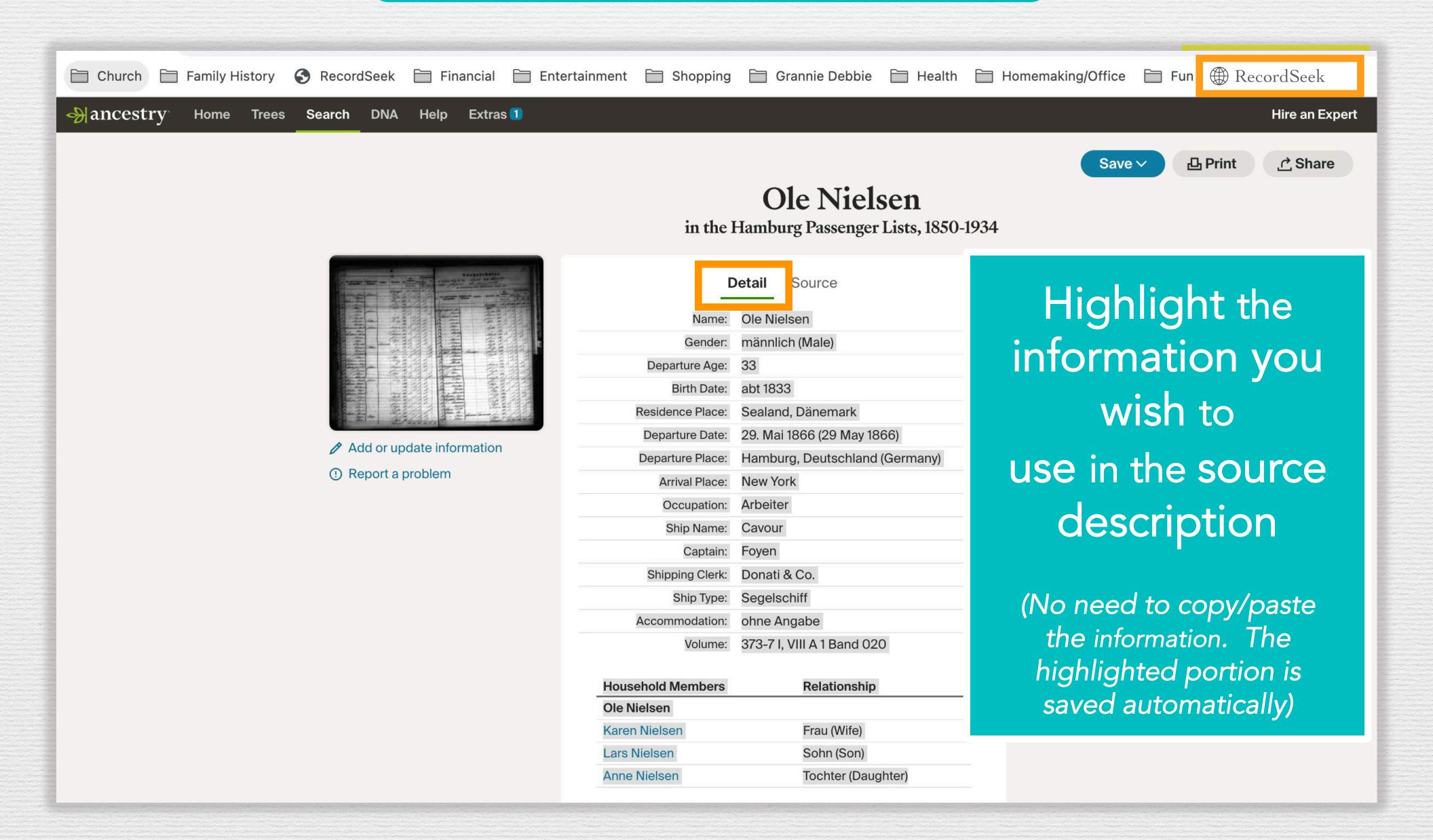
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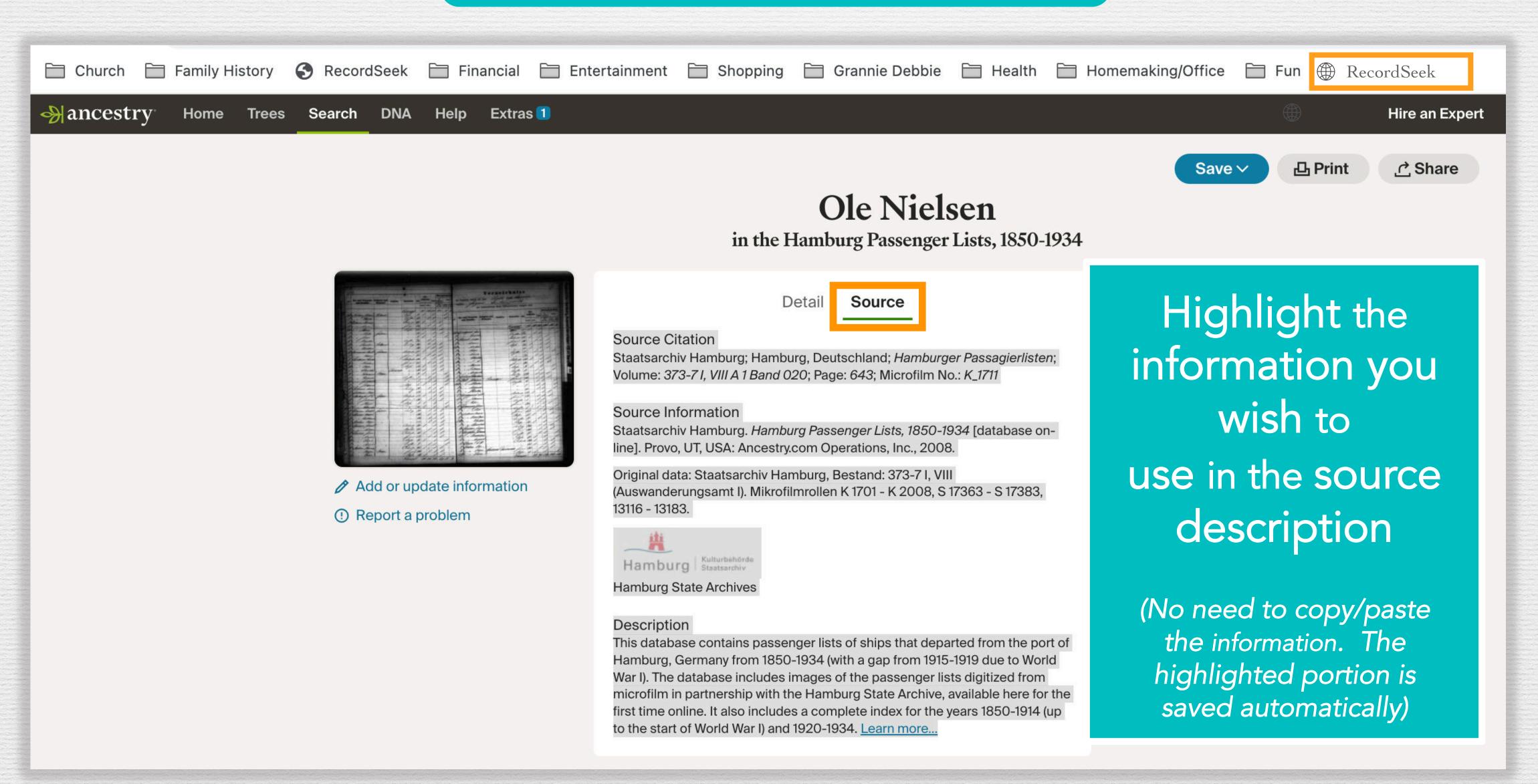


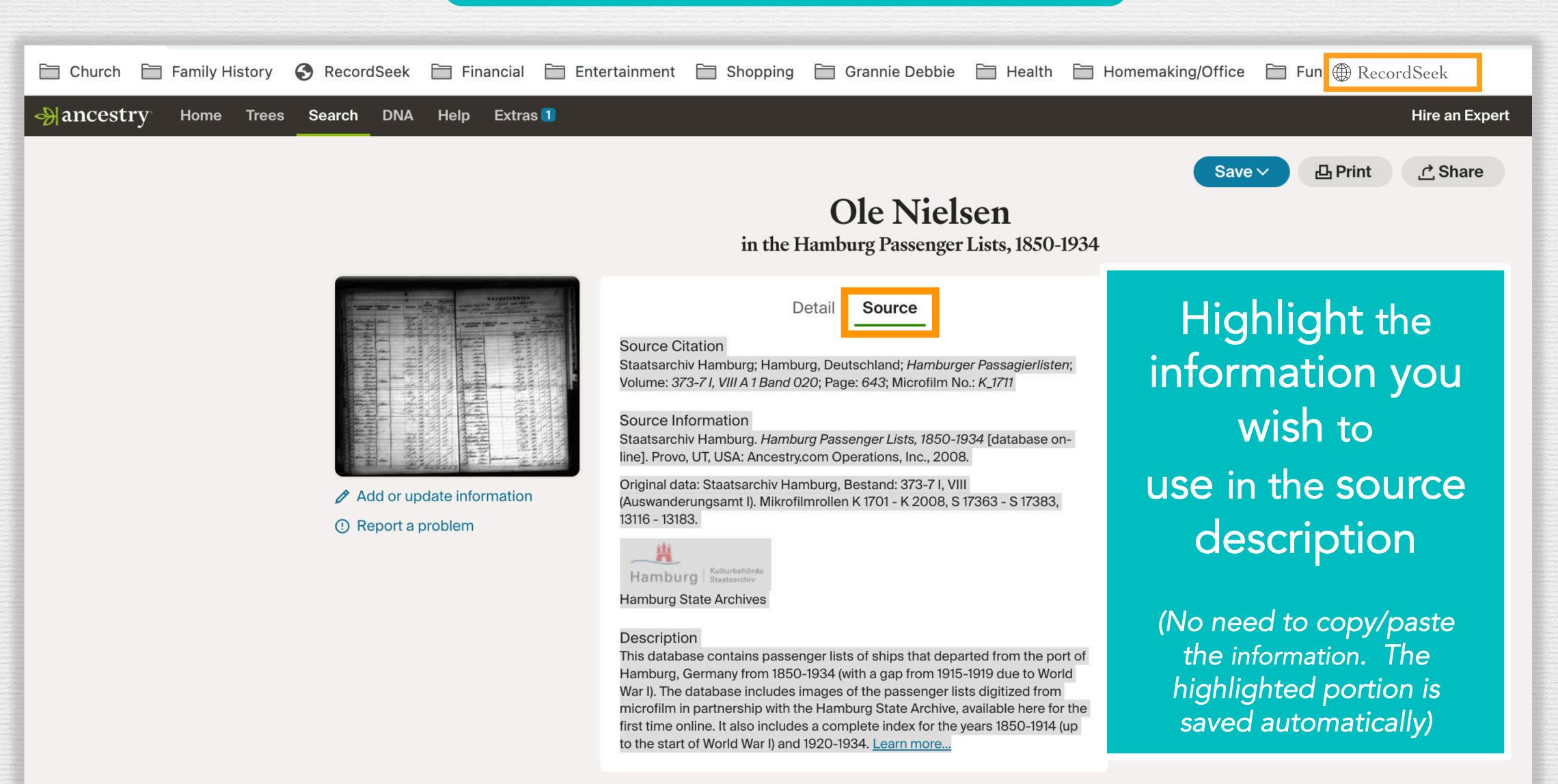


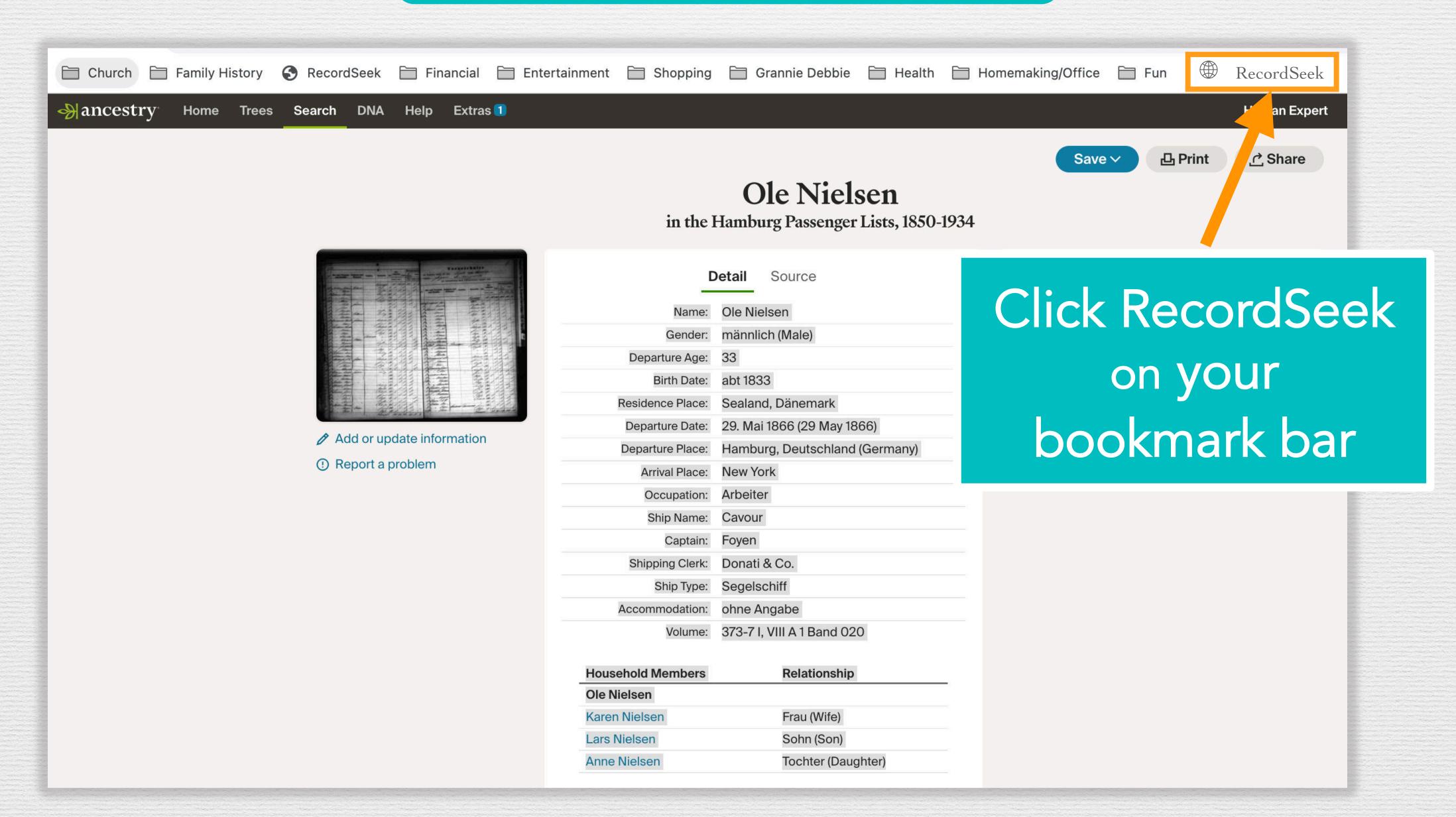














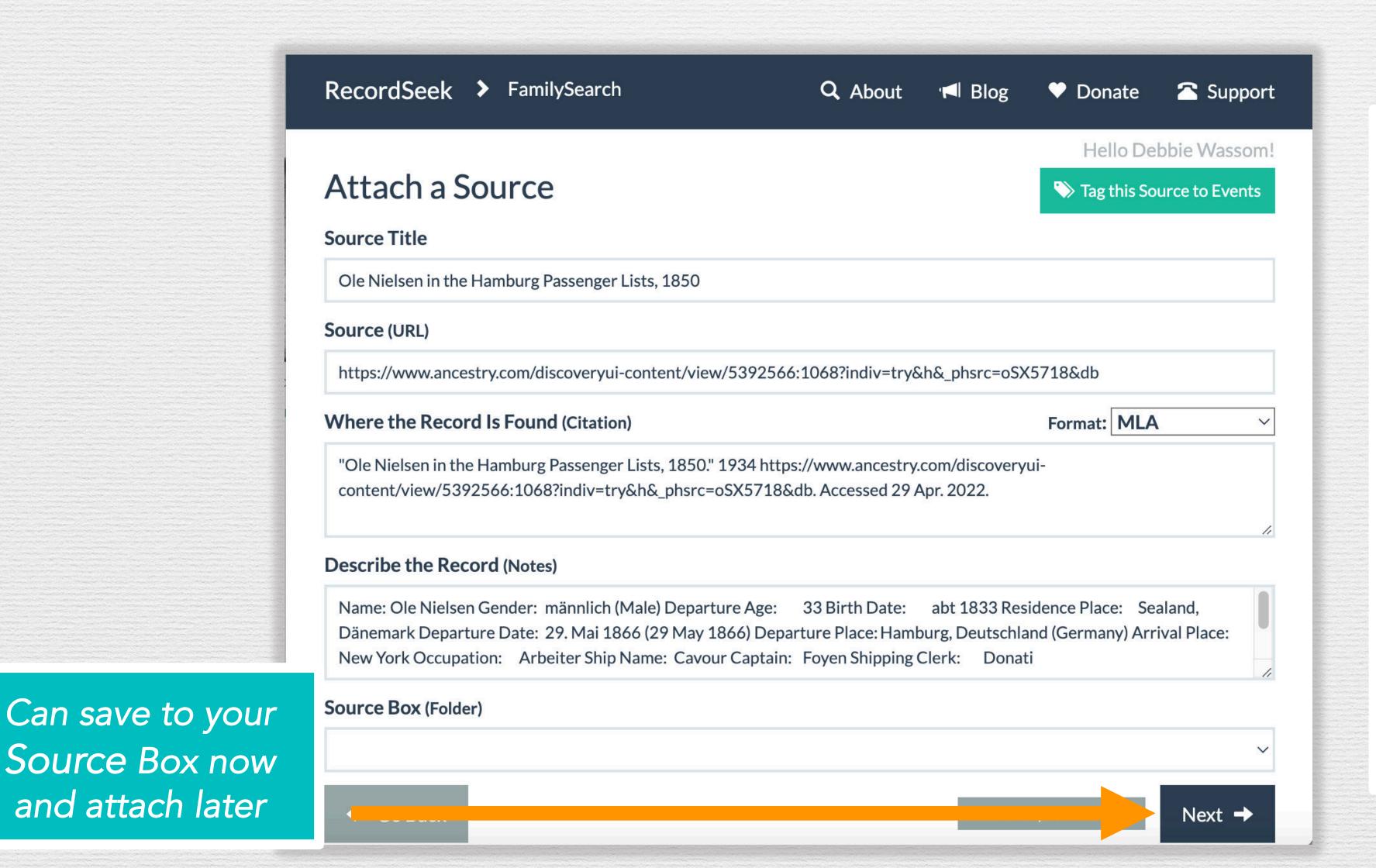
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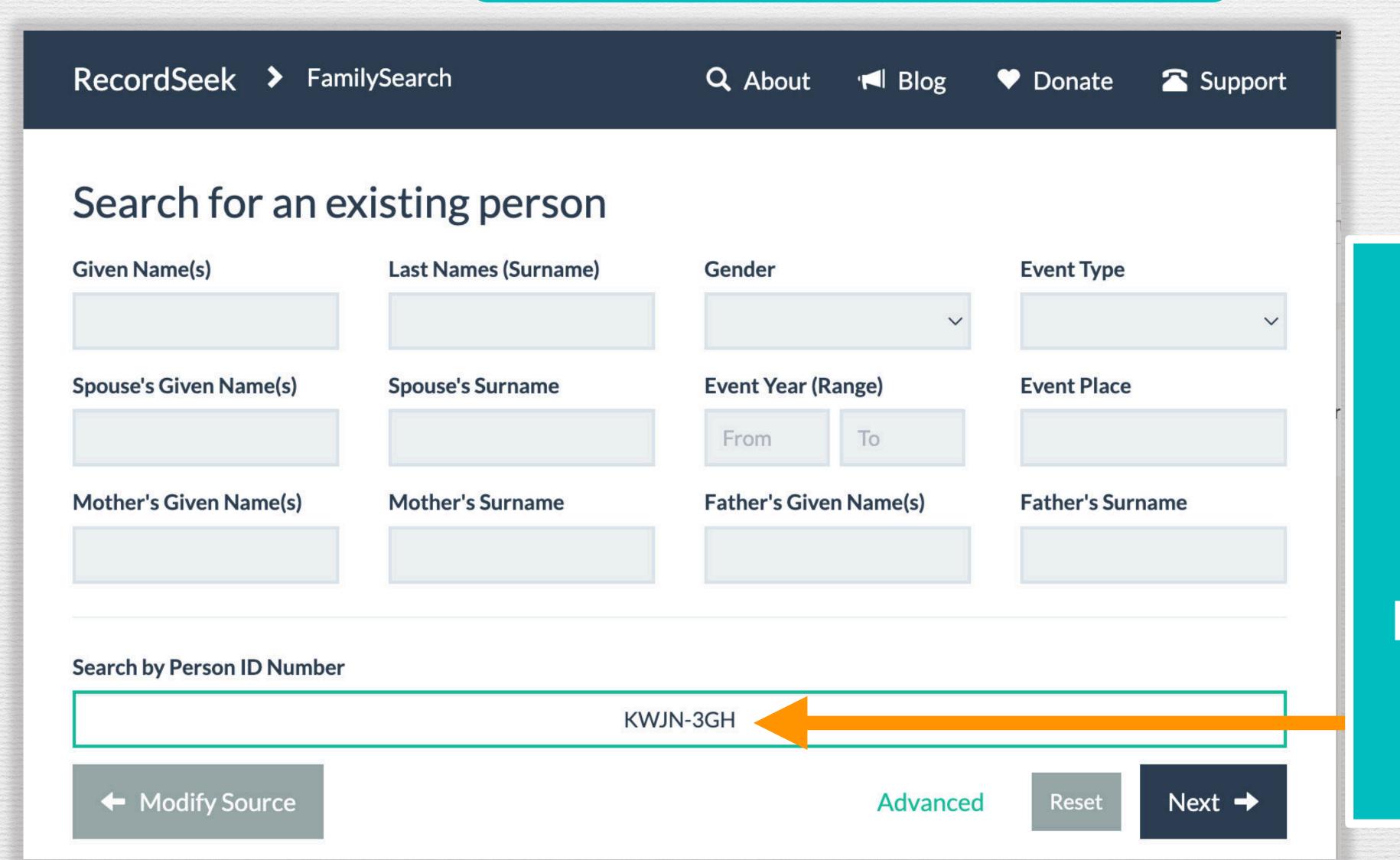






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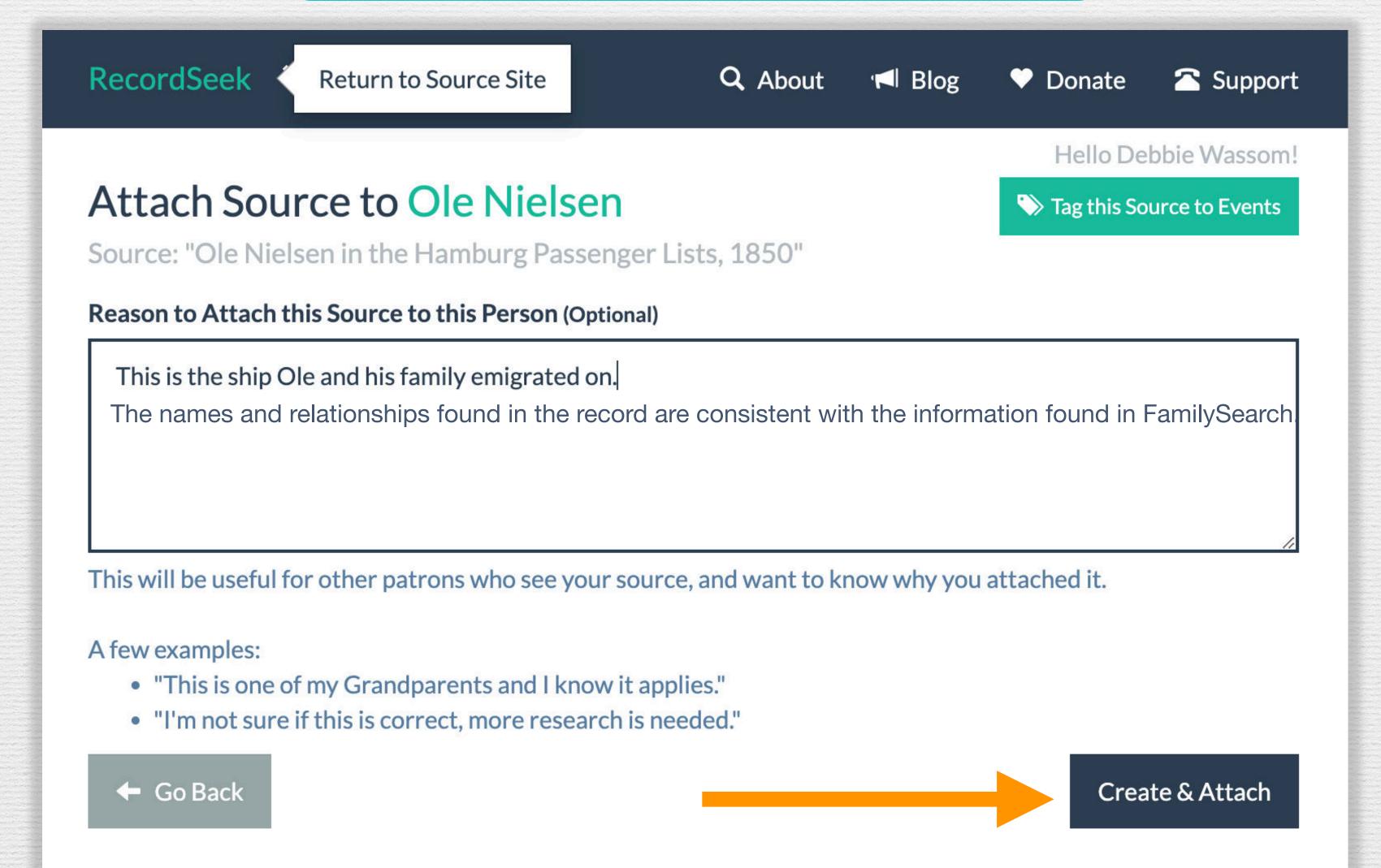
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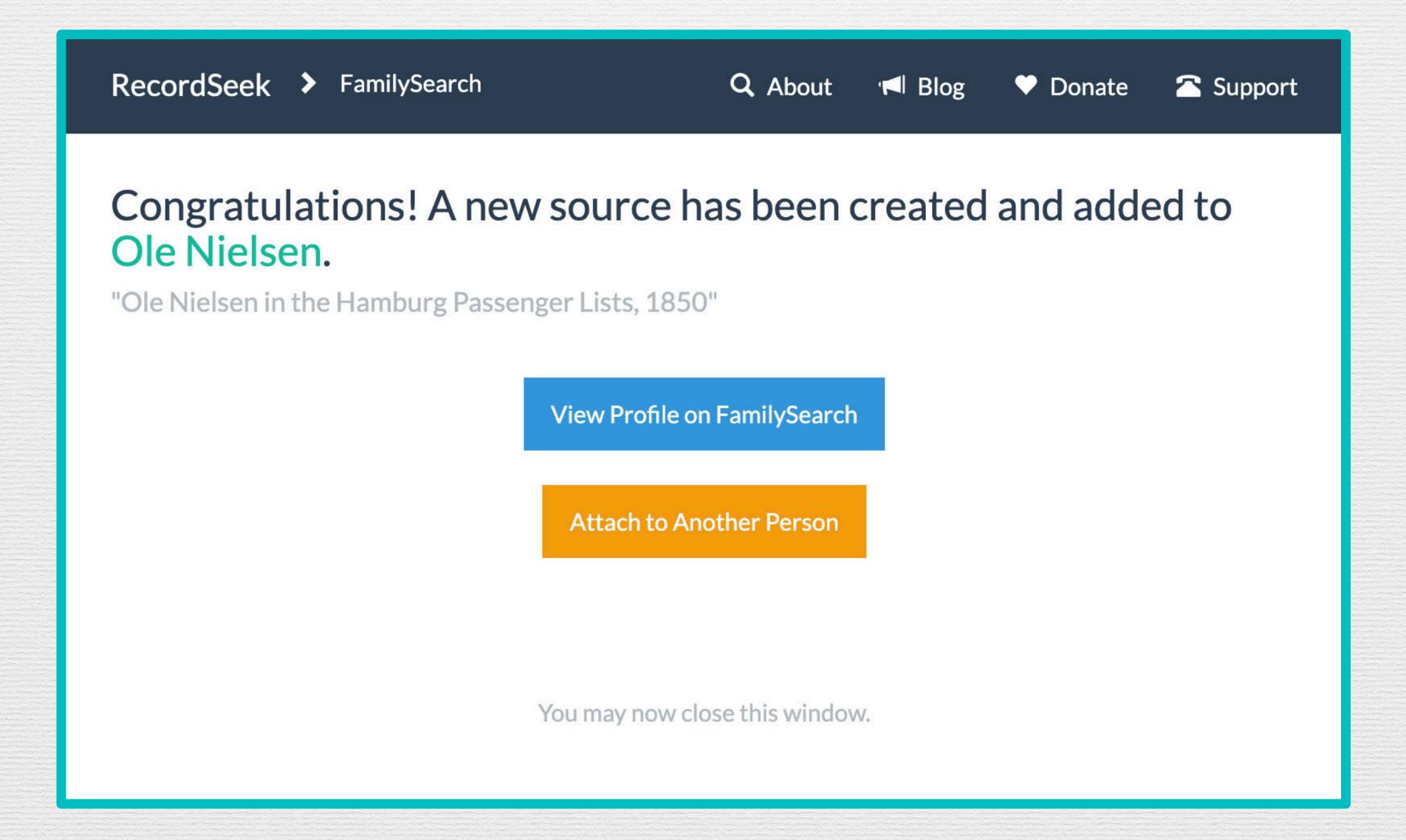
Paste in their FS personal ID #

(Easier if you copy # first!)









Preserving and Sharing Our Records

# Digitization Equipment Available at the





## **Kodak Picture Saver PS80 Scanner**

- Rapidly scans stacks of up to 25 photos
- Photo-to-JPEG converter
- Includes flatbed accessory for larger photos and books
- Flush scan edge allows scanning into book crease and avoids crushing binding

## **Hovercam Solo 8**

- Scanner for odd-sized documents
- Great for pages of thick books and photo albums

## **Epson Perfection V600 Scanner**

- Great for books, photos, negatives
- Documents
- Will do four slides at once







## Plustek OpticPro A320

- Large flatbed scanner
- Documents up to 12" by 17"
- Books
- Photo albums

## **Lexmark CX825**

- High-speed scanner and printer
- Up to 55 pages per minute
- Read or write from/to thumb drive

## **HP Scanjet G4050**

- For slides, negatives, photos
- Documents
- No books
- Will do 16 slides at once







## Diamond VC500 (~\$40 online)

- Video digitizer
- Capture from VHS, camcorders, any other analog source
- Video editing software included
- One-hour tape takes one hour to convert

## Wolverine MovieMaker Pro (~\$400 online)

- Converts 8 mm and Super-8 movies to .mp4 at 1080p quality (no sound)
- Typical 3-min. reel takes 30 min. to convert
- Handles reels to 9-in. diameter

### SlideSnap X1

- Slide-to-JPEG converter
- Uses standard 80- or 140-slide Kodak carousel (bring your own or use ours)
- Scans at 3 sec. per slide (about 10 times faster than flatbed scanner)
- Amazing quality

### Kodak Scanza Digital Film Scanner

- Film-to-JPEG converter
- Digitizes a variety of films and slides including 35mm, 126, 110, Super 8 and 8mm positives and negatives
- Handy as a previewer—see the slides and films on the large computer screen









### **Marantz PMD-300CP**

- Digitize audio cassette tapes
- Convert to .mp3 files
- Store on thumb drive
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## **Shotbox**

- Shadowless photography
- Use your phone or camera for flat or 3-D objects
- Objects up to 16" by 16" by 16"
- Save to device of your choice

## ScanPro 3000

- Microfilm/fiche reader and digitizer
- We have two of them
- Copy the images to a thumb drive







# Top 10 Tips in No Particular Order

- FamilySearch Research Wiki
- Life Sketches and Stories in Memories
- RecordSeek
- Wikipedia List of Online Newspaper Archieves
- PDF24.org
- FamilySearch Search by Collection
- FamilySearch Search by Genealogies
- Fan Charts
- All the Scanners Available at the Library
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