

Previous years of RootsTech website is <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-on-demand-library> The RootsTech On - Demand Library Means You Can Watch RootsTech Anytime, Anywhere. This should take you back to previous RootsTech as I just found 2023.

RootsTech – current website is <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech> this will cover everything from this year’s conference. Be sure to scroll down to view all that they have posted. In Salt Lake City there are 250+ exclusive sessions only available in SLC – 120+ exhibitors/sponsors in the Expo Hall. The Online there is 200+ new online sessions in over 26 languages – join keynote sessions live from the comfort of your own home – chat online with other attendees worldwide – get digital syllabi and class handouts. With the in-person experience there is usually a large crowd of individuals from the United States and even possibly from different countries. During the month of March, you can be able to connect with various family members through family connections and that will include a brief tree that has been built on FamilySearch. Not all presenters will be live streamed or recorded for those who are not attending in person.

Record Seek – Is a unique tool that can be used to bring in records from outside sources for either FamilySearch or Ancestry.com. This tool can be used for internet research to various newspaper articles to find obituaries from Funeral Homes. This tool does not need to be downloaded but to click on the record seek button and then drag the button to your tool bar. Once you open Record Seek it will show either FamilySearch or Ancestry.com.

What’s New on FamilySearch:

- What to Expect from FamilySearch in 2024 – <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/whats-new-in-familysearch-2024>

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1931 Census of Canada Now Available to search for Free!

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/canada-1931-census-release>

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New Historical Records on FamilySearch – <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/new-records-on-familysearch-24-december-2023>

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> Like the Ancestry.com site states: “This database picks up where the SSDI leaves off, with details such as birth date and parents’ names extracted from information filed with the Social Security Administration through the application or claims process.” So, if you have an Ancestry account (or access via your nearest FamilySearch Center), you may want to give this one a ‘look - see,’ if may well be worth it....and it may hold details you did not have before. Various charts and forms for genealogical purposes, such as censuses, military, immigration, and more. <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

FamilySearch Library Webinars they have about 2-3 times a week. They provide really great webinars, many at the beginner and intermediate levels...

I find that you can register up to the last 20 minutes of the scheduled online seminar. (I would not wait more than 20 minutes, or you may not get in).

Once in, the register will simply ask for your first and last name and which state or country you are from. Hit submit, and you will get a "Join meeting" link -- so do not leave your station. :-)

The Library has classes in Getting Started with Research in the United States, Mexico, New Zealand, Brazil, Ireland, Germany, Sweden....Using the FamilySearch Catalog, Denmark censuses, and so much more. Website: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/classes>

FamilySearch Wiki – Note the map is on interactive – Click on List of all Localities and then you can click on any location information on the area that you are researching if it is in the United States, it will mention the state that you have clicked on and all of the information that is available in records and resources. On the Wiki you can now type into the search bar Date Calculator – this can help with calculating a birth date from death records, old cemetery stones. Church records and obituaries.

The Family Search Library is on the main page of FamilySearch under FamilySearch Library there are several different options to choose from if you need additional assistance like Library Lookups and Research Help where you can schedule a zoom meeting with a specialist in any area of research. There is also the option of post questions online in the FamilySearch Community and this is not only the United States, but also worldwide. There are seven different tabs on the FamilySearch Library page and each tab has numerous subcategories to use in researching family history.

In FamilySearch there are five tabs on the top of the page and each tab has a drop-down menu and each has different subcategories with lots of useful information. The search tab is the most used tab in FamilySearch as that contains Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books and Wiki.

Also, in FamilySearch is a Solutions Gallery - In order for an application to be FamilySearch compatible it must follow strict guidelines concerning viewing and/or displaying your family tree information. Generally, the utilities look at and/or displays the FamilySearch data but they do not change data. As an example, mapping utilities (RootsMapper and Map My Cousins) create maps with markers indicating where your family lived and where they migrated. As you look at a map, you may see someone in the wrong place. You cannot change the place from within these apps, but once you correct it on FamilySearch, it will show up correctly in these applications. Other types of utilities found in the Solutions Gallery pertain to tree management, tree analysis, research assistance, games, photos, and stories. It is worth taking time to periodically check the

Solutions Gallery to see what is new and helpful for you. The link to the “Solutions Gallery” is located at the bottom of every FamilySearch screen. Information on FamilySearch have come from two different church members – one is a Director of a FamilySearch Center, and the other is a member of the church.

Here are some of the Local FamilySearch Centers:

Denver Stake Center – Tuesday and Thursday 10 am – 1 pm
2710 South Monaco Denver, CO

Aurora Stake Center – Wednesday only 9:30 am – 1:30 pm and 6 pm – 8 pm
950 Laredo Aurora, CO 80011
Phone Number 303-367-0570

Highlands Ranch Stake Center – Second and Fourth Sunday afternoons 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm –
Third Tuesday evening 6:30 pm 8:30 pm 9800 Foothills Canyon Blvd #B Highlands Ranch, CO
80129. The FamilySearch Center is now mobile and depending on the date and time the FSC will
be operating in a number of different rooms within the Church building.

Brighton Stake Center – Opens on Wednesday – 7 pm and apparently this is the only day and
time – 1454 Myrtle Street Brighton, CO 80601-1922

Denver Colorado North FamilySearch Center – Phone #303-451-7177 100 E Malley Drive,
Northglenn, CO 80233-2011

Premium Family History Websites Portal www.fhc.familysearch.org

Free access (only) at a Family Search Center/Library near you – This is accurate as of March
2023.

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive – News Articles, Obits, marriage records, death records, military records, etc.
- Alexander Street Press – The Civil War – information on soldiers, battles, and photographs, and more
- ArkivDigital – Swedish Records
- Famnet– New Zealand roots
- Fold3 – owned by Ancestry.com, Military records, Crews Registers (Ship Registers) American Indian records, Nebraska Homestead Documents

- Irish Ancestors – Ancestral research, mapping surnames and surname variants in all major sources and easy links to all underlying records
- Newspapers.com – largest online Newspaper archive 1607 – present
- Paper Trail – 19th century westward American migration documents, mostly information of the Oregon Trail
- Puzzilla.org – Color coded family tree, Research Opportunities
- AmericanAncestor.org – Records spanning twenty-two countries, covering the United States, the British Isles, Continental Europe and more
- Ancestry.com – Records, state and federal censuses, news articles, military records, travel records, marriage records, books and more, offers hints (U.S, Australia, Canada, Germany, Sweden, United Kingdom)
- FindMyPast.com – Millions of records, largest online collection of Irish records and UK parish records, most comprehensive archive of British military records online
- Geneanet.org – Genealogy records published by researchers, genealogy societies, commercial companies, etc. focus on French and European records and research, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Germany
- MyHeritage.com – Largest online collection of European records and so much more