

GSSCC program - - November 2, 2021 - - Handout
MY SEARCH AT FAMILY SEARCH.ORG
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For years, I would occasionally get into my family history. My cousins were more active in research, and I would defer to their work. We had the family stories of a Native American ancestor; a Mayflower connection; a Revolutionary War Veteran, and of course the “surname from who knows where.”

After my final retirement, I started to get more interested in finding my own answers. DNA testing became a big part of that search. I did a test at 23 and Me and started trying to find how I was related to my “cousins.” Because of my family background, I went to FamilySearch.org and used their world tree to find connections. My use of the tree part of FamilySearch led to using more of the resources found there.

I also found that I needed a 3rd party software. Needed to download a GEDCOM from Family Tree and to maintain a private record of living folks. I use Rootsmagic 7 and will transition to 8. It also syncs with my Ancestry account.

A LITTLE HISTORY

For more than 125 years, FamilySearch has been gathering important family histories and record. Much of the early documentation was submitted by LDS church members.

1894 - - Genealogical Society of Utah was formed to help organize and store those records.

1938 - - Filming of paper documents begins on Microfiche, Microfilm. Initially needed to go to SLC to see these films and fiche documents.

1964 - - The first Family History Center was opened. (Now over 5,000 world-wide).

1999 - - Website went online.

2002 - - Digitized Records. All filming since 2002 digital.

2011 - - RootsTech launched as annual genealogical event.

2014 - - Alliance with several commercial genealogical providers to allow access to data bases. Allowed a division of labor leading to the creation of new tools and services.

2021 - - All microfilmed records digitized; indexing and digitization of microfiche comes next.

The Family History Library is the largest genealogical library in the world.
FamilySearch.org is the door to most of the documents in that library.

Family Search - Rootstech series:

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/series/research-and-help-resources>

Pocahontas – Descendants:

https://pocahontas.morenus.org/poca_desc.html

37th Annual Ancestor Roundup (2018)

Karen Clifford – Keynote Address (page 4 syllabus)

Pamela Brigham – Family Search Indexing (page 31 syllabus)

Dayna Jacobs – Dayna’s Genealogy Toolkit (page 53 syllabus)

39th Annual Ancestor Roundup (2020)

Dayna Jacobs - Five Awesome Things to do on the FamilySearch App (page 41 syllabus)

40th Annual Ancestor Roundup (2021)

Karen Clifford – What’s New for 2021

Dayna Jacobs - Free Genealogy Classes, Webinars, and Online Learning

Salt Lake Family History Library webinars – Print out handouts, too

Live:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Archived:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes_in_the_Learning_Center - -
List of classes

<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/learning-center> - - Search
by subject or class