

# USING FAMILYSEARCH



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## Make Discoveries

Search for your ancestors in millions of historical records. You can also search in the catalog, books, genealogies, and the Wiki.

Search historical records



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Family Booklet

From the main screen select the “Search” function.

# USING “SEARCH”



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## Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

### Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

### Search with a life event:

[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Birthplace

Birth Year (Range)

### Search with a relationship:

[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#) | [Other Person](#)

## Research By Location

Click an area of the world to start researching in a specific location.



## Find a Collection

Select a grandparent or great grandparent to search for  
Type in as much information as you can then press search

# SIGNING IN

- Although this is a free program, you will need to register as a user.
- If this is your first sign in, you will be asked to create a user name, password and provide an email address.
- After registering, you can sign in from any computer using your user name and password.
- Once you have registered, you will be taken to the search screen for the person you entered.

# RECORDS

There are two possible searches; “records” and “genealogies”. The records search gives you a list of actual documents concerning your ancestor. This is the preferred method for genealogists.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Family Tree, Memories, Search, and Indexing. The 'Search' link is highlighted. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for Volunteer, Get Help, Sign In, and Free Account. Below the navigation bar, there is a secondary navigation bar with links for Records, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Wiki. The 'Records' link is highlighted. On the left side, there is a 'Refine your search' sidebar with several filters. The 'Deceased Ancestor's Name' filter has 'Mildred' entered in the 'First Names' field and 'Booth' in the 'Last Names' field. The 'Search with a life event:' filter has 'Millerton, New York' entered in the 'Birthplace' field and '1900' and '1901' entered in the 'Birth Year (Range)' field. The main content area shows 'Search Results from Historical Records' for the name 'Mildred Booth', event 'Birth', place 'Millerton, New York', and event range '1900-1901'. There are 461 results in total, and 20 results are shown per page. The results are displayed in a table with columns for Name, Events, Relationships, and View. The first result is for 'Mildred Evelyn Booth Cook' with a birth date of 29 April 1900 and a death date of 12 April 1991. The second result is for 'Mildred F Booth' with a birth date of 1900 in New York and a residence in Syracuse Ward 16, Onondaga, New York, in 1920.

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Refine your search

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Mildred

Last Names

Booth

Search with a life event:

Birthplace

Millerton, New York

Birth Year (Range)

1900 1901

Marriage

Residence

Death

Any

Records Collections

Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 461 results for Name: **Mildred Booth**, Event: **Birth**, Place: **Millerton, New York**, Event Range: **1900-1901**

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Name	Events	Relationships	View
<a href="#">Mildred Evelyn Booth Cook</a> Find A Grave Index	birth: 29 April 1900 death: 12 April 1991 burial: 1991 Millerton, Dutchess, New York, United States of America		
<a href="#">Mildred F Booth</a> United States Census, 1920	birth: 1900 New York residence: 1920 Syracuse Ward 16, Onondaga, New York,		

# GENEALOGIES

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1-3 of 3 results for  
Name: Mildred Booth  
Spouse: George Cook

Refine your search

**Deceased Ancestor's Name**

First Names  
Mildred

Last Names  
Booth

**Search with a life event:**

Birth  
Marriage  
Residence  
Death  
Any

**Search with a relationship:**

Name	Events	Relationships
Mildred Evelyn Booth International Genealogical Index (IGI)	birth: 29 April 1900 Coleman Station, , New York death: April 1991 Millerton, , New York burial: Millerton, , New York marriage: 25 June 1921 Millbrook, , New York	spouse: George William Cook
Mildred Evelyn/BOOTH/ Pedigree Resource File	birth: 29 April 1900 Coleman Station, , , New York, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, death: April 1991 Millerton, , , New York, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, marriage: 25 June 1921 Millbrook, , , New York, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	father: Samuel/BOOTH/ mother: Minnie/MORRIS/ spouse: George William/COOK/
Mildred Evelyn /Booth/ Pedigree Resource File	birth: 29 April 1900 Coleman Station, New York death: April 1991 Millerton, New York burial: Millerton, New York marriage: 25 June 1921 Millbrook, New York	father: Samuel /Booth/ mother: Minnie /Morris/ spouse: George William /Cook/

The “genealogies” search gives you information from other people who are researching the same person. Always back this up with records since this information may be wrong.

# RECORDS TO USE

- As noted, the preferred method of research uses documents. These are required for heritage societies like DAR, SAR and Mayflower Society. Some of the ones to look for are:
  - Birth/baptism record - Some of these are available on-line but you may need to write to the town clerk or church in the town your ancestor came from.
  - Death/burial record - On-line resources like “find-a-grave” are usually reliable but you can also get a copy of the death certificate from the local town clerk.

# RECORDS TO USE

- Marriage license/certificate/record - Some are available on-line. You can get copies from the local town clerk or church where your ancestors were married.
- Census - The US census is a great way to show how one generation links to another. Currently census records are available on-line from 1790 to 1940. Up until 1850, the census only listed the name of the head of household and only the age ranges of other family members. Later census data provides names, ages, birth location and occupation of all family members. Due to fire, the 1890 census is only partially available.

# RECORDS TO USE

- Published genealogies - Before the days of the internet, most genealogy information was passed along in published books. Scans of many of them are now on-line. Well researched articles from “The American Genealogist” or the New England Historic and Genealogical Society “Register” are also valuable resources.
- Military histories - If you think your ancestor was in the military, you can often get a record of their service from websites like “[fold3.com](http://fold3.com)”. North country revolutionary war soldiers who are buried here may be found on this site.

# RECORDS TO USE

- Town/local histories - Most towns have a published history. Look for the time period your ancestors lived to get an idea of what their life might have been like. A reference list of internet links for North Country towns is available on this site.
- Maps - If your research indicates where your ancestors lived, you can usually find a map showing their property and possible pictures of it on-line.

# COMING TO AMERICA

- If you have gone back far enough, you will find that your ancestors came from another country. The first place to look would be immigration records. These will tell you the date they came here, often the ship they came on, the port they came from and came to. Some ship's passengers and their descendants, like the Mayflower, are very well documented.
- Once you have identified the country they came from and possibly their home town, you can continue your on-line search using documents like the ones you used for America. Many of these, particularly for European countries, are also available on-line.

# DNA RESEARCH

- DNA testing can reveal where your ancestors came from thousands of years ago and can also help you determine possible relationships to living people. You can order a DNA test from several on-line sources such as Ancestry.com.
- DNA testing will not tell you the names and dates of your ancestors or other relatives.
- Two main types of tests are available; Y chromosome and mitochondrial.
  - Y chromosome tests trace your paternal ancestry and is useful for tracing family names.
  - Mitochondrial tests trace your entire ancestry

# SAVING YOUR RESEARCH

- At first, you will be able to save paper copies of your research, but as it progresses, you will find it necessary to save it in some kind of computer format.
- One way to save your research is with a genealogy program on your computer. There are many available, and a good one for Windows is called Legacy Family Tree. A good Mac program is called Reunion.
- Another possibility is to record your tree using one of the research programs such as [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) or [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com). You can make the information public or private.