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FamilySearch Labs

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Tips

- "TRY IT" displayed when visiting FamilySearch.org
  I think it was just added last week
  Experimental new version of FamilySearch Home page,
- Shortcut to Labs: familySearch.org/labs
- Shortcut to Full Text Search: familysearch.org/search/full-text
- These slides:
  https://macgen.org/docs/2025-02-12-macgen-full-text-notes.pdf

FamilySearch Labs

- User Owned Tree
- Family Group Trees
- Find Help with AI Search
- Together by FamilySearch (Share Stories)
- Full Text Search

- To access go to FamilySearch.org, scroll down to FamilySearch Labs and click on "View Experiments".

User Owned Tree

- A FamilySearch user can upload Gedcom files
- The tree owner can edit their uploaded trees
- They have application to test (I have applied, no response yet) (abbreviated CETS for Collaborative Tree - <u>URL</u>)

Family Group Trees

- Gather your family into a group, and see the same FamilySearch tree.
- Enrich your history with photos, stories, and sources.
- URL for "Early Access"
- Frequently asked Questions - URL
- Can not see each other's living people

Find Help with AI Search

- Use clear language

- Ask one question at a time

- Include details

Enter your question into the "Ask a question" box
e.g. What was the census date for the 1870 U.S. census?

Together by FamilySearch

- Use guided prompts to write stories about your experiences
- Make unforgettable memories

Q: Can I Restrict Access to Search results
A: Yes, you can restrict access to stories you enter into "Together by FamilySearch." On FamilySearch.org, you can select any memory you have uploaded or story you have created and make it private. This feature is available for all types of memories, including photos, stories, and audio files. Private memories will be viewable only by the person who uploaded or created the file.

To make a memory private, visit the Memories page or open the Memories App (available on iOS or Android). Hover over an item in the Gallery, click the checkmark, then click Actions, and in the list of options, click Make Private.

Full Text Search

- Go to FamilySearch, Sign in
- Scroll down to "FamilySearch Labs" Click on "VIEW EXPERIMENTS"
- Click on "Try it" or "Go To Experiment" - It's been down recently
- See what collections they have by clicking on "BROWSE ALL COLLECTIONS"
- **Over 3,480 collections and growing**
- List 20, 50, 100 or all collections at once
- Sort by clicking on Title, # Records or Last Updated
- Search collections titles by word(s) in collection titles
- Similar to "Search Historical Records" but it's every word search

Full Text Search - Details

- Review the "Advanced Search Tips"
- Find exact phrase within quotes
- Include specific word(s) by preceding with the Plus "+" symbol
- Exclude specific word(s) by preceding with the Minus "-" symbol
- Use Question Mark or Asterisk similar to Google searches

Full Text Search - Save a PDF

- Experiment to get familiar with search cause/effects
- Select a hit, display highlighted words
- Click "Summarize the Document" to quickly understand it
- Note the image number (e.g. 205 of 501).
- Click underlined down arrow to download highlighted version
- Summary needs to be copied separately, not included in PDF

Full Text Search - Image Group Nbr

- After double-clicking a found source:
- Click on Citation to find the Image Group Number (IGN)
- Note the particular image number for later
- Click on "Group Data" to get info on IGN
- Visit Search/Images, locate IGN, and go to image number
- Visit Search/Catalog and locate records by IGN