

Finding Info on Wiki

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The 3 Wikis:

1. wikipedia.org ----a community encyclopeida
2. wiki.familysearch.org ----LDS Research Guidance
3. ancestry.com/wiki ---*The Source* and *The Redbook* are the foundation of this wiki.

Responsibility to Payback:

- *Share what you know to build a stronger community.*
- *Fix what is broke to make a better world.*
- *Risk comfort to grow.*

Learn How to Research the MediaWiki Platform

Wikipedia, the FamilySearch Wiki, Ancestry wiki and WeRelate all use the same software to create Wikis.

Search Tips:

- **Keywords, NOT Phrases**
 - Use quotes “ ” around a group of words
 - Use * wildcard to represent 0 or more characters
 - Use Various Spellings
- **Place, subject, record type or the name of the article**
 - Family names and information on specific families are not found on the FamilySearch Wik. Use the forums for research guidance
- Note **number of words** to avoid stubs

Research Strategies:

- Browse by place at several levels. Jurisdiction and records
- Look for Topic **Links** in side bars and at the bottom of the page

Look for the Video:
Familysearch Wiki

Practice on These Problems

- My cousin wants to can use DNA to find our ancestor's nationality?*** Search all three wikis for how and where information.
- My family group sheet has old film numbers from the Genealogical Library, how can I find the new FHL film numbers?*** Search wiki.familysearch.org for old film numbers.
- I'm trying to find when my ancestor arrived in Nashville Tennessee?*** Search for either City Directories or Tennessee migration routes on familysearch and ancestry.com wiki. LOOK for links.

- **A family group sheet cites a Bible record in Perry, Alabama. How can I find that Bible record?** Search place and record type in all three wiki.
- **My aunt says we have Indian blood lines. How do you do Indian Research?** Search all three wiki.