


Basic Sources of Finnish Family History

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The most common sources for family history in Finland

- Church records
- Census records
- Court records
- Land records
- Account books
- Deed of inventories
- Military records
- Immigration records
- Professional documents
- Gravestones





Basic websites and databases

Finnish National Archive - Astia

<https://astia.narc.fi/uusiastia/index.html>

- Digitised documents
- Non-digitised documents in the archive
 - > examination at the reading rooms
- Authorised documents
 - Documents less than 100 years old



Digihakemisto

- <http://digihakemisto.net/>
 - A database developed by Kari Kujansuu.
 - You can search the Astia service of the National Archives.
 - Browse materials
 - Complete tables of contents of digitised archive units.

Hiski

<https://hiski.genealogia.fi/hiski>

- Indexed historical records search database.
- Oldest data indexed from “Black Books”.
- New data is indexed on a voluntary basis.
- The data has not been checked and contain many errors.
- The information found in the database should always be checked against the original church records.

FFHA – Finnish Family History Association

<https://www.sukuhistoria.fi/>

- Own archival material digitisation project.
- Less **public** material and it is older.
 - Communion and other church records.
- Newer material for **members** of the association.
 - e.g. communion records, court records, county records and military rolls.
 - Colour photographs of original documents.

Katiha

<https://katiha.kansallisarkisto.fi/>

- Database of indexed church records of the ceded Karelian region.
- The source material of the Karelian database includes church records of the ceded region for the period 1700-1950.
 - Lutheran parish records
 - Orthodox church records

FamilySearch

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

- The Utah Genealogical Society, now known as FamilySearch, has microfilmed a plenty of historical documents from Finnish parishes and the National Archives.
 - FamilySearch donated copies of these microfilms to the National Archives.
 - Most of these microfilmed documents are now available in digitised form in the FamilySearch database.
 - FamilySearch digitises new documents at the National Archives.

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