

Helping Others Get Started with Family History Find - FamilySearch Wiki

LESSON OVERVIEW

This lesson will focus on the FamilySearch Wiki and how it can be used to help you with your family history research.

ACTIVITY: ABOUT THE RESEARCH WIKI

1. Open a new window to FamilySearch.org. View your windows side-by-side.
2. Go to FamilySearch.org.
3. Hover your mouse over “Search” at the top of the page and choose **Research Wiki** from the drop-down menu. (Or click **Search** below the image carousel and choose **Research Wiki** from the menu bar near the top of the page.)
4. In the **Search by place or topic** box, search for the following article titles exactly as they appear below. Read each article.
 - **FamilySearch Wiki: About Us**
 - **Help: Searching**
 - **Help: Search Tips**

Practice: “How to” Guides

1. Open a new window. View your windows side-by-side.
2. Go to FamilySearch.org.
3. Hover your mouse over “Search” at the top of the screen and click **Research Wiki** in the drop-down menu.
4. In the “Search by place or topic” field, type **How to Guides**. The wiki navigates to the “How to” Guides article.
5. Under the heading **Accessing the Guides**, click **Europe**. The Wiki navigates to an article titled Europe “How to” Guides.
6. Scroll down and click **Russia**. The Wiki jumps to the “How to” Guides for Russia.
7. Locate the “How to” Guide on reading Russian birth records. Click **Instruction**. The Wiki navigates to the “How to” Guide. What kind of information can you find in this “How to” Guide?
8. Use the arrow at the top left of your browser window to go back. In the same “How to” Guide, click **Activity**. Explore the activity.
9. Scroll up and down through the list of “How to” Guides for Russia. How might they help you with your research?
10. There are “How to” Guides for many countries in the world. Return to step 4. This time choose another region to see a list of countries for which “How to” Guides are available.

Practice: Record Finder

1. Open a new window. View your windows side-by-side.
2. Go to FamilySearch.org.
3. Hover your mouse over “Search” at the top of the screen and click on **Research Wiki** in the drop-down menu.
4. In the “Search by place or topic” field, type **Virginia**. The Wiki navigates to the “Virginia, United States Genealogy” page.

- On the right, under **Research Strategies**, click **Record Finder**. The Wiki navigates to the “Virginia Record Finder” on the “Virginia Research Tips and Strategies” page.
- If you were looking for the parents of someone born in Virginia, what records should you look for first? What other useful records should you search?

Practice: Archives and Libraries

- Open a new window. View your windows side-by-side.
- Go to familysearch.org.
- Hover your mouse over “search” at the top of the screen and click on **Research Wiki** in the drop-down menu.
- In the “search by place or topic” field, type **Australia**. The wiki navigates to the “Australia Genealogy” page.
- Scroll down. On the right, under **Local Research Resources**, click **Archives & Libraries**. The wiki navigates to the “Australia archives and libraries” page.
- Explore the page. What kinds of archives and libraries are listed? If you had ancestors in Australia, what repositories are available to help you with your research?
- Click **National Archives of Australia**. Explore the website. What kinds of resources does the national archives of Australia hold?



ACTIVITY: FAMILYSEARCH WIKI

- Choose a place one of your ancestors lived. Search the FamilySearch Wiki for the country or state associated with that place.
- Review the wiki article for that place. Explore the record types available for that place. Explore the record finder. Navigate to the archives & libraries page. Identify any “How to” Guides for that place.
- Consider what you found on the wiki. When would you use the wiki? Record your thoughts.

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Thank you for taking the time to read through this instruction sheet.