



Episode 11: Find Help from Others Online

5 minute challenge—**Visit and use a wiki, forum, or community family tree!**

Steps:

1. Select a research question you need help with. Most wikis and forums focus on surnames, geographical area, or record type.
2. Find the right online resource. Wikis are helpful when researching a general topic. Forums are great for specific questions. Collaborative family trees can help you view names and sources that have already been found.
3. Browse wikis, forums or family trees to see if you can answer any questions. Always make sure your information is backed up with appropriate records or sources.



Helpful hints:

1. Research various wikis.
2. Post questions on multiple forums.
3. Check original sources.
4. Take time to give back.

Working with others will accomplish more than working alone.

Vocabulary

Wiki:

A collaborative website developed by a community of users, allowing any user to add and edit content.

Forum:

A website where people can post and read messages, usually on a specific topic or area of interest.

Family Tree:

A chart showing the lines of your direct ancestors.

What's in learning resources?

Research Wiki



The Research Wiki is a free collection of family history articles provided by family history enthusiasts from around the world. The wiki makes it easy for people to share research information and useful tips. Research Wiki articles are valuable resources for anyone who wants to learn more about their family history.

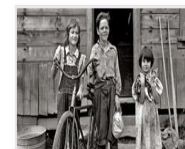
[Go to the wiki](#) >

Research Courses



FamilySearch offers a variety of free classes online and in person to help you discover your family tree. Whether you are just beginning your family history research or are an experienced genealogist, you can learn something new. These classes are taught by genealogy research consultants at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as experts from around the world.

Discussion Forums



FamilySearch also offers numerous free research discussion forums. With over 2,000 registered volunteers all over the world, it's a pretty good bet that if your question hasn't already been answered, someone is ready to help out.

[Browse the forums](#) >