



Episode 8: Find a Record

5 Minute Challenge—**Find a record using a catalog or FamilySearch Center**

Steps:

1. Make sure you know your ancestors' name, time period they lived in, and where they lived.
2. Look at free online records at FamilySearch.org.
3. Search the Family History Library Catalog.
4. Search the FamilySearch Wiki for record types and locations for your ancestors' area.
5. Visit a FamilySearch Center.



How to find a FamilySearch Center near you:

1. Visit FamilySearch.org, and click the **FamilySearch Centers** tab.
2. Enter your city, state, postal code or country and click **Search**.
3. Select a center near you by clicking the **FamilySearch logo**.
4. Make note of the center's address, hours of operations, and phone number.

Call before going to make sure someone will be there to assist you.

Vocabulary

Microfilm:

Images taken of original documents. Often available in family history center and libraries.

Catalog:

A guide to all of the various records in their various forms held by FamilySearch.org



How to search the Family History Library Catalog:

1. Visit familysearch.org, and click **Catalog**.
2. Search place-names by typing the name of the place your ancestor lived in, and press **Search**.
3. Select the type of record you are interested in.
4. Select the item to learn about availability and format.
5. Order the item to be sent to your local FamilySearch Center.