

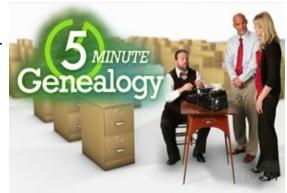
# Episode 9: Using Indexes to Find a Record

# 5 minute challenge—Search an Index to Find an Ancestor!

### Steps:

- 1. Gather SPECIFIC INFORMATION about names, dates, relationships, and locations.
- 2. Determine WHICH RECORD you want to find (birth record, death record, marriage certificate, etc.).
- 3. Choose WHICH GROUP of records you will search in.
- 4. Search an ONLINE INDEX using the information you have gathered.

You can also visit
a Family History
Center or the
Family History Library to search
for information in
the indexes provided there.



### Helpful hints:

Look for specific names, dates or travel, marriage, death, birth, or other events. Look for specific relationships as well.

Be flexible. Extend your time frame at least 10 years. Also search surrounding locations.

Not all records are indexed; more are added every day! Anyone can volunteer to help index records at: https://www.familysearch.org/volunteer/indexing

## Vocabulary

#### Brick wall:

An obstacle or challenge during research that hinders progress.

#### Index:

An alphabetical listing of names and topics in a record. Includes the page number of each item.

Quick way to determine if a record contains information about the ancestor you are searching for. Found online, or in other forms including paper and book.

#### Batch:

A group of records from the same source.



