

Search and Find in FamilySearch

SEARCH vs FIND: SEARCH is a function of FamilySearch; FIND is a function of Family Tree.

SEARCH: Locate original *records* of people - usually church or government

FIND: Locate *people* who are identified and largely placed with families in Family Tree

HINTS: Locate *records* for people who are identified on Family Tree.

1. SEARCH HISTORICAL RECORDS:

Traditional Search

Refine your search

- **Ancestor's Name:**

Adjust or change name

- **Search with a life event:**

Birth, Marriage, Residence, Death, Any

- **Search with a relationship:** (Generally the most powerful searches)

Spouse, Parents, Other Person

- **Restrict records by:**

Location: Country, State (If US resident, but foreign born, add State of residence)

Type: Search a specific type of record such as Census or Residence

Batch: Access an entire set of extracted or Indexed records

Film:

- **Filter**

2. RESEARCH BY LOCATION

Choose a Country, State, or County and search only the records of that location

3. BROWSE ALL PUBLISHED COLLECTIONS

- Fully indexed and searchable online
- Fully indexed and searchable online with image of document
- Digitized but unindexed
- Sort by date / sort by State

4. BOOKS: Digitized only

5. GENEALOGIES

- Included in family tree - mistakes and duplicates included
- Use as reference tool, a clue
- Use Genealogies to edit Family Tree ONLY IF you can first document and source it

6. WIKI: Background Information about "everything"

Family Tree: **FIND** - Object is to locate a person who is already identified and exists within a family

- Search by ID Number
- Search by full name and name of spouse
- Search by full name and parent (s)
- Search by parents only
- Search by full name, place, etc

Family Tree: **HINTS**

- Once you are on a PERSON page, HINTS regarding that person appear.
- Click on a HINT to review and, if it pertains, attach the record to that person.

Family Tree: **SEARCH RECORDS**

- On the PERSON Page, there is a box entitled, Search Records.
- Clicking on Search Records will yield a list of records, which may pertain to that person.

FILTERING Example

Type in **JUAN VALDEZ** > click on search (**130,856**)

Click on **REFINE YOUR SEARCH** - this collapses down so you can get to >

Filter Your Results by:

Click on **BIRTHPLACE** filter > Choose **MEXICO** (**10,718**)

NOTE - there is still another arrow to refine your search more, **CLICK ON THE ARROW**

Choose **THE FEDERAL DISTRICT OF MEXICO** (**675**)

Now click on **COLLECTIONS** > Mexico, Distrito Federal, Catholic Church Records

Choose **MEXICO, DISTRITO FEDERAL, CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS, 1514-1970** (**108**)

Choose **BIRTH YEAR** > **1800** (**35**)

SUGGESTED SEARCH ORDER - Digital Research

FAMILY SEARCH

1. Family Tree > **FIND**
2. Search > 1) **HINTS** and/or 2) **SEARCH RECORDS**
3. Search Records > Filter
4. Collections
5. Browse all Published Collections
6. Books
7. Catalog
8. WIKI

Other databases

9. Ancestry, Find My Past, My Heritage, Find a Grave
10. Google

PRACTICE SEARCHES:

1. Russell Simmons: 1816 New York
2. Nehemiah Pickard / Lucy Prudence
3. Friderici Strauss / Magdalena Weiler