

What do you do if your ancestor's records doesn't come up in your initial search? A significant portion of the records on FamilySearch are not indexed and can't be searched using the form. For a number of historical, technical or genealogical reasons, an ancestor's record may be challenging to find. This session will walk through some of the common difficulties confronted by researchers and demonstrate how to use the FamilySearch systems to find that elusive record.

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**NOTE:** This course assumes that you have a basic understanding of how to use the FamilySearch Historical Records search form.

## CLASS OUTLINE

### ADVANCED HISTORICAL RECORDS SEARCHING

- Using wildcard characters in your search to find name variants and mis-indexed records
- Exact searching
- Using the Batch Number: What is it, why and how is it used
- Filtering results by collection
- Using the map to research in a specific location.
- Export search results to a spreadsheet for analysis

### MAKING USE OF UNINDEXED IMAGE SETS

- Navigating image waypoints
- Using the "index" found IN the images
- Accessing images from the FamilySearch Catalog
- Attaching an unindexed image to a Family Tree ancestor

### USING CONCLUSIONARY DATA

- FamilySearch Genealogies: What is it and how to use it
- Scanned books

For basic search training, please come by the FamilySearch booth or the conference hall stage during posted Search presentations.

Online help is located at: <https://familysearch.org/ask/#/search/faq> -OR- <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/results.html?q=search>