

## Digging Deeper at FamilySearch

([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and blog: [www.familysearch.org/blog/en/](http://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/))

### I. More Effective Indexed Record Searches

- A. Search> Records> Search Historical Records
- B. Start Broad then Narrow
- C. Use “Any” with a range +/- 2 years
- D. Narrow by country
- E. Search
  1. Narrow by Collections
  2. Click Boxes
  3. Filter These Results
  4. Remove Collections as they have been searched
- F. Icons  
camera=image, card=indexed, pedigree=attached to someone

### II. Indexed vs Unindexed

—30% are indexed, 70% unindexed

### III. Unindexed

—get back to the home page by clicking the FamilySearch logo

#### A. By State

1. Search> Records> Map (click on region)> Select State
  - a. Learning Courses— How to
  - b. Scroll down for Unindexed
  - c. Image-Only= Unindexed
  - d. Always read “Learn more”
  - e. Don’t be overwhelmed by the number of images
    - (1) Waypoints- divide a collection
    - (2) Look for internal and external indexes
      - (a) external index will say “...Index”
      - (b) internal index is usually at the beginning or end  
—notice how the print changes in the thumbnail
      - (c) navigate using:
        - image number  
(image number DOES NOT mean page number)
        - + and -
        - thumbnail and full image
        - look for changes in the thumbnails for divisions

## B. By Country

1. Start with the Research Wiki
  - a. Search> Research Wiki> Country Name> Go
  - b. Videos and big blue button
  - b. Make a copy of the word list
  - c. Take note of special subjects—knowledge of history is important
  
2. Use the Catalog
  - a. Search> Catalog
  - b. Many ways to search the catalog  
(place, surname, titles, author, keyword, call number, film number)
  - c. Symbols you should know



- d. Search all jurisdictions  
—country, state, county, city/town
- e. Click on Title to see what records/books are there
- f. Use the word list or Google translate to know what you are looking at
- g. Navigate screen the same way

## C. Finding the Image

1. Also called FHL #, DGS # and GS Film # —all digital images
2. Search> Catalog> Film/Fiche Number (click on it)> Enter in Number> Search
3. Note the information under “Notes”
4. Match film and item number- click on the camera icon of the correct one
5. Look for changes in the thumbnails indicating divisions
6. Use word list to decipher the records