

FamilySearch Icons in the 21st Century

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FamilySearch is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has been serving Church members and others in their genealogical and family history research since 1894, when, initially, it was created as the Genealogical Society of Utah. Records have been microfilmed by the organization beginning in 1938. The trademarked name of the organization has been FamilySearch since 1999, about a year after digitizing records began. <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/24-fun-facts-about-familysearch-you-may-not-know#:~:text=FamilySearch%20celebrated%20its%20first%20125,and%20experienced%20many%20wonderful%20advancements>.

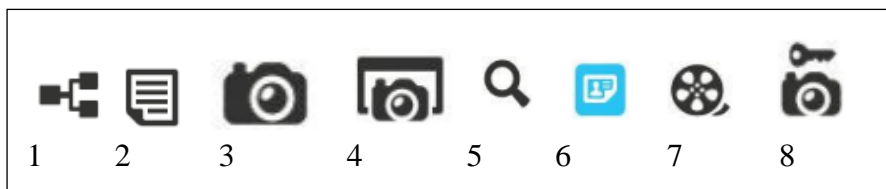
Microfilm distribution and ordering was discontinued in September 2017, marking the time of major availability of digitized records on the FamilySearch.org website. Nevertheless, not all of the digitized microfilms are available for home use online. Some require being at a FamilySearch Library, Center, or affiliate.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/familysearch-completes-digitization-of-massive-microfilm-collection>

The immense project of digitizing records from microfilms held by FamilySearch was completed in the 2nd half of 2021. 2.4 million rolls of microfilm have been digitized in the project, but that does not mean that the work is over; records in repositories around the world continue to be digitally copied.

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What do the icons mean?



From left:

1. View family tree
2. Transcription (maybe from an indexer) available
3. Actual image available on FamilySearch.org
4. Image available at another (Partner) website
5. Collection is searchable
6. Database includes “Record Hints” (from Indexed collections)
7. Records from collection on film only, must be viewed at the Family History Library (in Salt Lake)
8. Image is available, but can be viewed only at a Family History Center, FamilySearch Library, or affiliate