

# Using FamilySearcher To Search the Internet IGI

## Starting with Personal Ancestral File 5.2.18

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**Objective:** This document describes how to install the FamilySearcher program on your computer. Details are given describing how to use PAF 5.2 to generate a GEDCOM file for use with the FamilySearcher program containing the names of those individuals who have incomplete LDS Temple Ordinances. The steps required for basic use of the FamilySearcher program on an Internet-connected windows PC are also given.

**Description:** FamilySearcher is a windows software application that reads a GEDCOM file and presents a list of names and dates found in the file. It also launches Internet Explorer in a separate window and allows a simple “point and click” on a selected name in the FamilySearcher window to initiate a search of the FamilySearch Internet site for possible matching LDS Ordinance information. FamilySearcher can also be used to search the other resources at FamilySearch.org as well as several other key genealogical web sites such as Ancestry.com, Rootsweb.com, EllisIsland.org and others that will be added as time goes on. This document only discusses the steps required to search the Internet IGI at FamilySearch.org.

**Equipment:** A Windows PC equipped with PAF 5.2, Internet Explorer and an Internet connection.

**Preliminary Steps:** Take a backup of your PAF data to your local Family History Center and use the “Update My Records” capability of the Temple Ready program. After finding all completed ordinance information - back this data up at the Family History Center and restore it onto your home computer. This will insert the ordinance dates for any completed Temple work into your PAF records – including Temple work completed through January of 2000.

If you have not already done so – register at the FamilySearch web site so that it will be possible to see the Temple Ordinance dates on the Internet IGI. This will require your LDS Membership ID number along with your date of confirmation and your e-mail address. The first two items can be obtained from you ward clerk. Click on the “Sign On” link in the upper right-hand corner of the opening screen at the FamilySearch.org web site. Follow the instructions to choose a “user name”, a “password” and enter each of the other required fields. Then the next time you return to the FamilySearch web site – click on “Sign On” and enter the selected user name and password.

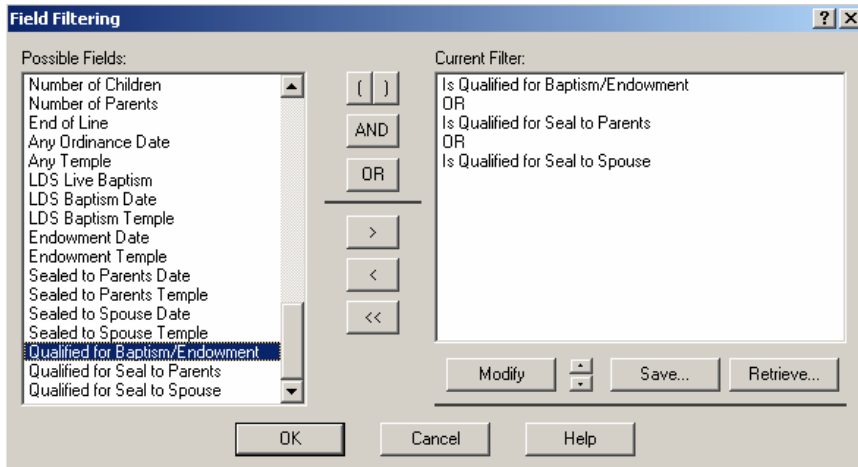
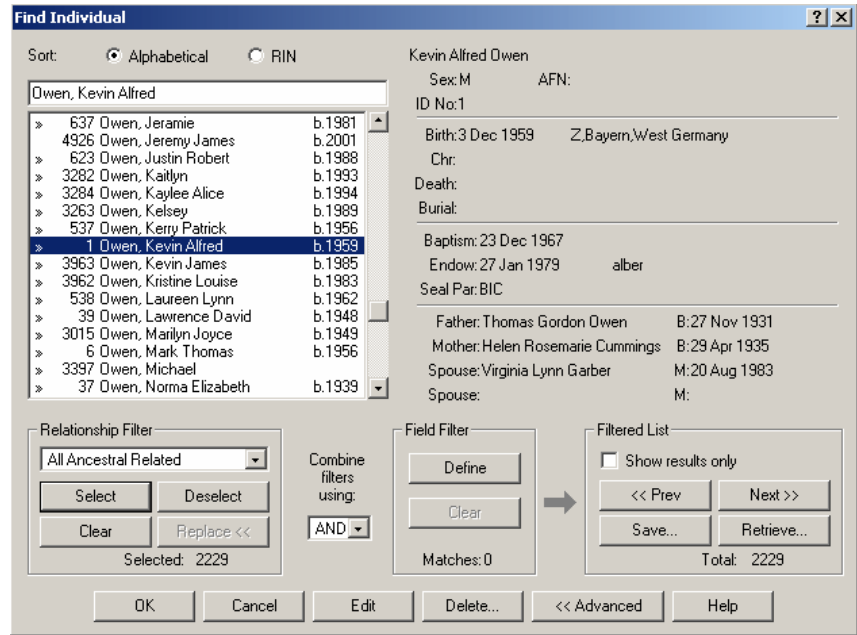
### **Step 1:** Install the FamilySearcher program

Visit the web site: <http://myweb.cableone.net/kevinowen3/familysearcher.htm> and click on the “Download” link to begin installing the FamilySearcher application. The download operation will take up to fifteen minutes on a dial-up connection. Click on “Open” or “Run from current location”, depending on your operating system, and follow the on-screen instructions. When the installation begins – simply accept the default settings and allow the installation to complete.

**Step 2:** Use PAF 5.2 to create a GEDCOM file containing the names of those individuals in your PAF data with incomplete LDS ordinance information.

**Step 2a:** Create a Focus List using the **Advanced Focus/Filter** capability of PAF. Open PAF 5 and load up your family data. Click on the **Search** menu and then on **Advanced Focus/Filter...**

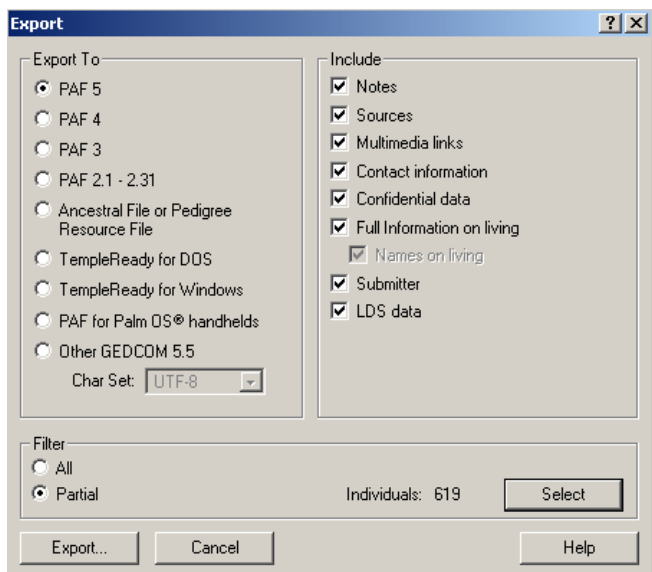
Select a name from the list for the individual you would like to start with. From the **Relationship Filter**, click on **All Ancestral Related** and then on **Select**. You will then be asked if you would like to include all of the parents of a person – to which you will want to answer “**Yes**”. Certain names in the Search Box will now have “>” in front of them to indicate that they have been selected. Click in the box marked **Show results only** in order to exclude any names that are not selected by your current Focus Group.



Next we will exclude any names from our Focus Group that do not need any additional LDS ordinances performed. This is done by clicking on the **Define** button under the **Field Filter**. The Field Filtering dialog box will be displayed. Scroll through the list of available filters and highlight **Qualified for Baptism/Endowment** and then click on the button

marked “>”. A window will appear asking whether to use “**Is**” or “**Is Not**” qualified. Choose “**Is**” qualified and click on **OK**. This new filter will now appear in the Current Filter list. Next, click on the **OR** button in the screen area between the **Possible Filters** and the list of **Current Filters** followed by **Qualified for Seal to Parents** and “**Is**” qualified. Click on **OR** and then add the remaining filter for **Qualified for Seal to Spouse** and “**Is**” qualified – and then click on the **OK** button.

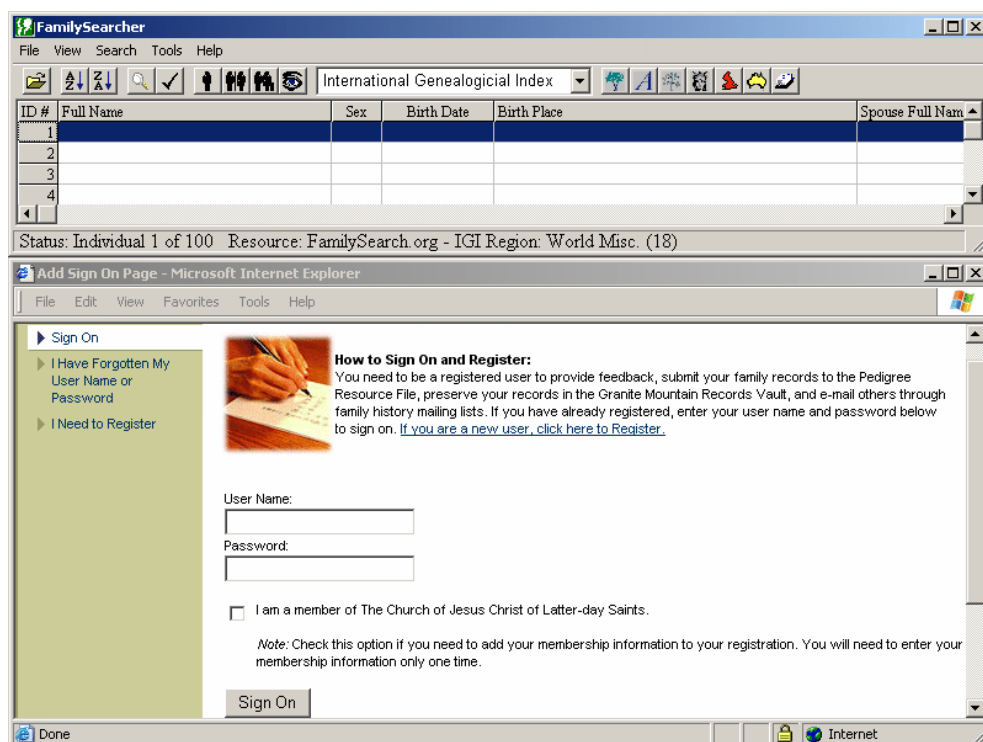
The resulting search list will now only contain those individuals that qualify to have at least one LDS ordinance performed. Next, under the **Filtered List** heading click on the **Save...** button and add a name such as “*Incomplete Ordinances*” (without the quotes). This allows returning to this **Focus/Filter** list at any time in the future without having to recreate the above steps – and then click on the **OK** button.



**Step 2b:** Export each name from your PAF data that is included in your Focus List to a GEDCOM file. Click on the **File** menu and then on **Export...** Under **Export To** – select **PAF 5**. Under **Include** – unselect each of the available check boxes. Under **Selected Individuals** – select **Partial** and then click on the **Select** button. You should now see the **Advanced Focus/Filter** dialog box with your “*Incomplete Ordinances*” focus group already selected. Click on the **OK** button. Now click on the **Export...** button. Type in a name for this new GEDCOM file that will be created (eg. *Incomplete Ordinances.ged*) and click on the **Export** button. A summary box will then be displayed with a final count of the number of

individuals and marriages contained in this new GEDCOM file. Click on the **OK** button.

**Step 3:** Use FamilySearcher to automate the lookup of names in the GEDCOM file. Open FamilySearcher by double-clicking on the desktop icon and login to the Family Search web site with your username and password. When the Security Alert appears – click on the **Yes** button to continue. Open up the GEDCOM file that was created in Step 2b above by selecting “**File**” and then “**Open**” from the menus. Highlight the GEDCOM file and click on “**Open**”.



Begin searching the Internet IGI by highlighting the name of a person and then using the “**Individual**”, “**Marriage**” or “**Children of this Couple**” searches available from the toolbar. Use the toolbar button showing the silhouette of a person to search for individual ordinances. Use the toolbar button showing the silhouette of a couple to search for marriage ordinances. Use the toolbar button showing the silhouette of a couple with a small child by their side to search for any children of the highlighted couple. Any matching entries will be displayed in the Internet Explorer window.

To sort the listed names alphabetically by surname – click on the toolbar button with the **AZ** on it. By clicking on the heading of the columns of the listed names it is also possible to sort by ID,

The screenshot shows the FamilySearcher interface. On the left, a table lists individuals with columns for ID #, Full Name, Sex, Birth Date, and Birth Place. The first few entries are:

ID #	Full Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Pl
9	MALLER, Frederick Thomas	M	12 Jan 1875	Hove, E
10	HUGHES, Ada Alice	F	3 Jun 1881	Freman
11	MALLER, Kathleen Mary	F	17 Jan 1900	North P
12	MALLER, Frances May	F	12 Dec 1903	North P
13	MALLER, Dorothy	F	27 Jul 1905	North P

On the right, the 'Search Results page' shows the search criteria: Father: Frederick Thomas Maller, Mother: Ada Alice Hughes, Exact Spelling: Off. Below this, a list of records is shown for download, including '1. Alfred Edward Maller', '2. KATHLEEN MARY MALLER', '3. DOROTHY MALLER', '4. Frances May Maller', and '5. Freda Ruth Mary Maller'.

surname, gender etc. FamilySearcher will, by default, search plus or minus one year of the event date. This default behavior can be altered by clicking on the **Tools** menu and selecting **Search Options...** The year range can then be altered to include a wider range of years according to preference. Any given

search can be expanded by using the **Refine Search** capability provided in the upper right hand

corner of the Internet Explorer window as search results are displayed. The double-click action can also be modified to initiate a selected search type by using the **Tools** menu and then selecting **Configure Double-Click Action** and then selecting the preferred search action.

The screenshot shows the 'Ordinance Record' for Kathleen Mary Maller. The record includes the following information:

**KATHLEEN MARY MALLER**  
Female

**Event(s):**  
 Birth: 17 JAN 1900 Perth, Western Australia, Australia  
 Christening:  
 Death: 25 OCT 1969  
 Burial:

**LDS Ordinances:**  
 Baptism: 29 AUG 1974 MANTI  
 Endowment: 19 SEP 1974 MANTI  
 Sealing to Parents: 22 JAN 1975 MANTI  
 FREDRICK THOMAS MALLER / ADA ALICE HUGHES

**Step 4:** Transfer any matching ordinance date information into your PAF data file. As search

**Family Detail for Kathleen Mary MALLER**

Person:	Record #11 - Rin: 122 Kathleen Mary MALLER	IGI Record Kathleen Mary Maller
Gender:	F	F
Father:	Frederick Thomas MALLER	Fredrick Thomas Maller
Mother:	Ada Alice HUGHES	Ada Alice Hughes
Spouse:	William Arthur CRINGLE	
Birth:	17 Jan 1900	17 Jan 1900
Place:	North Perth, West Australia, Australia	Perth, Western Australia, Australia
Christening:		
Place:		
Marriage:	19 Nov 1930	
Place:	Kalgoorlie, West Australia, Australia	
Death:	25 Oct 1969	25 Oct 1969
Place:	Perth, West Australia, Australia	
Burial:		
Place:	Karakatta Cmtry, West Australia, Australia	
Baptism:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 29 Aug 1974 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MANTI
Endowment:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19 Sep 1974 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MANTI
Seal to Parents:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 22 Jan 1975 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MANTI
Seal to Spouse:		<input type="checkbox"/>

OK Update

results are displayed that are determined to be matching entries it is possible to transfer this detail to your PAF file using one of the following techniques. Choose the method that best suites your situation.

**Step 4a:** While viewing a matching ordinance entry – click on the magnifying glass toolbar icon or the ID number and view your record alongside the IGI record. The image at left shows a matching entry and the check boxes suggest that this ordinance detail is not currently included in your file and should be added. Simply click on the “Update” button and the ordinance dates and temple names will be added. Then click on “OK” to dismiss this dialog box. This update can be repeated

for any number of names. The updated ordinance information must then be saved to a file by using the “File”, “Save Ordinance Update File”. Make note of this OUP file and then from Personal Ancestral File (Roots Magic should also work) – this ordinance information can be added to your files using “File”, “Add TempleReady Update...”.

**Step 4b:** Print out any matching entries and then enter this data into PAF. This is the simplest approach and involves using the **File, Print** menu in Internet Explorer to print out the matching entry for later use in typing into your PAF data files.

**Step 4c:** Launch PAF along with FamilySearcher and then copy and paste any matching entries. Use the FamilySearcher **Tools** menu to select **Launch Personal Ancestral File 5**. Use ALT-TAB to display the matching IGI entry and use the mouse to highlight the ordinance dates from your matching entry in the Internet Explorer window – right click and then

**FamilySearcher - [C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\My Documents\Alfred Edward Maller.ged]**

File View Search Tools Help

Open... Close

Properties

View Raw GEDCOM File

Save Ordinance Update (OUP) File

C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\My Documents\Alfred Edward Maller.ged

C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\My Documents\Family History\Cleared.ged

C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\My Documents\Andrew C. Cummings.ged

C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Desktop\Alfred Maller.ged

Exit

Spouse Full Name

HUGHES, Ada Alice

MALLER, Frederick Thomas

CRINGLE, William Arthur

Region: Southwest Pacific (16)

For help, call 1-800-346-6044 (U.S. and Canada) or [send us an e-mail](#).

**Ordinance Record**

FamilySearch™ International Genealogical Index v5.0

Southwest Pacific

**KATHLEEN MARY MALLER**

Female

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select **Copy**. Use ALT-TAB to display the PAF 5 window and find the corresponding name entry. Right mouse click on the appropriate ordinance field and **PASTE** the ordinance date. These steps can be repeated any number of times as FamilySearcher finds additional matching entries.

**Step 4d:** Create a second GEDCOM file containing matching entries and then import this file into your PAF data followed by a Match and Merge operation. For each matching entry found – in the Internet Explorer window place a checkmark to the left of the matching name by clicking in the box. This will mark this name for inclusion in a GEDCOM file that will be prepared for download. Mark any matching IGI entries in this way and when ready click on the underlined link in the Internet Explorer window [Prepare selected records for download](#) which can be found near the bottom of the page. This will display a list of names to be downloaded. Review this list for accuracy and then click on the [Download GEDCOM](#) link at the bottom of the page. You will be prompted to save this new GEDCOM file to your hard drive – at which point you can change the file name or accept the one created for you according to your preference. Make note of this new GEDCOM file name and its location on your hard drive.

The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. The left window is 'FamilySearcher - [C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Desktop\OwenPRF.ged]' displaying a table of genealogical records. The right window is 'Selected Gedcom Records - Microsoft Internet Explorer' showing a list of records for download.

ID #	Full Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Place
133	BEACH, Florence Elizabeth	F	13 Jul 1873	Ross, Hereford, England
134	MANSFIELD, Charles Fredrick	M	13 Dec 1897	Coolgardie, West Australia, Australia
135	MANSFIELD, Sydney Fredrick	M	22 Apr 1900	Boulder, West Australia, Australia
136	MANSFIELD, Ada Winifred	F	8 Nov 1902	Boulder, West Australia, Australia
137	MANSFIELD, Arthur Edward	M	23 Jun 1908	Perth, West Australia, Australia
138	, Living	M		
139	, Living	F		
140	MANSFIELD, Charles	M	12 Jan 1851	Whitechapel, St. Mary Parish, Middlesex, England
141	WARREN, Maria Louisa	F	5 May 1847	Bow Parish, London, Middlesex, England
142	MANSFIELD, Charles Thomas	M	2 Jul 1870	London, Middlesex, England
143	MANSFIELD, William Henry	M	29 Nov 1871	London, Middlesex, England
144	MANSFIELD, Walter Frank	M	28 May 1875	Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
145	MANSFIELD, John Warren	M	11 Jan 1878	Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
146	MANSFIELD, Maria Louisa	F	6 Aug 1884	Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
147	MANSFIELD, Sidney George	M	16 Aug 1886	Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
148	MANSFIELD, Nicholas Thomas	M	29 Aug 1817	Holborn, St. Andrews Prsh, Middlesex, England
149	LEFEVER, Esther	F	22 Sep 1816	Shoreditch, ChristChurch Psh, Middlesex, England
150	MANSFIELD, Catherine	F	31 Mar 1839	St. Botolph Bpvt, London, Middlesex, England
151	MANSFIELD, Thomas	M	21 Jul 1844	St. Botolph Bpvt, London, Middlesex, England
152	MANSFIELD, Esther	F	12 Jan 1851	London, Middlesex, England
153	BEACH, John Edward	M	1840	Monmouth, Monmouth, England
154	PEARCE, Fanny	F	20 Apr 1834	Mangotsfield, Kingswood, Gloucester, England
155	BEACH, William John Augustus	M	25 Sep 1861	Monmouth, Monmouth, England
156	BEACH, Charles Alan Mortimer	M	25 Jul 1863	Ross, Hereford, England
157	BEACH, William John Augustus	M	4 Aug 1865	Ross on Wye, Hereford, England
158	BEACH, Amos Charles	M	1867	Ross on Wye, Hereford, England
159	BEACH, Louisa Gertrude	F	1868	Ross on Wye, Hereford, England
160	BEACH, Samuel Gilbert	M	18 Jun 1871	Ross on Wye, Hereford, England
161	THIBODEAU, Marie	F	1661	Port Royal, Annapolis, Nova Scotia
162	BEACH, Ada Kate	F	21 Mar 1877	Ross on Wye, Hereford, England
163	BEACH, Harry George	M	5 Jun 1879	Ross on Wye, Hereford, England
164	BEACH, Samuel	M	16 Aug 1801	Newland, Gloucester, England
165	EDWARDS, Elizabeth	F	1806/1812	of Monmouth, Monmouth, England
166	BEACH, Susannah	F	1827	Monmouth, Monmouth, England
167	MANSFIELD, Thomas	M	ABT 1792	of London, Middlesex, England
168	, Catherine	F	ABT 1797	of London, Middlesex, England
169	LEFEVER, John	M	ABT 1773	of Hoxton, Middlesex, England
170	, Sarah	F	ABT 1778	of Hoxton, Middlesex, England
171	LEFEVER, Louisa	F	2 Feb 1806	Saint Leonards, Shoreditch, London, England
172	PEARCE, William	M	1816	Mangotsfield, Gloucester, England
173	PEARCE, Ann	F	1816/1817	Mangotsfield, Gloucester, England
174	PEARCE, Mary Elizabeth	F	5 Jul 1840	Mangotsfield, Kingswood, Gloucester, England
175	PEARCE, Pamela	F	5 Mar 1842	Mangotsfield, Kingswood, Gloucester, England
176	PEARCE, Hannah	F	22 Dec 1844	Mangotsfield, Kingswood, Gloucester, England
177	PEARCE, Emma	F	20 Dec 1850	Mangotsfield, Kingswood, Gloucester, England

The right window shows a list of 18 records for download, each with a 'Remove' link. At the bottom, there are links for 'Return to search results', 'Download GEDCOM' (with filename 'MANSFIELD-1839.ged'), and a footer for 'THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS'.

Open PAF 5 with your family data loaded and import this new GEDCOM file. From the File menu – select Import... and then browse to the GEDCOM file just downloaded from the FamilySearch web site and click **OK**. When prompted to proceed with the GEDCOM import – accept the default

settings and click on **OK**. PAF will next ask if you would like to view instructions on how to merge in this new data with your existing data. Follow the instructions to match and merge each of the imported names with those already existing in your file.

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FamilySearcher was designed to facilitate rapid searching of the Internet IGI but can also be used to search the other resources found at the FamilySearch web site. The pull-down menu provided on the FamilySearcher toolbar can be used to search these other resources. In addition, it is also possible to use FamilySearcher to search Ancestry.com, Rootsweb.com and other web sites using the “Search” menu or the provided toolbar icons.

FamilySearcher also supports searching of the Family History Library Catalog at FamilySearch.org for any matching entries for the locality or surname that is currently highlighted. Use the toolbar icon that looks like a card file to initiate a Library Catalog search. Take note of the film number reported and then take advantage of your local LDS Family History Center where a desired film or fiche can be ordered for a nominal fee.

NOTE: Additional help on how to use the FamilySearcher program is provided using the “Help” menu from within the program. Questions about this program or suggestions for possible improvements in future versions can be addressed to [familysearcher@cablone.net](mailto:familysearcher@cablone.net)