

# Where Is the Book with My Family in It?

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## Identifying/finding books

- Identify relevant books to determine their exact title, author, publication year, etc.
- Use the identifying information in order to locate copies of the book

## Identify and locate books using library catalogs

- FamilySearch Catalog: [familysearch.org/search/catalog](http://familysearch.org/search/catalog)
  - Click on “Surnames”
  - Enter the surname into the “Surnames” box and click the Search button
  - Click the title for the entry of interest
  - Look to see if book can be viewed online or viewed only as microfilm or as a print book at the Family History Library
  - Also use the WorldCat link (discussed below) to see if the book is held by other libraries
- Library of Congress: [catalog.loc.gov](http://catalog.loc.gov)
  - Click “Advanced Search”
  - Enter the surname followed by the word “family” in the search box
  - Choose “Subject: ALL (KSUB)” from dropdown menu
  - Look for possible link to table of contents or to full text
- WorldCat: [worldcat.org](http://worldcat.org)
  - Click “Advanced search”
  - Change Format to “Book”
  - Choose “Subject”
  - Enter (in quotation marks) the surname followed by the word “family”
  - Enter zip code or city to locate nearest libraries with the book

## Find and read books online at scanned book collections

- FamilySearch Family History Books: [familysearch.org/library/books](http://familysearch.org/library/books)
- Google Book Search: [books.google.com](http://books.google.com)
- MyHeritage Compilation of Published Sources:  
[www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/](http://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/)

### **Find and order used/out-of-print books**

- AddALL Used and Out of Print Search: [used.addall.com](http://used.addall.com)
- BookFinder.com: [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com)
- viaLibri: [vialibri.net](http://vialibri.net)

### **Look for periodical articles using PERSI (Periodical Source Index)**

- Access via Findmypast (under Search, then “Newspapers & periodicals”), or go directly to [search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index](http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index)
- Find out if your local library can obtain via interlibrary loan (ILL)
- Use PERSI service to obtain copy from Allen County Public Library

### **Look for unpublished materials in WorldCat (“Archival material”)**

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