

How to Reveal Your Ancestor's Story on Ancestry.com

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What is our end goal?

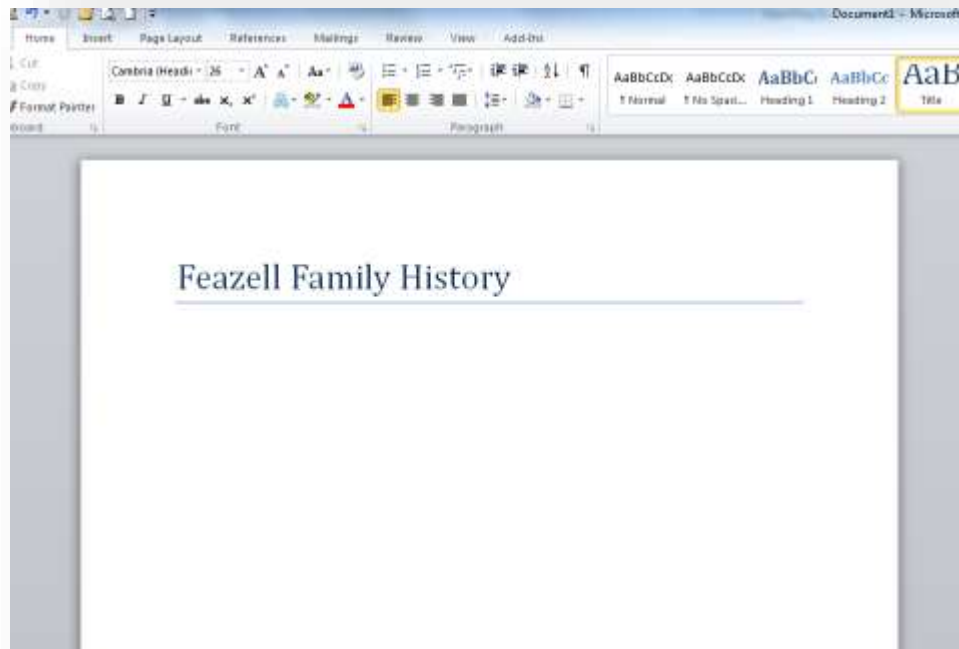
- Not a pile of papers
- Not a nice organized notebook of records, images and family group sheets
- We want to tell our family story

How do I tell my family story

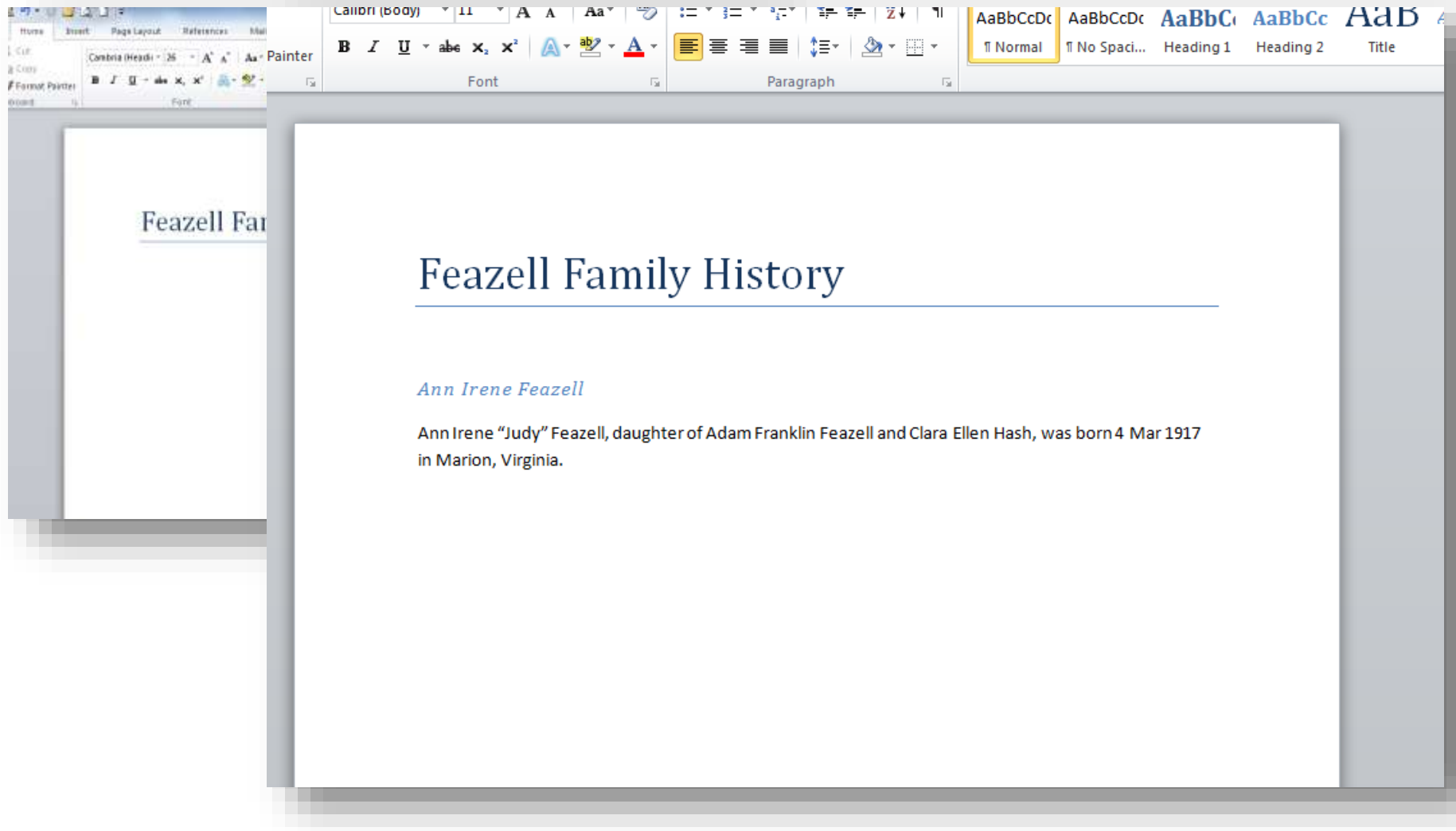
Method 1:

- Do a lot of research
- Sit down in front of Word
- Wait for divine inspiration

The Story



The Story



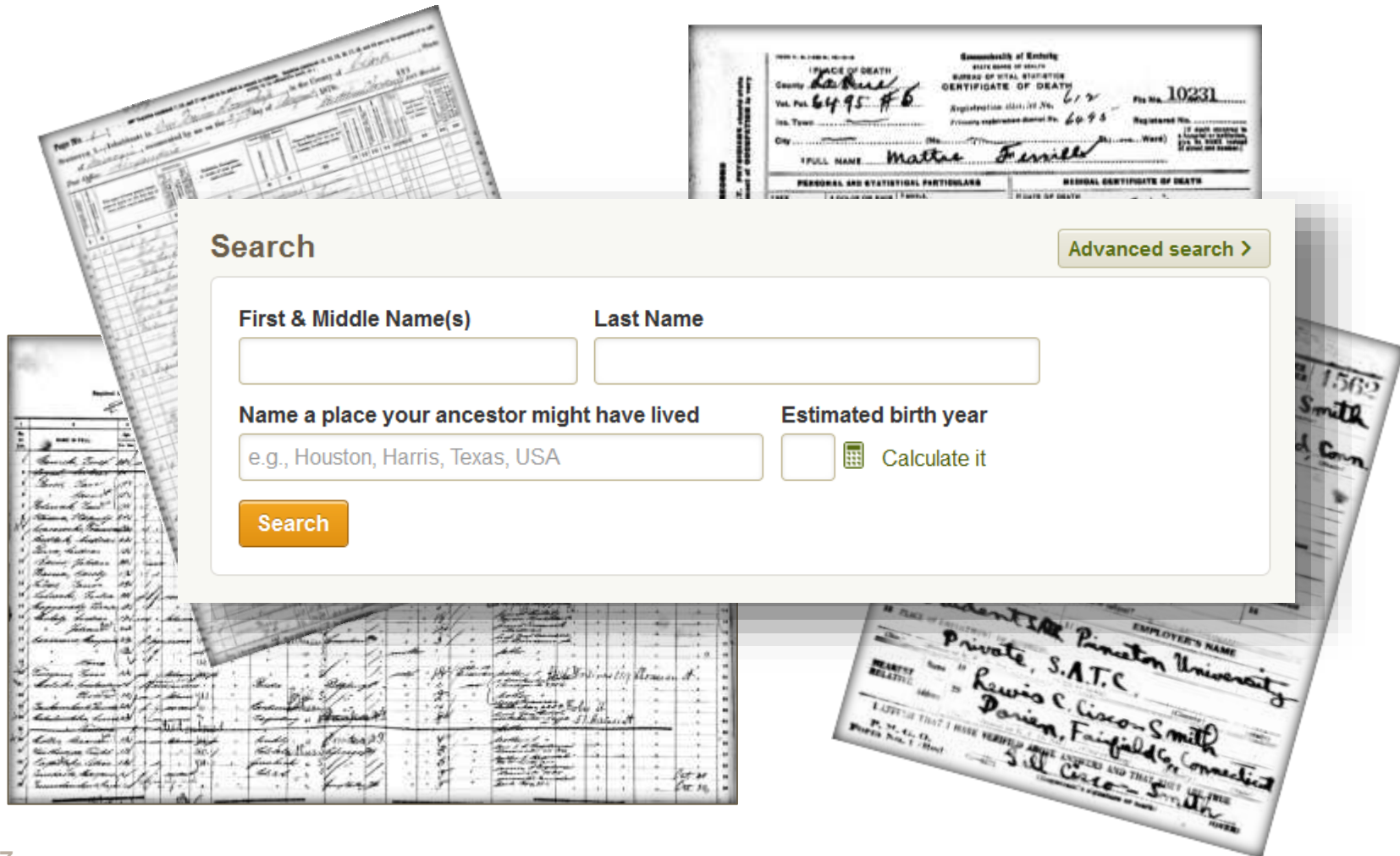
How do I tell my family story

Method 2:

1. Learn multiple ways to search
2. Build the foundation
3. Analyze what you find; write up random thoughts and ideas as you go
4. Ask yourself what should I do next?

Search Tip #1: Start with the Basic Facts


Global searches = 31,000+ titles, 13 billion+ records



Search [Advanced search >](#)

First & Middle Name(s) **Last Name**

Name a place your ancestor might have lived **Estimated birth year**

 [Calculate it](#)

[Search](#)

Background documents include:
- Kentucky Death Certificate for Matthew Ferrell (1923)
- Census form for Lewis C. Lisco-Smith (1940)
- Census form for Lewis C. Lisco-Smith (1950)

Search Tip #1: Start with the Basic Facts

1) What makes your ancestor unique?

- Name
- Places
- Events
- People

2) What unique aspects will be included in records?

Search Tip #1: Start with the Basic Facts

What you put in your search form will be matched in your search results.

Unless you “tune” your search, just one field needs to match the record to be in your results.

Search Tip #1: Start with the Basic Facts

Name, location, estimated year of birth

Search

First & Middle Name(s)

Ready

Name a place your ancestor

Virginia, USA

Search

All results for Ready Cash

Searching for...

NAME: Ready Cash
BIRTH: 1800
LOCATION: Virginia, USA

[Edit Search](#) or Start a new search

All Categories

- ▶ Census & Voter Lists +5,000
- ▶ Birth, Marriage & Death +5,000
- ▶ Military +5,000
- ▶ Immigration & Travel 1,094
- ▶ Newspapers & Publications +5,000
- Pictures 1,138
- ▶ Stories, Memories & Histories 2,795
- Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers 349
- ▶ Schools, Directories & Church Histories +5,000
- ▶ Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills +5,000
- ▶ Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs 343
- Family Trees +5,000

Shortcut Keys ▶

Results 1–20 of 1,312,705

[Records](#) [Categories](#)

Matching Person (from family trees)

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Ready Cash
Patton McCormick McClung Famil

Birth: 1800 - USA
Marriage: 29 Aug 1823 - Augusta, Virginia, USA
Death: 24 Apr 1886 - Botetourt County (Botetourt), Virginia, USA
Parents: Thomas Cash, Jane Camron
Spouse: Mary Hartigan

Matching Records

1870 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: R M Cosh

[Ready Cash]

BIRTH: abt 1808 - Virginia

RESIDENCE: 1870 - Natural Bridge, Rockbridge, Virginia, United States

RESIDENCE: Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia

1880 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: Redding M. Cash

[Ready Cash]

SPOUSE: Mary Cash

BIRTH: abt 1798 - Virginia

RESIDENCE: 1880 - Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia

[Public Member Photos & Scanned Documents](#)

[PHOTO: Cash, Ready tombstone](#)

Advanced Search Options

Always start on the search tab

The screenshot displays the advanced search interface on Ancestry.com. At the top, there is a checkbox for "Match all terms exactly". Below this, the "First & Middle Name(s)" and "Last Name" fields are shown, each with a "Use default settings" dropdown. The "Any Event" dropdown is set to "Any Event", and the "Year" field is empty. The "+/-" dropdown is set to "0", and the "Location" field is empty with a "Use default settings" dropdown and a trash icon. There is an "Exact" checkbox. A green plus icon and text "Add life events (birth, marriage, death, and more)" are present. Below this, the "Family Member" dropdown is set to "Choose...", and the "First Name" and "Last Name" fields are empty with a trash icon. Another green plus icon and text "Add family members (mother, father, spouse, siblings, children)" are shown. The "Keyword" field is empty with an "Exact" checkbox and a hint "e.g. pilot or 'Flying Tigers'". The "Gender" dropdown is set to "-- Select --", and the "Race/Nationality" field is empty with an "Exact" checkbox. The "Collection Priority" dropdown is set to "All Collections" with a help icon, and there is a checkbox for "Show only records from these collections". Four checkboxes are checked: "Historical records", "Family trees", "Stories & publications", and "Photos & maps". At the bottom, there is a "Search" button, a "Hide Advanced" link, and a "Clear Form" link.

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Use default settings ▼

Last Name

Use default settings ▼

Any Event ▼ **Year** **+/-** **0** ▼ **Location**
Use default settings ▼

☐ Exact

+ Add life events (birth, marriage, death, and more)

Family Member **First Name** **Last Name**
Choose... ▼

+ Add family members (mother, father, spouse, siblings, children)

Keyword
 ☐ Exact
e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▼

Gender **Race/Nationality**
-- Select -- ▼ ☐ Exact

Collection Priority
All Collections ▼ ☐ Show only records from these collections

☒ Historical records ☒ Family trees
☒ Stories & publications ☒ Photos & maps

Search Hide Advanced Clear Form

<http://search.ancestry.com/search>

Search Tip #2: First and Last name filters

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

[Use default settings](#) ▼

☒ Use default settings

☐ Restrict to **exact** matches and:

- ☐ **Phonetic** matches
- ☐ Names with **similar** meanings or spellings
- ☐ Records where only **initials** are recorded

[About these settings](#)

[Choose...](#) ▼

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

[Use default settings](#) ▼

[Use default settings](#) ▼

☒ Use default settings

☐ Restrict to **exact** matches and:

- ☐ **Soundex** matches
- ☐ **Phonetic** matches
- ☐ Names with **similar** meanings or spellings

[About these settings](#)

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+ Add life events (*birth, marriage*)

Search Tip #3: Wildcards

Try wildcards with exact on names to find unusual spellings of names. Sm?th* matches Smith, Smyth, and Smythe. You must have at least 3 characters to use a wildcard.

All results for G*LI*Spie

Searching for...
NAME: "g*li*spie"
LIVED IN (RESIDENCE):
"Amherst County, Virginia, USA"
[Edit Search](#) or [Start a new search](#)






All Categories

- Census & Voter Lists 300
- Birth, Marriage & Death 2
- Military 13
- Newspapers & Publications 2
- Pictures 19
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories 84
- Family Trees ~5,000

Shortcut Keys ►

Results 1–20 of 409

Records Categories

 1940 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS View Image	NAME: Floyd Gellespie BIRTH: abt 1872 - Virginia RESIDENCE: 1935 - Rural, Amherst, Virginia RESIDENCE: Elon, Amherst, Virginia
 1940 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS View Image	NAME: Lilly B Gillespie BIRTH: abt 1879 - Virginia RESIDENCE: 1935 - Rural, Amherst, Virginia RESIDENCE: Chatham, Pittsylvania, Virginia
 1940 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS View Image	NAME: Howard Gillaspie BIRTH: abt 1859 - Virginia RESIDENCE: 1935 - Elon, Amherst, Virginia RESIDENCE: Elon, Amherst, Virginia
 1940 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS View Image	NAME: Thomas Gillispie BIRTH: abt 1878 - Virginia RESIDENCE: 1935 - Pedlar, Amherst, Virginia RESIDENCE: Pedlar, Amherst, Virginia
 1940 United States Federal Census CENSUS & VOTER LISTS View Image	NAME: Robert D Gillispie SPOUSE: Hattie B Gillespie BIRTH: abt 1881 - Virginia RESIDENCE: 1935 - Pedlar, Amherst, Virginia RESIDENCE: Pedlar, Amherst, Virginia

Search Tip #3: Wildcards

- * matches zero or more characters
 - Ann* matches Ann, Anne, Anna, Annabelle, etc.



Search Tip #3: Wildcards

- * matches zero or more characters
 - Ann* matches Ann, Anne, Anna, Annabelle, etc.
- ? matches one character
 - Ann? matches Anne, Anna



Search Tip #4: Location Filters

Types of Locations

Lived in matches a residence event, such as a census location

Any event matches any location in the record

The image shows a screenshot of a search interface with two panels. The top panel displays a dropdown menu for 'Any Event' with a list of options: 'Any Event', 'Birth', 'Death', 'Lived In', 'Marriage', 'Arrival', 'Departure', and 'Military'. To the right of the dropdown are input fields for 'Year' and '+/-' (set to 0), and a 'Location' field with a trash icon. Below these is a checkbox for 'Exact' and a link 'Use default settings'. The bottom panel shows a similar search interface with a 'Lived In' dropdown, 'Year' and '+/-' fields, and a 'Location' field with a trash icon. Below these is a checkbox for 'Exact' and a link 'Use default settings'. The interface is clean and modern, with a light gray background and white input fields.

Search Tip #4: Location Filters

Start searching at the “smallest location” you know, such as a county.

Expand your search as needed.

Then select adjacent counties and work your way out geographically to expand your search.

Use default settings ▼ Restrict to exact, phonetic, similar ▼

Lived In ▼ Location
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+ Add life events

Family Member
Choose... ▼

+ Add family member

More
Keyword
e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers"

Gender

- Rockbridge County, Virginia, USA
- Rockbridge, Gwinnett, Georgia, USA
- Rockbridge, Richland, Wisconsin, USA
- Rockbeare, Devon, England
- Rockbrook, Dublin, Ireland
- Rockbourne, Hampshire, England
- Rockbridge Baths, Rockbridge, Virginia, USA
- Rockbridge, Ozark, Missouri, USA
- Rockbank, Victoria, Australia
- Rockbridge, Hocking, Ohio, USA
- Rockbridge, Greene, Illinois, USA

Rockbridge County, Virginia, USA Remove

Use default settings ▼

☒ Use default settings

☐ Restrict to this place exactly

Or restrict to just:

☐ county/adjacent counties

☐ state

☐ state/adjacent states

☐ country

[About these settings](#)

Search Tip #4: Location Filters

☐ Match all terms exactly

SEARCH

Name

First & Middle Name(s)

Ready

Restrict to exact, phonetic,
similar ▼

Last Name

Cash

Restrict to exact, phonetic, similar ▼

Event

Birth



Year

1800

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Location

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☐ Exact Only

Use default settings ▼

Lived In



Location

Rockbridge County, Virginia

Remove

Restrict to exact ▼

[+ Add life events](#) (birth, marriage, death, and more)

Location filters

All results for Ready Cash

Searching for...

NAME: "ready" "cash"
LIVED IN (RESIDENCE):
"Rockbridge County, Virginia, USA"

[Edit Search](#) or Start a new search

All Categories

► Census & Voter Lists 7

– Family Trees 15

Shortcut Keys ►

Results 1–7 of 7

Records

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Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: **Ready M Cash**
RESIDENCE: 1870 - Natural Bridge, Rockbridge, Virginia
OTHER: 1870

1880 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: Redding M. Cash
[*Ready Cash*]
SPOUSE: Mary Cash
BIRTH: abt 1798 - Virginia
RESIDENCE: 1880 - Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia

1870 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: R M Cosh
[*Ready Cash*]
BIRTH: abt 1808 - Virginia
RESIDENCE: 1870 - Natural Bridge, Rockbridge, Virginia, United States
RESIDENCE: Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia

1840 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: **Ready Cash**
BIRTH: abt 1800
RESIDENCE: Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia

1830 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: **Ready Cash**
RESIDENCE: Rockbridge, Virginia

1860 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: Readz M Cash
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BIRTH: abt 1810 - Virginia
RESIDENCE: 1860 - Botetourt, Virginia, United States

1850 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: **Ready Cash**
BIRTH: abt 1799 - Virginia
RESIDENCE: 1850 - District 8, Botetourt, Virginia

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► Reference, Dictionaries &

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1798 - Virginia

RESIDENCE: 1880 - Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia

Search Tip #5: Lifespan Filtering

- Entering only a birth year
 - Assume the person lived about 100 years.
 - Records returned = birth year – 5, and birthdates + 102.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Search** header with a **Hide Advanced** button and a close icon.
- ☐ Match all terms exactly
- First & Middle Name(s)** input field containing "ready" and a "Restrict to exact" dropdown.
- Last Name** input field containing "cash" and a "Restrict to exact" dropdown.
- Birth** dropdown menu, **Year** input field containing "1800", **+/-** dropdown menu containing "0", and **Location** input field.
- ☐ Exact checkbox and **Restrict to Adjacent Counties** dropdown.
- Lived In** dropdown menu, **Location** input field containing "Rockbridge County, Virginia, US", and a **Use default settings** dropdown.
- + Add life events** (birth, marriage, death, and more)
- Family Member** dropdown menu containing "Choose...", **First Name** input field, and **Last Name** input field.
- + Add family members** (mother, father, spouse, siblings, children)

Search Tip #5: Lifespan Filtering

- Entering only a birth year
 - Assume the person lived about 100 years.
 - Records returned = birth year – 5, and birthdates + 102.
- Entering only a death date
 - Assumes the person lived about 100 years.
 - Records returned = death year – 105 to death year +2.

Search Tip #6: Limit your scope

At the bottom of the advanced search, you can see the types of records you will see

Collection Priority

All Collections ▼ ⓘ ☐ Show only records from these collections

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family trees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stories & publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos & maps

Search or Cancel Hide Advanced Clear Form

Search Tip #7: Collection Priority

The screenshot shows a search interface with a 'Collection Priority' dropdown menu open. The menu lists various collections, including 'All Collections', 'Australian', 'Canadian', 'English', 'French', 'German', 'Italian', 'Irish', 'Scottish', 'Swedish', 'UK and Irish', 'United States', 'Welsh', 'New Zealand', 'African American', 'Jewish', and 'Native American'. The 'All Collections' option is highlighted. To the left of the dropdown, there are checkboxes for 'Historical records' and 'Stories & public', both of which are checked. Below the dropdown, there is a checkbox for 'Show only records from these collections' which is unchecked. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Historical records' and 'Family trees', both of which are checked. The interface also includes a 'Search' button and a 'Use default settings' dropdown.

Collection Priority

Use default settings ▼

+ Add life events *(birth, marriage, death, and more)*

All Collections

Australian

Canadian

English

French

German

Italian

Irish

Scottish

Swedish

UK and Irish

United States

Welsh

New Zealand

African American

Jewish

Native American

All Collections ▼

Historical records

Stories & public

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Show only records from these collections

Historical records

Family trees

Search Tip #8: Use facets

All results for Tarlton Gillespie

Searching for...

NAME: "tarlton" "gillespie"

[Edit Search](#) or [Start a new search](#)

All Categories

- ▶ Census & Voter Lists 3
- ▶ Birth, Marriage & Death 4
- ▶ Military 1
- ▶ Immigration & Travel
- ▶ Newspapers & Publications
- Pictures
- ▶ Stories, Memories & Histories
- Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers 65
- ▶ Schools, Directories & Church Histories +5
- ▶ Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
- ▶ Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs
- Family Trees +5

[Shortcut Keys](#) ▶

All Military results for Tarlton Gillespie

Searching for...

NAME: "tarlton" "gillespie"

[Edit Search](#) or [Start a new search](#)

All Categories

Military

- Draft, Enlistment and Service 827
- [Casualties](#) 111
- Soldier, Veteran & Prisoner Rolls & Lists 1,101
- Pension Records 62
- Histories 68
- Awards & Decorations of Honor 100
- News 4
- Disciplinary Actions 346
- Photos 70

[Shortcut Keys](#) ▶

Results 1–20 of 1,499

[Records](#) [Categories](#)

Note: To get better results, add more information such as **Birth or Death Info**—even a guess will help. [Edit your search](#) or [learn more](#).

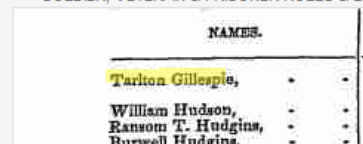
War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812-1815

PENSION RECORDS

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NAME: **Tarlton Gillespie**
SPOUSE: Mahala Gillespie Reynolds
DEATH: 10 Mar 1868 - Amherst VA
MORE: [See all information...](#)

Virginia Militia in the War of 1812, Vol. I
SOLDIER, VETERAN & PRISONER ROLLS & LISTS



NAMES.	F
Tarlton Gillespie,	*
William Hudson,	*
Ransom T. Hudgins,	*
Burwell Hudgins,	*

Showing 2 of 3 matches found on this image.

TITLE: Virginia Militia in the War of 1812, Vol. I
CHAPTER: Pay Rolls
PAGE: 342

U.S., Returns from Military Posts, 1806-1916

SOLDIER, VETERAN & PRISONER ROLLS & LISTS

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NAME: William T Gillespie
MILITARY: Zamboanga Mindanao, Philippine Islands
RESIDENCE: Oct 1903 - Philippine Islands

U.S., Returns from Military Posts, 1806-1916

SOLDIER, VETERAN & PRISONER ROLLS & LISTS

[View Image](#)

NAME: Harry T Gillespie
MILITARY: Camp Brennan Fla
RESIDENCE: May 1908

Search Tip #9: Do a Category Search

All Military results for Tarlton Gillespie

Searching for...
NAME: "tarlton" "gillespie"
[Edit Search](#) or [Start a new search](#)

All Categories

Military

- Draft, Enlistment and Service Lists
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1,499 results

Searching for...
NAME: "tarlton" "gillespie"
[Edit Search](#) or [Start a new search](#)

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[Shortcut Keys ▶](#)

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U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958	346	
UK, Navy Lists, 1888-1970	204	
U.S. World War II Navy Muster Rolls, 1938-1949	127	
U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865	104	
U.S., Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865	67	
U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946	66	
U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865	53	
U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006	50	
Civil War Prisoner of War Records, 1861-1865	36	
Canada, Nominal Rolls and Paylists for the Volunteer Militia, 1857-1922	35	
British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920	33	
UK, Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1949	32	
U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918	28	
U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934	25	
UK, Naval Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1972	23	
U.S. Navy Cruise Books, 1918-2009	15	
U.S., Union Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865	14	
Texas, Muster Roll Index Cards, 1838-1900	12	
U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963	11	
Alabama, Confederate Pension and Service Records, 1862-1947	9	

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Search Tip #10: Search in a Data Collection

The screenshot shows a search interface with a green header bar containing the word "Search" and links for "Clear Form" and "Hide Advanced". Below the header, there is a checkbox labeled "Match all terms exactly". The form is organized into several sections: "Name" with fields for "First & Middle Name(s)" and "Last Name", each with a dropdown menu for "Restrict to exact, phonetic, similar, none"; "Event" with fields for "Birth", "Lived In", and "Any Event", each with a "Year" field (including a +/- 0 dropdown), a "Location" field, and an "Exact Only" checkbox; "Family Member" with a "First Name" field (dropdown), a "Last Name" field, and a "Remove" button; "More" with fields for "Keyword", "Relation to Head of House", "Marital Status", "Gender", "Race/Nationality", "Father's Birthplace", and "Mother's Birthplace", each with an "Exact" checkbox or a "Use default settings" link. The "Gender" field is a dropdown menu with "-- Select --" as the current selection.

What's there is what is indexed

Lived In in Census Records will get
you that specific county

Exact means exact

Search Tip #10: Search in a Data Collection

What's in the description?

- Source information

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About Maine Marriages, 1892-1996

This database is an index to Maine marriages that occurred between 1892 and 1996. However, it excludes the years 1967-76. Information provided in the index includes bride's name, bride's town and state of residence, groom's name, groom's town and state of residence, date of marriage, and marriage certificate number, if known. The index was created by the Maine Department of Human Services and obtained from the Maine State Archives. Both agencies are aware that the index does contain some errors that the original records do not.

Information listed in this index may provide you with enough information to order a copy of a marriage certificate. Requests for copies of marriage records from 1892-1922 should be sent to the Maine State Archives via e-mail. Marriage records dating after 1922 can be obtained from the Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics by calling 207-287-3181 or mailing requests to 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. For more information about these records or to learn how to contact the Archives please visit the [Maine State Archives](#) website.

From *Maine Marriages, 1892-1996*

Search Tip #10: Search in a Data Collection

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From *Maine Marriages, 1892-1996*

Search Tip #11: Search From Trees

← paternal tree Tree pages ▾

find a person in this tree ▾

Return to Wyatt Paul GILLESPIE Compare With Your Tree

Children (0)

Wyatt Paul GILLESPIE
B: 15 Jul 1865 in Amherst, Virginia
D: 19 Feb 1941 in Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia

Parents
Jeremiah GILLESPIE 1826-1893
Mary Elizabeth GILLESPIE 1826-1894

Lillian HATCHER B: 1872 in Bedford, Virginia Other spouses (1) ▾

Search records View his family

Overview Facts and Sources

Media Gallery

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Photos (9) Stories (10)

View All

Timeline

1865 Birth
15 Jul Amherst, Virginia

1870 Residence
26 Jul Pedlar, Amherst, Virginia

Age: 5

Searching for...

NAME: Wyatt Paul GILLESPIE
BIRTH: 1865, Amherst, Virginia
LIVED IN (RESIDENCE):
Pedlar, Amherst, Virginia; Pedlar, A...
DEATH: 1941, Lexington, Rockbridge, Virginia
FAMILY MEMBERS:
Father: Jeremiah GILLESPIE, Moth...
MARRIAGE: 1894, Rockbridge, Virginia

Edit Search or Start a new search

All Categories

- Census & Voter Lists +5,000
- Birth, Marriage & Death +5,000
- Military +5,000
- Immigration & Travel +5,000
- Newspapers & Publications +5,000
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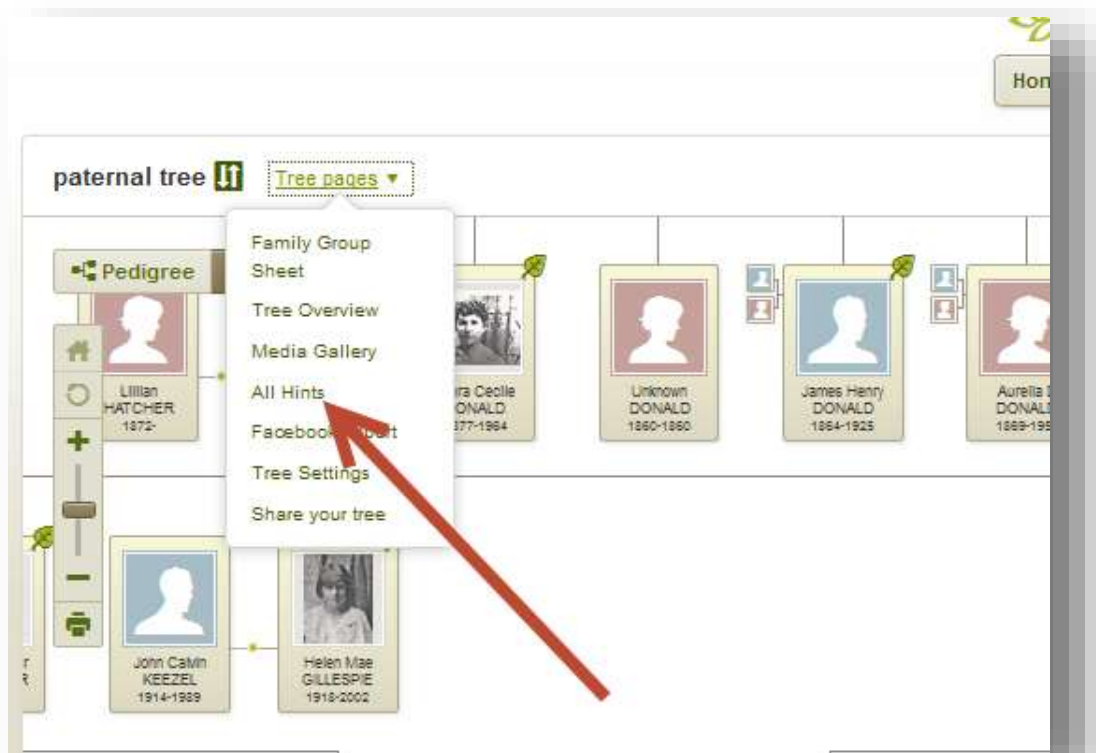
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- 1870 United States Federal Census Paul Glasby
- 1880 United States Federal Census Paul Gelaspie
- 1900 United States Federal Census Wyatt P Gillespie
- 1910 United States Federal Census Wyatt P Gillespie
- 1920 United States Federal Census Wyatt P Gillespie
- 1930 United States Federal Census Wyatt P Gillespie
- 1940 United States Federal Census Roy A Gillespie
- Virginia 1910 Census Miracode Index Wyatt Gillespie
- Web: Virginia, Find A Grave Index, 1607-2012 Wyatt Paul Gillespie

Private Member Photos PHOTO: Penguins
PICTURES CATEGORY: Portrait
ATTACHED TO: Wyatt Paul Gillespie (born 1865)

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940 NAME: Jennie Gillespie
BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH SPOUSE: Cabbal Hatcher

Search Tip #12: Photos and Stories



Search Tip #12: Photos and Stories

The screenshot displays a family tree application interface. On the left, a sidebar titled 'paternal tree' contains a 'Tree pages' dropdown menu. The menu is open, showing options: 'Family Group Sheet', 'Tree Overview', 'Media Gallery', 'All Hints' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Facebook', 'Tree Settings', and 'Share your tree'. Below the menu, a pedigree chart shows three individuals: Lillian HATCHER (1872-), John Calvin KEEZEL (1914-1989), and Helen Mae GILLESPIE (1918-2002).

The main content area is titled 'paternal tree' and includes a search bar with the text 'find a person in this tree'. Below the search bar, there are two tabs: 'People (1594)' and 'Hints (1103)'. The 'Hints' tab is selected, showing a list of people with hints. The list includes a sidebar with filters: 'All people with hints' (344), 'All Hints' (1103), 'Record' (946), 'Photo' (118), 'Story' (39), and 'Member Tree' (OFF).

The main list of people with hints is as follows:

Filter last name by:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Filter by:																										
Sort:	Last Name																									
1 of 4																										
	ACKERLY, Susan Margaret																									
B: 26 Feb 1845 - Rockbridge County, Virginia D: 25 May 1885 - Rockbridge Co., Va																										
5 hints																										
	ACKERLY, William A																									
B: 1841 - Virginia D:																										
2 hints																										
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B: 21 Apr 1745 - Nottingham, Chester, Pennsylvania D: 1835 -																										
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2 hints																										
	ANDERSON, Linville S																									
B: 1856 - Grayson, Virginia D: 1917 - Grayson, Virginia																										
6 hints																										
	ANDERSON, Rebecca																									
3 hints																										

Search Tip #13: Photos and Stories

paternal tree

Pedigree

Lillian HATCHER
1872-

+

John Calvin KEEZEL
1914-1989

< paternal tree

People (1594)

All people with hints

All Hints

Record

Photo

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Member Tree

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Tree pages

People (1594)

Hints (1103)

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All Hints

Record

Photo

Story

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Filter last name by: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Filter by: First Name Last Name Search

Sort: Most Recent 1 of 6

WITHIN THE LAST DAY

HASH, Ahart 1810 - 1890



Ahart Hash

Submitted by: marlahash1

Attached to Ahart Hash

Birth: 14 October 1815 - Grayson County, Virginia

Death: 19 June 1890 - Greene County, Indiana

Attach photo or ignore hint

CASH, Lydia 1753 - 1821



cash

Submitted by: cheripickthorn

Attached to Lydia Cash

Birth: 1752 - Amherst, Amherst, Virginia, United States

Death: 1821 - Bedford, Bedford, Virginia, United States

Attach photo or ignore hint

HASH, William Horton 1775 - 1865



William Horton Hash Jr

Oct,1777-23 Feb,1865,Grayson,va,Nancy Anderson1778-1862 Hash Shaver Cemt,Fox,Gr

Submitted by: catsouth

Attached to William Horton Hash Jr

Birth: 9 February,1775 - Bridle Creek, Grayson, Virginia, United States

Death: 23 February, 1865 - Fox Creek Grayson

Attach photo or ignore hint

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What Question are You Asking
and Why You Need to Ask It

Global Search is great. Hints are great.

It's a quick way to get started finding information about your ancestors.

But you need to know what you want to know before the information is useful.

Ask yourself, what do I want to know?

When and where was James Smith born?

What was Jane Jones' maiden name?

Now that you have the question, you can identify where you might find the answer.

Let's say James Smith was likely born in the 1800's in South Carolina.

South Carolina didn't have birth records then.

There are still lots of records that will have the information:

- Census
- Obituaries
- Marriage records
- Family bibles
- Military records
- Passenger lists
- Naturalization records
- And on, and on....

Location, Location, Location

Records are usually created at the location the event happened.

Understanding where it might have happened is key to your search.

Timelines!

Person	Adam Boyd Snavely				
Date	Location	Event	People	Thoughts	Source
2 Aug 1832		Birth	Adam B Snavely; parents unknown	Birth date is from tombstone	Find A Grave, database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 2 Sep 2012), memorial page for Adam B Snavely Find A Grave Memorial no. 6496210, citing Wassum Cemetery, Atkins, Smyth County, Virginia.
1840					
1850					
1860					
1870					
1880					
1900					
2 Dec 1903					
Dec 1903	Atkins, Smyth, Virginia	Burial	Adam B Snavely	Tombstone is in Wassum Cemetery in Atkins, Virginia; since he died 2 Dec 1903, assuming he was buried in Dec 1903	Find A Grave, database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 2 Sep 2012), memorial page for Adam B Snavely Find A Grave Memorial no. 6496210, citing Wassum Cemetery, Atkins, Smyth County, Virginia.

A Life Through the Eyes of the Census

Search

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Adam B

Restrict to exact, phonetic, similar ▼

Last Name

Snively

Restrict to exact, phonetic, similar ▼

Birth ▼

Year

1832

+/-

0 ▼

☐ Exact

Location

Virginia, USA

Use default settings ▼



Lived In ▼

Location

Smyth County, Virginia, USA

Restrict to Adjacent Counties ▼



+ Add life events *(birth, marriage, death, and more)*

Family Member

First Name

Last Name

Choose... ▼



+ Add family members *(mother, father, spouse, siblings, children)*

A Life Through the Eyes of the Census

All results for Adam B Snavely

Searching for...

NAME: "Adam B" "Snavely"
BIRTH: 1832, Virginia, USA
LIVED IN (RESIDENCE):
"Smyth County, Virginia, USA"

[Edit Search](#) or [Start a new search](#)

All Categories

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Matching Person (from family trees)

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Birth: Aug 1832 - USA
Marriage: 1866 - Virginia, USA
Death: 23 Jul 1902 - Smyth, Virginia, USA
Spouse: Mollie Repass

Adam Boyd Snavely
Big Tree

Matching Records



1880 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

[View Image](#)

NAME: **Adam B.** Snauly

[Adam Snavely]

SPOUSE: Mollie E. Snauly

BIRTH: abt 1833 - Virginia

RESIDENCE: 1880 - Marion, Smyth, Virginia



1900 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

[View Image](#)

NAME: **Adam** Snoveley

[Adam Snavely]

SPOUSE: Mollie E. Snoveley

BIRTH: Aug 1832 - Virginia

BIRTH: Virginia

MORE: [See all information...](#)



1870 United States Federal Census

CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

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NAME: **Adam Snavely**

BIRTH: abt 1833 - Virginia

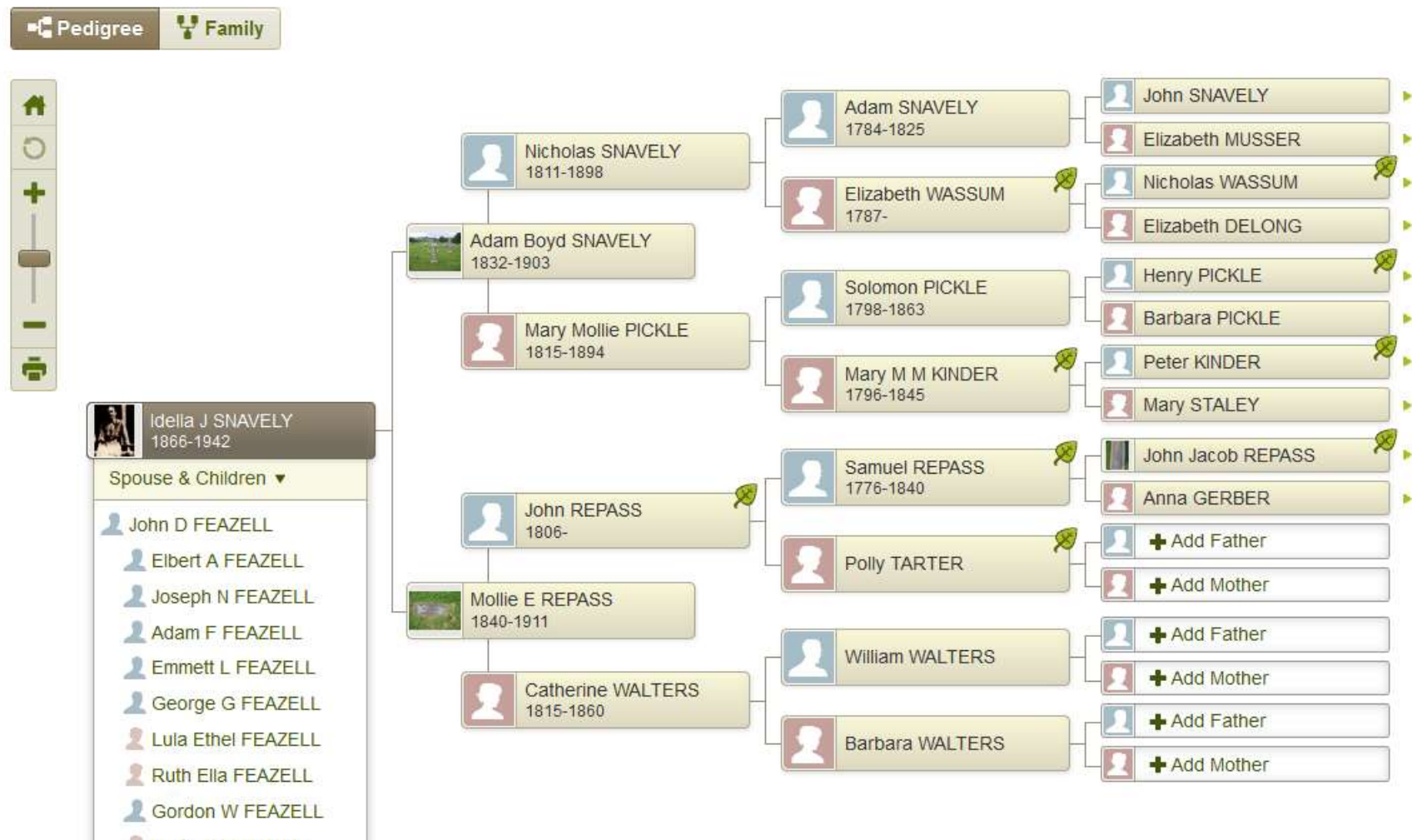
RESIDENCE: 1870 - Marion, Smyth, Virginia, United States

With Just a Click, the Record is Part of a Tree

Now you could just save it
to your tree.

But what might you be
missing?

What Treasures are Hiding in Your Tree?



Methodology

- Find the Census
- Document what you see – EVERYTHING!
- Update your Person Timeline
- Update your Time and Place Timeline
- Ask yourself, what do I need to research
AND write it down

IN CITIES.												PROFESSION													
Street.	House Number.	Number of dwelling-houses, in the order of valuation.	Number of family, in the order of valuation.	of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.		Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Mother of how many children.	Number of these children living.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of Father of this person.	Place of birth of Mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	of each person TEN YEARS of age and over.	Occupation.	Months not employed.	Attended school (in months).	Can read.
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	74	76		Calthoun G. H.	Head	W	M	Dec 1858	42	M	22				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0		Yes	
				S. Virginia	Wife	W	F	May 1861	38	M	22	4	4		Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Housewife	0		Yes	
				Wm C	Son	W	M	Oct 1880	19	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0	3	Yes	
				Sarah E.	Daughter	W	F	Aug 1882	17	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Clerk	0		Yes	
				L. M.	Son	W	M	July 1884	15	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0	5	Yes	
	77			Calthoun G. H.	Head	W	M	Jan 1878	22	M	1				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Day laborer	2		Yes	
				Sarah E.	Wife	W	F	Dec 1881	18	M	1	1	1		Virginia	Virginia	Virginia							Yes	
				Hartense M.	Daughter	W	F	Oct 1899	1	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								
	75	88		Snively John	Head	W	M	Nov 1866	33	M	10				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0		Yes	
				Cora Ann	Wife	W	F	Aug 1874	25	M	10	3	3		Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Cook	0		Yes	
				Nata Gay	Daughter	W	F	July 1891	8	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								
				Buford M.	Son	W	M	Apr 1893	7	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								
				Conley A.	Son	W	M	Oct 1896	3	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								
	76	84		Snively Adam	Head	W	M	Aug 1832	67	M	34				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Magistrate	0		Yes	
				Mallie E.	Wife	W	F	Oct 1841	58	M	34	6	6		Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Cook	0		Yes	
				Mallie L.	Daughter	W	F	Aug 1871	28	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Cook			Yes	
				Gordon A.	Son	W	M	Oct 1875	21	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0		Yes	
				Bessie C.	Daughter	W	F	Apr 1882	18	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia							Yes	
	77	85		Feasel J. B.	Head	W	M	Mar 1860	39	M	17				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0		Yes	
				Feasel J. B.	Wife	W	F	July 1866	33	M	17	8	8		Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Cook	0		Yes	
				Elbert	Son	W	M	Apr 1884	16	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0	3	Yes	
				Joseph	Son	W	M	Aug 1885	15	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0	3	Yes	
				Franklin	Son	W	M	Sept 1887	12	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	6	6		
				Emmet	Son	W	M	May 1889	10	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	6			
				George	Son	W	M	Dec 1891	8	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								
				Lula	Daughter	W	F	Mar 1893	6	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								
				Ruth E.	Daughter	W	F	Nov 1896	3	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								
				Gordon	Son	W	M	Dec 1898	1	S					Virginia	Virginia	Virginia								

What did we learn from the 1900 census?

76	89	Convey 4. Snavely Adam	Head	M	M	Aug 1832	67	M	34			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		Mollie E.	Wife	M	F	Oct 1841	58	M	34	6	6	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		Mollie V.	Daughter	M	F	Aug 1871	28	S				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		Gordon A.	Son	M	M	Oct 1878	21	S				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		Effie C.	Daughter	M	F	Apr 1882	18	S				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

- Aug 1832 – Adam Snavely was born in Virginia
- Oct 1841 – Mollie E was born in Virginia
- 1866 – Adam, age 34, and Mollie E, age 25, were married, most likely in Virginia
- Aug 1871 – Mollie V Snavely was born, daughter of Adam and most likely Mollie E
- Oct 1878 – Gordon A Snavely was born, son of Adam and most likely Mollie E
- Apr 1882 – Effie C Snavely was born, daughter of Adam and most likely Mollie E

What did we learn from the 1900 census?

76	89	Conley H.	Son	11 M	Aug 1832	67	M	34			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
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		Mollie E.	Wife	11 F	Oct 1841	58	M	34	6	6	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		Mollie V.	Daughter	11 F	Aug 1871	28	S				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		Gordon A.	Son	11 M	Oct 1878	21	S				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		Effie C.	Daughter	11 F	Apr 1882	18	S				Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

- 1900 – Adam, Mollie E, Mollie V, Gordon A, and Effie C were all living in Atkins, Smyth, Virginia.
- Mollie E had 6 children all of whom are reported as living.
- Only 3 are currently living with her.
- Everyone is reported as living in Virginia and having parents born there.

What did we learn from the 1900 census?

Why are all
there so
many
women on
this page
working as
cooks?

75	78	Farmer	0	70	70	70	0	7	7	76
		Cook	0	70	70	70				
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		Cook		70	70	70				
		Farmer	0	70	70	70				
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		Cook	0	70	70	70				
		Farmer	0	70	70	70				
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78	81	Farmer	0	70	70	70	0	7	7	79
		Farmer	0	70	70	70				
		Farmer	0	70	70	70				
		Cook	0	70	70	70				
		Farmer	0	70	70	70	0	7	7	80
		Housewife	0	70	70	70				
		Farmer	0	70	70	70				
		Cook	0	70	70	70				

Time to update the timeline

Date	Location	Event	People	Thoughts	Source
2 Aug 1832		Birth	Adam B Snavely; parents unknown	Birth date is from tombstone	Find A Grave, database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 2 Sep 2012), memorial page for Adam B Snavely Find A Grave Memorial no. 6496210, citing Wassum Cemetery, Atkins, Smyth County, Virginia.
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1900	Atkins, Smyth, Virginia	Census Enumeration	Adam B, Mollie E, Mollie V, Gordon A, and Effice Snavely	Mollie V, Gordon A, and Effie C are listed as Adam's children and presumably Mollie E's; Mollie E has six children all living; 3 are most likely listed; Adam owns his farm free from mortgage; Adam is a magistrate; Mollie's are both cooks; Gordon A is a farmer; everyone was born in Virginia as were their parents	1900 U.S. census, Smyth county, Virginia, population schedule, Atkins Voting Precinct, [unnumbered], ED 78, sheet 4-B, dwelling 76, family 81, Adam B Snavely household; database and digital images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 11/4/2009); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1728.
2 Dec 1903					
Dec 1903	Atkins, Smyth, Virginia	Burial	Adam B Snavely	Tombstone is in Wassum Cemetery in Atkins, Virginia; since he died 2 Dec 1903, assuming he was buried in Dec 1903	Find A Grave, database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 2 Sep 2012), memorial page for Adam B Snavely Find A Grave Memorial no. 6496210, citing Wassum Cemetery, Atkins, Smyth County, Virginia.

First, update the census information

Time to update the timeline

Date	Location	Event	People	Thoughts	Source
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Oct 1841	Virginia	Birth	Mollie E unknown	Adam's wife, Mollie E is born	1900 census
1850					
1860					
1866	Virginia	Marriage	Adam and Mollie are married	This is approximate from the 1900 census	1900 census
1870					
Aug 1871	Virginia	Birth	Mollie V Snavely, Adam and Mollie E	Mollie V Snavely is born, daughter of Adam and Mollie V	1900 census
Oct 1878	Virginia	Birth	Gordon A Snavely, Adam and Mollie E	Gordon A Snavely is born, son of Adam and Mollie V	1900 census
1880					
Apr 1882	Virginia	Birth	Effie C Snavely, Adam and Mollie V	Effie C Snavely was born, daughter of Adam and most likely Mollie E, who would have been 41 years old	1900 census
1900	Atkins, Smyth, Virginia	Census Enum	Adam B, Mollie E, Mollie V, Gordon A, and Effie Snavely	Mollie V, Gordon A, and Effie C are listed as Adam's children and presumably Mollie E's; Mollie E has six children all living; 3 are most likely listed; Adam owns his farm free from mortgage; Adam is a magistrate; Mollie's are both cooks; Gordon A is a farmer; everyone was born in Virginia as were their parents	1900 U.S. census, Smyth county, Virginia, population schedule, Atkins Voting Precinct, [unnumbered], ED 78, sheet 4-B, dwelling 76, family 81, Adam B Snavely household; database and digital images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 11/4/2009); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1728.

Add in the vital information you have found

IN CITIES.												of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.												Relationship of each person to the head of the family.												DATE OF BIRTH.												Age at last birthday.												Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.												Number of years married.												Mother of how many children.												Number of these children living.												Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States, give the State or Territory; if of foreign birth, give the Country only.												PROFESSION												of each person TEN YEARS of age and over.											
Street.	House Number.	Number of dwelling-houses, in the order of visitation.	Number of family, in the order of visitation.	Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. INCLUDE every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	Color or race.	Sex.	Month.	Year.											Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of Father of this person.	Place of birth of Mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	OCCUPATION.	Months not employed.	Attended school (in months).	Can read.																																																																																																																			
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			L. M.	Son	W	M	July	1881	18	M	22								Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0	5	Yes
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			Corra Ann	Wife	W	F	Aug	1832	67	M	34								Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Cook	0		Yes
			Nata Gay	Daughter	W	F	July	1832	67	M	34								Virginia	Virginia	Virginia							
			Buford M.	Son	W	M	Sept	1832	67	M	34								Virginia	Virginia	Virginia							
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			Mallie L.	Daughter	W	F	Aug	1871	28	S									Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Cook			Yes
			Gordon A.	Son	W	M	Oct	1875	24	S									Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0		Yes
			Bessie C.	Daughter	W	F	Apr	1882	18	S									Virginia	Virginia	Virginia							Yes
77	80		Feazel J. B.	Head	W	M	Mar	1860	39	M	17								Virginia	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer	0		Yes
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Time to update the timeline

Oct 1841	Virginia	Birth	Mollie E unknown	Adam's wife, Mollie E is born	1900 census
1850					
1860					
1866	Virginia	Marriage	Adam and Mollie are married	This is approximate from the 1900 census	1900 census
1870					
Aug 1871	Virginia	Birth	Mollie V Snavely, Adam and Mollie E	Mollie V Snavely is born, daughter of Adam and Mollie V	1900 census
Oct 1878	Virginia	Birth	Gordon A Snavely, Adam and Mollie E	Gordon A Snavely is born, son of Adam and Mollie V	1900 census
1880					
Apr 1882	Virginia	Birth	Effie C Snavely, Adam and Mollie V	Effie C Snavely was born, daughter of Adam and most likely Mollie E, who would have been 41 years old	1900 census
1900	Atkins, Smyth, Virginia	Census Enum	Adam B, Mollie E, Mollie V, Gordon A, and Effie Snavely	Mollie V, Gordon A, and Effie C are listed as Adam's children and presumably Mollie E's; Mollie E has six children all living; 3 are most likely listed; Adam owns his farm free from mortgage; Adam is a magistrate; Mollie's are both cooks; Gordon A is a farmer; everyone was born in Virginia as were their parents; also on the page Calhouns, John and Cora Ann Snavely and John and Idella Feazell; Cora Ann Snavely and Idella Feazell were also cooks	1900 U.S. census, Smyth county, Virginia, population schedule, Atkins Voting Precinct, [unnumbered], ED 78, sheet 4-B, dwelling 76, family 81, Adam B Snavely household; database and digital images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 11/4/2009); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1728.
2 Dec 1903					
Dec 1903	Atkins, Smyth, Virginia	Burial	Adam B Snavely	Tombstone is in Wassum Cemetery in Atkins, Virginia; since he died 2 Dec 1903, assuming he was buried in Dec 1903	Find A Grave, database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 2 Sep 2012), memorial page for Adam B Snavely Find A Grave Memorial no.

Add in interesting neighbors and other information you might find

Create a list of research questions

Research Questions

1. What was Mollie E's maiden name?
2. Who were the other 3 children?
3. Where were the 4 women "cooks" at?
4. Is the John Snavely living next door a relative?
5. Are any of the other neighbors?
6. Adam owned a farm, there must be a deed for it.

Add in 1880 and 1870

2 Aug 1832	Virginia	Birth	Adam B Snavely; parents unknown	Birth date is from tombstone	Find A Grave, database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 2 Sep 2012), memorial page for Adam B Snavely Find A Grave Memorial no. 6496210, citing Wassum Cemetery, Atkins, Smyth County, Virginia.
1840					
Oct 1841	Virginia	Birth	Mollie E unknown	Adam's wife, Mollie E is born; in 1870 census, Adam's wife is listed as Mary E born in 1843. Is this the same woman?	1900 census; 1880 census; 1870 census
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1866	Virginia	Marriage	Adam and Mollie are married	This is approximate from the 1900 census	1900 census
1867	Virginia	Birth	Idella J Snavely, Adam and Mollie E	1867 in 1880, 1866 in 1870	1880 census; 1870 census
1869	Virginia	Birth	Nicholas J L Snavley, Adam and Mollie E	Could this be the John Snavley we saw in the 1900 census living next door? In 1900, he is listed as being born in Nov 1866; this is a maybe; 1868 in 1870	1880 census; 1870 census
Sep 1869	Virginia	Birth	Oregon H, Adam and Mollie E	1870 gives specific birth month/year as Sep 1869; Why the name Oregon?	1880 census; 1870 census
1870	Marion, Smyth, Virginia	Census Enum	Adam, Mary E, Idella J, Nicholas J, and Oregon H all living in house	Oregon age seems more specific here, obviously fluctuates a bit in the next census; Adam owns \$2000 work of property, seems significant; Are Mary and Mollie the same person? The two names are used interchangeably	1870 U.S. census, Smyth County, Virginia, population schedule, Marion Township, p. 62 (penned), dwelling 406, family 412, Adam Snavely household; database and digital images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Jun 2010); digital images, citing NARA microfilm publication, M653, roll 1679.
1871	Virginia	Birth	Mollie E	Mollie E	1880 census; 1870 census

The 1860 Census

Is this the right Adam?

Probable.

We believe Adam and Mollie E were married in 1866. So he would be living with his parents in 1860.

Birth year is 1832 and the county, Smyth, is correct.

Adam's presumed father's name is Nicholas; he has a son named Nicholas.

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1860 United States Federal Census [about](#) Adam B Snaveley

Name:	Adam B Snaveley																				
Age in 1860:	28																				
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The 1860 Census

Is this the right Adam?


Possibly.

The age is off by a 8 years.

And the location is Wythe not Smyth

1860 United States Federal Census about Adam Snavelly

Name:	Adam Snavelly										
Age in 1860:	20										
Birth Year:	abt 1840										
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Home in 1860:	District 68, Wythe, Virginia										
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	Dwelling-houses— numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family	Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	N
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17	948	951	Nicholas L. Swaley	47	ma		Farmer	1	5000	500
18			Madley "	45	fr					
19			Adam B. "	38	ma		"	1	800	200
20			William H. "	30	ma		Student			
21			Ferdinand L. "	17	ma		"			
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The 1860 Census

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Elizabeth G. "	46	f		1		

- There is something strange about the age of Mary J and the distance between Alexander and Mary J
- It is also interesting that both Nicholas and Adam own property and have a personal estate

The 1860 Census

Nicholas Snavely	47	m	Farmer	1	5000	500
Molly " "	45	f				
Adam B. " "	38	m	"	1	800	200
William H. " "	20	m	Student			
Ferdinand S. " "	17	m	"			
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- 1811 – Nicholas Snavely born in Virginia
- 1815 – Molly Snavely (maiden name unknown) born in Virginia
- 1832 – Adam B Snavely born in Virginia
- 1840 – William H Snavely born in Virginia
- 1843 – Ferdinand S Snavely born in Virginia
- 1845 – Susan E Snavely born in Virginia
- 1847 – Alexander S Snavely born in Virginia
- 1859 – Mary J Snavely born in Virginia
- 1814 – Elizabeth Gross born in Virginia

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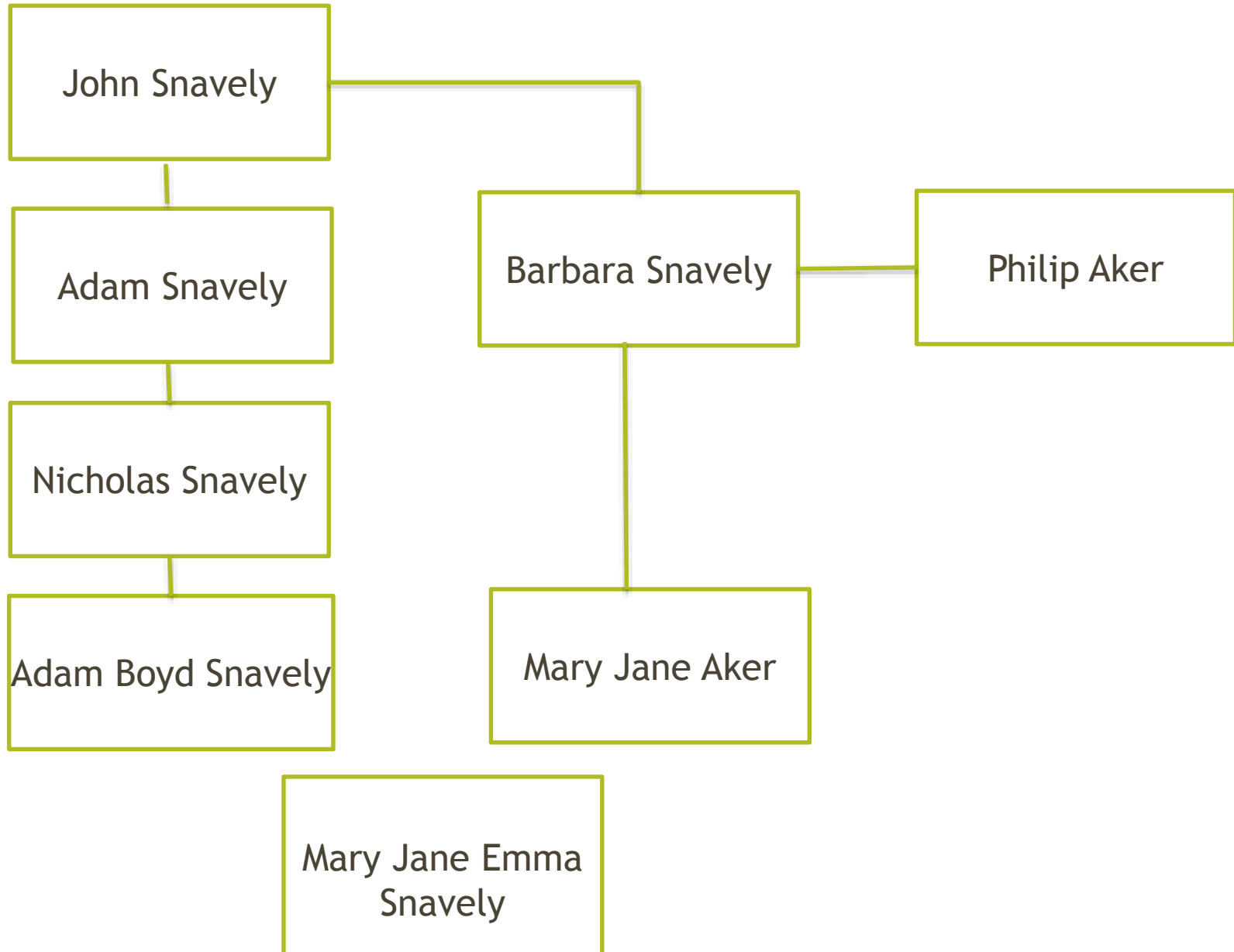
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Surnames on the page:

- Hutton, Camary, Goodpasture, Johnson, Hoofnagle.

Everyone on the page owns land; working as Farmers, Carpenters, next door to Nicholas is John T Johnson, Sherriff

Who was young Mary Jane?



Update the timeline

Date	Location	Event	People	Thoughts	Source
1811	Virginia	Birth	Nicholas Snavelly	I believe this to be Adam's father	1860 Census
1815	Virginia	Birth	Molly ??	I believe this to be Adam's mother	1860 Census
2 Aug 1832	Virginia	Birth	Adam B Snavelly; parents unknown	Birth date is from tombstone	Find A Grave, database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 2 Sep 2012), memorial page for Adam B Snavelly Find A Grave Memorial no. 6496210, citing Wassum Cemetery, Atkins, Smyth County, Virginia.
1840	Virginia	Birth	William H Snavelly	I believe this to be Adam's brother	1860 Census
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1843	Virginia	Birth	Ferdinand S Snavelly	I believe this to be Adam's brother	1860 Census
1845	Virginia	Birth	Susan E Snavelly	I believe this to be Adam's sister	1860 Census
1847	Virginia	Birth	Alexander S Snavelly	I believe this to be Adam's brother	1860 Census
1850					
1859	Virginia	Birth	Mary Jane Snavelly	Possibly the daughter of Nicholas and Molly, but maybe she belongs to another Snavelly family who can't take care of her;	1860 Census
1860	Smyth, Virginia	Census Enum	Nicholas, Molly, Adam B, William H, Ferdinand S, Susan E, Alexander S, and Mary J Snavelly; Elizabeth Gross	It seems odd that Mary J is so much younger than the rest of the children; why do both Adam and Nicholas own property and have personal wealth; Surnames on the page: Hutton, Camary, Goodpasture, Johnson, Hoofnagle; Everyone on the page owns land; working as Farmers, Carpenters, next door to Nicholas is John T Johnson, Sheriff	1860 U.S. census, Smyth County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 145 (penned), dwelling 948, family 951, Nicholas Snavelly household; database and digital images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Jun 2010); digital images, citing NARA microfilm publication, M653, roll 1377.

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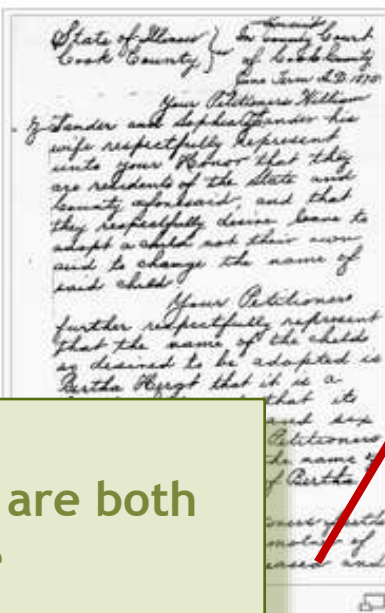
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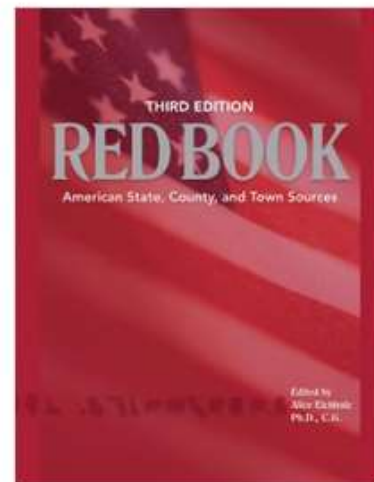
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Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources is a reference book published by Ancestry Publishing. The first edition, called *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources* was published in 1989 and was edited by Alice Eichholz, Ph.D., CG. A revised edition was published in 1992. The current edition, the third, was published in 2004 when the title was changed to simply *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*.

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Red Book is designed to help family historians learn where to find information about their ancestors by taking an approach focused on localities. It is an expansive guide to the most useful resources in each of the fifty United States and the District of Columbia. Organized by state, the content easily directs the user to information-rich resources in areas including:

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A sample of a county map for Vermont included in *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*.

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Virginia Family History Research

This entry was originally written by *Johni Cerny* and *Gareth L. Mark* for *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*.



History of Virginia

Virginia was established as an economic venture that got off to a very shaky start. In 1584 Queen Elizabeth I of England gave Sir Walter Raleigh permission to establish colonies in the New World area for the Virgin Queen, but his mission was cut short between one supply ship's arrival and the next.

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The Jamestown settlers were looking for a financial opportunity that would return their investment on the fabulous scale of the six-year-old British East India Company. The endless lands of the new world appeared to contain such a golden promise.

In 1606 King James I chartered the Virginia Company of London (often called the London Company). In April 1607 the *Susan Constant*, the *Godspeed*, and the *Discovery*, commanded by Capt. Christopher Newport, made landfall at Point Comfort. Sealed orders appointing seven men to the Council were opened, and the Council elected Edward Maria Wingfield president. Under his direction, "gentlemen," craftsmen, and laborers founded the first permanent English settlement on James Isle. Long on expectations but short on experience, they were struck with disaster. The struggle and hardships that decimated and discouraged the colonists are well known. So few of those who arrived on the first three ships survived that not many Americans living today can trace their ancestry to an original Jamestown settler. The Colony was nearly abandoned in 1610 and might not have survived but for one man—John Rolfe.

In 1612, John Rolfe began experiments in growing and processing tobacco. His export of tobacco to a London merchant in 1614 began a trade that made Virginia viable economically. Then he married Pocahontas, daughter of the great werowance, or sub-chief, Powhatan, which helped assure a few years of peaceful coexistence with the native tribes of Virginia.

The London Company was reorganized under the Great Charter of 1618, and by the end of 1619, several events occurred that had far-reaching impact. Free settlers were granted land, establishing property ownership. The House of Burgesses, America's first representative assembly, was organized, setting an example for representative democracy. A program encouraging emigration of "Maides to make Wives" began in England, ensuring that the population of Virginia would be self-sustaining. Unexpectedly, a Dutch trader from the West Indies arrived in August 1619 with a cargo of African-American colonists who were sold into indentured servitude (slavery did not yet exist in Virginia). This event helped foreshadow slavery and the Civil War.

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The first laws of Virginia were called the *Lawes Divine, Morall and Martiall*, and were enacted by Sir Thomas Dale in 1610. Dale's Code required colonial Virginia ministers to record all christenings, marriages, and burials in registers, in much the same way those events were recorded in England. Most of the registers compiled in response to the law have not survived. In 1619 ministers were required to present the register to the Secretary of the Colony, and in 1642 the parish clerks were required to submit a monthly list of vital records to the "commander of every monethly court." Few, if any, of the monthly lists were recorded.

The House of Burgesses strengthened the law regarding vital records in March 1660. Act 20, *An Act to record all Marriages, Births and Burials*, decreed, "That every parish shall well, truly and plainly record and sett downe in a booke provided for that purpose, all marriages, deaths and births that shall happen within the precincts of the parish, and in the month of March in every yeare, the person appointed by the parish so to do, shall make true certificate into the clerke of every county to the intent the same may there remaine on record for ever." If the county clerks recorded the certificates, they are unfortunately lost.

Select Virginia County Resources

Marriage bonds were first required as part of the licensing procedure in 1661. The couple wishing a license gave bond to the county clerk that there was no lawful impediment to their marriage; the clerk then issued a license. Every September, the clerk forwarded to the Secretary of the Colony a list of licenses issued. These records were burned in the various fires at Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Richmond.

The existing marriage laws were superseded by an 1853 state law requiring county and independent city clerks to issue marriage licenses and keep marriage registers. Before a license was issued, the parties to be married had to offer the following information: full names, ages, places of birth and residence, proposed marriage date and place, marital status (widowed or single), parents' names, groom's occupation, and minister's name. After the marriage ceremony, the minister returned the information to the clerk, who recorded it in a marriage register. Many counties have the original form on file at the courthouse.

The majority of pre-1853 Virginia marriage records have been published. The [Library of Virginia](#) and the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City have the most complete collections of published Virginia marriage records; however, state and genealogical libraries nationwide also have excellent collections. For reference to these, see either John Vont and T. William Kethley, Jr. *Marriage Records in the Virginia State Library: A Researcher's Guide*, 2d ed. (Athens, Ga.: Iberian Publishing Co.

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Research in the Library of Virginia county collection can be done at a local library as well. The library participates in the American Library Association Interlibrary Loan program and will loan up to five reels of their extensive collection for a period of twenty-eight days. Obtain the microfilm reel number from the Lib

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Virginia Census Research

Censuses began in Virginia in 1790; however, the 1790 and 1800 censuses were destroyed or lost, except for the 1800 enumerations of Accomack and Louisa counties. Tax lists from 1787 offer a substitute for the missing 1790 census.

Federal census records for Virginia exist from 1810, and were taken every ten years. 1810 census is incomplete for many counties in the state, but has been reconstructed from tax lists.

Two early censuses of Virginia have survived intact; only statistical abstracts remain of other censuses conducted. The first census is dated 16 February 1624 and is a list of the names of persons living in Virginia and the names of those who died since April 1623. The colony conducted a second census in January and February 1625. The best transcription of the 1625 Musters is in Virginia F. Meyer and John Frederick Dorman, *Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607–1625*, 3d ed. (Richmond: Order of First Families of Virginia, 1987). Another census was conducted in 1634, but is apparently lost.

Virginia Vital Records

Virginia registration of births, deaths, and marriages began on a county level in 1853 and continued until 1896. Many counties abandoned registration during the Civil War, or recorded only a small percentage of events. Marriage bonds and licensing were in place from the 1600s in Virginia, though are sporadic and fragmented. They are usually found among the county levels of records, and are often published.

Except in some independent cities, records were not kept between 1896 and 14 June 1912, when statewide registration of vital statistics began. Early records between the years 1853–1896 have been microfilmed and are available at The Library of Virginia and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

- [Virginia Office of Vital Records](#): Holds births and deaths records from 1853-1896 and June 1912 to the present; marriages from 1936 to the present; and divorce records from 1918 to the present. For earlier marriage records, write to the clerk of the county where the event occurred. See the [Genealogy page](#) for more information on sources of available records.

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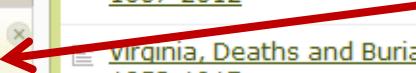
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Overview of Immigration Research

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We are all descended from immigrants. Whether they came to America in prehistoric times via the Bering Strait or later on ships or airplanes, at some point in history, every person's ancestors came from somewhere else. And almost everyone has a strong desire to know why, when, and from where their ancestors emigrated. Most of us begin with the simple goal of finding "Old Country" origins. Yet the quest usually does not end when that discovery is made. Once we begin tracking ancestors back in time and across continents, we are often drawn so deeply into the story that it's difficult to stop searching. There are always a few more relationships to be proved and details to be learned. And when finally discovered, the ancestor's homeland takes on a fascination of

Using Immigration Records



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This chapter is to facilitate the search for immigrant origins by (1) identifying the principles of immigration research, and (2) describing a vast body of American sources that document immigration.

The sources described in this chapter focus on the original records most likely to provide key immigration information about ancestors and other relatives who came to North America, specifically the United States. Many such sources have been indexed, abstracted, or transcribed into books, and in recent years, onto CD-ROMs and Web pages. The growing body of published immigration sources is the subject of an extensive chapter, "Immigration Sources," in *Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records*, edited by Kory L. Meyerink.^[1]

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