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Accessing WARREN COUNTY RECORDS

*A flaw in the search algorithm is that it will show results from other areas such as Warren, Ohio, which is in Trumbull County, along with those from Warren County, Ohio.

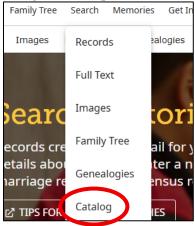
FamilySearch Catalog

https://www.familysearch.org/en/home/portal/

Click Search on the TOP menu bar.



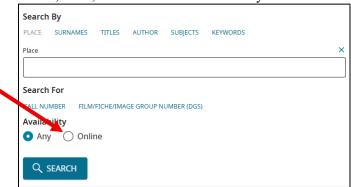
Click **Catalog** on the drop-down menu that appears.



If you only want to view Online records, click the radio button for **Online** in the Search Box; leave it on **Any** if you wish to see them all.

As of August 20, 2025, selecting the **Any** radio button brings up 196 Subjects; the **Online** radio button brings up 76 Subjects.

Enter "Warren, Ohio, United States" to Search By Place.



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Select the correct place name from the suggestions.



Click Search.

It will show a list of Subjects with a number indicating how many items are in each category and a drop-down arrow to the right.



Clicking the drop-down arrow will show you the items included in that Subject.



Click (or right-click and Open link in new tab), the item you wish to view.

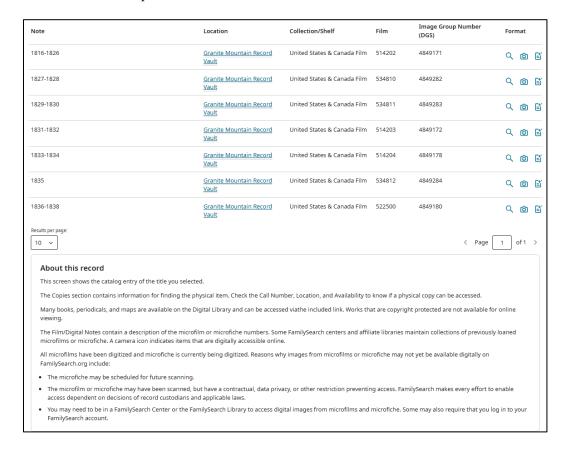
The top part of the page will give details about that Record Group. It may indicate these records are included or plan to be included in a group of records indexed and online (see "Ohio Tax Records are available online, click here" example below in blue).



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The bottom part may list the different items in that Record Group. Clicking the magnifying glass icon allows you to Search the Index, the camera icon allows you to Go to the Images, and the piece of paper with the + icon allows you to Search Full-Text Transcripts.



Notate the Film or Image Group Number and image number within the group if you with to refer back to this record.

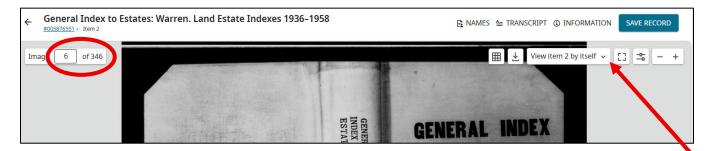
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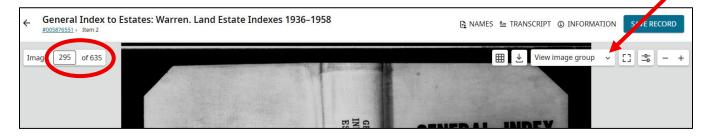
Some films have more than one record set on them. In the description, it may list the record set you want as an item within that group. As FamilySearch works to improve the ability to get to these records (such as when you use Full-Text Search), the link may ONLY take you to that specific Item by itself, reflecting ONLY the number of images in that Item. There is an additional drop-down menu to view the entire image group, which would then reflect the number of images in the entire Image Group or Film.

A good example is Image Group #005876551. Item 2 is for Volume 2, and this link takes you ONLY to Item 2, with 346 images:

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9QP-PHBR?view=fullText&keywords=Adopt&lang=en&groupId=M96N-R4J



By clicking the drop-down menu and selecting "View image group" it then allows you access to all 635 images



In addition, because the number of images has changed, if you are citing image 435 of 635 images, it will be the same as citing image 146 of 346 if you are only viewing Item 2 by itself.

Confused yet? Now that you know to watch for this and with a bit of practice, it will become familiar and easy to navigate!

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Search Using Historical RECORDS (best for searching with IMAGE GROUP NUMBER)

FamilySearch Historical Records

https://www.familysearch.org/en/home/portal/

Click **Search** on the TOP menu bar.



Click **Records** on the drop-down menu that appears.



Click More Options in the Search Box.



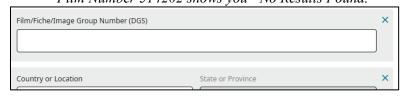
Click Film / Fiche / Image Group Number (DGS) under Add Record Options.



Enter the Image Group Number in the box.

*Entering the <u>Film Number</u> here will only work if the records have been indexed. If they have not, it will give NO RESULTS. If you need to search by Film Number, you must search using a different way (see next set of instructions.)

- Image Group Number 004016600 shows you indexed results.
- Film Number 514202 shows you "No Results Found."



Hit the Enter key or click Search.

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Search Using FULL-TEXT SEARCH

FamilySearch Full-Text Search

https://www.familysearch.org/en/home/portal/

*Note: As of August 28, 2025, Full-Text Search has moved out of FamilySearch Labs.

Click Search on the TOP menu bar.



Click **Full Text** on the drop-down menu that appears.



Try searching using a name or keyword. Like searching other databases, the more information you provide, the more it will exclude if it does not appear to match. Less is more; you can always narrow down the results later.

Search a variety of ways. Try searching for the name of the person in the Keywords field in quotes. Try it without quotes. In many cases, you may get different results by searching for it in the Keywords field instead of the Name field.

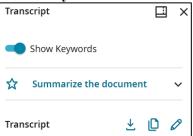
You can narrow down your results by using the buttons for Collection, Year, Place, and Record Type. If you narrow it down by Place, it may remove important results from other areas you did not know would have records for the person you are researching.



When you want to view a record, either click the title (or right-click the title to open in a new tab or window). In line with the Record Set title are options for **Names**, **Transcript**, **Information**, and **Save Record**.



Clicking Names will bring up the names in the document or record IF it has been indexed. Clicking **Transcript** will bring up the AI-generated transcript, which you can **Download**, **Copy**, or **Edit**. You can adjust the slider button to **Show Keywords** or not.



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Search Using FULL-TEXT SEARCH (cont'd.)

Clicking **Information** will bring up several things about the record and image, including the Citation at the bottom of that side window. You can **Copy** the Citation to a clipboard and paste it into a document or program.



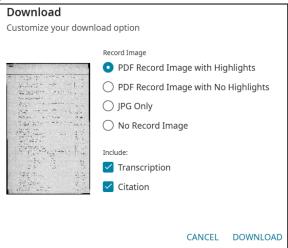
Clicking Save Record will allow you to Attach to person in Family Tree or Save to source box.



In the image window, you can choose to View Grid, Download, Toggle fullscreen mode, Adjust image, Reset View, or Zoom Out or In.



Clicking either the **Download** button here or in the Transcript side window will give you further options.



It is a good idea to save the entire thing as a PDF and also a JPG of the image itself. This gives you more flexibility to use the image and information when you are ready. If the record is several pages, make sure you save and / or download ALL the pages in the record.

Keep in mind, you will get more results if searching at a FamilySearch Affiliate Library or FamilySearch Center than searching from home. More records are being added to this all the time. Keep checking back and running your searches again on a regular basis.

For more information, please visit the June 2, 2025, FamilySearch Blog article, <u>"Expanded Access to Full-Text Search: Enhancing the Catalog and All-Collections Search."</u>

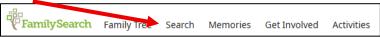
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Search Using Historical IMAGES (works with Image Group Number, not Film Number)

FamilySearch Images

https://www.familysearch.org/en/home/portal/

Click Search on the TOP menu bar.



Click **Images** on the drop-down menu that appears.

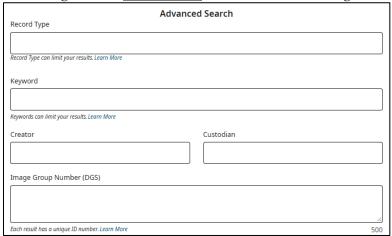


Click **More Options** in the Search Box.



Enter the Image Group Number in the box

*Searching with the Film Number WILL NOT WORK using this method.



Click Search.

Results will show as a listing with description of that Image Group.

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Search Using Historical IMAGES (cont'd.)

Click the Image Group Number to view the images.

Results (1)	•				REFINE SEARCH :
Image Group Number	Place	Date	Record Type	Number of Images Titl	e Volume
004016600	Warren, Ohio, United States	1867—1908	Birth Records	602 images	v. 1-3

^{*}These examples were written using Image Group #004849171 / Film #514202 and Image Group #004016600 as a test. Other Image Group Numbers may give different results. Changes to the FamilySearch website and interface may also give different results.

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Search Using CATALOG (best for searching with FILM NUMBER)

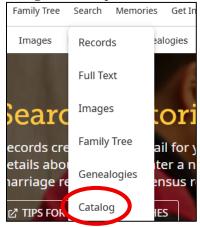
FamilySearch Catalog

https://www.familysearch.org/en/home/portal/

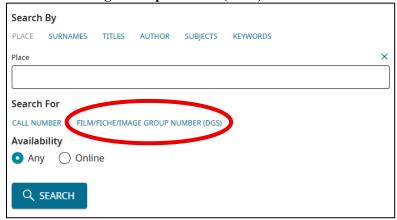
Click **Search** on the TOP menu bar.



Click Catalog on the drop-down menu that appears.



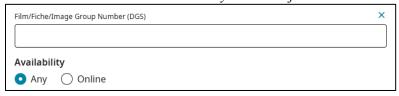
Click Film / Fiche / Image Group Number (DGS) under Search For in the Search Box.



Enter the Image Group Number in the box.

*Searching by either the Film Number OR the Image Group Number will bring up IDENTICAL RESULTS using this method.

- Image Group Number 004849171 shows you the Subject and Search Terms.
- Film Number 514202 shows you the Subject and Search Terms.



Hit the Enter key or click **Search**.

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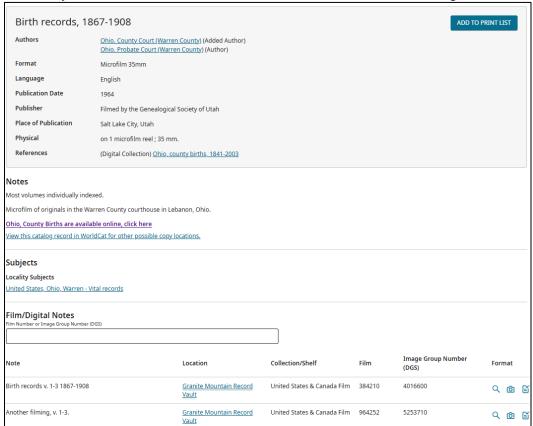
Search Using CATALOG (cont'd.)

Results will show as a listing with Subject and Search Terms.

Click the listing under Subject view the page about these records.

Subject	Search Terms
Birth records, 1867-1908	Author: Ohio. County Court (Warren County), Ohio. Probate Court (Warren County)

The page about these records may give you additional records or options, such as another filming of the records. In some cases, it will let you know if the records have been indexed or are included in a larger collection.



Clicking the magnifying glass icon allows you to Search the Index, the camera icon allows you to Go to the Images, and the piece of paper with the + icon allows you to Search Full-Text Transcripts.

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Search Using BOOKS (FamilySearch Digital Library)

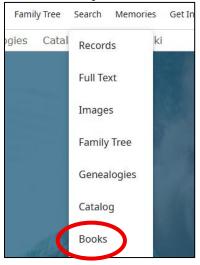
FamilySearch Books

https://www.familysearch.org/en/home/portal/

Click Search on the TOP menu bar.



Click **Books** on the drop-down menu that appears.



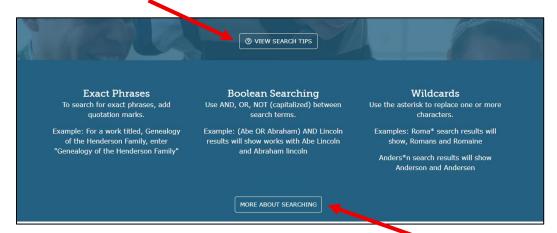
Enter your search terms in the Keyword box. For more options, click the Advanced Search button to show more fields.



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Search Using BOOKS (cont'd.)

Clicking the View Search Tips button will provide additional information and clicking the More About Searching button provides everything you want to know about Searching the FamilySearch Digital Library and more!



Searching using the term Warren County, Ohio, brings up 344,124 results as of August 23, 2025. Adding quotes around the term "Warren County, Ohio" reduces that number to 3,718. Some of the results are online books, such as those that can be found on Internet Archive. Others are from private research collections. Be advised, some books are titled incorrectly, such as the one labeled *Morrow Cemetery* that is actually *McGill and Its Story*. But even with that, the information you can find here is astounding and worth checking out.

An example from, Robert Hunter of Warren County, Ohio: Revolutionary Ancestor.

