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Family Search

November 14, 2017

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What's up at FamilySearch?

14 November 2017

John de Jong

North America Archives Digitization Negotiation Team Leader

What is FamilySearch?

Largest genealogical
organization in the
world



Non-profit –
volunteer driven

Sponsored by
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Archival Community Participant



What is the Purpose of FamilySearch?



Help people connect with their ancestors

Role in a Worldwide Community



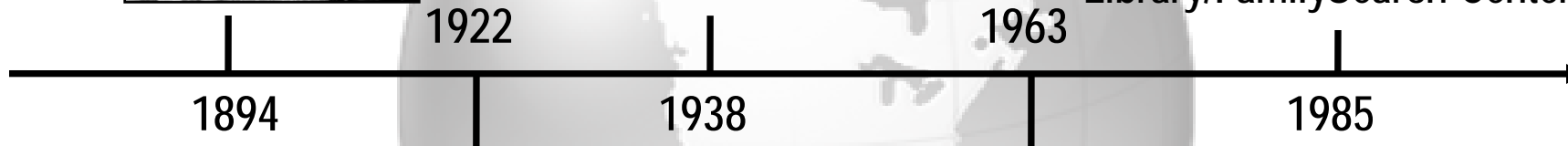
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Microfilm



Genealogical
Library/FamilySearch Centers



Indexing Initiative



Granite Mountain Record
Vault


FAMILYSEARCH
WHERE GENERATIONS MEET

1998



1999

2007


FAMILYSEARCH
INDEXING



2012

2017



- More indexing
- Public tree
- Hinting

Latest Facts:

FamilySearch.org Facts

for October 2017

Searchable Names in Historical Records	5.79 Billion
Digital images of historic documents published online	1.25 Billion
Digital Images published only in the FamilySearch Catalog	613 Million
Indexed records published: 3 year rolling average	278 Million
Number of searchable historic record collections online	2,263 Collections
Number of digital books	347,243
Number of family history centers	5,076
Number of digital cameras in operation	306
Visits per day	389,266
Pages viewed per day	10.01 Million
Online indexing volunteers	1.11 Million
Registered FamilySearch users	8.82 Million
Family Tree contributors Total	4.41 Million
Photos uploaded	20.31 Million
Stories uploaded	1.49 Million
Sources in the Family Tree	836 Million
Records in the Family Tree	1.14 Billion

Reach of Image Capture

- Over 320 camera teams filming in over 45 countries
- 50 camera teams in North America
- 1+ Million images posted daily.



FamilySearch Digital Cameras



MegaPlus 6.3 MP,
2000



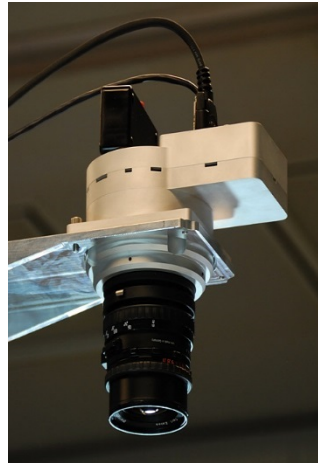
Atmel Camelia 8 MP,
2002



Redlake 11 MP, 2004



Illunis 16 MP,
2007



Illunis 50 MP,
2010



Nikon D810 36 MP,
2017

- JPEG
- JP2000
- TIFF

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Dellafaille

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zestien jaren oud, tevens naar in *London* wonnende te *Lede* bevestigd van
den *Wetteliken* *Schuttele* met *hadden* verheven dat *verder* den *kerst* van
aanvattende ten *jaar* woonst *Guarantement* *staant* *verleend* is
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Van
Nieuwmarre

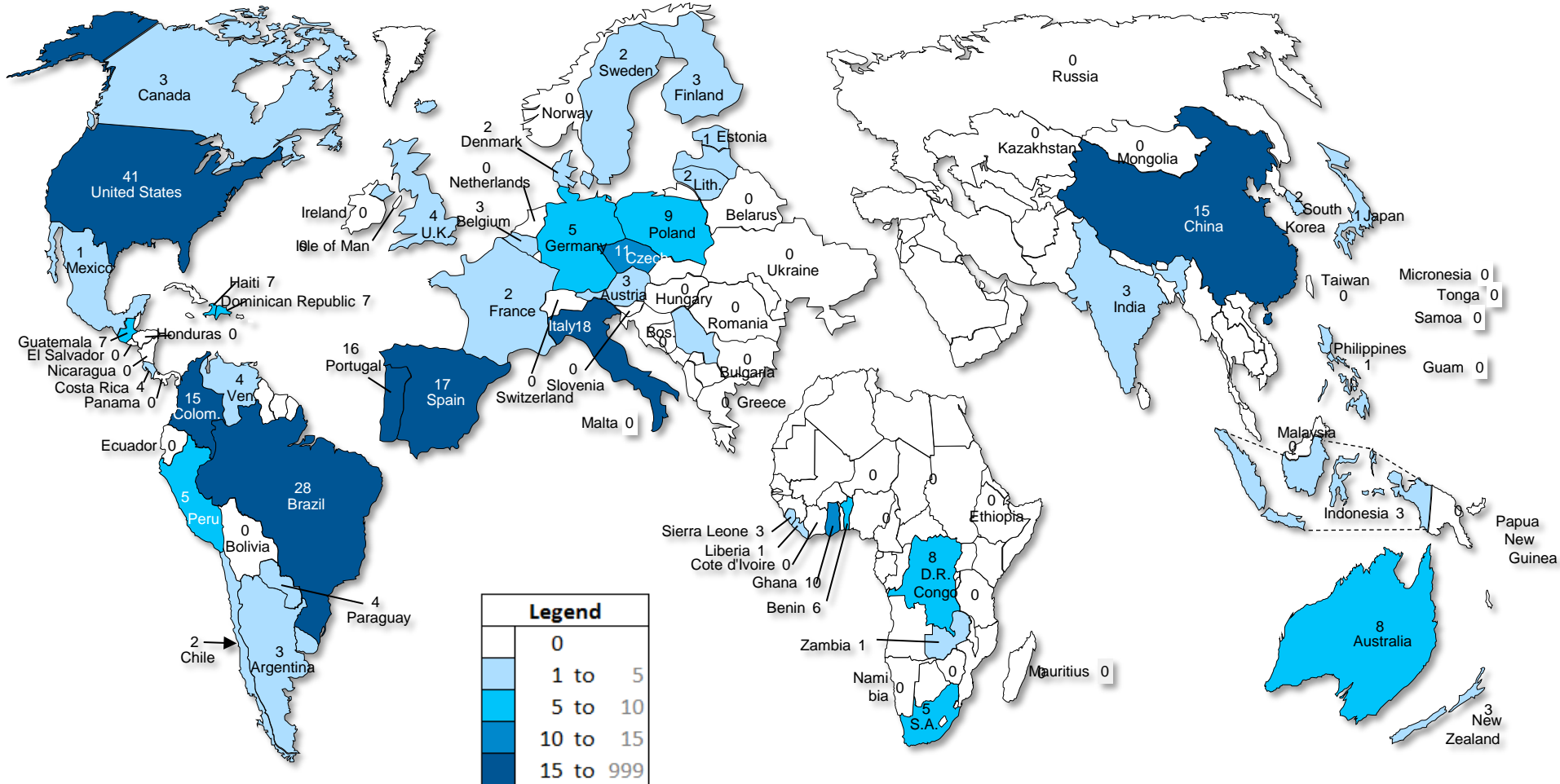
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The map displays the number of countries in each of the five largest export categories for each country. The color scale is as follows:

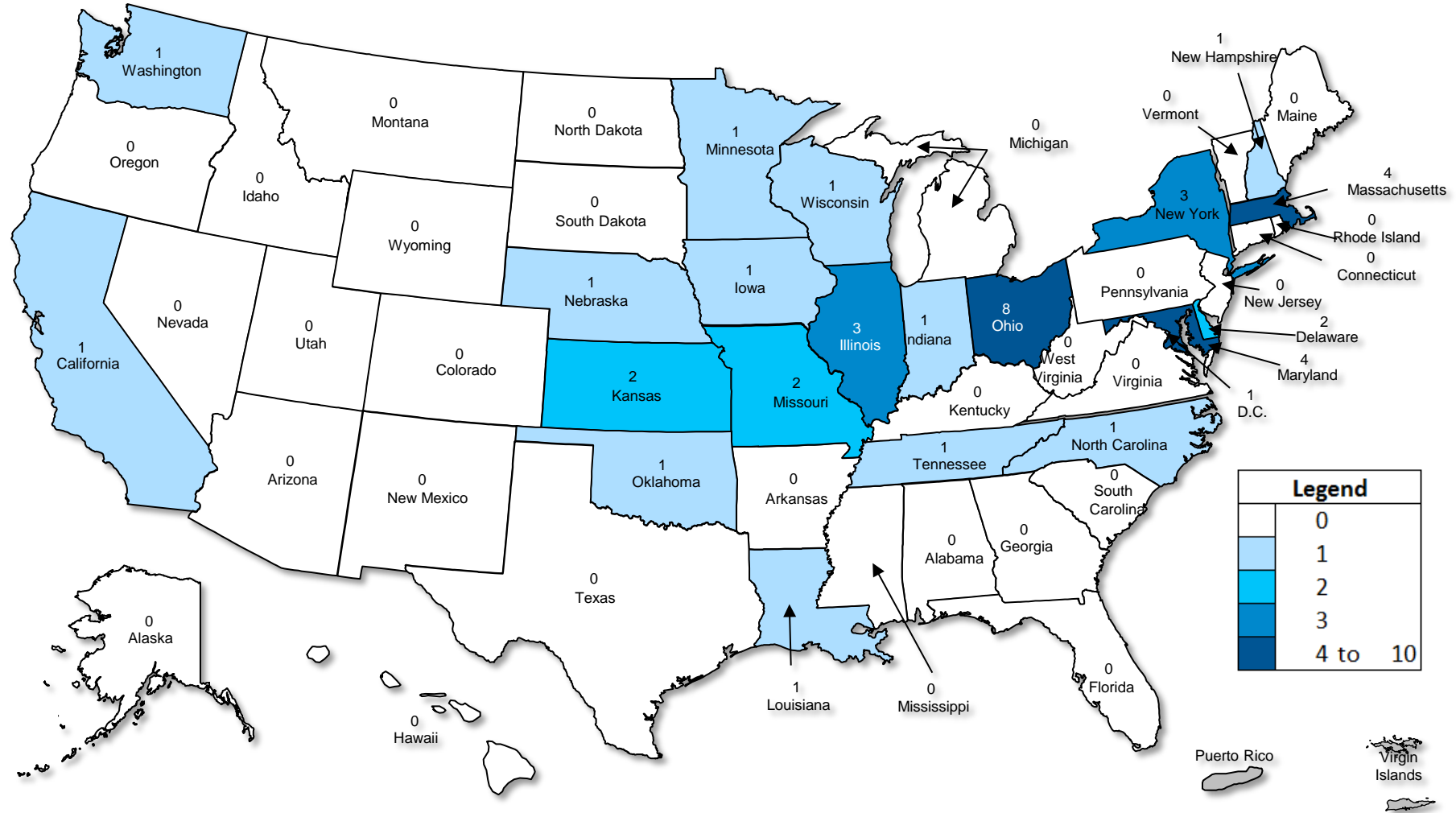
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Light Blue	1 to 5
Medium Blue	5 to 10
Dark Blue	10 to 15
Darkest Blue	15 to 999

Key data points from the map:

- United States:** 41
- China:** 15
- Brazil:** 28
- Italy:** 18
- Germany:** 11
- Poland:** 9
- Spain:** 17
- India:** 3
- Australia:** 8
- South Africa:** 5
- Peru:** 5
- France:** 2
- Canada:** 3
- Sweden:** 2
- Finland:** 3
- Denmark:** 2
- Netherlands:** 0
- Belgium:** 3
- U.K.:** 4
- Ireland:** 0
- Isle of Man:** 0
- Haiti:** 7
- Dominican Republic:** 7
- Guatemala:** 7
- El Salvador:** 0
- Nicaragua:** 0
- Costa Rica:** 4
- Panama:** 0
- Ecuador:** 0
- Colombia:** 4
- Venezuela:** 15
- Bolivia:** 0
- Paraguay:** 4
- Chile:** 2
- Argentina:** 3
- Portugal:** 16
- Switzerland:** 0
- Slovenia:** 0
- Malta:** 0
- Austria:** 3
- Hungary:** 0
- Romania:** 0
- Bulgaria:** 0
- Greece:** 0
- Ukraine:** 0
- Belarus:** 0
- Lithuania:** 2
- Estonia:** 1
- Norway:** 0
- Sweden:** 2
- Finland:** 3
- Kazakhstan:** 0
- Mongolia:** 0
- South Korea:** 2
- Japan:** 1
- Taiwan:** 0
- Micronesia:** 0
- Tonga:** 0
- Samoa:** 0
- Guam:** 0
- Philippines:** 1
- Malaysia:** 0
- Indonesia:** 3
- Papua New Guinea:** 0
- New Zealand:** 3
- Mauritius:** 0
- Namibia:** 0
- Zambia:** 1
- Benin:** 6
- Ghana:** 10
- Cote d'Ivoire:** 0
- Liberia:** 1
- Sierra Leone:** 3
- D.R. Congo:** 8
- Ethiopia:** 0



Camera Locations – 1 October 2017



Typical Camera set up



Preservation

Granite Mountain Records Vault

- Over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm
- Over 235 thousand digital books
- Over 3.5 billion images of family history records
- Increasing by 150 million images each year



Preservation

Granite Mountain Records Vault

- Over 40pb of tape storage
- Ingesting 1.5M digital images daily
- Over 9pb spinning data
- Growth rate of over 1pb per year
- Migration to new formats



Record Preservation – more than taking pictures

FamilySearch follows these steps:

1. **Prioritize** records
2. **Negotiate** digitization agreements
3. **Digitize** original manuscripts and microfilms
4. **Describe** record collections
5. **Preserve** digital content in the vault
6. **Arrange** images for online browsing
7. **Index** names, dates, and places
8. **Standardize** names, dates, and places
9. **Publish** images and indexes online
10. **Guide** people to succeed

Create a Record Strategy (New York)

- Top record types:

1. Vital records
2. Church records
3. State census
4. Naturalization
5. Probate records
6. Cemeteries
7. Other vitals
8. Military records
9. Land records
10. Voter registration
11. Tax records
12. Lineage societies
13. Genealogy collections
14. Court records
15. School records

Focus on an Archive Class (New York)

- NY county courthouses typically have these priority records:
 1. Vital records
 2. Church records
 3. State census
 4. Naturalization
 5. Probate records
 6. Cemeteries
 7. Other vitals
 8. Military records
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Select Records to Digitize (New York)

- Select these records for the New York county template:

1. Births, marriages,
deaths

~~2. Church records~~

3. State census

4. Oaths, declarations,
etc.

5. Wills and estate
papers

~~6. Cemeteries~~

~~7. Hospital, coroners,~~

~~pauper~~

8. Military records

9. Deeds and mortgages

10. Voter registration

11. Early tax rolls

~~12. Lineage societies~~

~~13. Genealogy collections~~

14. Early civil, criminal
court

~~15. School records~~

Access via Indexes and Images

FamilySearch Indexing Statistics

1,335,264,069

Total Records Completed

63,913,316

Total Records Completed in 2017

4,567,696

Records Awaiting Arbitration

81,401

Total Contributors in 2017

594

Current Projects

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Records Access

Records Catalog

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FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

[Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.](#)

Search by:

[Place](#) | [Surnames](#) | [Titles](#) | [Author](#) | [Subjects](#) | [Keywords](#)

Place

Search for:

[Call Number](#) | [Film/Fiche Number](#)

Search these family history centers:

Any ▼

Search

Reset

Other Catalogs to Consider:

[OCLC WorldCat](#)

WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the web, where most people start their search for information.

[ArchiveGrid](#)

ArchiveGrid is a collection of nearly two million archival material descriptions, including MARC records from WorldCat and finding aids harvested from the web.

Records Access

- Historical Records
- Indexed Records

[Records](#) [Family Tree](#) [Genealogies](#) [Catalog](#) [Books](#) [Wiki](#)

Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

Deceased Ancestor's Name
First Names ☐ Last Names ☐


Search with a life event:
[Birth](#) | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)
Birthplace ☐ Birth Year (Range) From To

Search with a relationship:
[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#) | [Other Person](#)

Restrict records by:
[Location](#) | [Type](#) | [Batch Number](#) | [Film Number](#)
Country State or Province
☐ Match all terms exactly

Research By Location

Click an area of the world to start researching in a specific location.



Find a Collection

Researching within a specific collection? Find it here.

Collection Title

[Browse all published collections](#)

Name Search Results:



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Refine your search

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Franklin Delano

Last Names

Roosevelt

Search with a life event:

Birth

Marriage

Residence

Death

Any

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Spouse's First Names

Spouse's Last Names

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Records







Collections

United States Census, 1940

[Search all collections](#)

1-20 of 29 results for Name: **Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Name	Events		Relationships	View
Franklin D Roosevelt Head United States Census, 1940	birth:	1915 Canada	spouse: Ethel Roosevelt	 
	residence:	1940 Ward 4, Charlottesville, Charlottesville City, Charlottesville City, Virginia, United States	child: Franklin D Roosevelt other: Clara Babilon, Addison Brown, Edith Brown	
Franklin D Roosevelt Son United States Census, 1940	birth:	1940 Pennsylvania	father: Franklin D Roosevelt	 
	residence:	1940 Ward 4, Charlottesville, Charlottesville City, Charlottesville City, Virginia, United States	mother: Ethel Roosevelt other: Clara Babilon, Addison Brown, Edith Brown	
Franklin D Roosevelt Head United States Census, 1940	birth:	1882 New York	spouse: Eleanor Roosevelt	 
	residence:	1940 Tract 57, District of Columbia, Police Precinct 3, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, United States		

Know What Has Already Been Found

With a free FamilySearch Account, you can see if a record is attached and to whom it is attached in Family Tree.

Get a Free Account

Already have an account? [Sign in.](#)

Web Indexing Methodology

Web program – Internally developed software

- One indexer, with review. If more than 20% is changed then goes to another reviewer
- All in Cloud AWS – no downloads
- Operating system agnostic – MAC, PC, etc. just need a browser
- Equipment – computer, tablets, phone (snippets in future) –

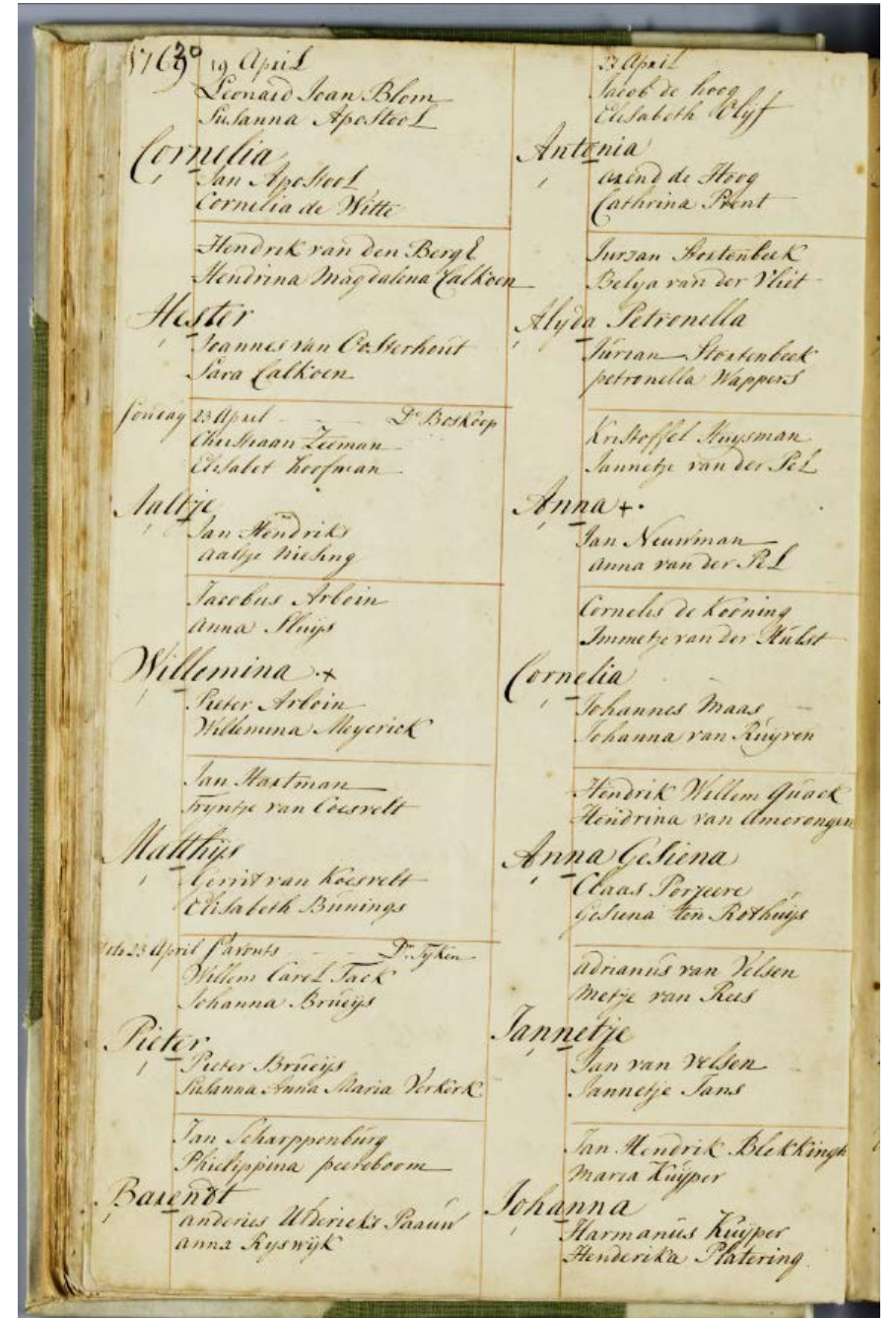
OR

- Pay 3rd agents – off-shore vendors – languages where we have no strong volunteer workforce

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Web Indexing interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, and Indexing (highlighted). Below this, a sub-navigation bar includes Overview, Web Indexing, Find a Project, and Help Resources. The main header features a large image of the US Capitol building with a green overlay box containing the text: "Indexing – United States. Welcome! View current projects, indexing and arbitration progress, and completed projects now published on FamilySearch.org for this country." Below the header, there are buttons for Web Projects, Desktop Projects, and All Projects, along with a search bar for Project Name. The "Current Projects" section lists a project: "US, Alabama—Church Records, 1831-1994" with a link to "View Project Details". It shows progress bars for "Indexed 3%" and "Reviewed 0%". A "Start Indexing" button is visible. On the right, a map of the United States is shown with an American flag, and a section titled "Indexing Statistics – United States" displays: "327 Current Projects", "30,123,233 Images Completed", "4,637,354 Images Awaiting Indexing", and "287,845 Images Awaiting Arbitration". A "Get Started" button is at the bottom right.

Indexing processes

- Q&A backup systems
- Automated validations looking for anomalies
- Grouping
- Name Authorities
- Localities – SC deaths, 95% in Australia?
- Error scale – 1% of 300 million – is 3 million
- User corrected in progress



Projects Underway Worldwide

 Countries

 Projects

Select a region or country from the list below to see indexing projects available worldwide.



Over 50 Countries

North America

Bahamas
Canada
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Puerto Rico
United States
U.S. Virgin Islands

Europe

Albania
Austria
Belgium
Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Europe (continued)

France

Germany
Hungary
Italy
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Russia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine
United Kingdom

Asia

China
Philippines
Sri Lanka

Africa

Cote d'Ivoire

Ghana

South Africa
Zimbabwe

Oceania

Australia

South America

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela

North America



Countries



Projects

North
America

408 projects

[View Projects](#)

Featured Countries

[Canada](#)

[United States](#)

× [Click here](#) below to see indexing worldwide.



How do you get volunteers?

- Social media
- Member outreach
- Local Genealogical Societies
- Community outreach
- Special Events
- Project focused partners

[Overview](#) [Web Indexing](#) [Find a Project](#) [Help Resources](#)

Indexing Makes A Difference

Indexing is essential to making the world's records searchable.

FamilySearch indexing is a volunteer transcription effort that makes valuable genealogical records freely searchable online. Since FamilySearch indexing began in 2006, this unprecedented crowdsourcing effort has produced more than one billion searchable records.

Hundreds of thousands of volunteer indexers have participated from around the world. Through this selfless effort, millions of people worldwide have found information and discovered stories about their ancestors.



How It Works

[Video, 3 minutes](#)



Indexing Is Vital for Research

[Video, 2 minutes](#)

The FamilySearch Indexing Story

Since 1921, indexing has been essential to making records available, but in the last 7 years, the digital revolution has made it easier for everyone everywhere to participate.



Thank You!

Volunteers Participated: 79,855

Records Indexed: 7,275,546



Worldwide Indexing Event 2017

You helped index 7 million names that will help families worldwide find their ancestors and gather their families together in the family tree.

These records are especially valuable to those who have already entered all the information they know about their family and need records to find more family members.

It's Never Too Late to Index.

[Start Indexing](#)[Invite Your Friends](#)[Find a Project](#)

The Freedmen's Bureau Project

THE PROJECT



To help bring thousands of records to light, The Freedmen's Bureau Project was created as a set of partnerships between FamilySearch International and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), and the California African American Museum.

The project began on Juneteenth (June 19) 2015 and with the help of more than twenty-five thousand volunteers, was completed on June 20, 2016. As a result of the tireless effort of thousands, the names of nearly 1.8 million men, women and children are now searchable online. Now that the images have been indexed, millions have access to the names of their ancestors, allowing individuals to build their family trees and connect with their heritage.



Genealogy Volunteers Index 1940 U.S. Census in Record Time

NEWS RELEASE

7 SEPTEMBER 2012 - SALT LAKE CITY



More than 132 Million names from the [1940 U.S. Census](#) are now searchable on The Church's [FamilySearch](#) website. The work, which was supposed to take a year, was completed in just four months thanks to the successful partnership between a consortium of national genealogical organizations, FamilySearch.org and more than 163,000 volunteers.



Other indexing avenues

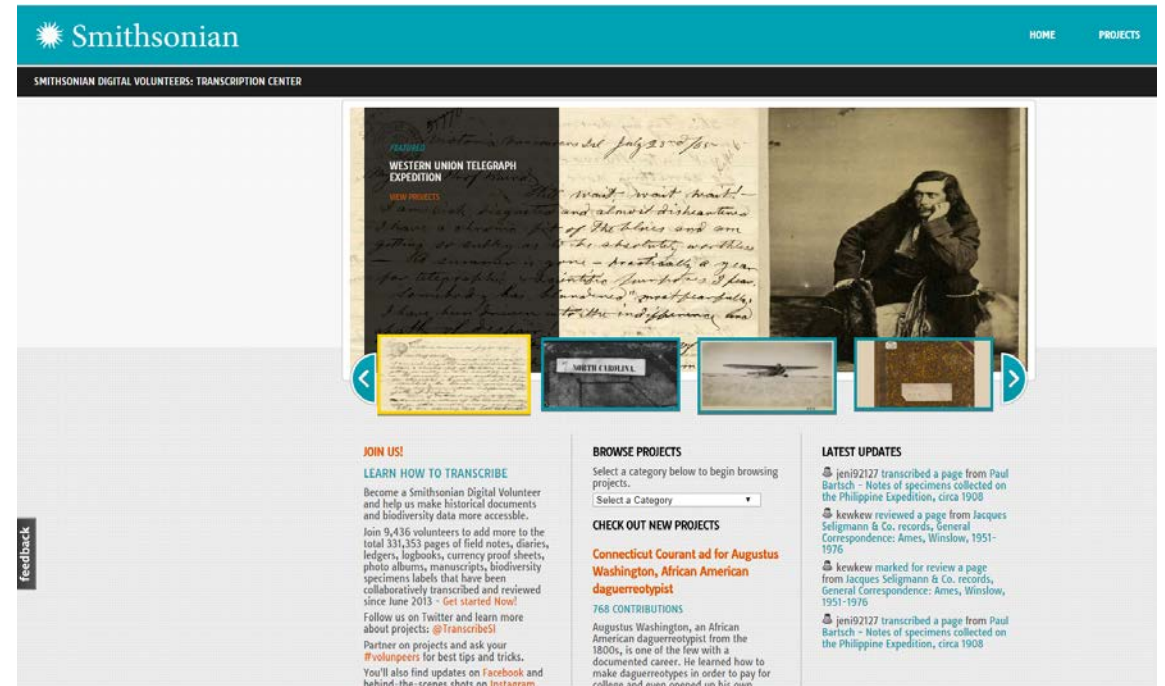
Commercial transcription services:

- Record fields separated into pieces
 - Names, localities, age, gender, issues, dates
- Specialized indexers grouped by skill set and experience

Create your own website:

- NARA Citizen Archivist
- Smithsonian Transcription Center

– they host you bring volunteers



Indexing Projects with Affiliate Partners



New and Exclusive—U.S. Wills and Probate Records

An exciting new collection rich in stories, keepsakes, heirlooms, and secrets.

Available only on the new  **ancestry** [★]

Explore more than 170 million documents from all 50 states.

Enter what you know about an ancestor who died in the U.S.

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Probate year

Location



What details, secrets,
and stories can wills and
probate records reveal?



openarchives

search the genealogical data of Dutch archives



 Home

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Search the genealogical data of Dutch archives

and automatically find linked records and additional information about people and context

What name are you looking for?

172 million individual entries

Search 

or use the [advanced search](#)

Major Partners

PARTNERS




NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Standardize Names,
Dates, and Places


Spelling Variations

Stanislaw Ciellusniak

 Illinois, Cook County Marriages, 1871-1920

birth: 1890
spouse: Julia Mozdyczsz
marriage: 12 Jan 1912 — Chicago, Cook, Illinois

Stanislaus Czelusniak

 Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915

birth: 1889 — , , Poland
parents: Anton Czelusniak, Teresa Jorcimeska
spouse: Mary Mideura
marriage: 01 Feb 1910 — Easthampton, , Massachusetts

Stanislano Czelusniak

Brazil Baptisms, 1688-1935

birth: 01 Apr 1897
residence: Araucária, Paraná, Brazil
parents: Mathiae Czelusniak, Apolinae Czelusniak

Stanislaw Cezalusniak

Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962

spouse: Tekla Sanickas

Stanislaw Celusniak

Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962

spouse: Jekla Sanicka Celusniak

Publish Indexes and Images Online

Publish Indexes on FamilySearch



Family Tree Memories **Search** Indexing


Volunteer Get Help ▾

Sign In Free Account

RECORDS GENEALOGIES CATALOG BOOKS WIKI

◀ Go To: Search Results

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 **Lucy Laurent Ouimet**
Massachusetts, Deaths

Name:	Lucy Laurent Ouimet
Event Type:	Death
Event Date:	15 Oct 1910
Event Place:	Worcester,,Massachusetts
Gender:	Female
Age:	83
Marital Status:	Widowed
Birth Date:	1827
Birthplace:	Canada
Birth Year (Estimated):	1827
Reference ID:	330
GS Film number:	2315056
Digital Folder Number:	4283221
Image Number:	00653

Attach to Family Tree



[View the document](#)

View the original document to see a piece of history

⬇️ Download document

Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915


🔍 Search collection

📘 About this collection

Citing this Record

"Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841-1915," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N48F-BB2> : accessed 15 April 2015), Lucy Laurent Ouimet, 15 Oct 1910; citing Worcester,,Massachusetts, 330, State Archives, Boston; FHL microfilm 2,315,056.

Publish Images on FamilySearch



Family Tree Memories **Search** Indexing

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ARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
ONLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very on back of certificate.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
WORCESTER

2 No. St. Francis Home

3 Ward -6-

4 FULL NAME
[If married or divorced woman or widow give maiden name, also name of husband.]
Lucy (Laurent) Quimet

5 Peter Quimet

6 RESIDENCE
Chicopee.

7 Registered No. 2178

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

8 SEX
Female

9 COLOR OR RACE
W

10 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED
(If write the word)
Widowed

11 DATE OF BIRTH
(Month) (Day) (Year)

12 AGE
83 yrs. 5 mos. 5 ds. or min.?

13 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

14 BIRTHPLACE
(State or country)
Canada

15 NAME OF FATHER
Joseph Laurent

16 BIRTHPLACE

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

17 DATE OF DEATH
Oct 15, 1910
(Month) (Day) (Year)

18 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from
Oct 13, 1910, to Oct 15, 1910,
that I last saw her alive on Oct 15, 1910,
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4 p.m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Heart disease and bronchitis.

19 (Duration) — yrs. — mos. 3 ds.

20 Contributory (Secondary)
(Duration) — yrs. — mos. — ds.

21 (Signed) J C E Tasse, M.D.
Oct 15, 1910, Worcester

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Guidance - Support

Research Wiki

- 84,000 articles
- 2 million edits
- 660 million views

United States Genealogy

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[North America](#) → **United States**

Guide to **United States ancestry, family history and genealogy** birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, military records, and other major record types.

News

[Nat'l Genealogical Society Conference](#)

Topics

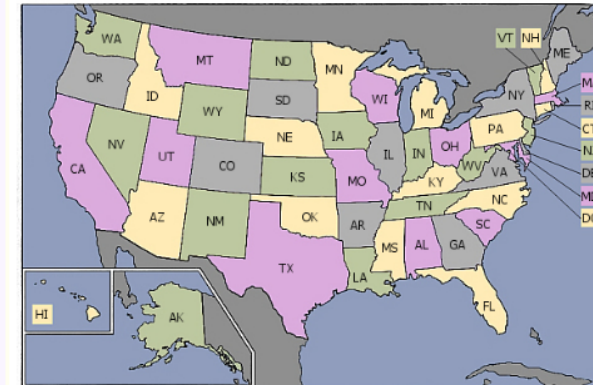
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United States
Online Records



State Genealogy Pages

Click on a state on this map to open that state's page:



Territories and Federal District

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Italy: Research

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By Ruth Lapioli Merriman, MLS, AG

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Child's Name *Lizzie Geyer*

Date of Birth *Feb 1 1919*

Place of Birth *Mechanic Falls*

Sex *A* Color *A*

Living or Stillborn *Living*

Record Matching Header Data Arbitration

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05 - 01	*Child's Given Names Lizzie	Lizzie	Lizzie
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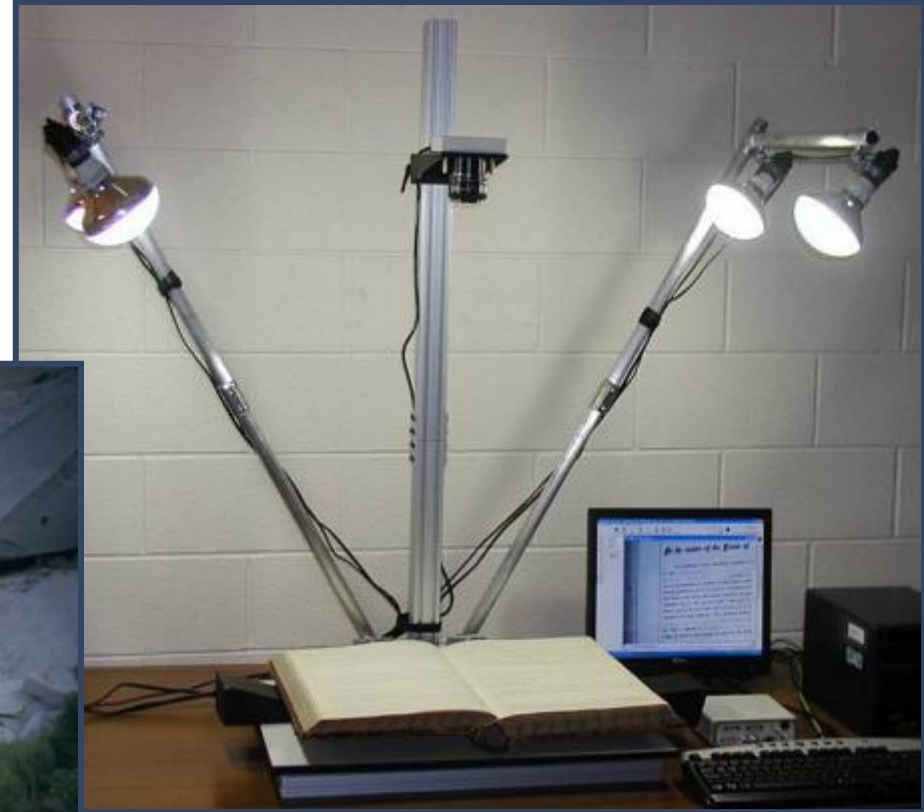
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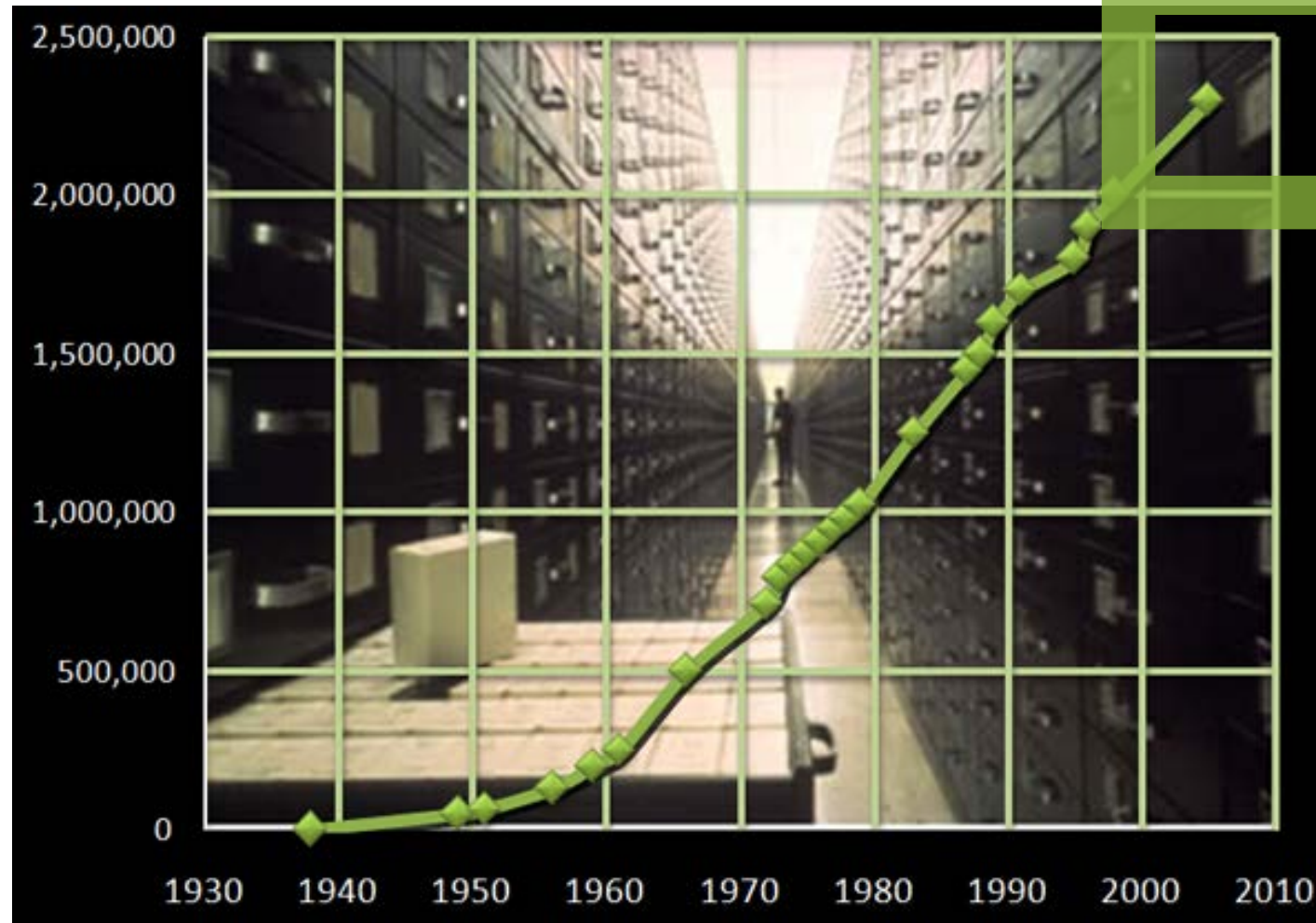
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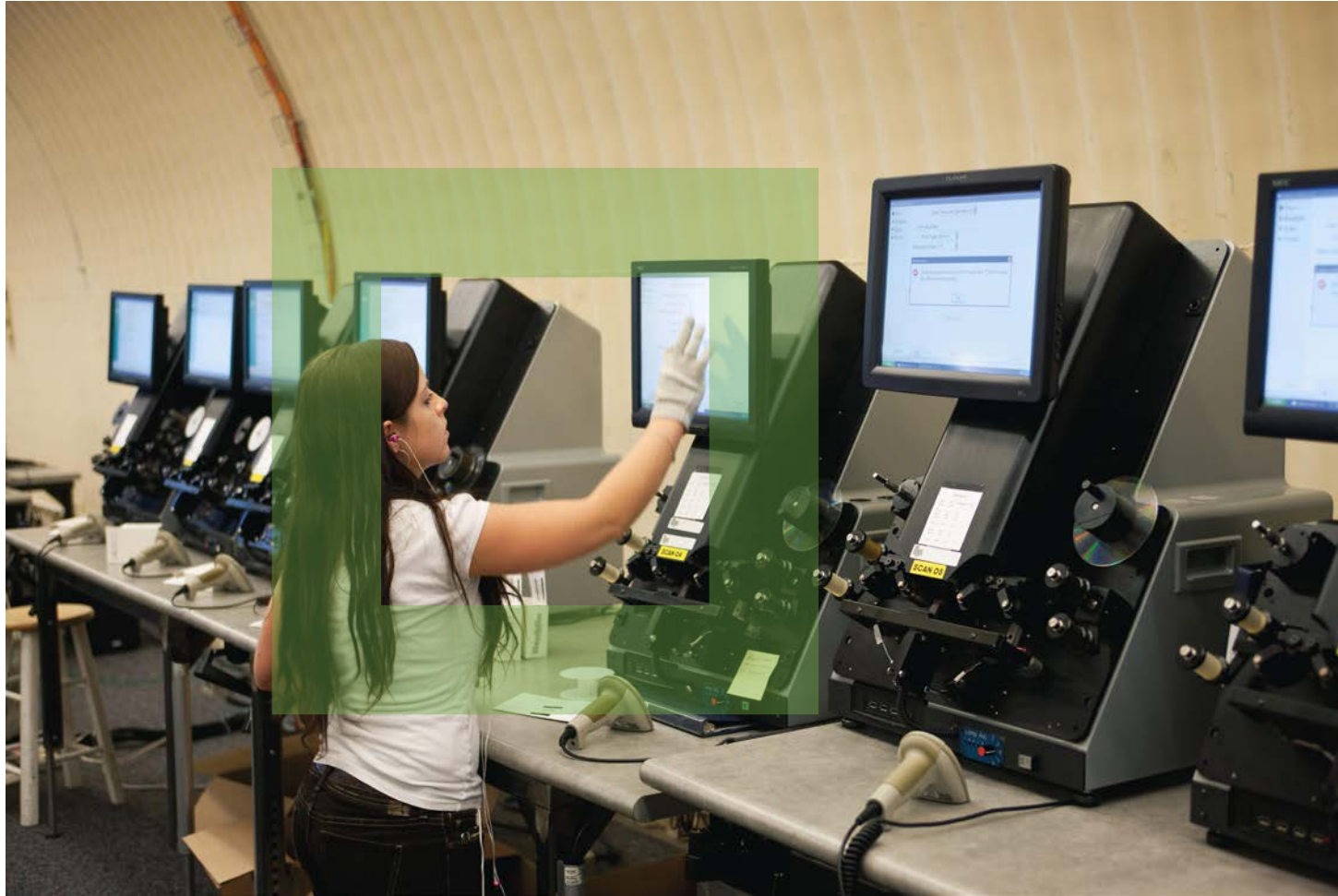


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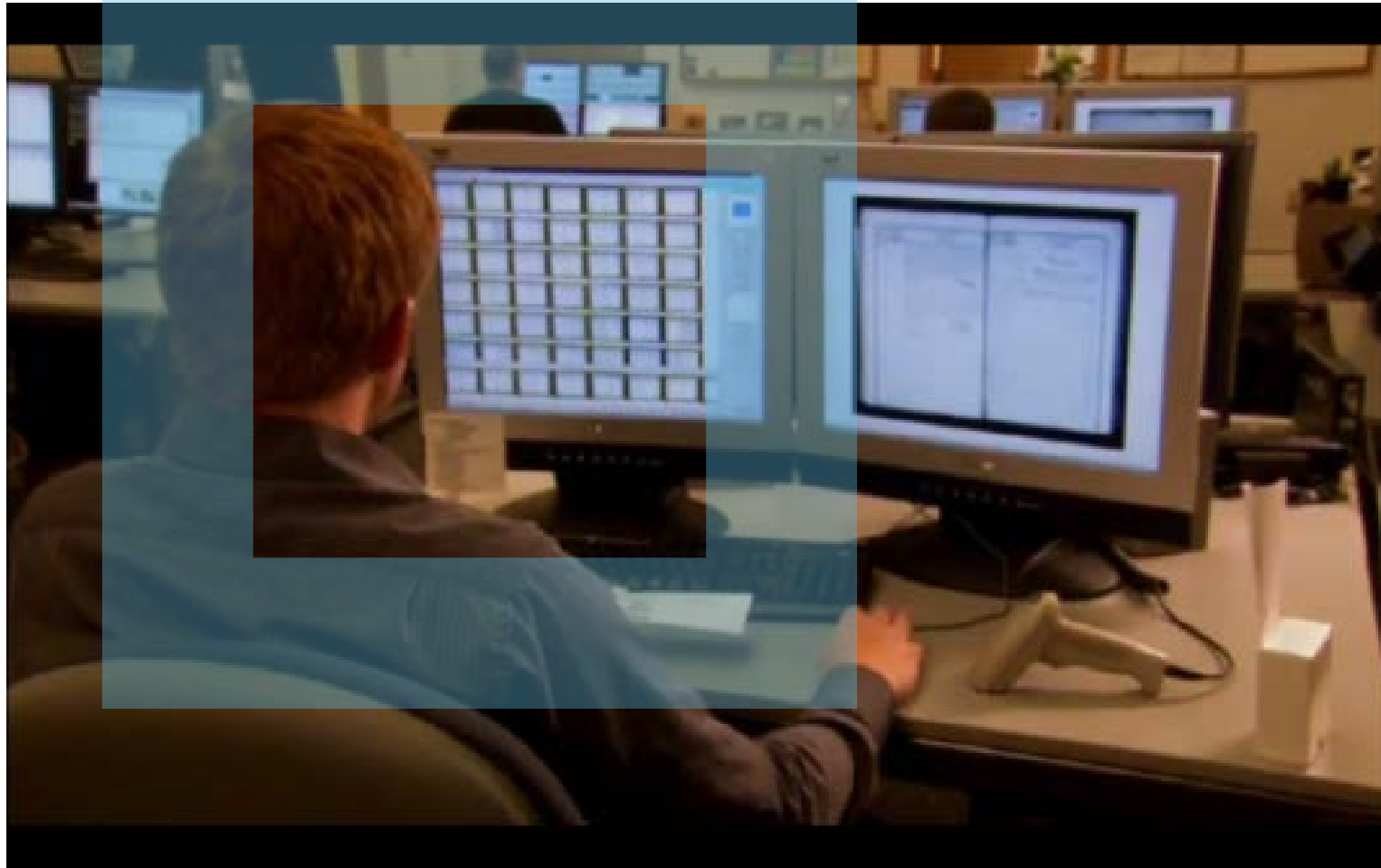
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Government	60,438,731	37,372,160
Immigration	66,545,971	134,008,946
Land	35,363,964	7,066,279
Military	121,661,206	114,218,760
Probate	113,940,666	2,893,742
TOTAL	977,926,279	2,734,211,708

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