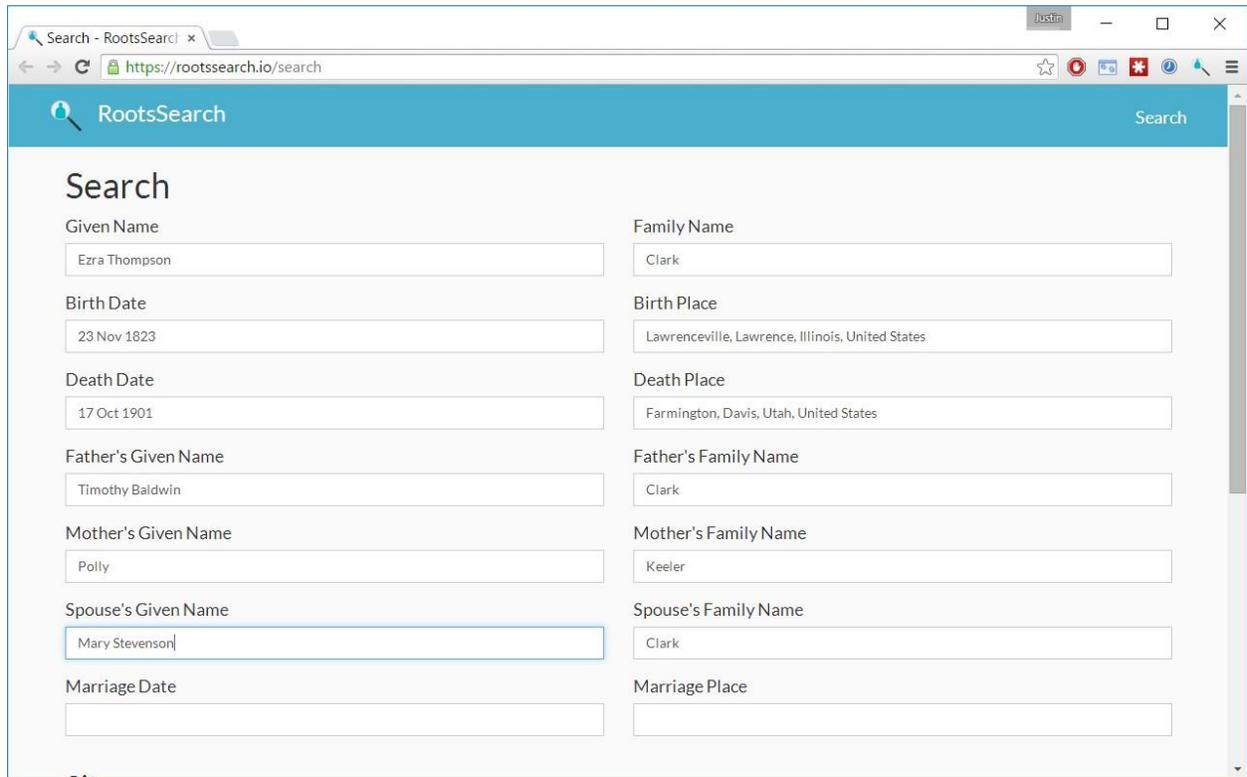# Genealogical Search Tools

RootsSearch – RootsSearch is a Chrome extension created by Justin York that will take information from FamilySearch Ancestry or WikiTree for an individual that you are researching. You get RootsSearch from either the Chrome app store (https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/rootssearch/aolcffalbhpnojekmimmelebjchjmmgn). Or directly from https://www.rootssearch.io/. When it is installed you will see this icon in the upper right corner of the Chrome browser.

When the Chrome Extension has detected information, it will show a badge **1** in the lower-right corner of the icon. If you click the icon when the badge is not showing it will still open the search page but there won't be any information filled in. as shown.

Bring up FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com or WikiTree in the first tab of your Chrome browser. Login to the website and select the person you would like to start research on. Now click on the icon for RootsSearch. A new tab will open with the information for that person.

At the bottom of the page are a list of locations that can be searched. If you have turned on additional locations RootsSearch keeps a record and displays your default list. You will need to have login ID's for most of them. Many sites will charge you for their services. Here is a partial list of sites available. Note that there is a magnifying glass for the site. By clicking on the site name a new tab will be created in the browser and a search will be made for the person you have listed.

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Search

AmericanAncestors.org 🔍	Ancestry.com 🔍	Archives 🔍
BillionGraves 🔍	Chronicling America 🔍	FamilySearch 🔍
Find A Grave 🔍	findmypast.co.uk 🔍	findmypast.com 🔍
Genealogie Online 🔍	GenealogyBank 🔍	Geneanet 🔍
Genealogy Gophers 🔍	Geni 🔍	Google Search 🔍
MyHeritage 🔍	newspapers.com 🔍	Open Archives 🔍
USGenWeb Archives 🔍	WeRelate 🔍	WikiTree 🔍
WorldVitalRecords 🔍		

⚙ More sites

RootsSearch allows you to start from many different websites. The data is gleaned from that site to populate your search. Remember that you can add more data to the search (or exclude some data).

Start from:
- Ancestry
- BillionGraves
- FamilySearch
- Find A Grave
- findmypast
- Genealogie Online
- Open Archives
- WeRelate

Search on:
- American Ancestors
- Ancestry
- Archives
- BillionGraves
- FamilySearch
- findmypast
- MyHeritage
- And many more

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Goldie May – A genealogy research assistant.

Automatic Research Log
One-click logging. Or zero-click, if you turn on automatic logging. Save screenshots. Write notes and abstracts. Search and filter.

Citations
Instant FamilySearch and Ancestry citations. No more copy and paste. Edit as you please. Export any time.

Searching
Collection Hints for the time and place your ancestor lived. Search every census during their lifetime in US, Canada, and UK. Jump between decades.

Collaboration
Invite a family member, colleague, or friend to work with you. Like, dislike, and comment on any item. A social network, but just you, your invited guests, and your research.

Place Research
Where do you want to go? Quickly jump to the FamilySearch Wiki, The Family History Guide, and Google Maps.

Research Planning
Deep dive into the catalogs of FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, and WorldCat. Save interesting collections to your task list.

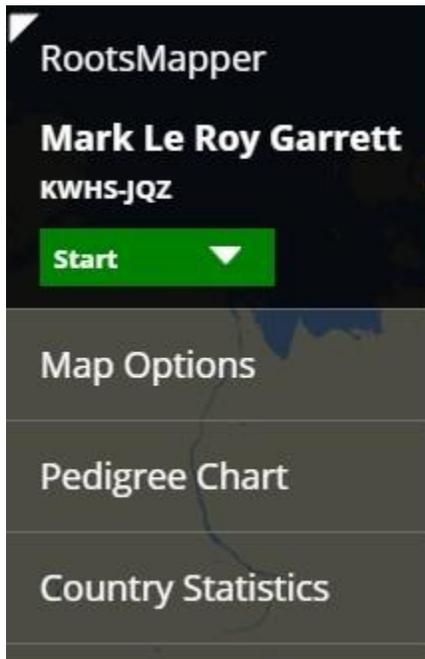| Workspace Management |
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| Too many tabs and windows? Take a snapshot. Then later, restore to their previous place on the screen, just where you left off. |

Compatibility
Start from FamilySearch Tree or your Ancestry tree. Log any page on the Internet. Export your log to CSV format to open in your (other) favorite program.

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RecordSeek - RecordSeek is a powerful utility to attach webpages as sources to FamilySearch.org. It works with both Firefox and Chrome browsers. You can get RecordSeek at https://recordseek.com. It has customizable source flow where you are given the option to immediately create the source, or you can go through the whole process and the source will be created and attached when you find the ancestor. RecordSeek will work with both FamilySearch and Ancesty.com. RecordSeek is now also available on mobile devices. Set it up as a link in your bookmarks.
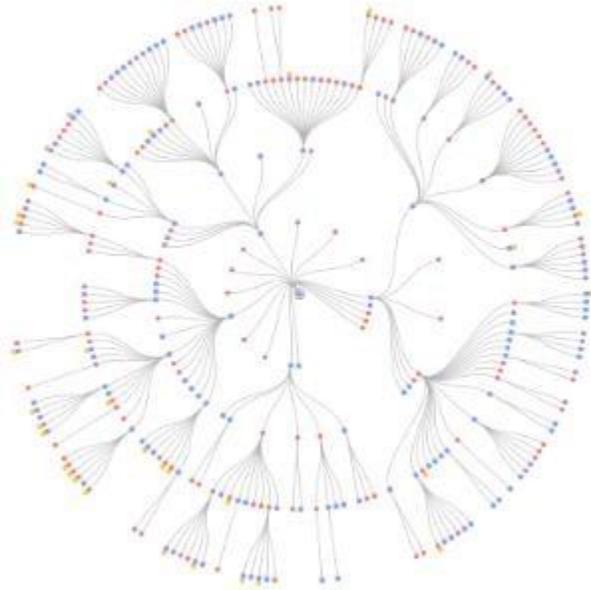

RootsMapper - RootsMapper looks at your FamilySearch data and creates a world map of how they migrated to the different locations. It is located at https://rootsmapper.com..

RootsMapper works with all web browsers and uses Google Maps to display the travel of your ancestors. Once you are logged into FamilySearch.org, RootsMapper automatically starts the process with you as the main starting point. You can have the program plot anywhere from one to 10 generations. You have several mapping options as well as country statistics. Set it up as a link in your bookmarks.

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Puzzilla provides you a descendant viewer of your descendant lines in FamilyTree. It works with all web browsers. You can find it at https://puzzilla.org. The Puzzilla Descendants Viewer uses compact symbols to reveal new areas for research in descendants of ancestors in the FamilyTree database. Where you see a family of children with no children of their own, chances are that more research will uncover their children and open up new descendant lines. Set it up as a link in your bookmarks.

• Move the pointer across the symbols to browse the names and details that appear in the popup box.
• Click or touch on a symbol to freeze the popup box on the selected person and allow clicking inside the box.
• Click on the View Descendants or View Ancestors button to view descendants or ancestors of the selected person.
• Click on View In FamilyTree to see details for that person in FamilyTree.
• Click a different person to see that person's details, or click the X to close the popup and return to browse mode.
• You can make the marked records easier to see by hiding the marks for Died Before 16 and Born within 110. This is done by clicking the corresponding buttons in the control panel. This will draw lines and symbols in a lighter shade to make records with selected properties stand out.
• The path at the bottom of the control panel lists the chain of relations between the selected person and the person at the root of the tree. Copy the relationship path and paste it into your research notes so you can remember the relationship to the selected person. You will want to record the path from both the ancestor and descendant charts.
• Click the 'X' close button in the upper right corner to un-freeze the box and return to browse mode.