

22. Making Your Ancestors Come Alive Through FamilySearch's Memories

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FamilySearch's Memories is a wonderful tool that helps your ancestors come alive. You can add photos, stories, documents, and even audio recordings of your ancestors to preserve and share their life stories. Memories can be organized by topic, shared as an album, tagged, and bookmarked – you can even create a slideshow on FamilySearch Memories. Perhaps best of all, Memories is a great way to collaborate as you can see memories that other FamilySearch users added about your ancestors, and they can see what you have added.

Using FamilySearch's Memories, how to:

- upload photos and documents
- annotate your memories with titles, descriptions, and events
- add tags that connect memories to people in Family Tree
- organize your memories into albums and how to share them
- bookmark favorite memories
- search for a topic in your photos
- make a slideshow

Tips on how to identify photos that are not labeled:

- share photos with older relatives
- upload to family Facebook groups
- if the town where the photo was taken has a Facebook group, upload to that to see if anyone recognizes the people in the photo
- upload to Facebook groups that can help you identify time frame of photo (free)
 - “Genealogy CLUES – Dating Old Photographs”
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/337276269784836>
- enlarge photo on PowerPoint or Publisher and compare with enlarged photos of ancestors that are labeled

To help identify places in photos, use Google Images and do reverse searches.

If you still can't identify photos, upload to

- deadfred.com
- “Family Treasures Found” Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419339481432739/>

Other photo helps:

- free photo restoration Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134089711030/>
- MyHeritage photo helps (subscription required):
 - Colorize: <https://www.myheritage.com/incolor>
 - Enhance: <https://www.myheritage.com/photo-enhancer>
 - Animate: <https://www.myheritage.com/deep-nostalgia>

Adding stories to FamilySearch's Memories:

- 52 story suggestions: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/52stories-for-families>

Uploading audio recordings:

- "Record My Story" suggestions for audio stories
<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/recordme/categories>
- Using the Family Tree App to upload audio recordings
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/using-familysearch-apps-to-record-oral-histories>

Help your ancestors come alive! Check out the "stories" and "photos" filters of the fan chart view of FamilySearch's Family Tree to see which of your ancestors has the most and fewest Memories attached.

Resources:

- How do I upload memories to FamilySearch?
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-upload-photos-or-documents-to-memories>
- How do I upload audio files to FamilySearch?
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-upload-audio-files>
- How do I add a story to Memories in FamilySearch?
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-add-a-story-to-memories>