

An Image-Centered Search Experience

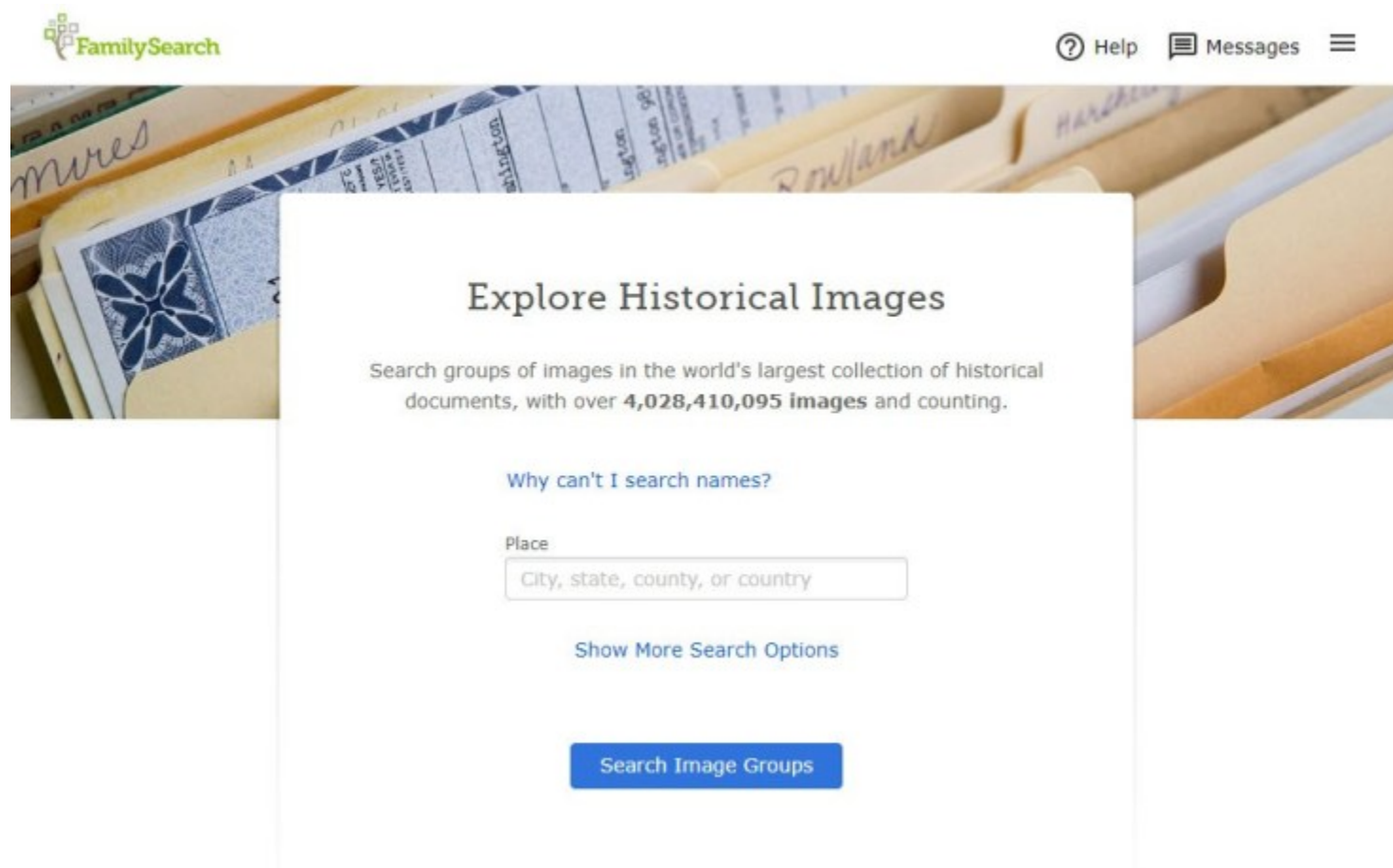
Explore Historical Images marks the beginning of a new and different search experience. With this tool, images produced from FamilySearch's 300+ digital cameras worldwide is made almost instantly available.

Explore Historical Images helps you navigate to images of historical records that could contain information about your ancestors. Although you aren't able to search for your ancestor by name directly, you are able to narrow your search by place, date, and other information that was captured when the image was taken.

To try out the tool, head over to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), and click **Search** and then **Images** in the main menu. Then follow these steps:

1. Search for Records from a Specific Place

Start by typing in a significant place for your ancestor (for example, where the person was born, wed, or buried).



To narrow your search, you can also add a date (or date range), life event, and other fields (using the advanced search). Then click **Search Image Groups**.

Tip: As you are typing, click the suggestions for standardized dates and locations for more accurate results.

2. Pick a Record Collection to Browse

Explore Historical Images searches the basic information that was captured for billions of image-only records and gives you a list of relevant record collections.

For example, a search for “Delta, Millard, Utah” for the year 1994, I found collections of obituaries from the period 1933–2014. These images haven’t been indexed yet, but I can browse them to find my ancestor.

5 Results			
PLACE	DATE	RECORD TYPE	IMAGE COUNT
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1933–2014	Death Record, Obituary	357 images
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1931–2014	Death Record, Obituary	293 images
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1931–2014	Death Record, Obituary	510 images
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1941–2014	Death Record, Obituary	400 images
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1911–2014	Death Record, Obituary	348 images

Which Collection Do I Choose?

Explore Historical Images shows you the relevant record collections it finds. To learn what is in each collection, look at the basic information that was gathered when the images were taken.

Different columns may show you the place, type of record, dates, and volume information for the collection. You may find collections with vital records (birth, marriage, and death records), church records, civil records, military records, population counts, and more.

*Tip: To toggle columns on and off, click the **Show** button in the top right.*

In our example, the obituaries from Delta, Utah, show volumes that are separated alphabetically. Because of this structure, the correct record set was easy to find.


5 Results Show ▾ Map View

PLACE	DATE	RECORD TYPE	IMAGE COUNT	TITLE	VOLUME
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1933-2014	Death Record, Obituary	357 images	Delta, Millard County, Utah Obituaries	D-E-F-G-H-I
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1931-2014	Death Record, Obituary	293 images	Delta, Millard County, Utah Obituaries	N-O-P-Q-R
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1931-2014	Death Record, Obituary	510 images	Delta, Millard County, Utah Obituaries	S-U-V-W-X-Y-Z
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1941-2014	Death Record, Obituary	400 images	Delta, Millard County, Utah Obituaries	A-B-C
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1911-2014	Death Record, Obituary	348 images	Delta, Millard County, Utah Obituaries	J-K-L-M

*Tip: If you have too many results or too few, use the left side bar to narrow and broaden your search. or narrow the area you are searching. Then click **Update**.*

Search Historical Images

Place



United States > Utah > Millard > Delta

▼ **Current Place**

Delta, Millard, Utah, United States (City) 5

Date

Life Event

Record Type

[Show Advanced Search](#)

[Update](#) [off Options](#)

5 Results

PLACE	DATE
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1933-2014
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1931-2014
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1931-2014
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1941-2014
Delta, Millard, Utah, United States	1911-2014

1-5 of 5 results

Sometimes record collections in your results may appear to be the same at first, but you'll find as you explore them that each one is unique. Even if the basic information isn't very descriptive, don't be afraid to click a result to see what it contains!

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PLACE	DATE	RECORD TYPE	IMAGE COUNT	TITLE	VOLUME
Skanderborg, Århus, Denmark	1953-1956	Civil Registration Record, Marriage Record	59 images	Ægteskabsbog (duplikat) for Skanderborg	9-12 8035791431
Skanderborg, Århus, Denmark	1949-1953	Civil Registration Record, Marriage Record	75 images	Ægteskabsbog (duplikat) for Skanderborg	9-12 8035791431
Skanderborg, Århus, Denmark	1960-1963	Civil Registration Record, Marriage Record	57 images	Ægteskabsbog (duplikat) for Skanderborg	9-12 8035791431
Skanderborg, Århus, Denmark	1963-1966	Civil Registration Record, Marriage Record	57 images	Ægteskabsbog (duplikat) for Skanderborg kobstad	13-15 8035791471

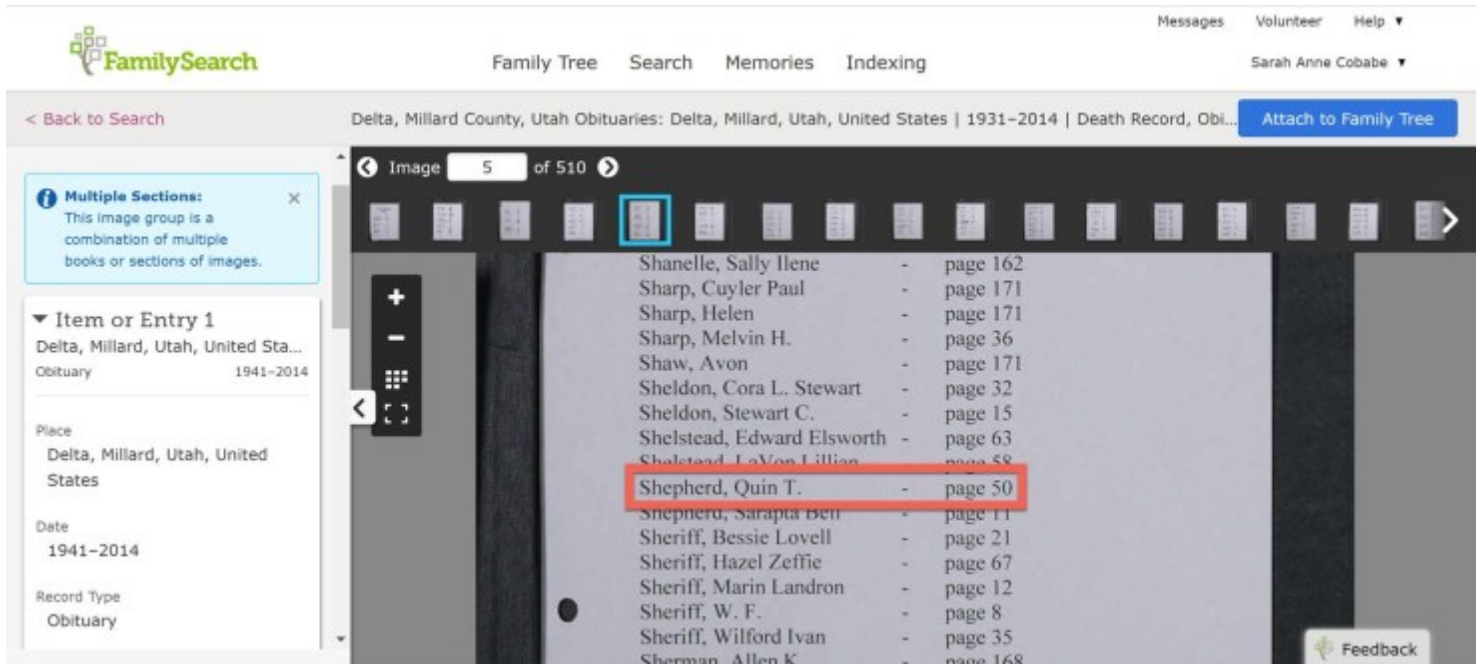
3. Browse Record Images

Once you pick an image collection, a browsing window shows you thumbnails of each image. Looking at these thumbnails, you may see indexes, section markers, or title pages that can help you learn more about what is in the record set.

The screenshot shows a digital archive interface. At the top, it reads "Delta, Millard County, Utah Obituaries: Delta, Millard, Utah, United States | 1931-2014 | Death Record". Below this is a navigation bar with "Image 1 of 510". The main area displays a grid of document thumbnails. The first thumbnail in the top row is highlighted with a blue box, and a red arrow points to it. This thumbnail shows a document with a header "DELLA COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD" and a list of names. To the left of the grid is a sidebar with the following information:

- Multiple Sections:** This image group is a combination of multiple books or sections of images.
- Item or Entry 1**
 - Delta, Millard, Utah, United Sta...
 - Obituary 1941-2014
 - Place: Delta, Millard, Utah, United States
 - Date: 1941-2014
 - Record Type: Obituary
 - Language: English
 - Archival Reference Number: Delta, Millard County, Utah Obituaries_S-T-U-V-W-X-Y-7 1941-2014

In our obituaries example, the index at the beginning was organized by last name and showed the exact page that showed my ancestor's record.



Explore Historical Images lets you zoom in on each image and flip through images quickly. Using the **image number box**, you can skip through the images by any number to become familiar with how the records are organized. You can also use the **arrow buttons** to scan each image for your ancestor's name.

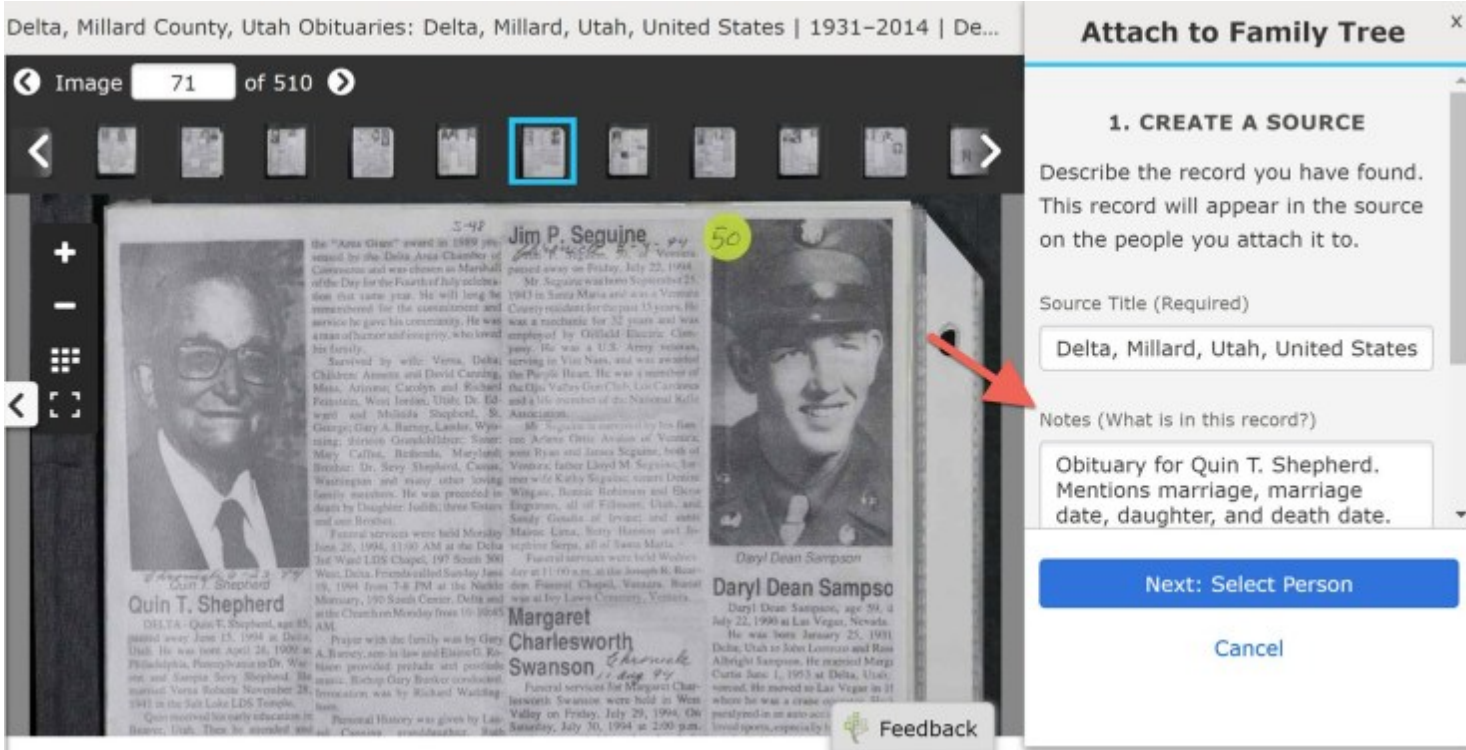
Note: At first, the number of records that Explore Historical Images gives you to sort through may seem large. This feature will be refined over time to reduce the number of records you may need to browse if your ancestors are in the image-only collections.

4. Attach Relevant Records

When you find a record image that is relevant for your ancestor, use the blue **Attach to Family Tree** button in the upper right to attach it to your ancestor's profile in Family Tree.



As you add this source to your relative's profile, you can also note important information on the image so you and others can read it more easily.



Explore Historical Images can help you discover new information about your ancestors that might not be made searchable online for years to come. If you haven't been able to find needed records by doing text-based searches, try out the new [Explore Historical Images](#) tool. It may be that the record you need was only recently made available, and Explore Historical Images can help you find it.