

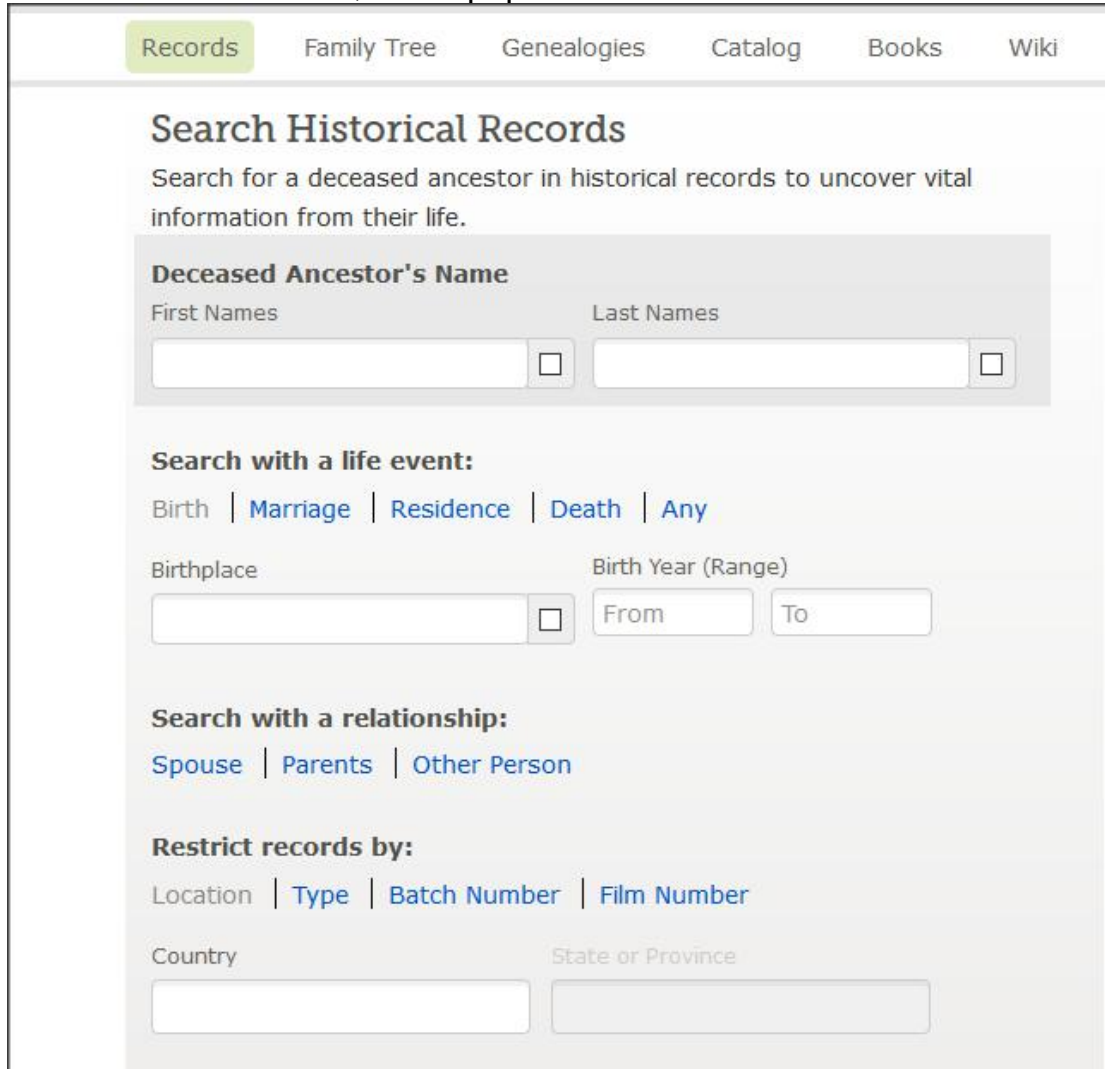
Creative Searching on Family Search

To get Started, bring up the main Search page:

<https://familysearch.org/>

If you do not have an account, get one. Sometimes you will need it to view images.

1. Click on the 'Search Button', a box pops:



The screenshot shows the 'Search Historical Records' interface on FamilySearch.org. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Records' (highlighted), 'Family Tree', 'Genealogies', 'Catalog', 'Books', and 'Wiki'. Below the tabs is the title 'Search Historical Records' and a brief description: 'Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.' The form is divided into several sections:

- Deceased Ancestor's Name:** Contains two input fields for 'First Names' and 'Last Names', each with a small square checkbox to its right.
- Search with a life event:** Features a row of links: 'Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any'. Below this are two input fields: 'Birthplace' (with a checkbox) and 'Birth Year (Range)' (with 'From' and 'To' sub-fields).
- Search with a relationship:** Includes links for 'Spouse | Parents | Other Person'.
- Restrict records by:** Includes links for 'Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number'. Below these are two input fields: 'Country' and 'State or Province'.

2. In the box marked 'Birthplace', enter the County and State of Interest. Check the little box to the right for an exact Search.

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3. There are 34,000 hits, this a bit much to take in, so do this: Up at the top is the word "Collections", click on that:

4. You get this:

https://familysearch.org/search/record/results?count=20&query=%2Bbirth_place%3ACarlton

Now, notice that there are 80 items under 'Vital Records', click on 'Show all 80' You get this:

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Expand the other sections to find more information.

Using this technique will get you better and more results than just using a name or a date. You want all versions and spellings and this is one way to find them.

Here is where you will find your Carlton [or other location] folk who were born in Carlton County, but moved away and left a paper trail.

The other Search Technique is to use the FS Catalog and do Keyword searches:
Entering Carlton County, Minnesota into the Keyword slot get's you this:

<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bkeywords%3ACarlton%20%2Bkeywords%3ACounty%2C%20%2Bkeywords%3AMinnesota>

But, unless you are in a FS Library, you really want the online stuff, so to the left is a list, scroll until you see 'Availability Online'



The image shows a sidebar of search filters with the following categories and counts:

- Year**
 - ▶ 1800 (3)
 - ▶ 1900 (4)
- Category**
 - ▶ Birth, Marriage and Death (3)
 - ▶ Census, Taxation, and Voter Lists (20)
 - ▶ Church history (1)
 - ▶ Court, Land, and Wills (5)
 - ▶ Family Trees (2)
 - ▶ Geographic Aids (3)
 - ▶ Histories, Memories, and Stories (11)
 - ▶ Migration and Citizenship (2)
 - ▶ Military (2)
 - ▶ Other (51)
- Availability**
 - ▶ Online (33)
- Language**
 - ▶ English (51)

Click 'Online' and you will find links to all sorts of stuff that you can look at and download if you wish.

<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bkeywords%3ACarlton%20%2Bkeywords%3ACounty%2C%20%2Bkeywords%3AMinnesota&page=1&availability=Online>

Some of the links take you back to the regular places, but others are digitized films and other types of media

Happy Hunting!

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Carlton County portion of the MNGenWeb