

## FIND PREVIOUSLY-SUBMITTED GENEALOGY

Genealogy that may have been submitted to the church years ago can be found in one of two places: the **Pedigree Resource File** or **Ancestral File**. Both databases are available online at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). You can download information found in Ancestral File. Matches in Pedigree Resource File can be saved from the collection of CDs in the family history center. This guide will help you find information in Ancestral File that you can download.

### *Steps to find previously-submitted genealogy*

#### Locate a relative in Ancestral File

1. Go to [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
2. [optional] Sign on to the website with your account
3. Click on the tab labeled “Search”
4. Type in the first and last name of a member of your family. Your grandparents are more likely to be in these databases than your parents.
5. If you know it, type in the birth year of this individual. Select “Birth/Christening” from the “Event” drop-down.
6. Click Search
7. FamilySearch returns results from all of its databases. To find previously-submitted genealogy, look for results under the heading “Ancestral File”. (Matches under “Pedigree Resource File” will also be useful, though the information can only be saved from the CD collection at the family history center.)
8. If no results are found under Ancestral File, try a different search. You may try removing the birth year or try going back another generation (great-grandparents).
9. If you find a match, click on the name of the most likely match.

A screenshot of the FamilySearch search form. It has three columns: 'Event', 'Year Range', and 'Year'. The 'Event' dropdown is set to 'Birth/Christening'. The 'Year' field contains '1881'. The 'Country' dropdown is set to 'All Countries'. There is a checkbox for '\* Use exact spelling' which is unchecked. At the bottom are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Search' button.

**Ancestral File**  
1. [Daniel DAVIDSON](#) - Ancestral File  
Gender: M Birth/Christening: 17 Sep 1881 Hopeman, Moray, Scotland  
[Matches: Ancestral File - 1](#)

10. The individual Record page shows the details of this individual. If this is the person you are related to then there will be information you can download.
11. You can download either a family group record or a pedigree chart.

#### Download a Family Group Record

12. To view the family group record, use the link “Family” on the right side of the page. Each link represents a different family:

- a. Family of the individual as a spouse: click on the “Family” link to the right of their name near the top of the page

<b>Daniel DAVIDSON (AFN: 1LMG-GK)</b> <b>Sex: M</b>	<a href="#">Pedigree</a> <a href="#">Family</a>
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- b. Family of the individual as a child: click on the “Family” link next to their parents

<b>Parents:</b> <b>Father:</b> <a href="#">William DAVIDSON (AFN: 1LMG-NL)</a> <b>Mother:</b> <a href="#">Jessie MAIN (AFN: 1LMG-PR)</a>	<a href="#">Family</a>
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13. To download the Family Group Record, click “Download GEDCOM” under the page title.

<b>Family Group Record</b> <a href="#">Download GEDCOM</a>
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14. The web browser will ask you if you want to Open or Save the file. Choose “Save”.
15. Select a spot on the computer where you can find the file again (“My Documents” and “Desktop” are good choices.)
16. Click “Close” on the Download complete box

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17. To view the pedigree chart for this individual, click on the “Pedigree” link to the right of their name near the top of the page.

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18. To download all the data you see, click “Download GEDCOM” under the page title

<b>Pedigree Chart</b> <a href="#">Download GEDCOM</a>
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19. The web browser will ask you if you want to Open or Save the file. Choose “Save”.
20. Select a spot on the computer where you can find the file again (“My Documents” and “Desktop” are good choices.) You may want to rename the file so as not to overwrite other files you’ve downloaded.
21. Click “Close” on the Download complete box.