The Growth of **Family History** Resources

The growth of family history resources and their use shows the Lord's guiding hand in this important work of the Church, and it shows His love for us and our families—on both sides of the veil.



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Attendees at a RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Until 2021, RootsTech was a live, in-person event.



2021: More than 1 million family history enthusiasts participated in RootsTech Connect.



The Genealogical Society of Utah Building, where the society moved its collections in 1934.

1934: The Genealogical Society of Utah had over 6,000 members. Today, there are more than 18.7 million registered FamilySearch.org users.

2010:

2017: Web-based indexing started, following 11 years of software-based indexing. Since 2017, more than **800,000** indexing volunteers have participated.



The first office of the Genealogical Society of Utah, located in the Church Historian's Office. The society used this building from 1894 to 1916.

1894: The Genealogical Society of Utah (now FamilySearch) started its library with a collection of **300 books.** FamilySearch now has over 503,000 digital books.

1964:

Genealogical libraries in stake centers began to be established. There are now over 5,200 family history centers in 145 countries.



new Record Search launched with over a billion names and millions of images. There are now 8.4 billion searchable **names** and 4.4 billion digital images published.

FamilySearch.org's











1999: FamilySearch launches online. Now available in **30 languages**, more than 150 million people have visited FamilySearch

.org to learn more about their family heritage.



A class in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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