

# Using the FamilySearch.org Research Guidance Site

## What is Available on the FamilySearch.org Research Guidance Site?

For the novice researcher, this web site is excellent. It truly is a guide for researching and each topic is presented in a logical order for doing research on an ancestor from beginning to end. Below is the table of contents for the web site.

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The last listing, **Selecting Record Types**, is a great chart which tells the types of sources to check first and then second for birth date, birth place, death, divorce, etc. U would suggest printing the chart and keeping it in your reference materials.

## Accessing the Research Guidance Web Site

- Go to [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/rg/guide/Guide\\_to\\_Research6.asp#selecting\\_record\\_types](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/rg/guide/Guide_to_Research6.asp#selecting_record_types)
- Click on the desired subject's link from the Table of Contents.