



Preserving and Protecting a Community Heritage and History

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HANCOCK COUNTY GEORGIA COURT HOUSE BURNED DOWN

Not in 1864... but in 2014!

Why work with FamilySearch to
preserve your records...

Before



After (August 11, 2014)



<http://www.macon.com/2014/08/11/3243614/fire-destroys-hancock-county-courthouse.html?sp=%2F99%2F100%2F&ihp=1>

PARADISE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WAS DESTROYED BY WILDFIRE

Before 2/8/2018... and After 2/14/2018



What is FamilySearch?



History



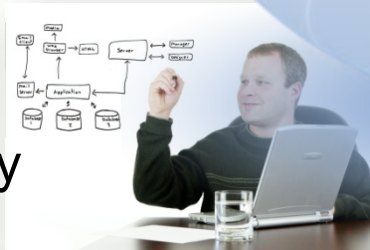
Area Studies and Languages



Archival &
Library Science



Micrographics &
Digital imaging



Computer
technology

Nearly 1000
People

The Idea...



From Here



To Here!



Records Access – The Process



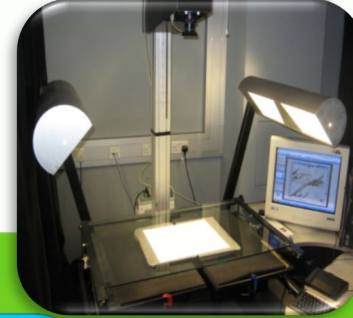
Records Agreement



Digital Conversion



Image Capture



Online Indexing



Preservation



Online Access



Image Capture



Over 300 camera teams
filming in over 50 countries

Each year FamilySearch
produces over 300
million digital images:

- 200+ million through
microfilm conversion
- 130+ million new digital
images from field capture



Image Preservation



Granite Mountain Records Vault

Over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm



Over 1 million microfiche



Over 3.5 billion images of family history records

Increasing by over 130 million images per year

27 Petabytes of data in storage (3 pb in LOC = 20 million books)



Archival Benefits

Working with FamilySearch



- Provide information about records in your office
- Preserve genealogical records for posterity
- Provide access to records without damaging the original
- Create back up preservation-quality copies
- Cost free (work done by trained volunteers)



What Records will FS Digitize?



- Land Records up to 1900
- Court, Slavery, and Tax Records up to 1900
- Probate Records up to 1930
- Naturalization Records up to 1950
- School Records up to 1930
- Voter Registration 1920
- Census up to 1940
- Vitals as current as possible (Marriages, Births, Deaths)

Easy Next Steps

Working with FamilySearch



1. Identify records you want to preserve
2. Create comprehensive inventory
3. Identify records to digitize
4. Review and sign digital imaging agreement
5. Identify doc prep needs
 - Create plan to do doc prep
6. Create room to do the work
7. Create secure location for camera work
8. Place record list on wiki