How to Attach Sources in Family Tree

Introduction

This tutorial explains two easy ways to attach sources from FamilySearch Historical Records to people in Family Tree:
1. Record Hints
2. Search Records

Attach a Source from Record Hints

The Record Hints box displays links to FamilySearch historical records that have a very strong likelihood (around 98%) of being for the person whose page you're on.

1. Click the link for the record hint you want to attach. For this example, we'll attach the first hint, a marriage record.

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2. After you click the link, details for the record appear on the screen. Click **Review and Attach**.

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3. Review the information on the screen to make sure it really applies to your person.

The left side of the screen displays information from the historical record.

The right side of the screen displays information from the person in Family Tree.

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4. If you still agree the record is for your person, explain why you are attaching the source in the **Reason to Attach Source box**. Then click **Attach**.

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5. Amy Katharine's husband, Arthur George, is also in Family Tree. Family Tree recognizes that the marriage record applies to him too. To attach the source to Arthur George, click **Attach** next to his name.

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6. Family Tree remembers the earlier reason statement you entered. To accept the reason statement and attach the source, click **Attach**.

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7. Now both names have a green background. To return to Amy Katharine's record, click her name at the top of the page.
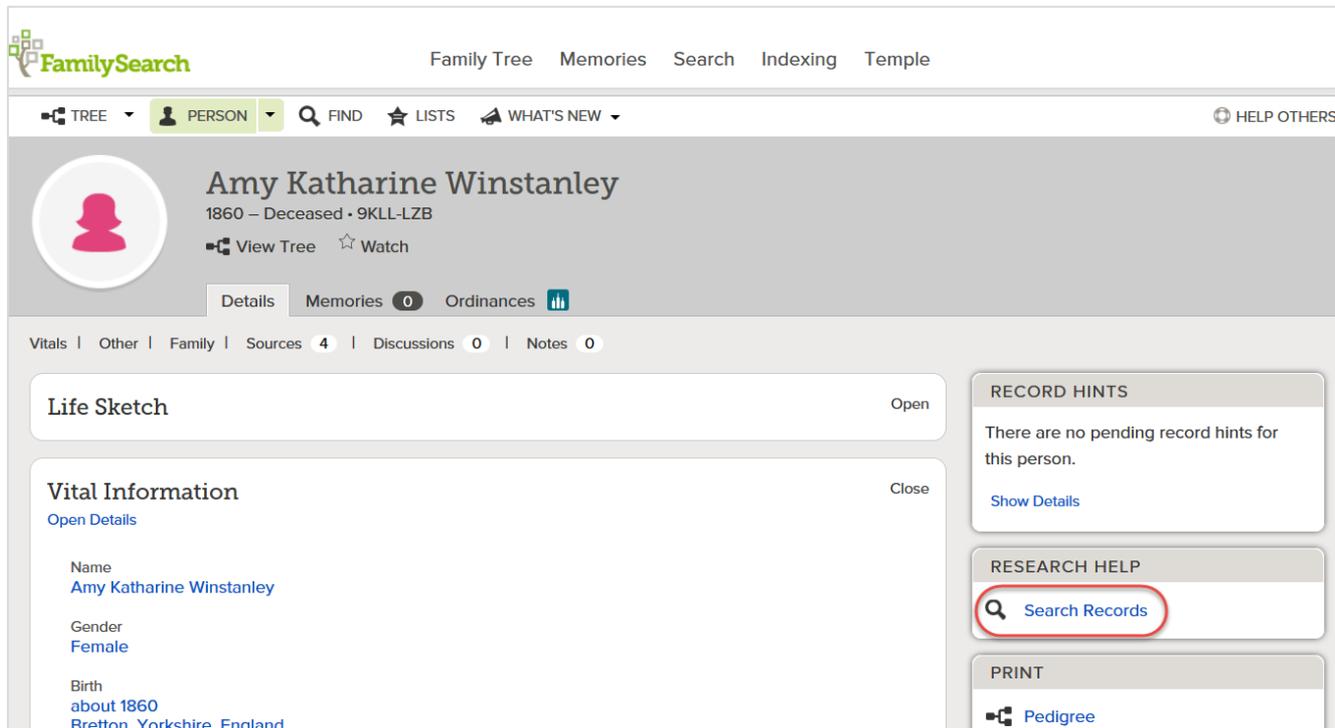
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8. To see the source you just attached, click **Sources** at the top of the page. You'll be taken to the Sources section further down on the page.

Attach a Source Using Search Records

Attaching a source using Search Records is very similar to attaching a source using Record Hints. Only the beginning of the process is different.

1. On the Person page, in the Research Help box, click **Search Records**.

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2. On the next screen, you'll see possible matching records from FamilySearch Historical Records. Click a record to review it.

In this example, the first one looks like a good match for Amy Katharine, because the birth year and location match information we already know about her.

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3. Review the details of the record. If the record still looks like it's for your person, click **Attach to Family Tree**.

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4. In the list of persons that appears, click the person to whom the record should be attached.

From this point on, the process is the same as the process for attaching a source using Record Hints.

Questions?

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