

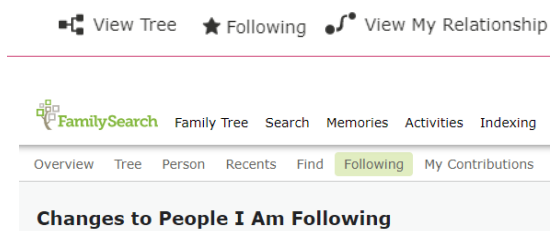
## Hidden Tools on FamilySearch

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/bOWVIZCyblo>

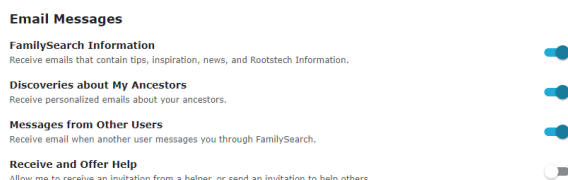
Create an Account, it is harmless and free.

### 1) Following Your Ancestors.

Anytime you see the “Following” option you can follow that person to watch for others making changes.



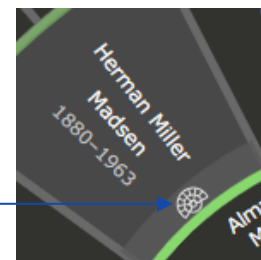
- a. See a list of ancestors you are following.
- b. Receive weekly alerts for those changes made to ancestors you are following.
  - i. Go to your account. Click on settings.
  - ii. Choose the Notifications Tab and be sure the Discoveries about My Ancestors is turned on.



### 2) In the Fan Tree – Tiny Fan and More

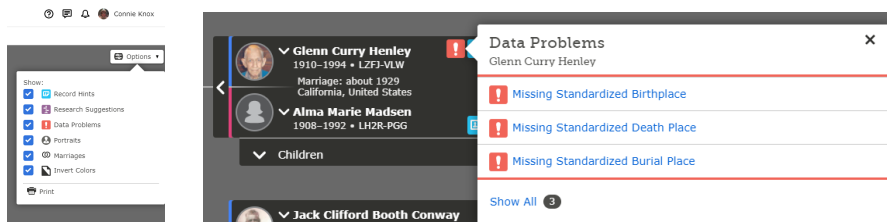


- a. Use Tiny Fan in the Tree. Hover over and click the tiny fan to move that person to the center of the fan chart.
- b. Invert the Colors using the Options menu to save on your eyes after a long day of research.
- c. Under the menu below the Fan Chart drop down menu...
  - i. Find Photos to highlight those ancestors with images in their file.
  - ii. Find Birth Countries at-a-glance using this tool.
  - iii. See which ancestors have Sources quickly.



### 3) Enable Data Problems Helps Alert You to Problems (In the Tree View).

- To Enable it in the Fan view, click on Fan Chart menu (on upper left) and click on Research Helps. Then, in the upper right Options menu, be sure Data Problems is checked.
- Alternatively, while in other tree views, click the options in the upper right corner. Check the Data Problems box.
- To see the data issues, click on the red “!” to show you the issues. Fixing these will help the search engines find more clues for you. Do so by editing the ancestors profile.



### 4) FamilySearch Wiki

The FamilySearch Wiki may just be the best source for any research question. When you don't know where to find something, start with the FamilySearch Wiki.

- Go to Search and drop down to Research Wiki.
- Once there, drill down by location first.
- Get familiar with the entire page. There are quick links on the right side.
- Be sure to scroll down. You can click on counties and provinces to get a closer look at what is available at a local county or city level.
- Be sure to look on a broader geographical region too, for example a state level as well as a county level.

### 5) Search Unindexed Census Records

- Click on Records
- Choose a country and state from the map.
- Scroll down to where it says Image-Only Historical Records
  - Choose U.S. Enumeration District Maps
  - Browse through 63,619 images.
  - Choose the roll.
- Click on multiple images icon in the upper left corner (highlighted in yellow).
- Use the – symbol to zoom out to several maps per page for faster scrolling.



### Bonus Tip – Copy the citation EVERY TIME!

- While viewing records and images, click the information tab and scroll down to the citation. COPY IT for your Research Notes!