

Family Tree Attach Sources using an iPad

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Part I -- Attach a Source to Family Tree from the FamilySearch “Search” feature

Open a Details Page for one of your kindred dead

Go to FamilySearch.org -- Sign In, open Family Tree, Open the “Details” Page of one of your kindred dead. Family Search has provided a shortcut in the Search process to find sources for an individual. On the right side of the Details Page under “Research Help” click on “Search Records”. A Record Search form will be pre-filled with the name, birthplace and birth date +/- 2 years as a range already filled in on the left side of the page. On the right side you will see Search Results from Historical Records. You can click “Refine your search” to modify your search to include a life event or relationship. You can scroll down and filter your results in many different ways.

Attach a Source Record to the Individual on Family Tree

When you find a record for the individual in the Search Results List click on the name to see the indexed record. You can either:

1. Click “Attach to Family Tree” which will save one step later on or you can
2. Click “Add to My Source Box” and later attach the source to the tree from your Source Box later on.

I prefer the first way. In addition to saving a step if you have previously attached the source to a person in the tree it will let you know this by showing a paper clip with a link to “View in Family Tree”

Go back to the details page on Family Tree to see the Source you attached. To see the source just added (Step 1 above) you will need to reload the page by clicking the circular icon at the right side of the URL box (top right of page).

If you use step 2 to attach a source you will need to scroll down the individual page to Sources and click “Attach from Source Box”. Make sure the correct person is displayed at the Go to:

location on the top left of page then click “Attach at the right side of the appropriate source. Include a reason for attaching the source if desired. Click on the individual’s name on top left to go back to the details page.

Review what you have done and add Tags if desired

Go to details page for an individual. Scroll down to Sources. Click on a source. The source details will open with the source title, URL location, Citation, reason the Source was Attached, and your name as the submitter of the information. You can click the Tag icon to tag this source to Name, Gender, Birth, Christening, Death, or Burial depending on what information is included in the Source.

See the Source indexed page and possibly the original image

After opening a Source, you can click on the URL link (or the tree icon to the left of the Source Title) to go directly to the indexed page. On the Indexed page you can click on “View Image” (if available) to see the original document. Some internet sites will charge a fee to see or download the image. Several “for fee” internet sites are free through the Family History Portal at FamilySearch Libraries and some of the Family History Centers.

Attaching a Source for a Marriage Record

Go to the “Spouses and Children” section of the details page and click “Edit Couple” Under Sources click “Attach from Source Box” then click “Attach” and provide a reason. You can add or edit the marriage information to agree with information on the attached Source.

Part II -- Attach a source to Family Tree from any Internet Site (other than FamilySearch).

Place a “Tree Connect” Icon obtained from RecordSeek.com on your iPad Bookmarks Bar.

This is a one time operation. “Tree Connect” will remain on your iPad Bookmarks Bar until you remove it. On a desktop or laptop computer this is a snap. From RecordSeek.com you can simple drag and drop the Tree Connect icon to the Bookmarks Bar.

Unfortunately the drag and drop procedure doesn’t work on the iPad. To get Tree Connect on the iPad Bookmarks Bar follow the tutorial steps given at:

<http://iosbookmarklets.com/tutorials/recordseek-bookmarklet-ipad/> (Or go to: iosbookmarklets.com Type RecordSeek in the lower search box then click on RecordSeek Bookmarklet for iPad – IOS Bookmarklets.) Follow the instructions to Install the RecordSeek bookmarklet on the iPad. It is a bit detailed but you only have to do this once.

Add a Source from an internet page -- for example findagrave.com

Once you have “Tree Connect” on your Bookmarks Bar you can copy a source citation from any internet site to “My Source Box” on Family Tree.

Example: On your iPad open findagrave.com and search for one of your kindred dead. Click the “Tree Connect” icon on your iPad’s Bookmarks Bar. Sign in to FamilySearch with your FamilySearch account credentials. You should now see the Source Citation for the person you found on findagrave. Click “Save” (lower left) then click “Close Window” The source will now be visible in “My Source Box” in FamilySearch Family Tree. Go to the person’s “Details” page on Family Tree > scroll down to “Sources” and click “Attach from Source Box”. Make sure the correct person’s name is showing at the upper left of screen after the words Go To: Now click the “Attach” icon to the right of the Source placed in the “Source Box” The icon will change to a paper clip indicating the Source is attached. Return to the details page and scroll down to see the attached source.

Summary:

What a blessing attached sources will be to other family members that may question some of the data in Family Tree! What a blessing attached sources will be to the deceased individual’s posterity allowing them to see the source documentation, indexed information and in many instances the original image.

Sourcing information used to be a tedious task I often put off doing. Now sourcing with no copy, paste requirements or trying to decide what information goes in each field has actually become an enjoyable activity for me. We can use our iPads to attach records to Family Tree while we are in an airport, doctor’s office, hotel room, etc. What a blessing and what an effective use of time “Sourcing” can be in our lives.