

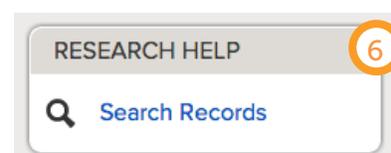
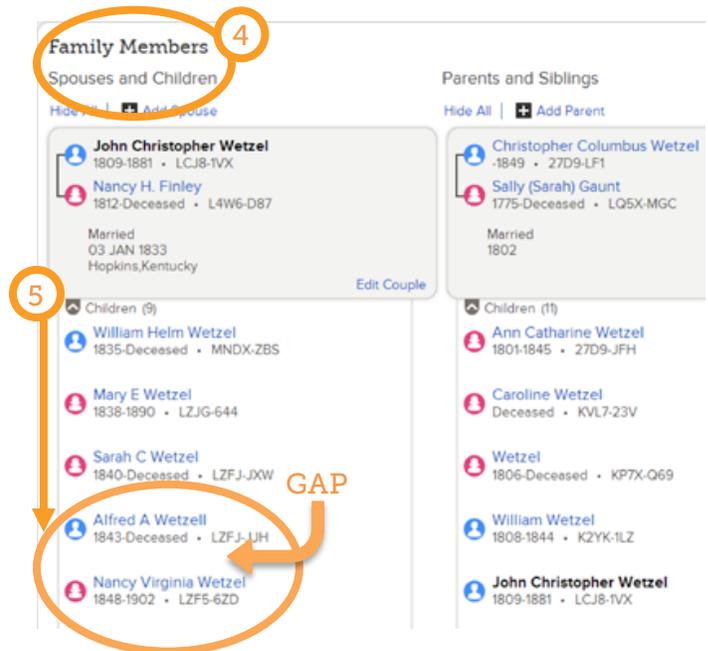
Easy Steps to: Descendancy Research

Descendancy research is the process of identifying all of the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of an ancestral couple. Use descendancy research to expand the family, identify new names, and even connect with cousins.

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Start with you on your family tree at FamilySearch.org. Go back at least 4 or 5 generations, and choose one of your great- or great-great-grandparents.
 - Find someone who was alive during the 1850-1940 time period.
 - If possible, choose someone with an unusual name, such as Ramona (instead of Mary) or McGraw (instead of Smith).
- Click on the individual's name to view the person card.
- Click **Person** (see diagram) to go to the Person Page.
- Scroll down to the Family Members section. If necessary, click **Open**.
- Review the spouses and their children, and identify one with:
 - Few or no children.
 - Large gaps between children (3+ years).
 - No spouse.
 - Individuals with no death date.

Any of these may indicate that information is missing from your family tree.
- On the right side of the husband's Person Page, click **Search Records** to find the couple in one or more census records. (See Page 2 for instructions on searching records.)
- Compare information on the census with your family tree. Check each name, and see if there is new or missing information. (See Page 2 for an example.)
- Add new information to your family tree. Use **Find** to search the Family Tree before adding new individuals.
- Repeat steps 2-8 for each of the children in the family identified in step five.



Using Search Records to find a record

1. Click the **Search Records** link on the right side of the Person Page.
2. Review the list of results, and locate the family you are researching in a census record.
3. Click the name (in blue) of your ancestor in the list of results to review the summary.
4. Click **View Image** to see the scanned image of the record.
 - You can use the controls on the page to pan and zoom the image.
5. Return to step seven on page one.

Tip: Identify and verify new information using other online sources, such as:

- Birth, marriage, and death records, also known as vital records.
- Church records.
- Cemetery/gravestone collections

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in *My Dist* of *Missouri* enumerated by me, on the *9*

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age.	Sex.
1	2	3	4	5
1	1	John C. Wetzel	41	
2		Nancy	36	
3		Williams H	15	
4		Mary E.	12	
5		Sarah H	10	
6		Alfred A	7	
7		John G. L.	5	
8		Nancy V	2	
9	2	James K. Latham	39	
10		ira C	35	M
11		Thos M	13	M
12		Orleana C	11	F

John Christopher Wetzel
1809-1881 • LCJ8-1VX

Nancy H. Finley
1812-Deceased • L4W6-D87

Married
03 JAN 1833
Hopkins, Kentucky

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Children (9)

William Helm Wetzel
1835-Deceased • MNDX-ZBS

Mary E. Wetzel
1838-1890 • LZJG-644

Sarah C. Wetzel
1840-Deceased • LZFJ-JXW

Alfred A. Wetzel
1843-Deceased • LZFJ-JJH

Nancy Virginia Wetzel
1848-1902 • LZF5-6ZD

Martha A. Wetzel

Missing from Family Tree!