

[Important Websites for Finland Genealogy](#)

There are two "must peruse" websites for initiating original research in the Austria. There are a lot of excellent resources well documents found on both **Family Search.Org** and **The Family History Guide**.

From a single URL cited below on **FamilySearch**, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for Finland that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could ever have imagined all from one extended screen display. It is a remarkable guide to Finish ancestry, history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much more. The URL is https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Finland_Genealogy. The headings are specifically cited below along with their links that you can search quickly

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Finland

Guide to **Finland ancestry, family history, and genealogy**: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

Country Information [\[edit source\]](#)

Finland is a Nordic country in Northern Europe bordered by [Sweden](#), [Norway](#), [Russia](#), and [Estonia](#). From 1809 to 1917 it belonged to the Russian Empire. Finnish and Swedish are the official languages.^[1]

Getting Started [\[edit source\]](#)

Getting Started with Finland Research

Links to articles on getting started with Finnish research.

Finland Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Finland research.

- [Searching Finnish Records](#)
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Finding Your Ancestors' Town in Finland [\[edit source\]](#)

- Genealogical records are organized by geographical locality. Civil registration (government birth, marriage, and death records) and church records (christenings/baptisms, marriages, and burials) were kept at the **local level**. To search these records, you must know the town where your ancestors lived.
- If you do not know your ancestors' town, follow the advice in the Wiki article, [Finland Finding Town of Origin](#), to search a variety of records that might provide that information.

Finland Clickable Map [\[edit source\]](#)

In 2010, new regions and names of regions were organized. If you look at a modern map of Finland, it does not match this. However, the Family History Library catalog and FamilySearch Historical records are organized by this map.



Counties [\[edit source\]](#)

Genealogy records are kept on the county and parish level in Finland. Click on a county below to go to the county wiki article listing more information. In 2010, new regions and names of regions were organized/ If you look at a modern map of Finland, it does not match this. However, the Family History Library catalog and FamilySearch Historical records are organized by these counties.

Finnish	Swedish	Time Period
Ahvenanmaa	Åland	1918 - 2009
Häme	Tavastland	1831 - 1997
Keski-Suomi	Mellersta-Finland	1960 - 1997
Kuopio	Kuopio	1776 - 1997
Kymi	Kymmene	1947 - 1997
Lappi	Lapland	1938 - 2009
Mikkeli	St. Michel	1831 - 1997
Oulu	Uleåborg	1634 - 2009
Pohjois-Karjala	Norra-Karelen	1960 - 1997
Turku-Pori	Åbo och Björneborg	1634 - 1997
Uusimaa	Nyland	1831 - 1997
Vaasa	Vasa	1776 - 1997
Viipuri	Viborg	1634 - 1947

Parishes[\[edit source\]](#)

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More Finland Research Strategies[\[edit source\]](#)

Research strategies give guidance on how to research or what records to search for first. Below are additional wiki articles about research strategies in Finland.

- [Research Strategies](#)

More Finland Research Tools [\[edit source\]](#)

Research tools can include resources that assist in locating correct records to search and determining the correct locality to search in. Below are links and Wiki articles to research tools for Finland.

- [Finnish to Swedish Given Names](#)
- [German Handwriting helps](#)
- [Gazetteers](#)
- [Maps](#)
- [Nordic Given Names List](#)
- [Websites](#)
- [Swedish Genealogical Word List](#)
- [Finland GenWeb](#)
- [MyHeritage](#) MyHeritage puts exclusive Scandinavian records online.

FamilySearch Resources [\[edit source\]](#)

Below are FamilySearch resources that can assist you in researching your family.

- [Facebook Communities](#) - Facebook groups discussing genealogy research
- [Learning Center](#) - Online genealogy courses
- [Historical Records](#)
- [Family History Center locator map](#)

References [\[edit source\]](#)

1. [Jump up](#)↑ Wikipedia contributors, "Finland," in *Wikipedia: the Free Encyclopedia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finland>, accessed 23 March 2016.

The Family History Guide

The Family History Guide, <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-finland.html>, provides a more sequential process of learning consisting of outstanding step-by-step “how to” research tutorials for Finland that is organized into ten levels offerings in a rather clear and concise format. I particularly like its infrastructure of topics for each level of tutorials.

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