

The Latest RootsTech 2021 Connect Information

Surely most of you can already suggest a couple of classes that we should all consider in adding to our playlist for the next 11 months. Here are some suggestions from Carol Swensen, a faithful follower of our Facebook group.

- Ron Tanner has two classes on changes to FamilySearch and What's New to Family Search.
- Also there's a class on Reverse Indexing - this is really exciting.

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/session/brigham-young-university-reverse-indexing>

Amazing where our relatives can be living today. See the world-wide maps of Wallace Carroll at 93,000+ relatives covering Alaska to Mexico to Sweden and Germany which covers a lot of time zones I believe 10? My son in-law is at 30,000+ covering the USA and into Canada. And these numbers may still be going up before the end of this landmark conference! See closing comments for very important information.

The screenshot shows the 'Relatives at RootsTech' interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of relatives. The main area features a world map with numerous purple location pins, primarily concentrated in North America. The sidebar lists the following relatives:

- lindasuebowers**: Close relative, Utah
- aprilkeyrobertson1**: Close relative

This screenshot shows a similar view of the 'Relatives at RootsTech' interface. The sidebar lists the following relatives:

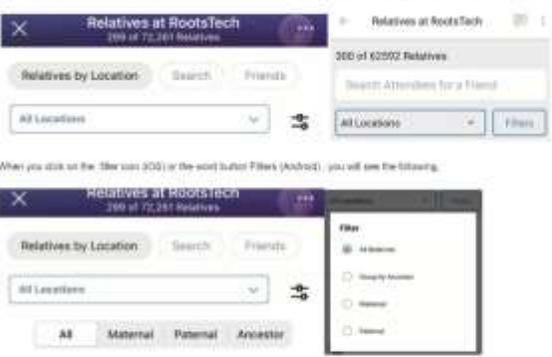
- Anna Paget Frost**: Close relative, United States
- Frost, Elijah Baker**: Close relative, United States
- jgpaget**: Close relative, United States
- Paget, Solei**: Close relative, United States

Beware When Much Is Given, Much Is Expected. Take Advantage of It Before It Disappears?!

Still not sure if the relative relationships will be available after RootsTech as in past years, so I strongly recommend you start screen capture everything above your newly found relatives that interests you for your future correspondences with them. Another point, go through each generation of their pedigree chart for hints to further your discussion whenever you chat with them. For example, I found my 5th cousin, once removed has a great-grandparent who also has the same surname as me for future references. To simply

your numbers into workable groupings, consider using Wallace Carroll's formula cited previously. Below is a better graphic. Just click on it you'll be able to view and print it more easily for future references.

John:



In the FamilyTree mobile app for iOS and Android there is a button that the web version does not have: Ancestor. To use it click on Find Relatives at RootsTech at the top of the FamilyTree app. To the right of All Locations, there is Filter icon in iOS or Filters in Android.

When you click on the Filter icon (iOS) or the word button Filters (Android) you will see the following:

The web version has three buttons: All, Material and Paternal. The mobile version has a fourth button: Ancestor or Group by Ancestor.

For me it shows the 13 descendants of my parents, the 48 descendants of one set of grandparents, 38 from the other set of grandparents, 143 from one set of great grandparents, 68 from another, 1 from a third set and 1 from the fourth set of great grandparents. For me that was 300 people in 7 groups. For a friend, it was over 400 people in 30 groups. So your results will probably vary.

RootsTech Support said it will not be on the web page this year.

Wallace

Closing Comments: Two Important Updates

John:

Quote:

How long will Relatives at RootsTech be viewable after the conference?

There appears to be a lot of confusion about what will happen to your Relatives at RootsTech list after conference ends. **Hang on while I try to get a definitive answer.**

Contrary to what is being communicated in the RootsTech FAQ, your list of Relatives at RootsTech will not be accessible after Sunday night Feb 28th. However, any relatives you have added to your Friends list will still be accessible until March 20th, but you will not be able to directly connect with them through the chat feature on RootsTech.org, but you will be able to connect with them through messaging on FamilySearch.org.

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Lastly in the future, I would welcome screen captures of your finalized RootsTech Playlist to share with our followers since there are over 1,500 sessions available and we have 11 months to peruse them.