

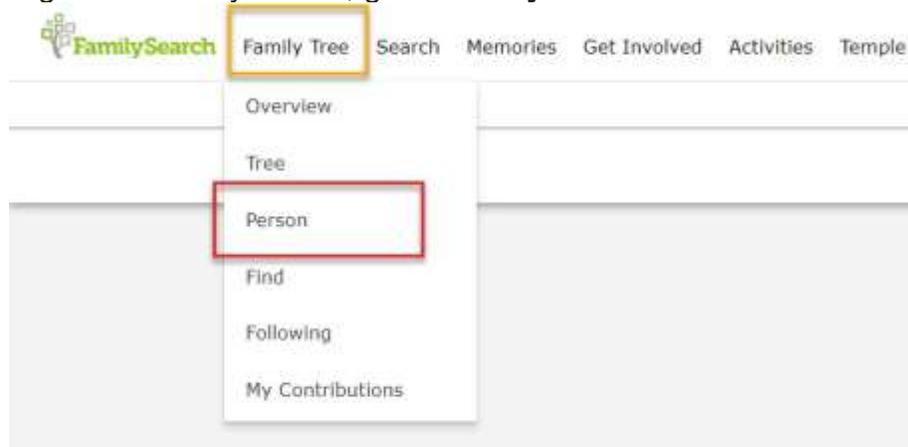
## 1950 Census Short-Cut Tips: Recently Learned At Our In-Service Training Meeting

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, my ward had a very successful 1950 Census in-service meeting at our stake Family History Center. All three of our guest experts were kept busy for the entire hour. The patrons all benefitted and received undivided attention. Here's a quote from one of our experts: "I had a great time helping." Everyone of attended became fluent with the 1950 indexing process. From our three experts, I will tabulate all the tips or short cuts below that were emphasized at our meeting. Hopefully, it can be helpful to others.

- **How to use Ancestry and other websites** to help finalize the correct spelling of an individual in the 1950 census that wasn't easy to finalize. At our FHC, there's a **Green Asterisk Short-Cut** in the upper top right corner that enables one to open up Ancestry seamlessly to verify the individual based on the estimated date of birth from 1950 along with the spellings that I'm sure of. This special green asterisk is only available on the Family History Centers because it automatically can go to other genealogy website outside of FamilySearch.

But there is a work around if you already have an account for Ancestry for example. It is a great way to know to verify the spelling of anybody in the 1950 Census that isn't clear because Ancestry has a large database and is simple to use.

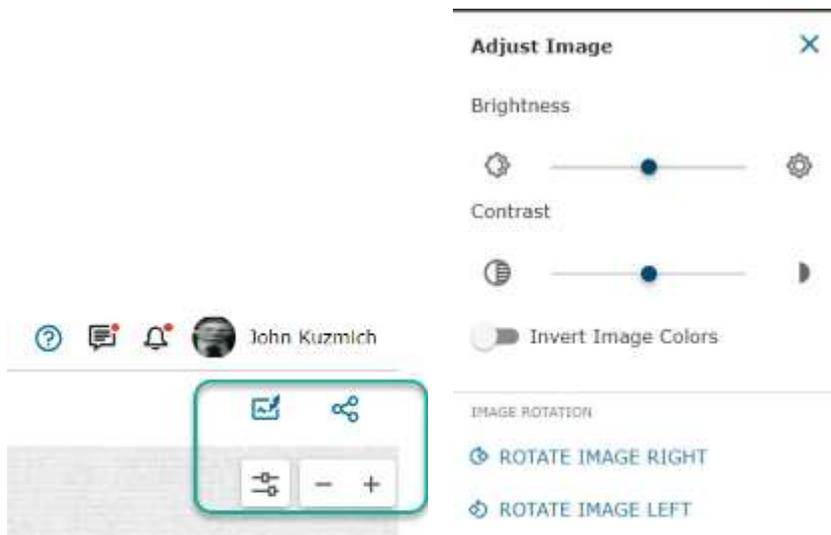
Sign in to FamilySearch, go to **FamilyTree** and select **Person**.



Then click on the right side of the next page that open and find **Search Records**. If you have an Ancestry account, Ancestry will open. If you don't have an Ancestry account, it is very possible to obtain one for home use for free if you are member of our Church. URL with information for setting up a free Ancestry account is <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-set-up-my-ancestry-account>. Call 866-406-1830, option 5 if you need more assistance.



- **Adjusting the image to enhance the name being indexed.** Upper top corner has four handy menus for enhancing your indexing experiences.



• **Handwriting Samples with tips for deciphering cursive handwriting challenges**

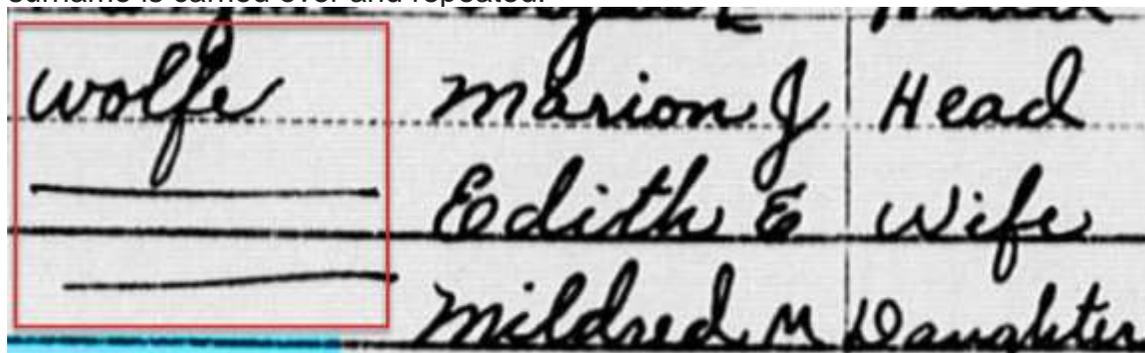
**Handwriting Examples**

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz

• **Zoom Images smaller or larger to enhance the cursive handwriting better.**



• Whenever you see a straight line taking up the space for a first name, it means that the previous surname is carried over and repeated.



• All Census reviews can be accomplished on three different levels: 1) Name Review, 2) Family Review and when published someone else can correct it and 3) Report Details when published in FamilySearch, when family members are using the indexed names further updates can be made.

I'm sure, there were even other short-cut tips available. Please update these tips for me in the Facebook comments area so they can be shared with my ward members and our followers of the Foothills Ward Temple & Family History Facebook Group.

Thank you.

