Church History Catalog:
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I see an item online?

If a digital version is available, click **View Digital Image** or **Browse Collection**. If there is not a digital version available, you may suggest that the item be digitized by clicking **Suggest Digitization**. Some items cannot be viewed online because of copyright or confidentiality reasons.

How do I see an item in person?

Locate the item in the online catalog, and record the call number. Determine the location of the item listed in the description, and verify that the item is open for research. You will then have to travel to the Church History Library or a Church history center that has the physical record to view it.

How can I tell if an item or collection is restricted?

Restricted items have a note stating "Closed to Research."

Does the online catalog list everything in the Church history library collections?

Almost. Very few restricted items are not listed for sacred, private, or confidential reasons.

How do I narrow my search?

Select from the categories listed on the left of the search results to narrow by topic, record type, author, decade, language, or place. Use the **Advanced Search** feature to add additional search terms or criteria.

How should I search for a numbered ward (for example: Dallas 1st Ward)?

Try searching multiple versions of the number. You will find a different amount of results with each of the following searches:

- Dallas first ward (4 results)
- Dallas 1 ward (28 results)
- Dallas 1st ward (23 results)
- "dallas 1st ward" (17 results)

How do I return to the main page from the search results page?

At the top of the screen , click **Church History Library**.

Is there a recommended web browser to use?

Firefox

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