

FamilySearch's New Get Involved App allows you to do **simple** family history tasks in seconds: Using artificial intelligence in family history (reads better at <http://kuzmich4.com/Facebook/FamilySearch%20Get%20Involved%20App.pdf>)

The **Get Involved app** is great for the 1950 Federal Census on all Internet platforms (computers, tablet and smartphones) on www.familysearch.org.

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FamilySearch's Get Involved volunteer experience can be accessed in a new mobile app and on FamilySearch.org. **Credit: FamilySearch.org which is perfect for indexing the 1950 Federal Index.**

You habitually pull out your phone while waiting in line at the grocery store. Instead of clicking on your favorite social media icon, you open FamilySearch's Get Involved app. After selecting a country where your ancestors are from, a record appears with a highlighted name. You have options to confirm the name, edit it or click "Unsure." The name appears correct and you confirm it. The app leads you through a batch of names on records. The names you confirmed are now saved on FamilySearch for you to use in building your family tree — and the task took less than two minutes to complete.

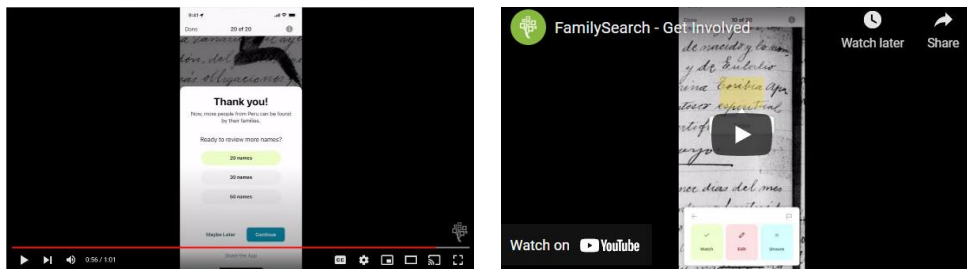
"The point of Get Involved is to allow you to participate in family history in small and simple ways," said Ty Davies, a FamilySearch portfolio director who oversees the development of records. "It's about your family history. It's about your part of the gathering. ... This is meant to be more about you and your genealogy."

On Friday, March 4, [FamilySearch announced the Get Involved volunteer experience](#), which can be accessed in a new mobile app and on [FamilySearch.org](#). A tab at the top of the website titled Get Involved now appears where the Indexing tab used to be. “But indexing is not going away,” Davies reassured. “It’s becoming part of this Get Involved piece.”

Here are two short video clip links to demonstrate the artificial intelligence capabilities of this brand-new app at <https://youtu.be/NflxO3RQGFU> and in Spanish at https://youtu.be/3oCC_tvspHM.



Get Involved had a limited release in Latin America in December — the experience is called **Participa** in Spanish. More languages are expected in coming months. And you can join this online community of volunteers helping to unite families separated by time.

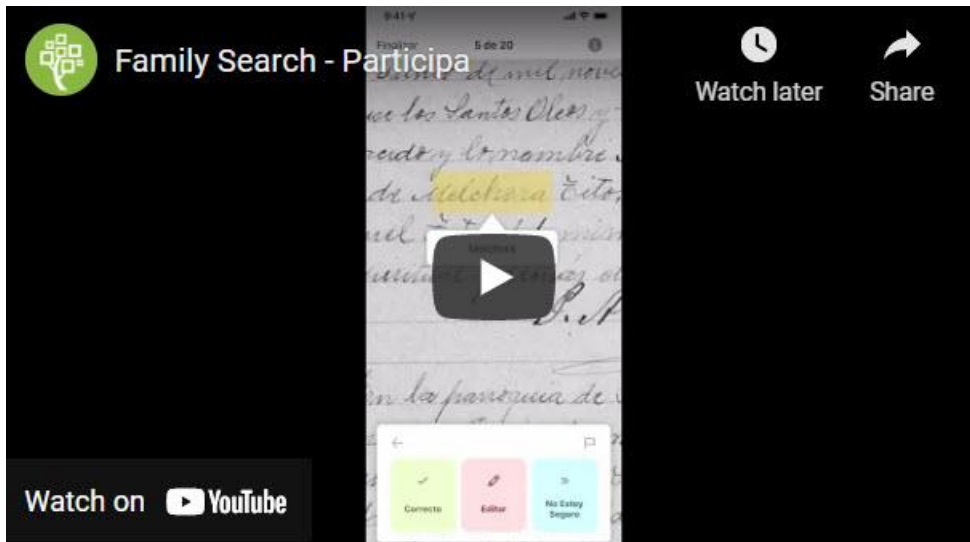


Using artificial intelligence in family history

As more and more people worldwide want to connect and find their ancestors, FamilySearch is introducing Get Involved to help people have more personal discoveries in their family history. Reviewing a name on a record that was indexed by handwriting recognition artificial intelligence is one task that can be done with Get Involved.

For decades, FamilySearch has relied on volunteers to help index records. However, the process of indexing — which includes deciphering handwriting and typing in multiple fields — can be tedious, frustrating and time-consuming for some. To accelerate the availability of records for people worldwide, FamilySearch has been using artificial intelligence to quickly scan handwritten genealogical documents and generate a computer-assisted index of names. Rather than replacing human indexers, this process augments them. Ian James, technical product manager for FamilySearch, explained, “We want the computers to do what the computers are really good at, so that the people can do the things that only people can do.”

The artificial intelligence the computer uses is not perfect, and that's where the people come in. With Get Involved, anyone, anywhere can help correct the mistakes the artificial intelligence makes so more records can be available to build family trees.



Closing Comments:

Welcome to 21st century created perfectly for Indexing the 1950 Census. Enjoy it and looking forward to learning how you are using it beginning with 1950 Federal Census beginning in April. I'm sure we will have more posts pertaining this app. We live in a small world with this post from the Church Newsroom entitled: *FamilySearch, RootsTech events part of WorldExpo in Dubai* by clicking [here](#) .