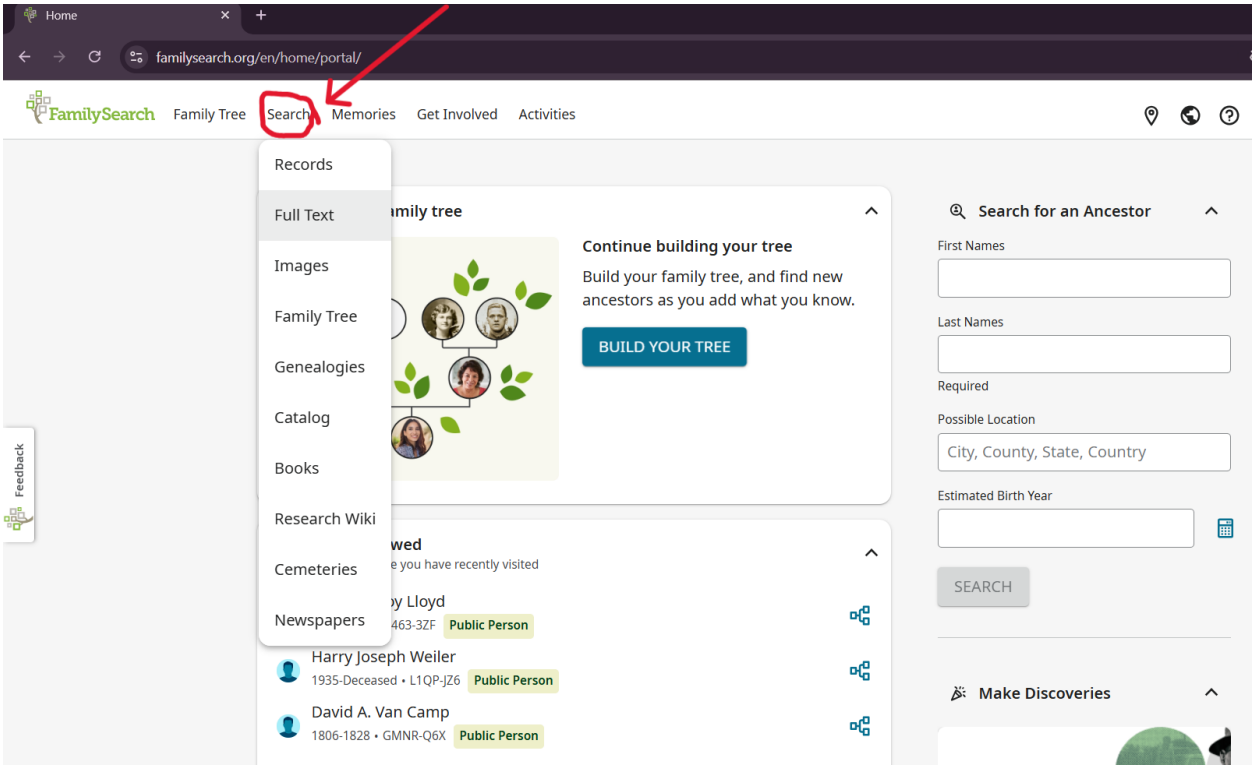
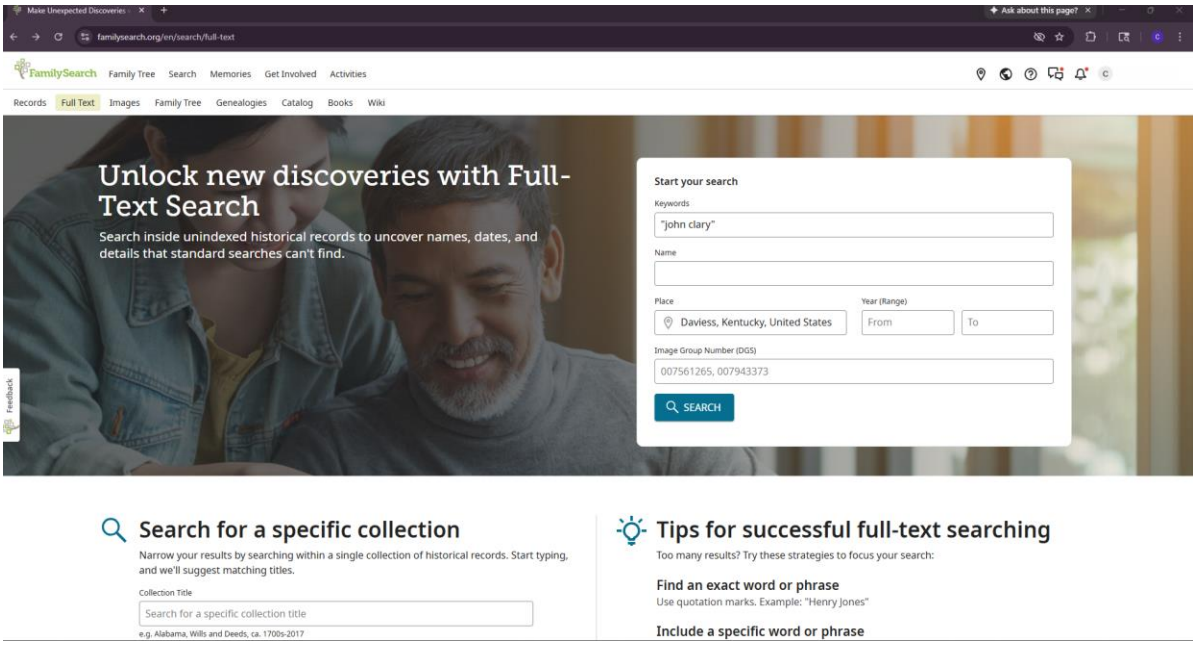
Using FamilySearch Full Text Search

Go to Home Page (familysearch.org)

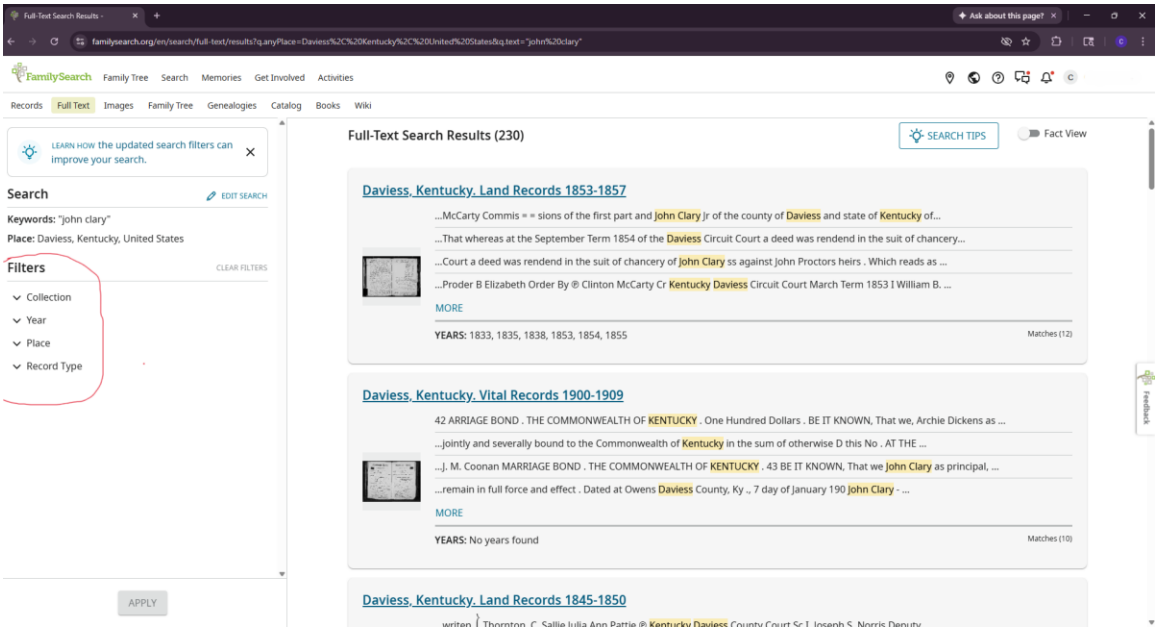
Click **Search** at top of page & then click **Full Text**



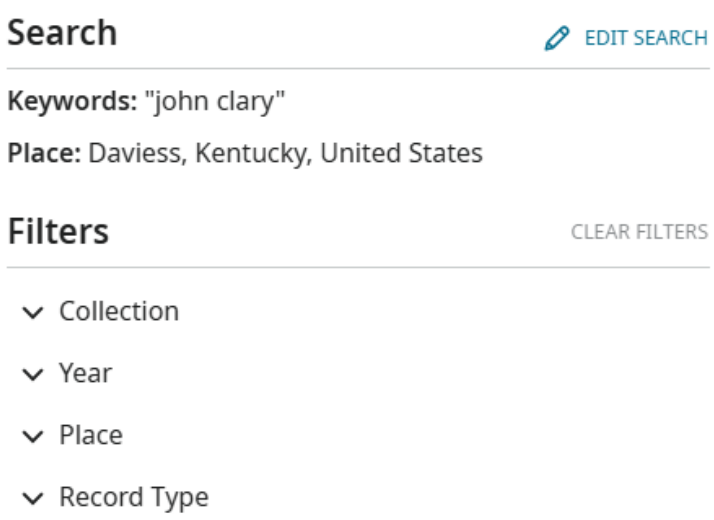
It will load to the screen below. Type in your search terms and click Search.



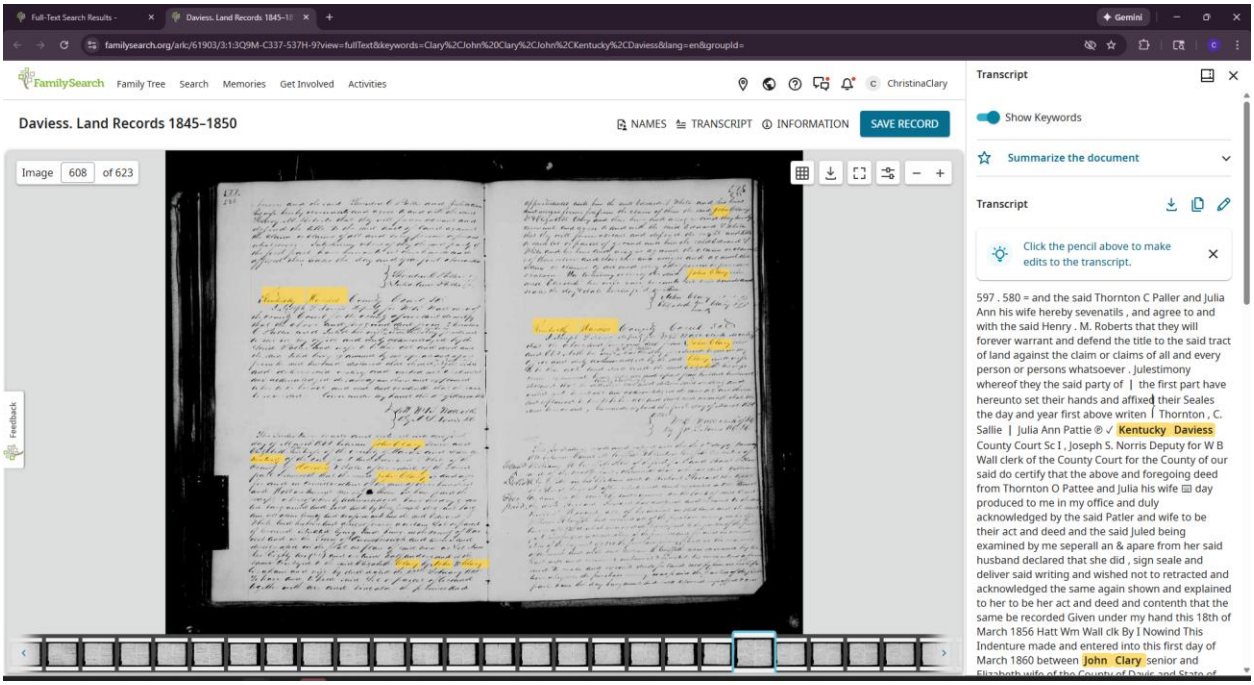
Results Page:



Use Filters on the left side to narrow down results



Click the blue link to access the record. It will open up in a new tab.



Click the blue button Save Record to attach the record a person in your tree

Click the button of the arrow pointing downwards to download the record

Tips for Searching

•Use quotation marks around names

•Try every variation and spelling of names you can think of

•Use misspellings, initials instead full names, or search just the surname

•Narrow down the time frame to a decade if you are looking for documents from a specific year or time frame

•Look at neighboring counties or general state if unsure

•A result that looks like it might be about one person might be for someone else

•Middle initials can make a difference in what results you get

•People's names can change slightly or use nicknames

•Don't ignore documents you already have – they could be slightly different versions

•Look at the pages before & after the one you are looking at

•Do some research on which courts would have certain types of records