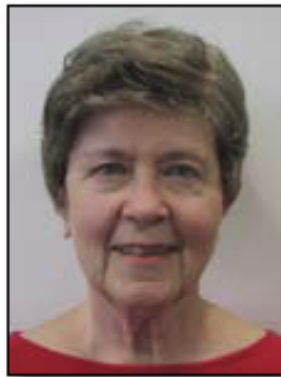


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In 2004, the LDS Church announced a huge project to digitize all of the records at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. At this same time, a huge indexing project was started. The indexing project now has over 400,000 indexers contributing to this project. These are people from all over the world and the records are from many countries.

In December 2010, the Family History Library launched a redesigned website. The new website can handle the volume of records being published and allows you to see all the free digitized and indexed records from their library collection. Many of these collections include the images as well. To see these records, go to www.familysearch.org/. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and choose "Browse All Published Collections." This brings up col-



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