

Augusta Genealogical Society Augusta, Georgia Virtual Genealogical Program

Saturday, 25 May 2024

11:00 am - 12:00 pm EST

Registration deadline is 23 May 2024 at

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**Erick Montgomery,
AGS President**



**Diane Jensen,
AGS Program Chair**



**Margie Barton
AGS Treasurer**

Presenting

Erick Montgomery, Diane Jensen & Margie Barton

FamilySearch.org has recently launched a new and amazing feature called FamilySearch Labs, Full Text search. Currently in Beta testing, it is nevertheless available to anyone who has a free account at FamilySearch.org. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been applied to read the digitized images of land and probate records that are on the FamilySearch website. Finding information recorded, but often buried in those records, is now simple, easy, and nearly instantaneous. Areas covered at this time are throughout the entire United States. Providing access to other types of records is expected in the future.

Join members of Augusta Genealogical Society's Programs Committee for an introduction to this remarkable new genealogical tool. Most seasoned genealogists have called it a "gamechanger" for exhaustive genealogical research.

Erick Montgomery is President of AGS, and Executive Director of Historic Augusta, Inc., and has been conducting genealogical research since the early 1970s. "The first time I tried FamilySearch Labs I was shocked at its usefulness, finding long sought proof of an ancestor's father literally within seconds."

Diane Jensen, AGS Programs Committee Chair and Director of the Evans Georgia FamilySearch Center began doing genealogy research at the age of 18 years old. "Within minutes of FamilySearch Labs announcement at Rootstech 2024, I was using it to collaborate with others and search unindexed microfilm, now searchable with just a few keywords."

Margie Barton is Treasurer of AGS, and a prolific genealogist. Margie has been conducting family history research since the 70s. "Besides FamilySearch Full-Text feature, FamilySearch Labs also includes an AI search assistant where you can ask questions and receive guidance for doing research when using the FamilySearch website."