



ONLINE SOURCES: FORUMS, SEARCH ENGINES, SOCIAL MEDIA

Need a little guidance or wonder how to use these tools & tips?

[Refer back to the original post here.](#)

TOOLS

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| DISCUSSIONS BUTTON CHROME EXTENSION: | Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store |
| GOOGLE TRANSLATE CHROME EXTENSION: | Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store |
| EVERNOTE: | Click to Visit the Evernote Website |
| EVERNOTE WEB CLIPPER CHROME EXTENSION: | Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store |
| UNPAYWALL CHROME EXTENSION: | Click to Get in the Chrome Web Store |



ROYAL FORUMS

FORUMS OFTEN INCLUDE POSTS FROM AUTHORS, EXPERTS, EYEWITNESSES, RELATIVES, OR PEOPLE WITH DIFFICULT-TO-SOURCE INFORMATION ON YOUR SUBJECT.

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| THE ROYAL FORUMS | http://www.theroyalforums.com/forums/ |
| ALEXANDER PALACE | http://forum.alexanderpalace.org/ |
| UNOFFICIAL ROYALTY | http://www.unofficialroyalty.com/forum/ |

TIPS:

- *Trust but verify.* These are not peer-reviewed academic sources. Be sure to double-check the facts you find here.
- *Rather start from Google?* Use the **Discussions Button for Google Search** Chrome extension to do a Google search for forum results only. Once you install the extension, your search results will have “Discussions” as a filter option along the top (in addition to the usual filters like news, images, videos, etc.).
- *Don't want to use the extension?* Add the following to the end of your Google search query:
inurl:forum|viewthread|showthread|viewtopic|showtopic|"index.php?topic" |
intext:"reading this topic"|"next thread"|"next topic"|"send private message"



WIKIPEDIA

WIKIPEDIAS IN OTHER LANGUAGES MAY HAVE MORE OR DIFFERENT INFORMATION ON YOUR SUBJECT.

CURRENT OR PAST EUROPEAN MONARCHIES

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| DANISH: | da.wikipedia.org |
| DUTCH: | nl.wikipedia.org |
| ENGLISH: | en.wikipedia.org |
| FRENCH: | fr.wikipedia.org |
| GERMAN: | de.wikipedia.org |
| GREEK: | el.wikipedia.org |
| ITALIAN: | it.wikipedia.org |
| LUXEMBOURGISH: | lb.wikipedia.org |
| NORWEGIAN: | no.wikipedia.org |
| POLISH: | pl.wikipedia.org |
| PORTUGUESE: | pt.wikipedia.org |
| RUSSIAN: | ru.wikipedia.org |
| SPANISH: | es.wikipedia.org |
| SWEDISH: | sv.wikipedia.org |



FORMER ROMANOV DOMAINS

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| BELARUSIAN: | be.wikipedia.org |
| ESTONIAN: | et.wikipedia.org |
| FINNISH: | fi.wikipedia.org |
| GEORGIAN: | ka.wikipedia.org |
| LATVIAN: | lv.wikipedia.org |
| LITHUANIAN: | lt.wikipedia.org |
| UKRAINE: | uk.wikipedia.org |

GREAT BRITAIN

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| CORNISH: | kw.wikipedia.org |
| IRISH: | ga.wikipedia.org |
| SCOTS: | sco.wikipedia.org |
| SCOTTISH GAELIC: | gd.wikipedia.org |
| WELSH: | cy.wikipedia.org |



FORMER OTTOMAN AND/OR HABSBUERG DOMAINS

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| ALBANIAN: | sq.wikipedia.org |
| BOSNIAN: | bs.wikipedia.org |
| BULGARIAN: | bg.wikipedia.org |
| CROATIAN: | hr.wikipedia.org |
| CZECH: | cs.wikipedia.org |
| HUNGARIAN: | hu.wikipedia.org |
| MACEDONIAN: | mk.wikipedia.org |
| ROMANIAN: | ro.wikipedia.org |
| SERBIAN: | sr.wikipedia.org |
| SERBO-CROATIAN: | sh.wikipedia.org |
| SLOVAK: | sk.wikipedia.org |
| SLOVENIAN: | sl.wikipedia.org |



WIKIPEDIA TIPS:

- *Verify everything.* A helpful starting place? Yes. A place to come to definitive conclusions? No.
- *Want to get to Wikimedia Commons from Wikipedia?* Right-click the subject's featured image to open the image's repository page. Look for the text: "This is a file from the Wikimedia Commons. Information from its description page there is shown below." Click the hyperlinked portion of that text ("its description page there") to be taken to the image's page on Wikimedia Commons. Scroll to the bottom of the page to see other categories that image is in – chances are, you can access the subject's main page. If the categories aren't what you want, use the Wikimedia Commons search box at the top right of the page.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM IMAGES - WHAT YOUR SUBJECT LOOKED LIKE, WHERE THEY WERE AT A PARTICULAR DATE AND TIME, WHO THEY HUNG OUT WITH, WHO PAINTED THEM, WHO PHOTOGRAPHED THEM, ACTIVITIES THEY ENGAGED IN (HUNTING, SHOOTING, SMOKING, DRIVING, ETC.) AND MORE.

WIKIMEDIA
COMMONS:

[Click to visit](#)

TIPS:

- *Always check for more categories.* Navigate to the bottom of any Wikimedia Commons page. If that image is used in other categories (galleries), you'll see them listed there.
- *Don't see any helpful categories?* Don't rely on them. Always search manually for your subject under all his or her names and titles.



GOOGLE

SEARCH SMARTER

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| EXACT SEARCH TERM: | “Your search term here” |
| Purpose: | You only want results with “Hilda of Baden,” not results that use “Hilda” and “Baden,” for example |
| EXCLUDE WORDS: | your phrase here -exclusion |
| Purpose: | You want results that contain Empress Eugenie but NOT Napoleon III, for example |
| RESULTS THAT CONTAIN MULTIPLE WORDS: | allintext: word1 word2 word3 word4 |
| Purpose: | You want search results that contain each of the words you specify (Olga, Tatiana, Maria, and Anastasia, for example) |
| SEARCH WITHIN A SITE: | site:website.com “Your search term” |
| Purpose: | You want to search an entire site or forum for a particular term |
| SEARCH WITHIN A SITE FOR TWO TERMS: | site:website.com “Your search term”+”Your second search term” |
| Purpose: | You want to search an entire site or forum for exact search terms |
| PAGES THAT LINK TO ANOTHER PAGE: | Page:link:URL |
| Purpose: | You want to see all pages that link to a particular URL you’ve found |



USE ADVANCED SEARCH & SCHOLAR

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| GOOGLE ADVANCED SEARCH: | https://www.google.com/advanced_search |
| GOOGLE SCHOLAR: | https://scholar.google.com/ |

USE GOOGLE'S DOMAINS IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO FIND DIFFERENT SOURCES.

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| AUSTRIA: | google.at |
| BELGIUM: | google.be |
| BULGARIA: | google.bg |
| CZECH REPUBLIC: | google.cz |
| GERMANY: | google.de |
| DENMARK: | google.dk |
| ESTONIA: | google.ee |
| FINLAND: | google.fl |
| SPAIN: | google.es |
| FRANCE: | google.fr |
| GREECE: | google.gr |
| CROATIA: | google.hr |



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| HUNGARY: | google.hu |
| IRELAND: | google.ie |
| ITALY: | google.it |
| LIECHTENSTEIN: | google.li |
| LUXEMBOURG: | google.lu |
| LATVIA: | google.lv |
| MONTENEGRO: | google.me |
| MALTA: | google.com.mt |
| NORWAY: | google.no |
| POLAND: | google.pl |
| PORTUGAL: | google.pt |
| ROMANIA: | google.ro |
| SERBIA: | google.rs |
| RUSSIA: | google.ru |
| SWEDEN: | google.se |
| UKRAINE: | google.com.ua |
| UK: | google.co.uk |



YOUTUBE

FIND DOCUMENTARIES, OLD NEWSREELS, PHOTO MONTAGES, AND MORE THAN CAN GIVE YOU MORE INFO ON YOUR SUBJECT.

HELPFUL HISTORIC FOOTAGE CHANNELS

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| BRITISH PATHÉ: | https://www.youtube.com/user/britishpathe |
| BRITISH MOVIE TONE: | https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHq777_waKMJw6SZdABmyaA |
| BRITISH MOVIE TONE ROYALS (1895-1986): | https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1W5U5jJFkqYTIrMA-sK-zw |
| ASSOCIATED PRESS: | https://www.youtube.com/c/aparchive |
| US NATIONAL ARCHIVES: | http://www.youtube.com/USNationalArchives |
| HISTORIC FILM ARCHIVES: | https://www.youtube.com/user/HistoricFilmsArchive |
| BUYOUT FOOTAGE HISTORIC FILM ARCHIVE: | https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-apnMgM0ouSP6kCm5UG5sA |
| ITN SOURCE: | https://www.youtube.com/user/itnsource |