

The Swiss Anabaptist Genealogical Association

(Over 80 databases with over a million names on the Internet)

The OMII [Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois] Genealogical Project started in the mid-1990s, and later the name was changed to Swiss Anabaptist Genealogical Association [SAGA] to more correctly represent its expanded scope. The number of databases grew and were eventually placed on the Internet.

In 2007, due to a variety of problems with the SAGA database, new software has been installed, and other changes were made to deal with various concerns. One of these changes is that with a single search you can search for an ancestor in ALL of the databases at the same time and you can select which database to examine as there are many duplications and not all databases have the same collections of names or information

The Home Page of SAGA can be found at www.omii.org and is identified by the logo with a tree in the upper left part of the screen. This page gives information about the SAGA organization, including a form to use for membership in the association.

Click on “Public Site” on the left to get access to the “search” feature which accesses ALL the databases. [You can also get to this page directly by going to www.omii.org/tng/index.php .]

1. In the two boxes on the left, enter the last name and the first name of one of your deceased ancestors, and click on search. Because dozens of similar names may come up, you must know the birth date or some other information to know which person is your ancestor. One of the largest databases is that of Jim Hostetler from Virginia, who has almost half a million names and it is usually the best source for people with Amish or Amish Mennonite connections.
2. Find your ancestor in the list, and chose it. From the page which comes up you can then proceed backwards or forwards simply by clicking on any name. This public site follows the privacy guideline of the U.S. Census Bureau and does not include names and birthdates for approximately the most recent 70 years.

After you have found an ancestor, you can experiment to find out all the things you can do with this information—lists of ancestors and descendants, establish relationships between any two persons, etc.

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