Faroese Kinship Register

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Faroese Kinship Register: "A registry of the hereditary relationships among the Faroese. The Genealogy Registry contains information regarding Faroese genealogy from app. Year 1650 to date." https://biobank.fo/registers/

- Automatic & manual merger of material from 5 genealogist: Agerby, Johan Dam, Johan P. Dam, Kári Thorsteinsson
 Viggo Christiansen
 - ❖ This material was used for pilot projects while church records were digitalized 2007-2010
 - ❖ Parts of this material is still in use (individuals unaccesible in Faroese church records)
- Faroese Church records date from: Eysturoy 1687 (oldest) Sandoy 1719, Suðuroy 1745, Suðurstreymoy 1757, Norðoyggjar 1760, Vágoy 1797 og Norðstreymoy 1816.
 - ❖ The digitalization og the church records is not complete so the automatic and manual merger into the register includes mostly births:
 - Suðurstreymoy only 1893-1993
 - ❖ Baptizing is most complete
 - Only Eysturoy & Norðoyar pre-1893
- ❖In addition it is often necessary to make manual searches in scanned material when in doubt
 - ❖ 5 of 7 parishes prior to 1893 are only available in scanned form
 - ❖ No scans of Faroese church records since 2007
 - ❖ We therefore also rely to a certain degree on the Social security records for updates, but SSR is not a family tree it's a residential register.







Church register entrys have been automatically/digitally merged: Spelling of names differ in various contexts as well as birth data — in addition to the typos in the non-proofread material.

Conditions for automatic merger (date of birth and 3 consecutive letters in name are identical) often create errors:

- 1) Excamples shown: Father's date of birth with typo
- 2) Compared to father's original church register at birth
- 3) Wrong father has unfortunately automatically overruled the right one.

ModersNavn: Christine Olsen Christiansen FadersNavn: Samuel Peter Thomsen

(Udl.Barnefader Ungkarl)

Fødselsdag(tekst): 1928 16-01 DAH.

Thorshavn By og Sogn F_Kalenderdato: 19280116 Hjemmedåbsdag(tekst):

H Kalenderdato:

Kirkedåbsdag (tekst): 1929 20-01 Sgp. i

kirken

K Kalenderdato: 19290120

Køn: M

Kildebemærkninger: Daaben forrettet efter Ritualet paa Færøsk. Skrift.Tilladelse fra Faderen om, at Barnet faar hans Efternavn,

dat. 15-01-1929.

IndtastersBemærkninger:

Ægte/Uægte: U Flerfødsel antal: 1

FadersErhverv: Købmand FadersStednavn: Kollefjord Faders fødselsdag: 18960916 Samuel Peter Thomassen 80083 <u>+80083</u> 80083 16.09.1895 Dåb K8055 Leypinr: 81

Poul Johannes

Thomassen 79537

+79537 <u>79537</u>

16.09.1896

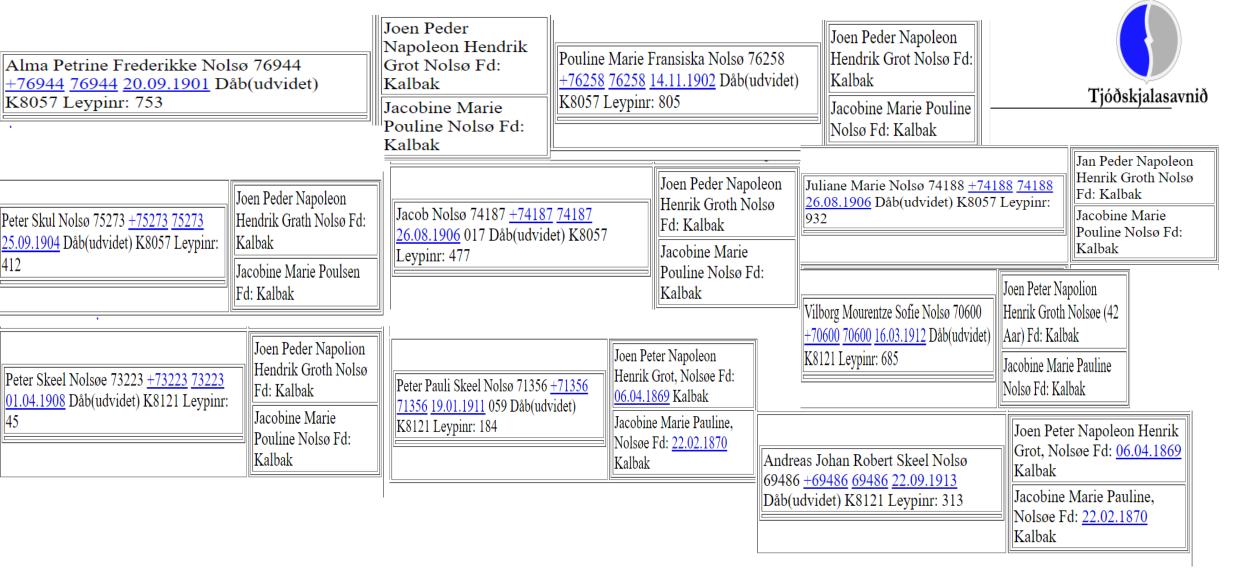
Kollefjord

Christine Olsen Christiansen Fd:

19.10.1885

Thorshavn

9 siblings & 7 "different" parents - most parent registrations are here without dates of birth. In this case relatives assisted us in locating all siblings since many of them didn't have descendants



Social security number the key to public access

2011 – ssn automatically applied 2018/19 – ssn automatically applied

2020 – ssn automatically and manually applied

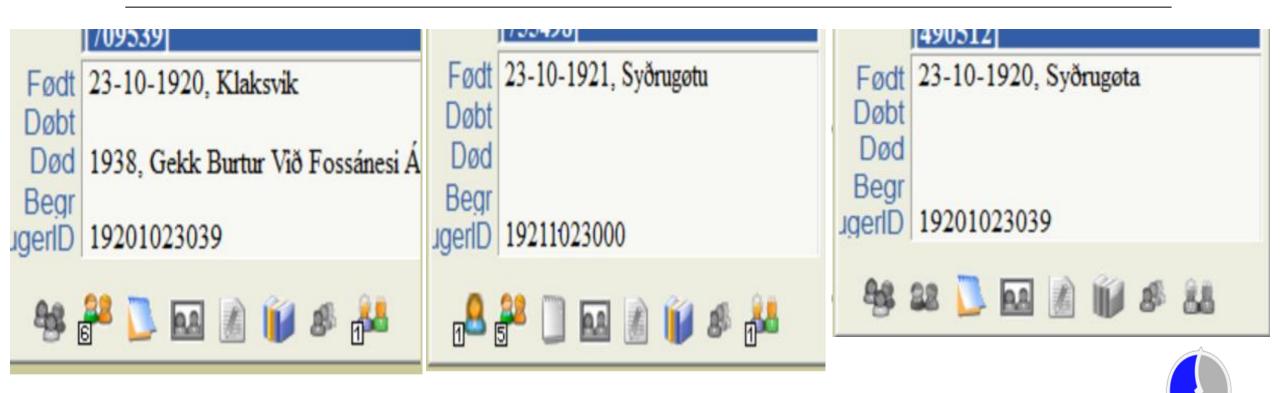
15.000 individuals in Social security register do not have access or interest in the public ÆBS

These are f.i.
foreigners on work
permits with no family
connections in the
country

Children under the age of 18 have no legal access



Example of Ssn.error in FKR/FKR/SSN: examples of differences in human logic and digital logic: Social security numbering started in 1984 – a person dead since 1938 gets the number because of error in the proper owner's birthyear...



Tjóðskjalasavnið

Status and benefits after going public 26. okt. 2020

Of 39.000 individuals over the age of 18, 23.000 currently have access to **Faroese Kinship**

Register through "The National Digitalisation Programme of the Faroe Islands"

https://www.talgildu.fo/english/english/

Faroese Biobank is managing the public **FKR**

https://biobank.fo/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/video-1608642269.mp4?fbclid=IwAR3eNt9lsZus6C5griEW_a8hVS0xutrkiWzkElWySAwVs-OfH04aww3X2NE

Apprx. 150.000 individuals in the database

- Spanning from the year 160 to 2021
- Anything prior to 1650 is of course unreliable, but nevertheless extremely popular!
- Proofreading happens now on voluntary basis!
- Faroese National archive administers requests for changes from the public:
 - Requests approved:338
 - Add father: 12
 - Add mother: 19
 - Edit Information: 237
 - Register for family tree: 70 (add social Security no.)
 - Requests not approved: 96
 - Add father: 2 (double requests)
 - Add mother: 1 (double request)
 - Register for family tree: 47 (double requests)
 - Edit Information: 46 (insufficient sources/against rules/requests without any editing suggestion/sent by mistake)
- Direct e-mailing not included here.



Standardized answers to requests

- 1) Thanks for your notification. Your request has been approved and will be avaliable in your family tree on Vanganum by the next update.
- 2) Your information has been registered in ÆBS and can be seen in your family tree on Vanganum by the next update. Your information is contributing to the development of ÆBS. Thank you.
- 3) Thanks for your notification. We are sorry that wrongful information has been published. Corrections have been made and will be available on ÆBS by the next update.



Summary

National archive: The digital version must resemble the original at all costs – even the errors in the original

Genetic biobank: The biological connections have first priority – details like spelling of names etc. are insignificant

Digital experts: Odd errors occur when lack of basic knowledge (on both parts) is not taken into account when doing automatic merges

Private genealogists: The quality of the genealogy prior to the church records is difficult to estimate

General public: Emotional ties to persons can result in strong reactions on spelling errors and typos

