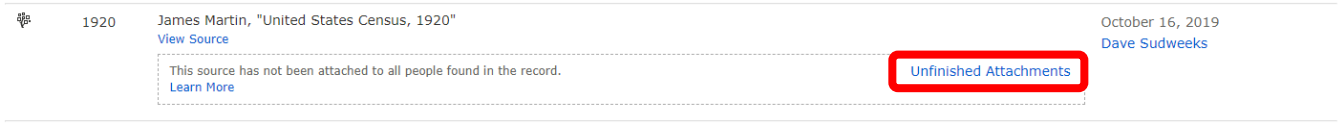
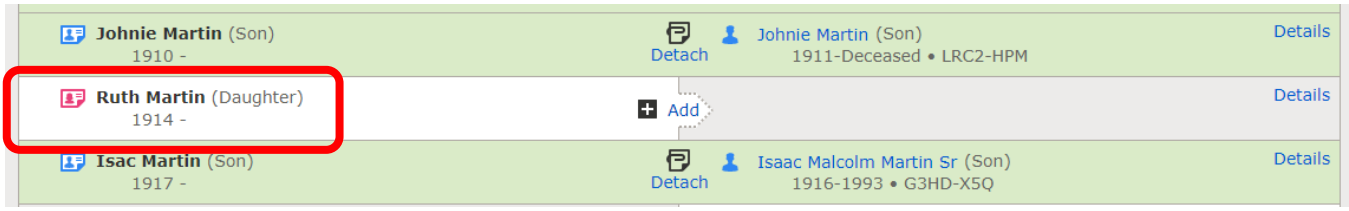
Tip 8 – Finding Missing Relatives

A recent change to FamilySearch helps us find missing relatives. If persons in a source are not attached, FamilySearch will show them when you go to the sources page. In this case, someone is missing from the 1920 Census which most likely means a child was not attached.

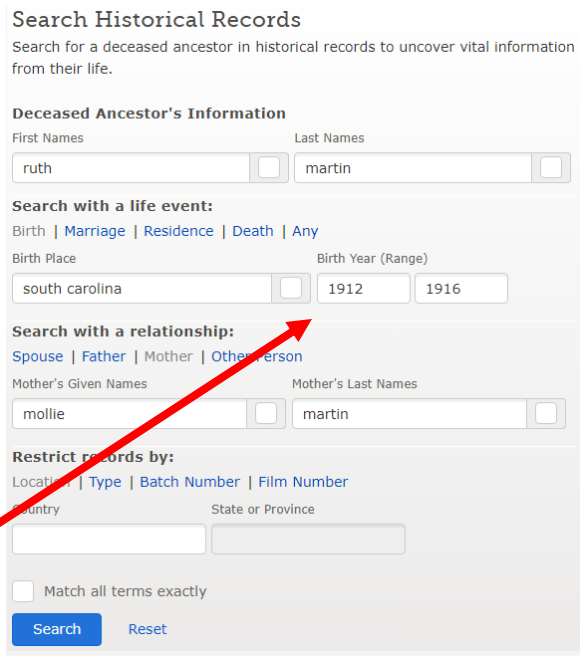


Clicking on the "Unfinished Attachments" link opens the source to see who is and who is not attached and we can see a daughter in the 1920 census was skipped by persons previously attaching the record. Remember that with a birth date listed as 1914, you cannot assume they are deceased until 110 years later (2024) so that would explain why they were skipped.



Based on that birthdate, it is quite possible she is deceased. If not, she would be 105 yrs old in 2019 which is rare. Let's see if we can find her.

Entering her information into the search function using her father's name gives too many similar results so we can try her mother's name which is less common.



It is common to use a +/- 2 year spread for dates but it can be anything you want it to be.

We see her in the 1920 and 1930 census records.

Name	Events		Relationships
Ruth Martin Daughter United States Census, 1930	birth: 1914 residence: 1930	South Carolina Galivants Ferry, Horry, South Carolina, United States	father: William J Martin mother: Mollie Martin other: Lena N Martin, Furman Martin, Johnie Martin, Isaac Martin, Inez Martin
Ruth Martin Daughter United States Census, 1920	birth: 1914 residence: 1920	South Carolina Dog Bluff, Horry, South Carolina, United States	father: James Martin mother: Mollie Martin other: Georgia Martin, Lena Martin, Fenson Martin, Johnie Martin, Isac Martin, Margarette...

However, we still don't have a death date and a married name. Let's go back to her father's sources and see if we can find some hints. Often, grave sources like "Find A Grave" or "Billion Graves" will list relatives. Other good places to check are obituaries which can be a gold mine for finding relatives. On her father's "Find A Grave" source, we see his daughter, Ruth, who has a married name of "Skipper." There we will find more information about her.



Ruth *Martin* Skipper
1913–1993

Ruth *Martin* Skipper

BIRTH	13 Sep 1913
DEATH	6 Aug 1993 (aged 79) Horry County, South Carolina, USA
BURIAL	Hillcrest Cemetery Conway, Horry County, South Carolina, USA
PLOT	Section F
MEMORIAL ID	65795311 · View Source

Census records are often a year or more off. The age is recorded in the census, not the birth date. Then the birth year is estimated based on the stated age of the person at the time the census was taken. Having a census index give a 1914 birthdate when she was actually born in 1913 is not unusual.

We need to use caution relying on unofficial sources, but as this was the same time period and area as the rest of the family, logic indicates there is a strong possibility that this is our Ruth. Using the above information, we would have 2 official sources (1920 and 1930 US Census) and 1 unofficial source (Find A Grave).

This is a good start. More research should be conducted, including searching for birth, death, and marriage certificates.