

Have you ever wondered where all of those digitized versions of birth records, census pages, or city directories come from? Well, there is no Genealogy Stork. While quite a few organizations provide opportunities and services, the primary way that records are turned from physical page to scanned image to searchable electronic data is a process called indexing, and the three-step indexing process that [FamilySearch](#) provides includes a final step called arbitration. I don't know enough about it, though I do know that FamilySearch is the biggest indexing resource in the United States (and maybe the world). I decided to ask a friend to come explain the process better, to discuss options for volunteering to index and arbitrate at FamilySearch and at a few other sites, and to talk a bit about Rice Krispie treats. And oh yeah, HER NEW PODCAST! Welcome, and prepare to learn at the knee of a master - Amy Johnson Crow. Then, look for her new podcast on Thursday, Generations Cafe. Find her and follow her everywhere - on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [her blog](#) - you'll learn a lot and enjoy yourself doing it.


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