
- An online collection of billions of records covering individuals from North America, Europe, Australia, and more.
- Uncover family history with over 8,600 databases including census, vital records, immigration records, military records, and more.

• Primary source records in full text and enhanced full image to meet the family firsthand
• Secondary source collections to gain context about an ancestor’s world
• Learning Center and Ancestry.com Wiki provide tools for researchers to record and organize their findings

What’s the one web resource in a class by itself? Ancestry, of course…[it] comes the closest to realizing the dream of doing real genealogy online”

Family Tree Magazine, September 2009
The most commonly asked question?

What is the difference between my library’s Ancestry Library Edition resource and my at-home Ancestry.com subscription???
Some (but not all) differences in content between the two

**There are certain databases or collections that are available in Ancestry.com, but are NOT included in Ancestry Library Edition (ALE):**

- **Obituary Collection** - The collection contains recent obituaries from hundreds of newspapers, but newspaper titles offered by ProQuest are not included in ALE.

- **Historical Newspaper Collection** - These are mostly small town newspapers, and most do not have complete series/coverage.

- **ProQuest’s Genealogy & Local History Books in the Families and Local Histories Collection** - Digitized from UMI’s *Genealogy & Local History* Books microfilm collection, these titles are found in *HeritageQuest Online*, available from ProQuest.

- **Periodical Source Index (PERSI)** - This database is found in *HeritageQuest Online*, available from ProQuest.

- **Freedman’s Bank Records** - This database is found in *HeritageQuest Online*, available from ProQuest.
Ancestry Library Edition contents

Census Data

- Incredible U.S. coverage
- Over half a billion records
- Covers 1790 to 1930
- Every name indexed, searchable
- Slave schedules, state records, and more
- Extensive Canadian coverage back to mid-19th century
- Extensive UK coverage back to 1841
- NEW in 2012—1940 US Census
Ancestry Library Edition contents

Vital Records

- U.S. Social Security Death Index with 80M+ records
- Over 100 million U.S. state birth, marriage, and death records back to the 1800s
- 30 million+ Canadian birth, marriage, & death records back to the 1600s
- Nearly 400 million UK vital records back to 1837
Ancestry Library Edition contents

Immigration Records

- Passenger Lists
  - 200 million+ records
  - Includes all major US ports, Canadian ports, UK ports, and other European ports

- Border Crossings
  - Between Canada & U.S., 1895-1956, 5M+ records
  - Between Mexico & U.S., 1903-1957, 5M+ records

- Domestic & International passport applications

- Citizenship and Naturalization records from US, UK, Canada, NZ, France, and Poland
Military Records

- Over 400 data sets
- 200M+ U.S. records from the Colonial era to Vietnam
- Foreign military records
  - Canada (10 data sets w/ 4 million+ records)
  - Europe (80 data sets w/ 30 million+ records)
**Other Notable Data**

- **Diverse International Collections**
  - 46M+ files from German census, vital records, emigration indexes, ship lists, phone directories, and more; 12+ Mexican data sets; Chinese surnames the Jiapu Collection of Chinese lineage books; Jewish family history records from Eastern Europe and Russia; and more.

- **More than 3,700 Stories, Memories, & Histories**

- **Holocaust-specific records**
  - 40+ data sets w/ ~4 million records
  - Found in various categories:
    - Military
    - Birth, Marriage, & Death
    - Stories, Memories, & Histories
    - Immigration & Travel
    - Schools, Directories, & Church Histories
    - Tax, Criminal, Land, & Wills
Search Tips

• The **wildcard character (**) will account for various name endings, **up to 5 extra characters**. For example, searching **Char** will return hits on names like Charles, Charley, Charlie, Charlene, or Charlotte and any other names beginning with the letters Char. *Note that you must type in at least the first three letters of the name before putting in the wildcard.*

• The **truncation symbol (?)** is used when you only want **one letter** of a name to be different. If you are trying to find the name Hansen that was also sometimes spelled Hanson, you could type in **Hans?n** to find both variants. *Note that you must type in at least the first three letters of the name before putting in the wildcard.*
One more search tip…

- When searching **Keywords**, try using quotation marks around two or more terms (i.e., “civil rights,” “World War II,” or “The Great Depression”) to aid in the precision of the search, ultimately retrieving more accurate results.
Demonstration
Questions?

Feel free to contact us!

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  • All other content: http://tinyurl.com/y9sjtnv