





**Ancestry Library Edition Basics: US Focus** 

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# Agenda

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# **What is Ancestry Library Edition?**

Ancestry Library Edition delivers an online collection of billions of indexed names and millions of records of individuals from North America, Europe, Australia, and more found in over 7,900 datasets covering 1300 to modern day.

Searchers can uncover family records and begin to trace their history with valuable personal information not found anywhere else.



# 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 <u>content</u> between the two

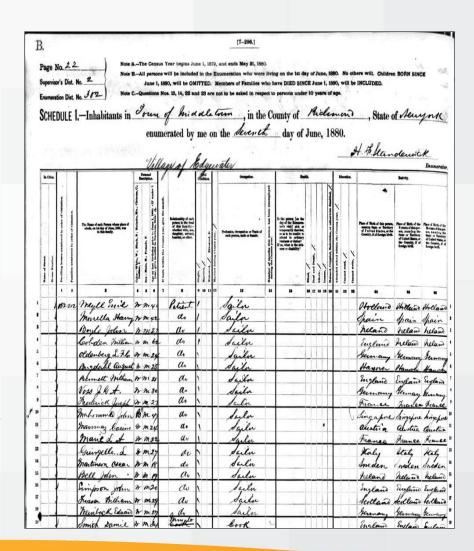
There are certain databases or collections that are available in Ancestry.com, but are NOT included in Ancestry Library Edition (ALE):

- Obituary Collection The collection contains recent obituaries from hundreds of newspapers, but newspaper titles offered by ProQuest are not included in ALE.
- · <u>Historical Newspaper Collection</u> 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.
- <u>Periodical Source Index (PERSI)</u> This database is found in **HeritageQuest Online**, available from ProQuest.
- <u>Freedman's Bank Records</u> This database is found in *HeritageQuest Online*, available from ProQuest.



#### **Census Data**

- Incredible U.S. coverage
  - Over half a billion records
  - · Covers 1790 to 1940
  - Every name indexed, searchable
  - Slave schedules, state records, and more
- Extensive Canadian coverage back to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century
- Extensive UK coverage back to 1841
- 1930 Mexico National Census





#### **Vital Records**

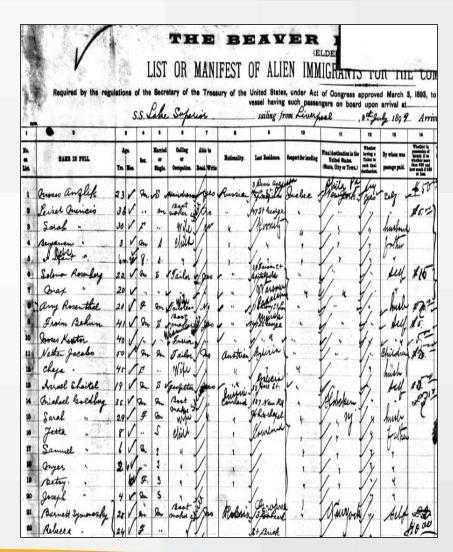
- U.S. Social Security Death Index with 80M+ records
- Over 100 million U.S. state birth, marriage, and death records back to the 1800s
- 30 million+ Canadian birth, marriage, & death records back to the 1600s
- Nearly 400 million UK vital records back to 1837

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#### **Immigration Records**

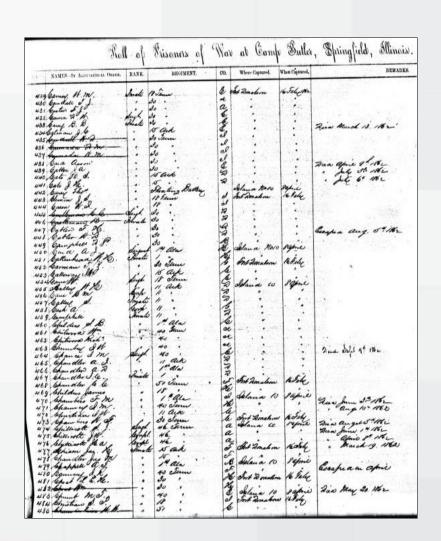
- Passenger Lists
  - · 200 million+ records
  - Includes all major US ports, Canadian ports, UK ports, and other European ports
- Border Crossings
  - Between Canada & U.S., 1895-1956, 5M+ records
  - Between Mexico & U.S., 1903-1957, 5M+ records
- Domestic & International passport applications
- Citizenship and Naturalization records from US, UK, Canada, NZ, France, and Poland





#### **Military Records**

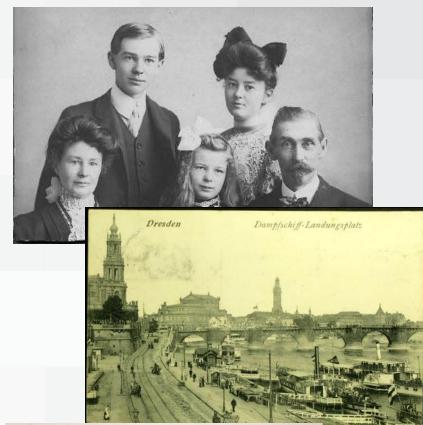
- Nearing 400 data sets
- 200M+ U.S. records from the Colonial era to Vietnam
- Foreign military records
  - Canada (10 data sets w/ 4 million+ records)
  - Europe (80 data sets w/ 30 million+ records)





#### **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 Surname Index for 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







# African American, American History, & Slavery Collections

- African American Photo Collection, 1850 2000
- Abraham Lincoln Papers
- Professional Baseball Players, 1876 2004
- US Interviews with Former Slaves, 1936 1938
- New Orleans, Louisiana, Slave Manifests, 1807-1860
- US Southeast Coastwise Inward & Outward Slave Manifests, 1790 – 1860
- Mississippi, Wilkinson County Newspaper Slave Ads, 1823 –
   1849
- Slave Registers of Former British Colonial Dependencies, 1812
   1834
- Louisiana Freed Slave Records, 1719 1820
- Louis Hughes, Thirty Years a Slave, 1832 1862



# **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 <u>one</u> <u>letter</u> 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 (e.g., "civil rights," "World War II," or "The Great Depression") to aid in the precision of the search, ultimately retrieving more accurate results.

#### **Demonstration**



#### **Questions?**

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