

WILDERNESS COAST PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Ancestry Library Edition

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There are four major genealogy databases available online: Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com, Heritage Quest.com and FamilySearch.org. Although Ancestry.com is the most expensive it is as advertised "the largest family database on the web". Ancestry offers two subscriptions: **US Deluxe Membership** for **\$155.40** billed annually or billed monthly @ \$19.95 and **World Deluxe Membership** for **\$299.28** billed annually or billed monthly @ \$29.95. Not ready to commit? Ancestry offers a 14 day FREE trial for first time users. It is also available for public use in most libraries.

- 1) Trial
- 2) Login
- 3) Help

Differences between Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition

The vast majority of the content on Ancestry.com (a paid website) is also found on Ancestry Library Edition (free to library users).

What is on Ancestry Library Edition?

- 1) **U.S. Federal Census Collection** - covers 1790-1930 and includes every name indexes and original images
- 2) **U.K. & Ireland Census Collection** - consists of name indexes and original images for 1871, 1891 and 1901
- 3) **Birth, Marriage, & Death Records** - includes the popular Social Security Death Index; the England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales Parish and Probate Records (1500s-1837); and the England and Wales Civil Registration Index (1837-Present)
- 4) **Immigration Collection** - original images of passenger and immigration lists from New York (1851-1891) and San Francisco (1893-1953), plus the New Orleans passenger lists (1820-1850), New York Petitions for Naturalization Index (1792-1906) and the Wuerttemberg Emigration Index
- 5) **Military Records Collection** - features the World War I Draft Registration Cards with original images, the Civil War Service Records, and the World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas
- 6) **Biography and History Collection** - contains the 200-volume American Genealogical-Biographical Index; the Federal Writers Project Slave Narratives; the Dawes Commission Index (1898-1914); and the Daughters of American Revolution Lineage Books
- 7) **Other Collections** - that includes such sought-after sources as court, land and probate records, family trees and message boards, directories and member lists, charts and forms, historical maps and more!

However, there are several Ancestry.com databases that are NOT included with Ancestry Library Edition. Examples:

1. One World Tree
2. Obituary Collection
3. Historical Newspaper Collection
4. PeopleFinder
5. ProQuest's Genealogy and Local History book collection.
6. The Ancestry World Tree and the Ancestry Message Boards are **read-only** in the Library Edition. Customers will not be able to upload personal GEDCOM data, post messages or reply to messages.
7. PERSI will not be added to Ancestry Library Edition.

1) Search Tips

- a) If you don't get any matches with an exact search, try broadening your search by including less information.
- b) Want to refine your "best matches" search? Try the Advanced Search options and fill out as much information as you can.
- c) Use the Soundex search. Names are often misspelled in historical records. Soundex allows you to search for last names that "sound like" the one you're looking for. Try this even if you think the spelling is obvious. Remember, even Smith can be "misspelled" (e.g., Smithe, Smyth, Smythe).
- d) Use a wildcard to view all words that begin with the same stem. You can use an asterisk for up to six characters. For example, a search for "fran*" will return matches such as Fran, Franny, Frank, Frannie, and Frankie. Use a question mark for a single character. For example, a search for "Hans?n" will return matches such as Hansen and Hanson.

2) Viewing Images - Clicking on View Record vs View Image

- a) View Record opens a transcription
- b) View Image opens the image file

3) Saving Images -

- a) Your computer (the image is saved to the hard drive or portable storage device)
- b) My Ancestry (the image is saved to your Ancestry My Ancestry page)
- c) Attach to a person in OneWorldTree

4) Sharing Images - Email image to a friend

- a) Once the image is open, click on Share, then type in the email address of the individual you wish to send the file and click ok.

5) Print Images -

- a) On the Toolbar for the Viewer (not Internet Explorer)—Click on the Print Icon
- b) If Landscape orientation is desired
- c) Click Properties
- d) Click on Layout
- e) Select Landscape
- f) OK
- g) Select Entire Image or Current View
- h) Click OK Be patient; these large files take a while to transmit to the printer.

6) Saving Images -

- a) On the Toolbar for the Viewer (not Internet Explorer)—Click on the Save Icon
- b) Use the "Save In" drop down menu to select the appropriate drive
- c) A: for a Floppy Disk
- d) D: for burning a CD
- e) E: for a USB drive
- f) Type a Name for the image
- g) Click Save

- 7) **Emailing Images** - (sends a temporary link to the image; not an attachment)
- a) On the Toolbar for the Viewer—Click on the Share Icon
 - b) Enter email address
 - c) Click Send

8) Image Quality -

- a) Ancestry reports that there are still a very few images using older viewers.
- b) To be sure you have the best quality image:
- c) On the Toolbar for the Viewer→Click Options
- d) Be sure “Enhanced Images” and “High Quality Images” are both selected (You only need to do this once)