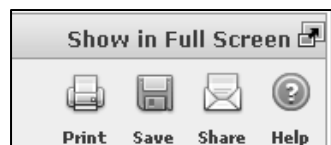


Printing, Emailing, and Saving

Many of the records retrieved in Ancestry Library Edition can be printed using the printer-friendly option available from the "Page Tools" menu.



However, Ancestry Library Edition has many scanned original records that use an enhanced image viewer. This viewer has its own menu which includes the ability to print, save, or email.



Print allows you to print *Entire Image* or *Current View*. *Current View* prints just what you are able to see on the screen. *Entire Image* prints the entire document including parts of the document which are not visible on the screen.

Save allows you to save the document as a .jpeg file.

Share allows you to email the document.

Other Resources

HeritageQuest Online database is a nice complement to Ancestry Library Edition. The Tompkins County Public Library also has materials in print and on microfilm that will assist you with your genealogy research. Please contact the Adult Services Reference desk at 607-272-4556 for assistance.

The Virtual Collection @TCPL

Ancestry Library Edition Genealogy Database

- U.S. Census Records 1790 – 1930
- Church, Court, Immigration, and Vital Records
- Social Security Death Index
- Family Trees
- Over 1,000 Historical Maps
- Plus much more...



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What is Ancestry Library Edition?

Ancestry Library Edition is a genealogy database that has coverage of the U.S. and the U.K., including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada. This collection has more than 4,000 databases, 1.5 billion names, and covers the years 1300 – present. It complements HeritageQuest Online to which TCPL also subscribes.

The Ancestry Library Edition collection includes key collections such as U.S. federal census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930; the Map Center contains more than 1,000 historical maps; American Genealogical Biographical Index (over 200 volumes), Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage (over 150 volumes), The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1630, Social Security Death Index, WWI Draft Registration Cards, Federal Slave Narratives, historical newspapers, family trees, and a strong Civil War collection.

Ancestry Library Edition is a resource that both the beginner and the advanced genealogy researcher can use to explore history, and their own family's history.

This database is not available from home.

Searching

Ranked Search – Ranked Search is a keyword search that tries to find the closest matches to your search terms. The more search criteria the search engine has to match against, the more likely it is to pull the most appropriate records up to the top of your results list. Even if you are not sure of dates, make an educated guess and it will open up the search to within a few years of the date you entered. Ranked Search also looks for common nicknames, spelling errors, and abbreviations.

Exact Search – Exact Search searches for an exact match of all the search terms you entered. If a record does not contain all of the information you have indicated, it is not returned in your search results. The * and ? wildcard characters cannot be used in Exact Search. Start a broad search when using Exact Search and then begin narrowing it if you retrieve too many results.

Tips

- If you don't get any matches with an Exact Search, try broadening your search by including less information.
- Want to refine your "best matches" search? Try the Advanced Search options and fill out as much information as you can.
- 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).

- 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. *

Special Characters

* Use the asterisk (*) for alternative spellings. This character can represent 0 to 5 unknown characters which is especially useful when searching for name variations. If you query the database for "Smel*er," your search will retrieve *Smeltzer* and *Smelzer*, among others.

? Use the question mark (?) to replace exactly one character. To illustrate, Sm?th will retrieve *Smith* and *Smyth*.

Note: Due to the volume of the data being searched, the use of wildcards is restricted to keywords and names that have the first three letters specified.