

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Accessible from any Chester County Library System library, this genealogy resource has more than five billion names in over 4,000 databases. It has census records from the U.S., U.K., Canada and Germany; birth, marriage and death records from the U.S. and U.K.; U.S. military records back to the 1600's; U.S. and U.K. directories and member lists; immigration, emigration and naturalization records; court, land and probate records.

Among its thousands of records are the American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI), WPA Slave Narratives, newspapers and periodicals, headstones, local histories, photos and maps, postcards and panoramas, family photos and high school yearbooks.

In addition, there are historical maps, the Social Security Death Index and draft registration cards for World War I and II.

Updating is continual. Frequent users can easily search recently added materials.

Find It

Go to any library in the Chester County Library System and once online, go to **www.ccls.org>Databases>Ancestry Library Edition**.

Browse It

From the Home Page, **click a tab**, for example, **Stories and Publications**, enter a broad search term or place name and read through some of the results. **Click the Search tab**, select a publication on the right and browse within it, or **click a state name** in the list and browse resources within that state.

Search It

From the Home Page, do a **Global Search**. Enter a name to search all records. Type as much information as possible. **Unclick the Exact Match box**.

Next, try doing an **Exact Search**. **Click the Exact Match box**. The best matches appear at the top of the results list. Alternate spellings and a wider range of dates than you entered will be evident lower down in the results list. When Exact Match is checked, you may use a question mark (?) for one character (ex. Sm?th for Smith or Smyth) or an asterisk (*) for zero to six characters (ex. John* for Johnson, Johnston, Johnssen). You must provide the first three letters of a name before using ? or *.

Click Search Tips on the Home Page for general advice. **Click Help** in the upper right corner when you have a specific problem.

For better results, do a **Collections Search**, that is, search **each** of the three tabbed categories **separately**: Historical Records, Stories & Publications or Photos & Maps. For each of the Collections you provide different and more precise information so your results tend to be better.

Click the Search tab to go to the **main search page**. On the right you'll begin to see the huge range of databases in *Ancestry Library Edition*. You can also do the most targeted search by selecting one database.

On the main Search page, you'll also find a card catalog of all *Ancestry Library Edition's* resources, **Advanced Search** (yet another way to search) and **Need help searching?** Another option on the page is to **search by state**.

Display It

The Basic Image Viewer has a links path at the top of the results page. Zoom levels, options, image numbers, next hit, print, save, share and help are some features.

For users whose computers have Windows XP or Vista and Explorer 7 or higher, downloading the Enhanced Image Viewer enables additional features: tile images, zoom, pan, thumbnails, drag, fit, magnify, show in full screen and find on page.

You can limit results by selecting the star level in relevancy or by selecting a record type or source of material. To view a match, **click the name of the database**.

Save It

Ancestry Library Edition does not offer accounts. Save to a flash drive or a CD.

Take It

Printer-friendly formats are available.

Cite It

Citations to documents are included for each record.

Call us for additional help.



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