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Among its thousands of records are the American Genealogical-Biographical Index (search AGBI in the catalog), slave records, newspapers and periodicals, headstones, local histories, photos and maps, (including the U.S. Enumeration District Maps and Descriptions, 1940) postcards and panoramas, family photos and high school yearbooks (search yearbooks in the catalog). In addition, there are historical maps, the Social Security Death Index and draft registrations cards for World War I and II.

Updating is continual. Frequent users can easily search recently added materials by selecting "recent" on the Home page under More Collections.

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** on the word **Search** in the gray tool bar, select a type of record on the right to browse within it, or **click** a **state** on the map to browse resources within that state. **Click** on the word **Search>Stories, Memories & Histories**>enter a broad search term or place name and browse some of the results.

Search It

From the Home Page, **enter a name** to search all records. 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). Add life events or family member for better results.

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Click **Show advanced** for an expanded search form. Click on the word **Search** (don't choose anything from the drop-down menu) to go to the main Search page. On the right you'll begin to see the huge range of databases in Ancestry Library Edition.

Explore by location using the map. See links to **Stories & Publications** or to **Photos & Maps**. Click **View All in Card Catalog** to check for any resource in the database or click **All** on the home page under **Census Collections**.

You can do the most targeted search by searching just one resource found in the catalog. Remember to click **Clear Form** between searches. Of course, you can also select from the **drop-down menu** after you select the Search tab.

Click **Charts and Forms** for print outs that will help you organize your research.

Display It

The most relevant results are at the top of the results list. Limit results by selecting a record type or a source of material (on the left). To view a match, click the name of the database.

Save It

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