

Jumpstart Your Summer Genealogy!



Finding Your Family History on Ancestry.com

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Ancestry.com is one of the most popular genealogy resources. You can subscribe to it but you can also access it for free in your local public library, and at least through June 30, you can search it via the internet from your home or other location where you can get the internet.

Some of their materials are also generally available for public access.

We will start by defining who you want to search, then take a tour of Ancestry and its search capabilities including the types of information you can find and how you can narrow your searches to make your results more accurate. We will then look at how to search specific types of materials including their card catalog, see how you can “walk through” a group of records such as a specific census of your ancestors’ neighborhood, and when and how to follow hints that Ancestry provides. We will finish with a look at Ancestry Academy and a brief intro to Ancestry DNA and Ancestry’s family trees.

Feel free to bring your computer if you want to try some searches. You will leave with handouts that will help you with your searching.



Using FamilySearch.org to Find Your Family's Roots

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FamilySearch.org is a vast genealogy resource that provides free access to records via the internet. All you need to do is to create a free account to start searching.

After an overview of the features of the site we will discuss some hints about searching FamilySearch including ways to access various types of records, narrowing searches and how you can use their card catalog. We will also discuss access to international records, how you can “walk through” your ancestors’ town or village by paging through digital microfilm records, geographical searching, and oral histories. We will visit the Research Wiki and look at how you can access digital books and then discuss important considerations in using their Family Trees. We will finish with a brief discussion about accessing materials only available through Family History Centers and affiliated libraries.

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