# *ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION*

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# Ancestry Library Edition

- Ancestry is the world's largest online family history resource with 2.7 million paying subscribers across all its websites.

- ProQuest has been the distributor of the Ancestry "Library Edition" since 2004.

- On June 27, 2014, Ancestry and ProQuest announced an expanded partnership and distribution agreement which creates broader and deeper opportunities to deliver premier genealogy resources to libraries.  This includes ProQuest's HeritageQuest Online, Ancestry Library Edition & Fold3™ Library Edition now delivered through the Ancestry search platform.

# Ancestry Library Edition

- ***Meet the family first hand***

  Access family history documents that record the lineage of billions of people

  Primary sources in full-text with enhanced images, directories, court, land and probate records

- ***See where they lived***

  View collections that bring together materials communities of people such as French Canadians or Jewish Family History.

- ***Record your history***

  Access helpful tools including summaries, calendars, family trees, message boards, and more.

  The Learning Center includes tools and resources to help begin a family tree or find answers to tough research questions.

# The most commonly asked question?

What is the difference between my library's Ancestry Library Edition resource and my at-home Ancestry.com subscription???

# Some (but not all) differences in *content* between the two

**There are certain databases or collections that are available in Ancestry.com, but are NOT included in Ancestry Library Edition (ALE)**:
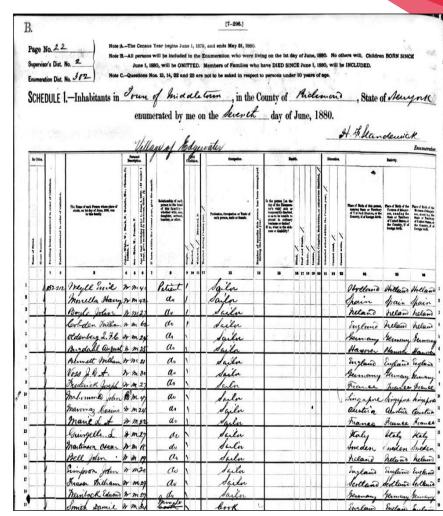
- *Obituary Collection* - The collection contains recent obituaries from hundreds of newspapers, but newspaper titles offered by ProQuest are not included in ALE.

- *Historical Newspaper Collection* - These are mostly small town newspapers, and most do not have complete series / coverage.

- *ProQuest's Genealogy & Local History Books in the Families and Local Histories Collection* - Digitized from UMI's *Genealogy & Local History* Books microfilm collection, these titles are found in **HeritageQuest Online**, available from ProQuest.

- *Periodical Source Index (PERSI)* - This database is found in **HeritageQuest Online**, available from ProQuest.

- *Freedman's Bank Records* - This database is found in **HeritageQuest Online**, available from ProQuest.

# Ancestry Library Edition contents

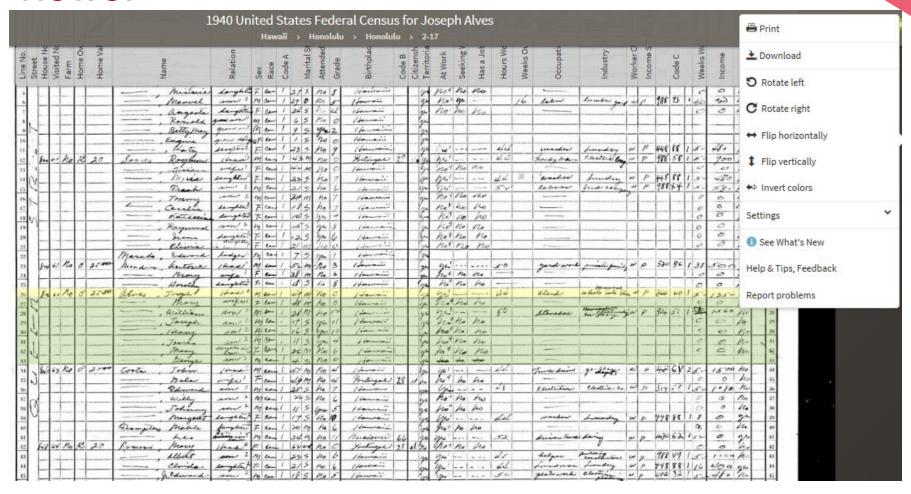- Extensive Canadian coverage back to mid-19$^{th}$ century (1851-1916)
  **Census Data**
- Extensive UK coverage back to 1841
- 1930 Mexico National Census
- Incredible U.S. coverage
  - Over half a billion records
  - Covers 1790 to 1940
  - Every name indexed, searchable
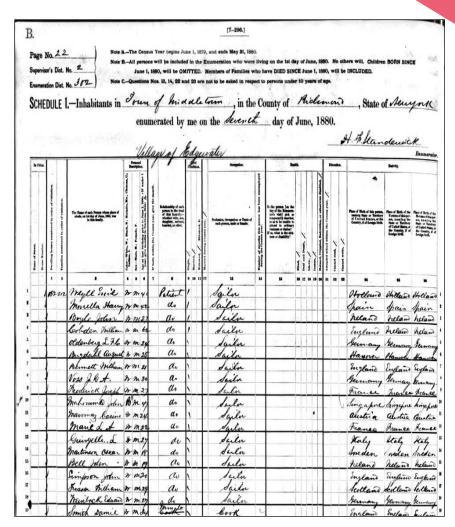  - Slave schedules, state records, and more

# Ancestry Library Edition image viewer

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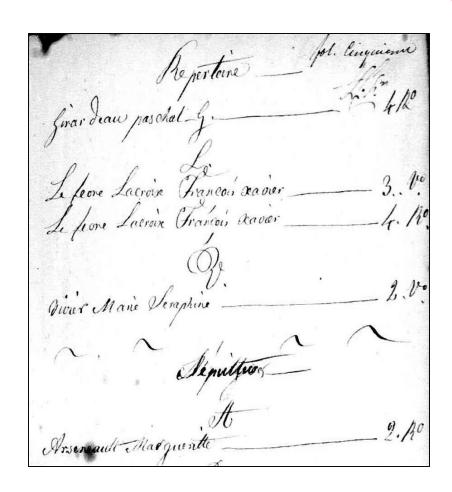
**Canadian collections**

- 60+ million records

- Vital records such as the Drouin Collection (1621 – 1967)

- Largest and most valuable French-Canadian family history resource available.

- Diverse collection of materials on communities of people, such as Jewish Family History.

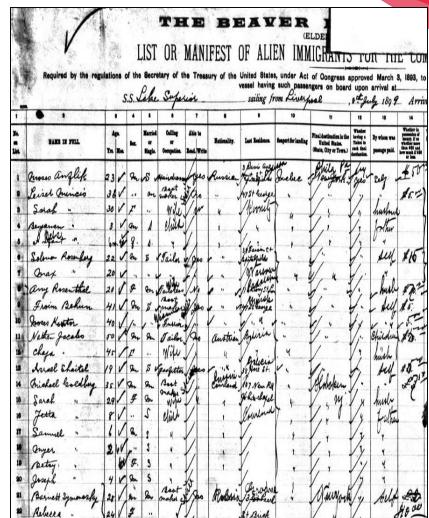- Directories, court, land and probate records.

## Vital Records

- 30 million+ Canadian birth, marriage, & death records back to the 1600s

- U.S. Social Security Death Index with 80M+ records

- Over 100 million U.S. state birth, marriage, and death records back to the 1800s

- Nearly 400 million UK vital records back to 1837

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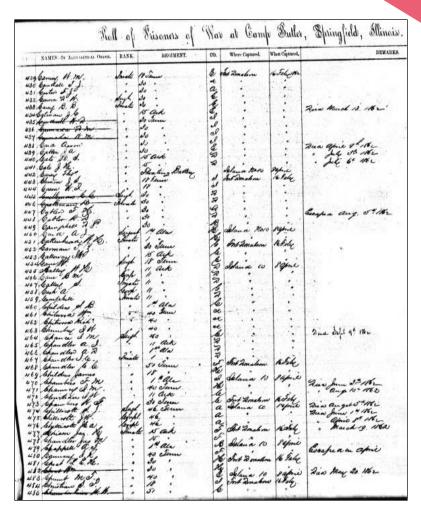
**Immigration Records**

- Passenger Lists
  - 200 million+ records
  - Includes all major US ports, Canadian ports, UK ports, and other European ports
- Border Crossings
  - Between Canada & U.S., 1895-1956, 5M+ records
  - Between Mexico & U.S., 1903-1957, 5M+ records
- Domestic & International passport applications
- Citizenship and Naturalization records from US, UK, Canada, NZ, France, and Poland

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**Military Records**

- Nearing 400 data sets

- 200M+ U.S. records from the Colonial era to Vietnam

- Foreign military records
  - Canada (10 data sets w/ 4 million+ records)
  - Europe (80 data sets w/ 30 million+ records)

# Other Notable Data

- ## Diverse International Collections

  46M+ files from <u>German</u> census, vital records, emigration indexes, ship lists, phone directories, and more; 12+ <u>Mexican</u> data sets; <u>Chinese</u> surnames the Jiapu Collection of Chinese lineage books; <u>Jewish</u> family history records from Eastern Europe and Russia; and more.

- ## More than 3,700 Stories, Memories, & Histories





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# Search Tips

Wildcard & Truncation Symbols

- The **asterisk (\*)** will account for various name endings, up to 5 extra characters. For example, searching **Char**\* *will return hits on names like Charles, Charley, Charlie, Charlene, or Charlotte and any other names beginning with the letters Char. Note that you must type in at least the first three letters of the name before putting in the wildcard.*

- The **question mark (?)** is used when you only want one letter of a name to be different. If you are trying to find the name *Hansen* that was also sometimes spelled *Hanson*, you could type in **Hans?n** to find both variants. *Note that you must type in at least the first three letters of the name before putting in the wildcard.*

# Search Tips (cont'd)

• When searching **Keywords**, try using quotation marks around two or more terms (i.e., "civil rights," "World War II") to aid in the precision of the search, ultimately retrieving more accurate results.

• Name Searching:
- Use the Advanced Search page for additional limits (e.g., expanding to initials searching)
- Enter two last names into the Last Name field
- Use the Family Members search fields to narrow or refine search queries
- Swap the names entered into the name fields

# Demonstration

# Questions? Need more info?

- More information and videos are available in the LibGuide
  http://proquest.libguides.com/ancestrylibraryedition

- Attend a *Live Webinar* or *View a Recording*
  http://bit.ly/7N2Qr3

- ProQuest Support Center
  http://support.proquest.com

- Directly request consideration of content submission via Ancestry group:
  http://tinyurl.com/y9sjtnv

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