

FOCUS ON Ancestry Library Edition

Today we'll provide tips and techniques for more effective searching...show you how to save, share and print your research finds...and identify several of the educational resources available in Ancestry Library Edition.

Ancestry Library Edition:

- Contains billions of records in over 30,000 unique databases
- Includes international records
- Provides access to public member trees and message boards
- Allows you to search, save and share your finds
- Is available at all three library locations in the computer labs and on the library's Wi-Fi (Library Guest)



Note: Building trees and contacting users are features only available through Ancestry.com.

Begin Searching

From our library computers, navigate to the Genealogy webpage (library.carlsbadca.gov/services/genealogy) and click the link to Ancestry Library Edition to begin your research!

There are several ways to start searching from the homepage, as shown below:

The screenshot shows the Ancestry Library Edition homepage. A red circle highlights the navigation menu on the left, which includes: All Categories, Census & Voter Lists, Birth, Marriage & Death, Military, Immigration & Travel, and Card Catalog. A red rectangle highlights a row of four search category buttons: SEARCH CENSUS, SEARCH VITALS, SEARCH MILITARY, and SEARCH IMMIGRATION. Below these buttons are four corresponding search cards, each with a historical image and a brief description of the records available.

Searching by Location

You can **explore by location** in Ancestry Library Edition. This is a quick way to know what's available from your ancestors' locations. Simply navigate to the map by choosing **SEARCH** then **ALL CATEGORIES**.

1. Zoom out or Zoom in

2. Click & drag with mouse to move around within the map.

Hovering over the building icon will reveal how many collections are available in each location. You can zoom in to narrow your results to the city/town level.

Navigating Location Results

Click the building icon to see a list of all the collections associated with a particular location.

Use to flip through the pages of results

| Title | Collection | Records |
|--|--------------------------|------------|
| U.S., Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1992 (Indexed in World Archives Project) | Immigration & Emigration | 5,810,310 |
| U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 | Military | 14,482,118 |
| California Birth Index, 1905-1995 | Birth, Marriage & Death | 24,588,191 |
| California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997 | Birth, Marriage & Death | 9,356,987 |
| California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1960-1985 | Birth, Marriage & Death | 9,800,536 |
| U.S., Border Crossings from Mexico to U.S., 1895-1964 | Immigration & Emigration | 5,878,587 |
| U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947 | Military | 54,143,185 |
| California, U.S., Divorce Index, 1966-1984 | Birth, Marriage & Death | 5,221,045 |
| California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1949-1959 | Birth, Marriage & Death | 2,339,340 |
| California, U.S., Voter Registers, 1866-1898 | Census & Voter Lists | 3,682,335 |

Click **"View all California research options"** to see the complete collection for that state. Refine your search further by clicking a category link, such as **California Birth Index, 1905-1995**.

California Birth Index, 1905-1995

Search > Birth, Marriage & Death

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Birth: Day , Month , Year Location

Any Event:

Add family member: Mother Last Name

Keyword

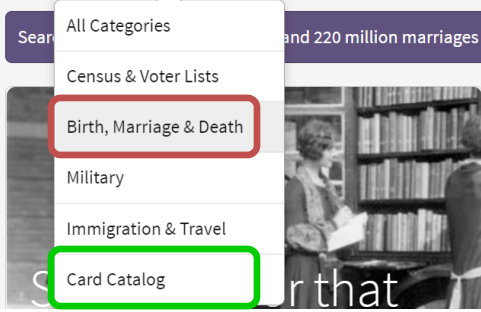
Gender:

Search Clear search

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *California Birth Index, 1905-1995* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2005.
Original data: State of California. *California Birth Index, 1905-1995*. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Searching by Category

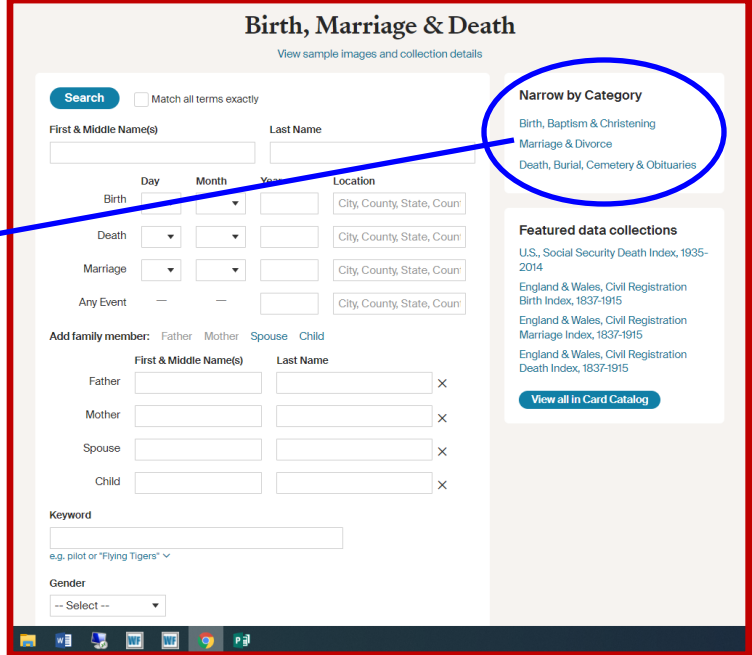
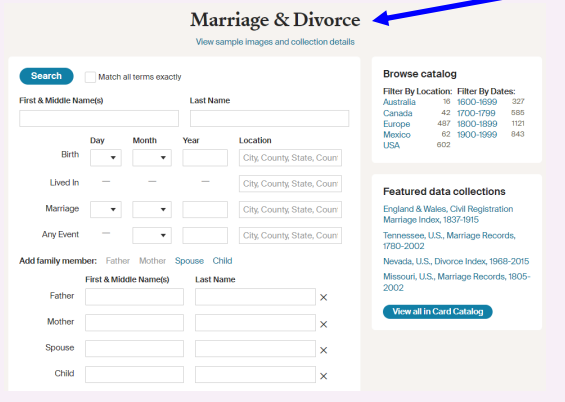


Be the first to know when the 1950 Census goes live!

Email Address

State(s)

Hover the mouse over the **SEARCH** tab at the top of the homepage. Choose a category from the dropdown menu. Here, we've chosen **Birth, Marriage & Death**. The **Narrow by Category** feature can help focus your search!



Here, we've chosen **Card Catalog**. **Card Catalog**
 Search by Title or by Keyword(s). Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

Keyword(s)

or

Filter By Collection

- Census & Voter Lists 484
- Birth, Marriage & Death +1000
- Military 669
- Immigration & Travel 440
- Newspapers & Publications 163
- Pictures 40
- Stories, Memories & Histories +1000
- Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers 123

Results 1-25 of 10,756 Sort By

| Title | Collection | Records | Activity |
|---|------------|---------|----------|
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Using the Search Fields

Ancestry provides flexibility and control in its search wells.

Census and Voter Lists
View sample images and collection details

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s): Last Name:

Exact...

Year: 1862 Location: Norway

Exact Exact to country

Live: Exact to... this year +/-1 year +/-2 years +/-5 years +/-10 years

Any Ev...

Add family n...

Fath...

Narrow by Cat...

U.S. Federa...

U.K. Cen...

Canada...

1700s C...

1800s C...

1900s C...

Featur...

1940 Un...

Australia...

U.S., Indi...

View a...



Remember:

- 1. Sometimes less is more!**
Fewer search terms yield more results.
- 2. Get creative!**
Try searching with a relationship, an address alone or add a keyword.
- 3. Take advantage of date and spelling limiters!**
Keep in mind that on many records—like on passenger lists and censuses—birth years are estimated based on a given age rather than on an actual date given by the person.
- 4. Use Wildcards!**

Spelling Limiters and Expanders

Exact: Exactly as typed
Sounds like: Names that sound like
Similar: Names similar to
Soundex: Algorithm developed by WPA, disregards all vowels and uses a coding system to account for and search spelling variations

Wildcards

Wildcards are special characters that allow you to create a broader or “fuzzier” search.

Search

First & Middle Name(s): Last Name:

Exact...

Place your ancestor might have lived: Birth Year:

+/-5 yrs

NAME: **John W Smith**
BIRTH: abt 1916 - Brooklyn, New York, USA

NAME: **John P Smythe Jr.**
BIRTH: 21 Feb 1916 - New York, USA
DEPARTURE: Plymouth

NAME: **John Abram Smithers**
BIRTH: 20 Jun 1915 - New York, USA
DEPARTURE: Southampton, England
ARRIVAL: 20 Sep 1933 - New York, New York, USA

NAME: **John Francis Smith**
BIRTH: 22 May 1921 - New York, USA

NAME: **John E Smith**
BIRTH: 19 Nov 1914 - New York, USA

NAME: **John J Smyth**
BIRTH: 16 Dec 1914 - New York, New York, USA
ARRIVAL: 20 Jan 1960 - Miami, Florida, USA

How to Use:

To expand your search, try replacing letters in a name or keyword with wildcards: ? or *

A question mark ? replaces ONE letter

An asterisk * replaces ZERO or MORE letters.

Joh*ns*n would reveal:
Johansson, Johansen, Johnson etc.

Johns?n would reveal only:
Johnson, Johnsen, Johnsun etc.



Remember:

- You can use multiple wildcards and combine wildcards
- Any use of the asterisk requires at least two non-wildcard characters

Refining Search Results

Ancestry Library Edition provides many ways to refine your search:

All Census & Voter Lists results for John Sm?Th*

Your search: john, sm?th*, Born: 1918. 1-20 of 1,292,163 results. Browse by category.

Filters:

- Census & Voter Lists:** 1700s, 1800s, 1900s, 1710s, 1810s, 1910s, 1720s, 1820s, 1920s, 1730s, 1830s, 1930s, 1740s, 1840s, 1940s, 1750s, 1850s, 1950s, 1760s, 1860s, 1960s, 1770s, 1870s, 1970s, 1780s, 1880s, 1980s, 1790s, 1890s, 1990s.
- Record location:** Europe (800,000+), Oceania (200,000+), North America (100,000+), Africa (2).
- Record date:** > 1900 (999,999+), > 2000 (10,000+).

Search Results:

- 1920 United States Federal Census 1920s: Name John W Smith [Johnnie Smith], Birth Alabama, Residence 1920 Josie, Pike, Alabama, USA.
- 1920 United States Federal Census 1920s: Name Johnnie Smith [John?? Smith], Birth South Carolina, Residence 1920 Kingstree, Williamsburg, South Carolina, USA.
- 1920 United States Federal Census 1920s: Name John Clark Smith [John Clara Smith] [John Clark Smith Jr], Birth Texas, Residence 1920 Justice Precinct 6, Rusk, Texas, USA.
- 1920 United States Federal Census 1920s: Name John E Smith, Birth Florida, Residence 1920 Sopchoppy, Wakulla, Florida, USA.

Click the **pencil icon** if you don't like the results you got and want to edit your search terms.

Sliders help sharpen or broaden your search. Hovering over the sliders will reveal four search levels—broad, sounds like and similar, exact and similar, and exact.

Filters help limit which years and parts of the world you are searching.

All Census & Voter Lists results for John Sm?Th*

Your search: john, sm?th*, Born: 1918. 1-20 of 1,292,163 results. Browse by category.

Filters: (Same as above)

Search Results: (Same as above)

Record Detail (John Clark Smith):

- NAME: John Clark Smith
- AGE: 1
- BIRTH YEAR: 1918
- BIRTH PLACE: Texas
- HOME IN 1920: Justice Precinct 6, Rusk, Texas
- RESIDENCE DATE: 1920
- RACE: White
- GENDER: Male
- RELATION TO HEAD OF HOUSE: Son
- MARITAL STATUS: Single
- FATHER'S NAME: John C Smith
- FATHER'S BIRTH PLACE: Texas
- MOTHER'S NAME: Lucy Smith
- MOTHER'S BIRTH PLACE: Texas
- NEIGHBORS: View others on page
- HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

| Name | Age |
|------------------|-----|
| Grady Smith | 28 |
| Lucy Smith | 24 |
| John C Smith | 23 |
| John Clark Smith | 1 |

Hover over a **blue link** (i.e. 1920 United States Federal Census) to open a preview window.

Searching the Card Catalog

The **Card Catalog** is a listing of all the collections within Ancestry.

It includes both indexed and non-indexed records. When using non-indexed records, you must browse them, as they are not searchable.

Title: searches only by title.

Keyword: searches all aspects (and produces more results).

Sort By: database title, date updated, date added, and record count.

Filter by: collection, location or date.

Hovering over the title of a record collection produces a very brief description as well as the publication.

Card Catalog
Searchable listing of all record collections

Results 1-25 of 10,425

Sort By: Record Count

| Title | Records | Activity |
|--|-------------|----------|
| Public Member Trees | 895,402,1 | 9 |
| U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 | 1,385,585,2 | 4 |
| Newspapers.com Obituary Index | 750,684,78 | 1 |
| U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-1999 | 878,321,00 | 7 |
| U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1 | 418,684,44 | 0 |
| U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2 | 402,475,89 | 6 |
| U.S. Phone and Address Directories, 1993-2002 | 313,278,78 | 6 |
| British Phone Books, 1880-1984 | 278,407,89 | 0 |
| England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975 | 193,854,07 | 5 |
| London, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1965 | 179,071,66 | 4 |
| U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current | 178,827,56 | 3 |
| U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current | 146,768,35 | 1 |
| 1940 United States Federal Census | 134,484,52 | 4 |
| U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 | 134,351,60 | 3 |
| 1930 United States Federal Census | 124,964,02 | 1 |

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Year Location

Lived In City, County, State, Country

Any Event City, County, State, Country

Add family member: Spouse

Spouse First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Browse this collection

To browse this image set, select from the options below.

State: California

City or County: Los Angeles

Year: 1879

Title: Los Angeles, California, City Directory, 1879

When viewing the original document, you can **move through the pages** using the arrows, **zoom in and out**, and **edit** the appearance of the document.

Alternatively, you can **move through the pages** using the filmstrip, as well as **hide (or show) the filmstrip**. You can also **enter a page number** to skip to a certain page in the document.

If anything has been indexed, you can **view it** for each page.

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995
California > Los Angeles > 1879 > Los Angeles, California, City Directory, 1879

Save

When viewing the original document, you can move through the pages using the arrows, zoom in and out, and edit the appearance of the document.

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If anything has been indexed, you can view it for each page.

Filmstrip

Image 77 Image 78 Image 79 California, Los Angeles, 1879, Los Angeles, California, City Directory, 1879 Image 1 Image 2 Image 3 Image 4 Image 5

Saving, Sharing and Printing

John C Rogers
in the 1930 United States Federal Census

Detail Source

Name: John C Rogers
Birth Year: abt 1926 [abt 1925]
Gender: Male
Race: White
Age in 1930: 4 [4 11/12]
Birthplace: New York
Marital Status: Single
Relation to Head of House: Son
Home in 1930: Buffalo, Erie, New York, USA
Map of Home: Buffalo, Erie, New York
Street Address: Amherst Street
Ward of City: 20th
Block: 2028 and 2030
House Number: 797
Dwelling Number: 81
Family Number: 239
Attended School: No
Father's Birthplace: New York
Mother's Birthplace: New York

Household Members

| Household Members | Age | Relationship |
|-------------------|-----|--------------|
| Thomas O Rogers | 34 | Head |
| Alice Rogers | 34 | Wife |

Send Your Find Home!
Enter your email address and we will send you a link to your personalized Discovery Page where you can view and download all of the great finds you make while here.

Send document

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Once a record has been selected you can:

Send the document via email:

You can send multiple documents during a research day at the library, and receive just one email that links to all you sent.

Print:

Create an easy-to-read page that only includes the indexed facts. However...

...when viewing the original document, you can use the tools icon (wrench) to:

- Print
- Download/Save (bring flashdrive!)
- Adjust the image

Save

Full Screen Indexed Data

Zoom In/Out

Using Ancestry's Educational Resources

ancestryLibrary HOME SEARCH **MESSAGE BOARDS** LEARNING CENTER CHARTS AND FORMS NEW COLLECTIONS

Message Boards

Search and view forums.

Learning Center

Get tips and tricks from professionals.

Charts and Forms

Access commonly used charts and forms to track research.

New Collections

Stay current on new additions and updates.

Message Boards
The world's largest online genealogy community with over 25 Million posts

Search the Boards
Names or keywords
e.g. John Smith

Find a board
Surnames of interest
A B C D E

Categories
Localities Category
Australia
Canada
United Kingdom
United States
Western Europe
More Localities

Research Aids
Research Aids Maps
Looking to jumpstart your research? The experts at Ancestry have assisted you with your research moving again. Select one of the topics below to get started.

GETTING STARTED
Whether you are just starting your family history or you are looking for a new perspective on your research these 10 Census Tips

CHARTS AND FORMS
Download these charts and forms to organize your research.

Ancestral Chart
An ancestor chart records the ancestors from whom you directly descend—those for whom you intend to complete a complete and correct family unit. It shows at a glance the progress you have made towards this goal and what remains to be done.

Research Calendar
The research calendar gives an account of every record source you have searched and serves as a reminder of what remains to be done.

Card Catalog
Searchable listing of all record collections

| Title | Collection | Sort By | Date Updated |
|--|---|------------|--------------|
| Utah, U.S., Federal Naturalization Records, 1906-1930 | Immigration & Travel | | UPDATED |
| 1939 England and Wales Register | Census & Voter Lists | | UPDATED |
| U.S., Atlantic Ports Arriving and Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1959 | Immigration & Travel | 1,025,292 | UPDATED |
| Texas, U.S., Arriving and Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1893-1963 | Immigration & Travel | 1,079,613 | UPDATED |
| Delaware, U.S., Federal Naturalization Records, 1802-1944 | Immigration & Travel | 31,652 | UPDATED |
| New Hampshire, U.S., State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1832-1995 | Immigration & Travel | 10,274 | UPDATED |
| Indiana, U.S., Birth Certificates, 1907-1940 | Birth, Marriage & Death | 7364,922 | UPDATED |
| Florida, U.S., Arriving and Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1898-1963 | Immigration & Travel | 6,725,940 | UPDATED |
| Ontario, Canada Births, 1832-1916 | Birth, Marriage & Death | 292,200 | UPDATED |
| 1880 Denmark Census (in Danish) | Census & Voter Lists | 2,036,058 | UPDATED |
| Eure-et-Loir, France, Selected Camp, Prison, Property, and Compensation Records, 1917-1965 (USHMM) (in French) | Stories, Memories & Histories | 97,202 | UPDATED |
| Belgium, Phone Book Indexes, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000, and 2002 - 2015 (in French) | Schools, Directories & Church Histories | 70,380,625 | NEW |