Beginning Ancestry Library Edition

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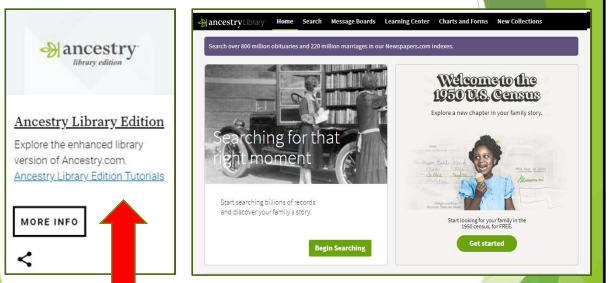


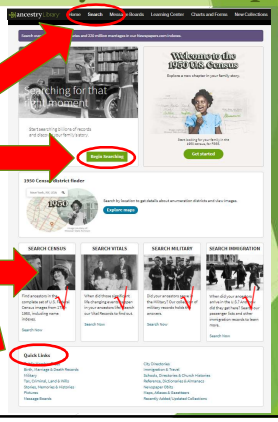
For a brief overview of this database, go to Midwestgenealogycenter.org → Genealogy Research → AncestryLE

Ancestry Library Edition v. Ancestry.com

Collections vary slightly

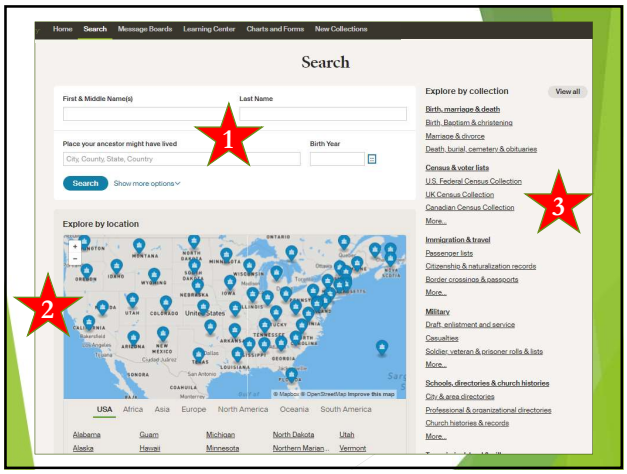
Ancestry LE	Ancestry.com
➢US & international records	➢US and/or international records (different cost)
➢ Available free at many libraries (typically not available remotely)	➢Access only with paid subscription
➢Cannot create or upload private family tree	➢Create, upload, and manage trees
➢You can view other people's trees, but you cannot contact subscribers directly	➢View the family trees of others and communicate with other tree owners

Navigating the Ancestry LE Homepage

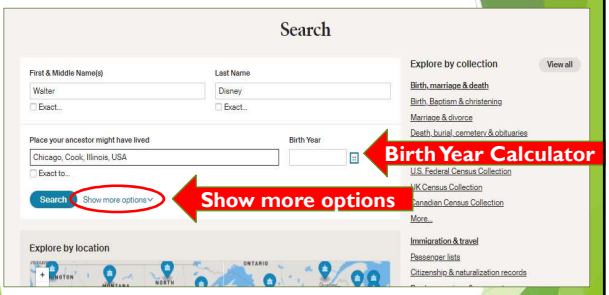


Use SEARCH or BEGIN SEARCHING to search by name or collection

Use tiles and QUICK LINKS to search a specific topic or record category

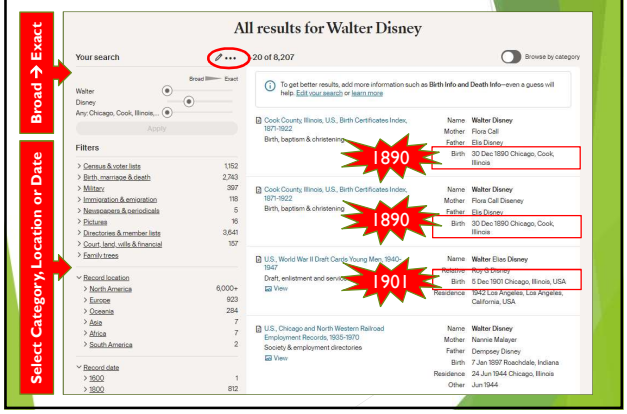


Search #1: All Categories



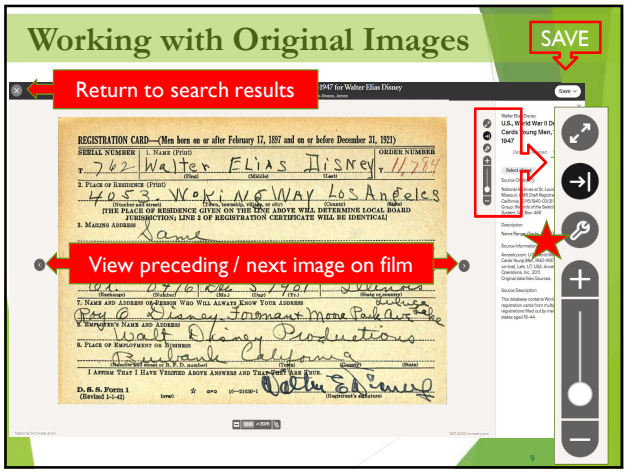
- Click "Show more options" to enter additional info
- Use Birth Year Calculator to approximate year of birth

Filtering Your Results

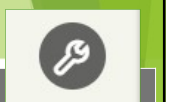


Reviewing and Saving a Result

Working with Original Images

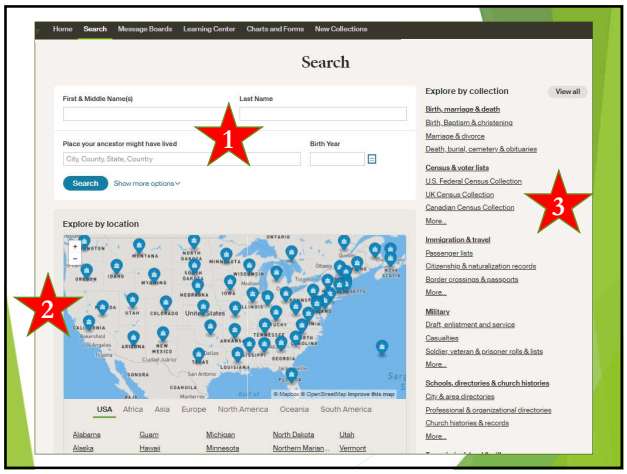


Printing/Downloading from Ancestry Library Edition

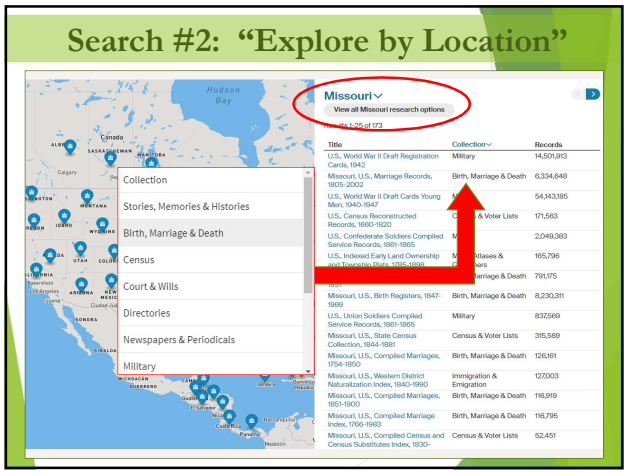


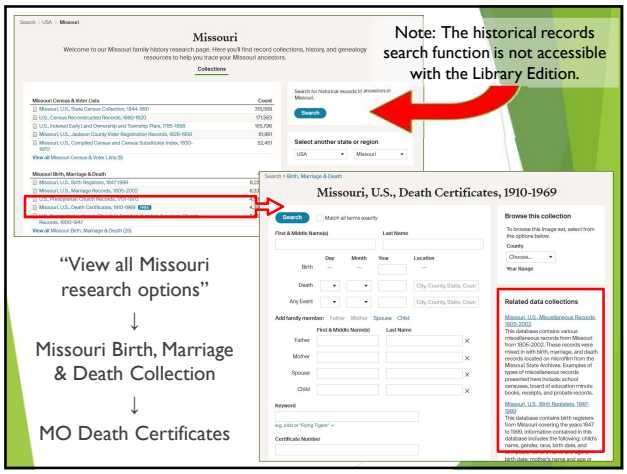
Select the Tools Icon →

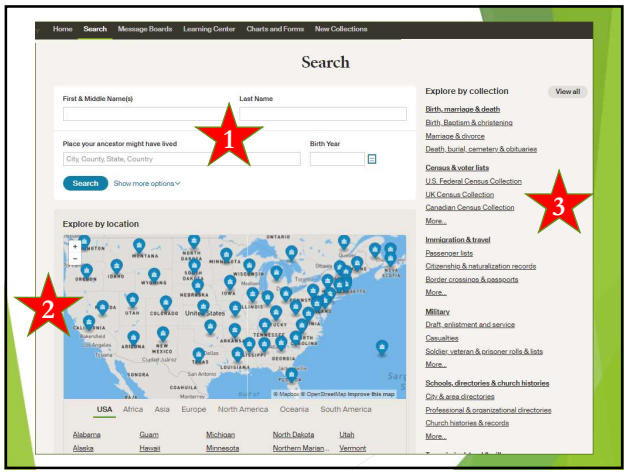
PRINT	DOWNLOAD
Select entire image or zoomed area	Download image then open and print from toolbar
Include source data	Produces a slightly larger image
Select layout (landscape or portrait) in print dialog box that matches the image	Adjust image orientation to match print layout



Search #2: "Explore by Location"

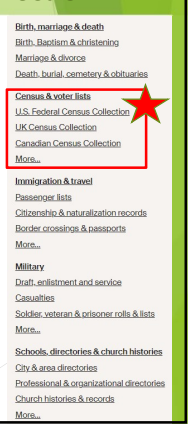






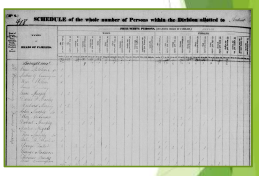
Search #3: "Explore by Collection"

- Birth, Marriage & Death
- Census & Voter Lists
- Immigration & Travel
- Military
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories
- Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
- Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs
- Stories & Publications
- Photos & Maps



Census Research on Ancestry LE

- US Federal Census basics
  - 1790 – 1950, protected from public access for 72 years
  - 1850 – all household members, 1890 lost to fire[+]
  - USFC not the only censuses
- Ancestry LE features
  - Every name index
  - Print, download, & send
- Challenges and solutions
  - Inconsistencies – names, dates, places
  - Errors in the past (enumeration) and present (indexing)
  - Be flexible and get creative!



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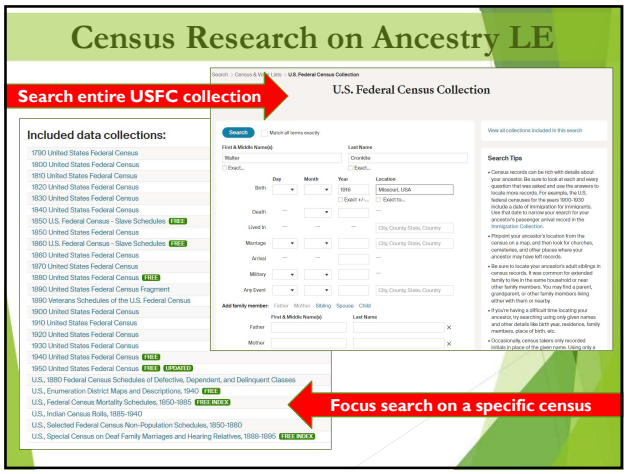
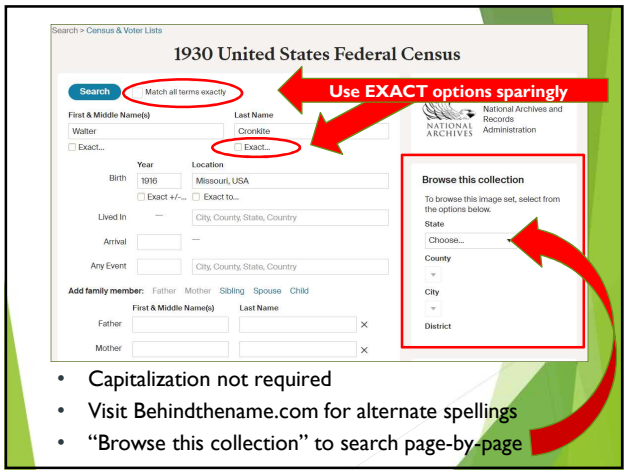




- Capitalization not required
- Visit Behindthename.com for alternate spellings
- "Browse this collection" to search page-by-page

Using Wild Card Searches

* Replaces more than one character

Search for **fran*** yields results for Fran, Frank, Franny, Frankie, Frannie, Frances, etc.

Note: You must provide at least 3 letters to start

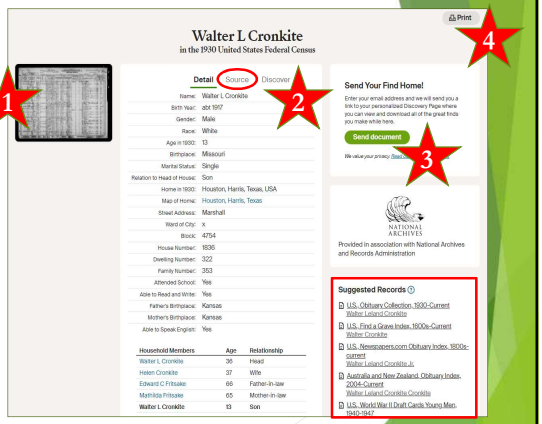
? Replaces one character

Search for **Johns?n** yields results for Johnson and Johnsen

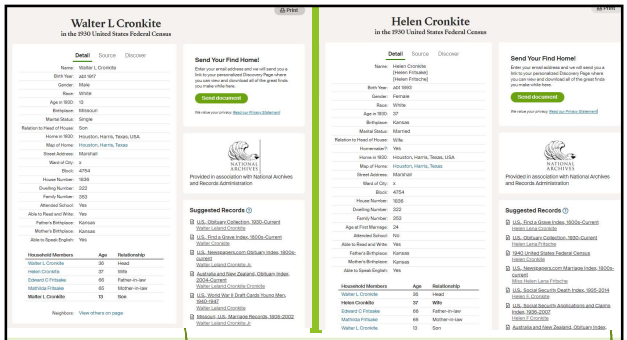
Evaluating Search Results

- Hover over VIEW RECORD to preview the result
- Select/click VIEW RECORD to open the indexed record
- Select/click VIEW IMAGE to view the original

A Review with a Big Bonus

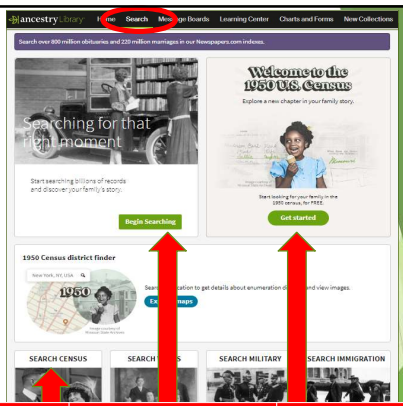


Ancestry LE's "Suggested Records"



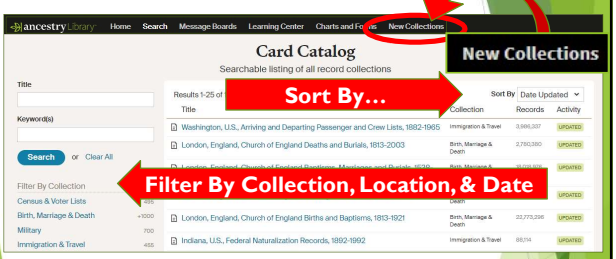
Select a related name | Review new person's info | Review "Suggested Records"

Ancestry LE Home-page access to the US Federal Census



SEARCH CENSUS -All available USFC- | BEGIN SEARCHING -Special Collections- | GET STARTED -1950 USFC only-

New Collections → Card Catalog



- Use to check availability of a specific record set
- SORT BY + DATE UPDATED displays new holdings
- Filters (left) focus results on selected collection categories, locations, and decades

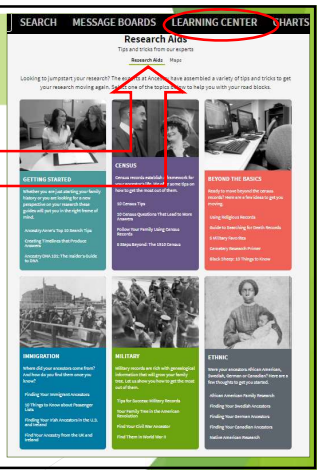
Ancestry LE's Larger Collections

- U. S., City Directories, 1822 – 1995
- U.S., Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s – current
- U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900 – 1999
- U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936 – 2007
- Mexico, Select Baptisms, 1560 – 1950 (in Spanish)
- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558 – 1898 (in German)
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935 – 2014
- New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820 - 1957

Ancestry LE Learning Center

Access **Research Aids** through the LEARNING CENTER tab on the black navigation bar

- Research tips & tricks on a variety of topics
  - Short, informative pdf's
  - Located on (top) black navigation bar



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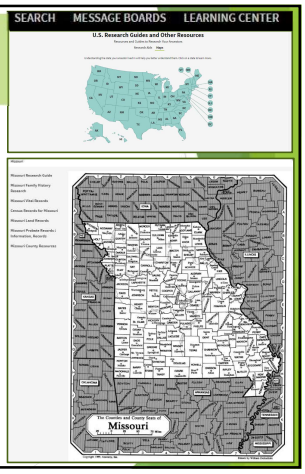
LEARNING CENTER → **Maps**

- Research guides
- County resources & map
- Vital records
- Land and probate records
- Family history research

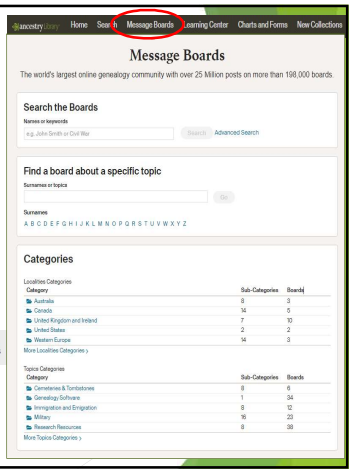


Ancestry LE Message Boards

Enter a family name or research topic to read posts of others researching the same subject

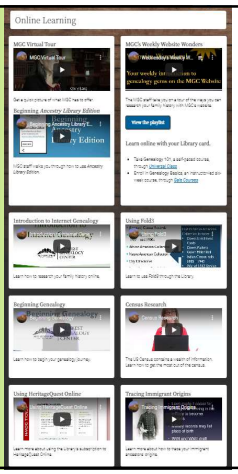
See also https://blogs.ancestry.com/cm and www.ancestry.com

for Ancestry blogs, social media links, YouTube tutorials and more



MGC Online Classes

MGC → Get Started → Online Learning



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- Census Records Research
- Introduction to Internet Genealogy
- Newspaper Databases at MGC
- Tracing Immigrant Origins
- Using Fold3
- Using HeritageQuest Online
- Using ILL for Genealogy
- Weekly Website Wonders

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