

Genealogy FAQ's

ANCESTRY

- **If I use the library edition of Ancestry, will I get more information than I do at home?**
 - It depends! The library edition of Ancestry is the World Explorer subscription - US and International records.
 - Ancestry has 3 subscription levels:
 - U.S. Discovery (\$)
 - World Explorer (US and International - \$\$)
 - All Access (\$\$\$) -
 - Ancestry World Edition
 - Fold3 (Military Records)
 - Newspapers.com (Basic version)
 - If your subscription is US Discovery and you use the library edition (**DO NOT** sign into your personal account), you will access more records. If you already have a World Explorer subscription, you will access the same information.
- **Can I create a tree using the Ancestry library edition?**
 - No, the library edition does not support the creation of trees. Options available are Search, Message Boards, Learning Center, Charts & Forms and New Collections (Card Catalog).
- **Can I save records/images I find using Ancestry Library Edition?**
 - Yes, in several ways:
 - Click the SAVE button (upper right-hand corner of the image/record) and choose an option:
 - Send Image Home: provide your email address to send the image
 - Save to this Computer: downloads the image to the desktop, then copy it to a flash drive OR attach it to an email (same as Send Image Home)

- **How long can I use the computer for Ancestry research?**
 - A full access library card allows a total of 2 logins, 2 hours each. (This card is free to Myrtle Beach city residents and residents of Horry and the five surrounding counties.)
 - A computer card allows 1 login, for 90 minutes. (This card is also free.)

FAMILY SEARCH (familysearch.org)

You must have an account to use Family Search - it is free.

You can create a tree on Family Search - BUT - it becomes part of a worldwide family tree and can be changed by anyone researching the names.

As of 1 May 2019, Chapin Memorial Library (CML) is a Family History Affiliate Library (FHAL). MOST of the search capability that is available at a Family History Center (FHC), is now available at CML.

When using the Card Catalog to search record collections, several formats can appear.

FILM is the currently used file number;

DGS refers to originally acquired film file number;

FORMAT - can be:

camera (browse only pictures)

magnifying glass and camera (searchable and browse pictures)

key over camera - records are restricted due to contract constraints. May only be accessed



film reel - not yet digitized

Examples of the 4 possible formats are included below:


Film	DGS	Format
1742290	7991684	

This record collection is available to be browsed (camera icon). Check the title board(s) on the collection for details on the content.

Film	DGS	Format
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1173584 Items 6 - 10	7964562	 
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This record collection has been indexed and is available to be searched and browsed (magnifying glass and camera icon). Check the title board(s) on the collection for details on the content when browsing.

2336909 Items 3 - 4	7848584	
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This record collection has not been digitized (still on microfilm/microfiche). The family History Library (FHL) no longer distributes films/fiche to FHCs. A request for digitization can be submitted to the FHL, but there is no timeline on when it will be digitized.

Film	DGS	Format
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1041467	7908636	 
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This record collection has been indexed (magnifying glass) but can only be browsed at a FHC due to contractual constraints. Check the title board(s) on the collection for details on the content when browsing.