Using Findmypast

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What is Findmypast?

- UK-based genealogy database offering billions of digitized, searchable records from around the world
- Findmypast.com is a (*paid*) subscription service, but—
  - MCPL cardholders can access +2,500 record collections using the (**free**) Library Edition from any MCPL branch
- Noteworthy collections here include:
  - UK and Irish Parish Records
  - British and Irish Newspapers
  - New York Roman Catholic Parish Baptism Records

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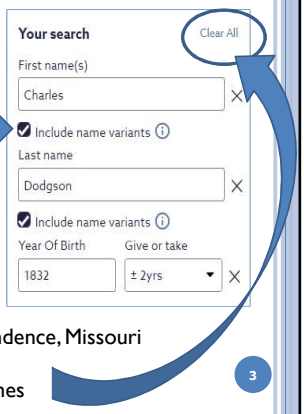
Search Tips

- Check the Variants Box for spelling variations on first/last names
- Wildcards
  - ? = single character
  - * = multiple characters
- Maiden names for women
- Commas in locations - Independence, Missouri
- Use "Clear All" between searches



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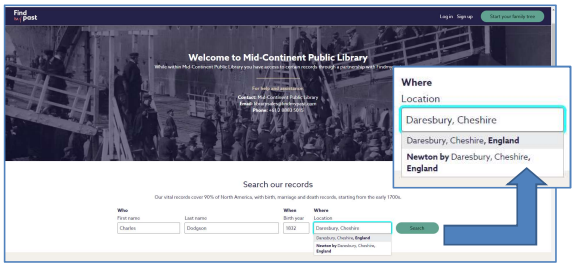
Search #1: Search Our Records



- Begin ALL RECORDS searches from the homepage
- Dropdown options appear as you enter the location

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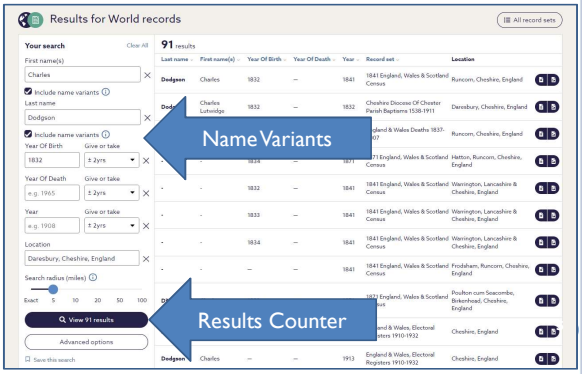
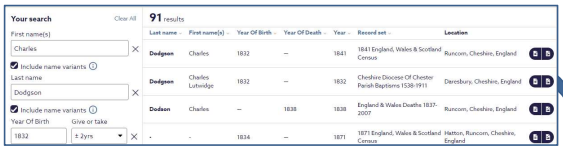
Filters & Results



Reviewing the Results



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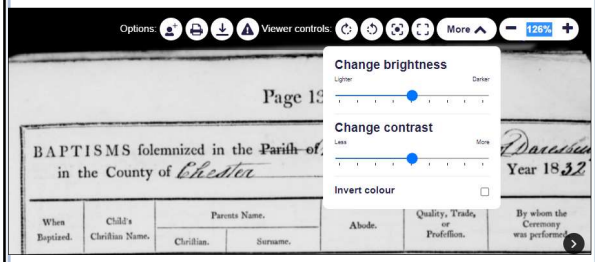
FMP Controls/Utilities



Original & Transcript: Print, create a tree*, report an issue/error, shift to alternate view

Original image only: Download, view full screen, modify view – rotate, change brightness/contrast & resize

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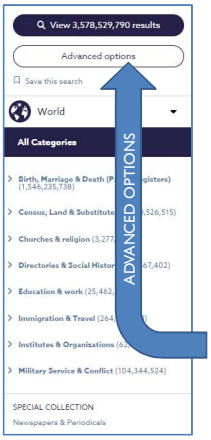
Search #2: All Categories



- Use within a RECORDS search to limit displayed results to a specific category of records
  - Birth, Marriage & Death
  - Census, Land & Substitutes

— or —

- Use with ADVANCED OPTIONS to search just <u>one</u> category of records
  - Search tailored to record set

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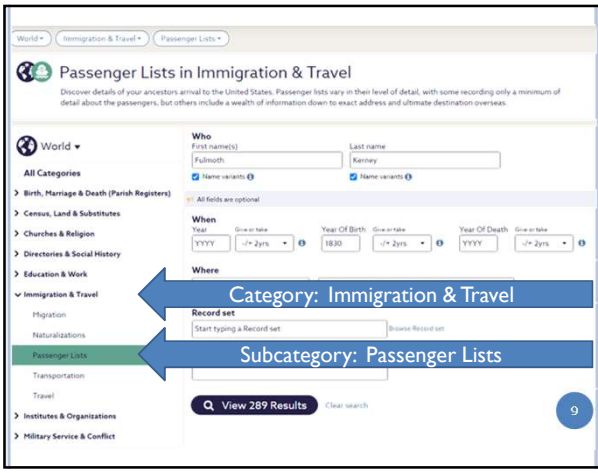

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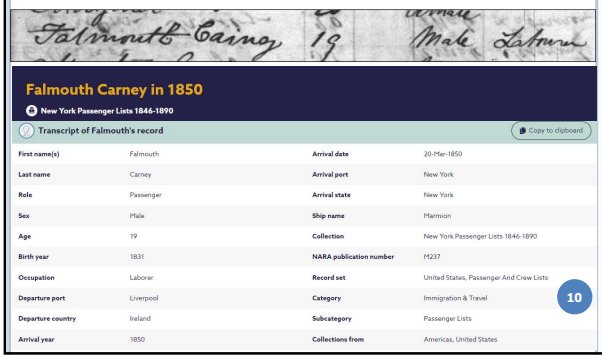
Search results include: NY Passenger List image & transcript!

- Name, role ("passenger"), age, occupation
- Arrival date / ship's name / departure & arrival ports



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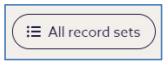
Search #3: All Record Sets

- Link located top right on most pages



- Use to target one specific record set (like US Marriages)

- Default sort order is by the number of records
- Can also sort by title, category, or subcategory by clicking on the column header

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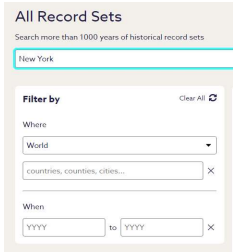
All Record Sets: New York

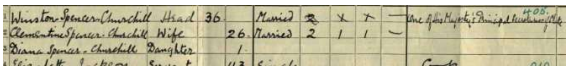


- Enter location or keywords above or filter by location/range of years
- Select title to proceed to that record set's search fields

FMP Census Collection

< 139 Record Sets >

LOCATION	AVAILABLE ON FMP
England, Scotland, and Wales	1841–1911
Ireland*	1821–1851, 1901, 1911
Canada	1851–1911
US Federal Census	1790–1940
Misc. county/state censuses and census substitutes	1600s–mid-1900s



- UK+ – Years ending in "1", released after 100 years
- US – Years ending in "0", released after 72 years

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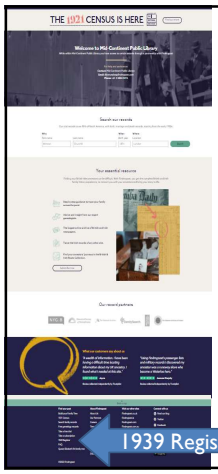

1939 Register

- Great Britain & Northern Ireland (41 million individuals)
- Taken 29 Sep 1939
- Used to issue identity cards and to inform war-related decisions
- Names, birth dates, occupations+
- Records of living people younger than 100 and those who died after 1991 are officially closed

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Free Accounts & Micropayments

(Free) Personal Account:
- Save searches to review on your next library visit
- View saved *searches* (but not the records) from home

Micropayments:
- PayAsYouGo access to restricted FMP records
- Purchased records forever accessible in "My Records"
- Record costs vary; price confirmed before purchase

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Other Tabs: Family Tree Builder

- With a FMP account, you can create a family tree
  - Add information about family members
  - Add a page for notes for each relative
  - Add media or links to records to the relatives in your tree including transcripts and images from your searches
- Import a GEDCOM file to upload a tree
- Make tree public or private

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Other Links: Miscellaneous

Look to the very bottom of the home page, for…

- DNA – Findmypast is partnered with Living DNA
- FREE GENEALOGY RECORDS – Findmypast indicates millions of newspaper, census, travel, and vital records are also available for home viewing
- BLOGS & SOCIAL MEDIA – Tutorials on special topics and links to Findmypast's Twitter, Facebook, YouTube+
- FAQ – Info on getting started, expert advice, top tips, and more

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