

What is *Ancestry Library Edition*?

Ancestry Library Edition is the world's largest online resource of genealogical and family history information.

It includes the names and records of billions of individuals from North America, Europe, Australia, and elsewhere (from the 1300's to the present) within over 7,600 collections of data. Collections are being added to and updated weekly.

With **Ancestry Library Edition**, you can save, print or email any of the records you find. This is useful when you are building a family tree and want to document where the information came from.

Ancestry Library Edition also offers a collection of charts and forms to track your findings. Three examples of the available forms are: *Ancestry Chart*, where you may record the ancestors from whom you directly descend; *Research Calendar* where you can track your progress and list every record source you've consulted; and, *Family Group Sheet* where each piece of information collected about a pedigree ancestor may be recorded.

What will I find in *Ancestry Library Edition*?

This is a brief listing of just some of the information you will find within **Ancestry Library Edition**:

- ◆ Census data from the Canada, United States, the United Kingdom, and Europe
- ◆ Voters lists from Australia, the United States and India.
- ◆ Birth, marriage and death records from the United Kingdom, Canada and United States, back to the 1600's
- ◆ Immigration and travel data, including passenger lists and border crossings
- ◆ Military records from Canada, the United States and Europe, with Holocaust specific documents included in this category
- ◆ International collections, including extensive records from Germany, Eastern Europe and Russian documents, Chinese surnames and more
- ◆ Newspapers & Publications, such as: *Stars and Stripes* for Europe, Mediterranean and North Africa from 1942-1964; the *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*; and, *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*.

Techniques for using *Ancestry Library Edition*

- ◆ When doing a basic search, type in as much as you know about the person's name. Basic search default settings allow for many variations on what you've entered. For example, **Ancestry Library Edition** will search for the name as typed, names that sound like what was typed, and names with similar meanings or spellings.
- ◆ While the most relevant result will be highlighted in green on the search screen, take the time to scan some of the other results found. Doing so may help you find additional results relevant to your search.
- ◆ To preview a result, hover over the title of the collection from which the record came.
- ◆ To restrict the number of results you find, use the *Match all terms exactly* checkbox, available on the advance search screen.
- ◆ Explore the **Ancestry Library Edition** collection by geographic location when you click on the Search tab. This will show you a collection of interactive maps.

How can I access *Ancestry Library Edition* ?

Due to licensing restrictions imposed by the publisher, **Ancestry Library Edition** is only available at your local Shortgrass member library, during library hours.

The link to the **Ancestry Library Edition** can be found at <www.shortgrass.ca>. Click on Search Online Resources (found in the menu to the left). Scroll down to the heading History and Genealogical Databases. Here you'll find the link to **Ancestry Library Edition**.

You do not need a Shortgrass library card to use this electronic resource!

A video tour of the **Ancestry Library Edition** is posted on YouTube <www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuiBRmlvg78>.

Or visit YouTube and search for "The Shortgrass Library."

For more information about the **Ancestry Library Edition** call or visit your local Shortgrass member library.

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