Ancestry

Ancestry is free, but only accessible from MPL computers. You’re able to print out documents or send them to yourself or others through the website’s service.

How Do They Do It??

Ancestry provides access to billions of public records, such as censuses, immigration records, military records, and birth, marriage, and death certificates.

Since Ancestry is primarily a subscription service, subscribers have uploaded photos and records of their own as well. Many family trees have been created by members and are accessible through the library edition. You can even contact other members for more information.

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- Gale Virtual Reference Library
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-MasterFILE Premier
-Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary & Thesaurus
-NovelList Plus
-Novelist K-8 Plus
-Ohio Founding Fathers - Info on the State of Ohio
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How to start using Ancestry

**How To Get There:**

Go to mentorpl.org under ‘Research and Tools’ find ‘Databases’ in the drop down menu, click on it, and choose Ancestry!

**Begin your search!**

Start with the name and birthdate of one of your relatives. If you know a middle name, include that too! It also asks for a place your ancestor might have lived. Be as specific as you can.

**The Results:**

Ancestry will provide a number of records that match your search terms. Not all of these records will be relevant to you, since there are frequently others with the same name.

Want only Census records? Or another specific type of record? Narrow down what you see here.

Choose how you view the results, by viewing records (seen here) or categories, such as census, birth/marriage/death certificates, or family trees made by other members that fit your search.

Click on specific records to see more information. See the example below.

View original documents
View family trees made by other ancestry members.

TIP– If you don’t know the birthdate, let ancestry calculate an estimate for you!

Send yourself a copy of what you’ve found to show friends and family.