

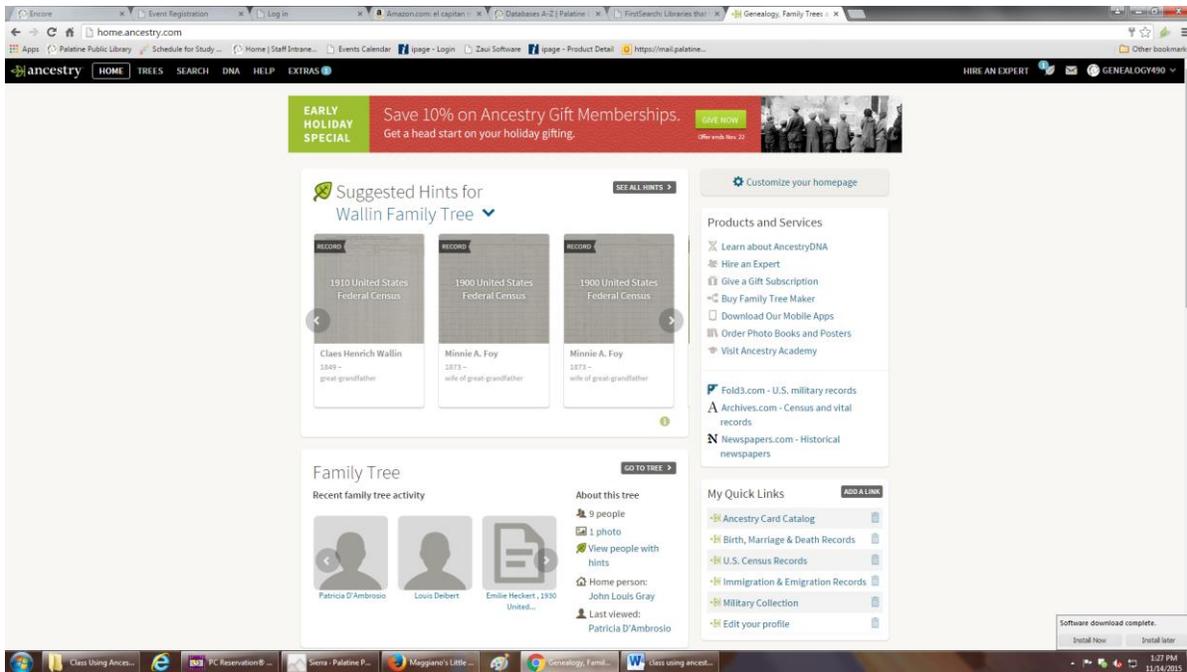
Using Ancestry

Ancestry is a database of billions of genealogical records, genealogies, articles, photographs, etc.

It can only be accessed from the library or the library's wi-fi. In your browser, go to www.palatinelibrary.org, mouse over the **Research** tab, and click on **Genealogy**.

Then select either **Ancestry.com** or **Ancestry Library Edition**.

If you select Ancestry.com, a library staff member will need to log you into the library's account. This is the Ancestry home page. It changes occasionally.



Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) is a version of the subscription Ancestry.com with some of the features and functionality removed. It has fewer databases, but still contains most of the vital records most researchers need.

Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) is the institutional version of the subscription Ancestry.com available in many libraries. They are similar but ALE has some of the features and functionality removed. It has fewer databases, but still contains most of the vital records most researchers commonly need.

What's the difference between Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition?

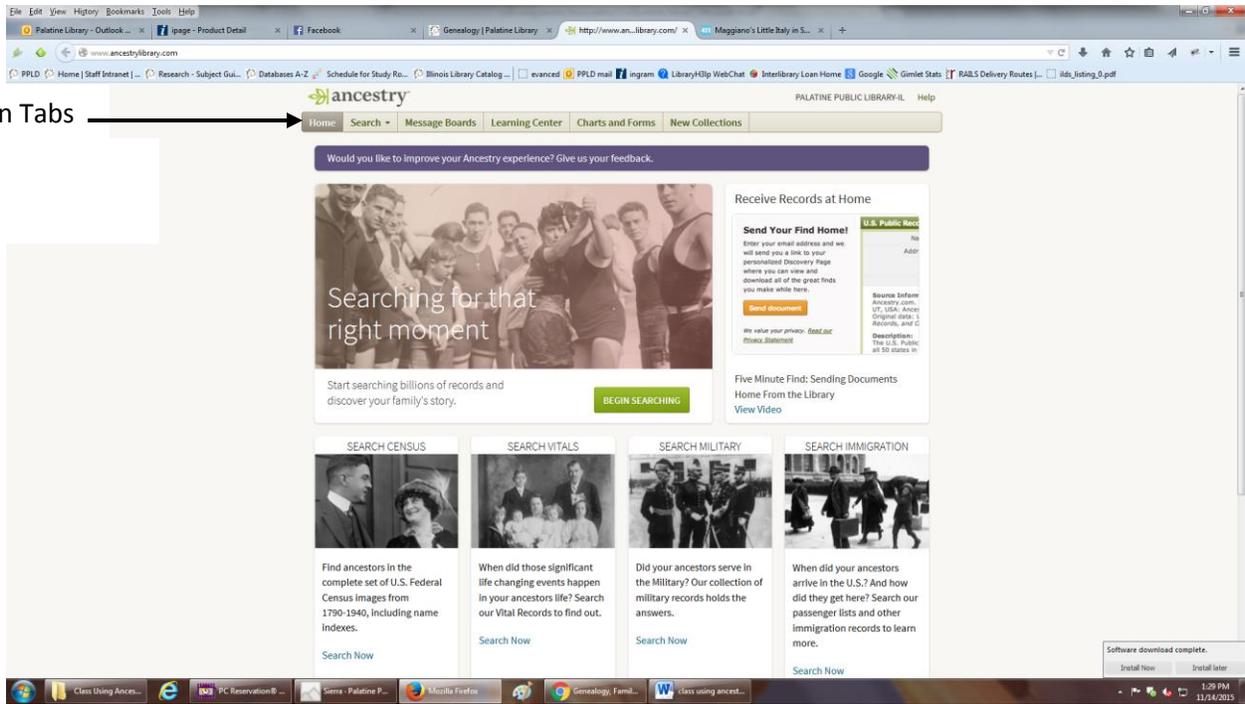
Here is a general list of the main differences

- Ancestry.com has a lot of personalized functionality.
- There is marketing information on Ancestry.com
- There are additional tabs on Ancestry.
 - Trees Tab - Upload photos, documents and add stories about ancestors into Personal and Public Member Trees.
 - DNA Tab – Information related to your AncestryDNA test
 - Help Tab – Link to Support Center, Message Boards, and other aides.
 - Extras Tab – Items and services for purchase
- Additionally, there are certain databases that are available on Ancestry.com, that are NOT available on Ancestry Library Edition (ALE):
 - Historical Newspaper Collection
 - Family and Local History Collection
 - Obituary Collection
 - Periodical Source Index (PERSI)
 - Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index (PLI)
 - Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI)
 - Freedman's Bank Records

Ancestry Library Edition Tabs

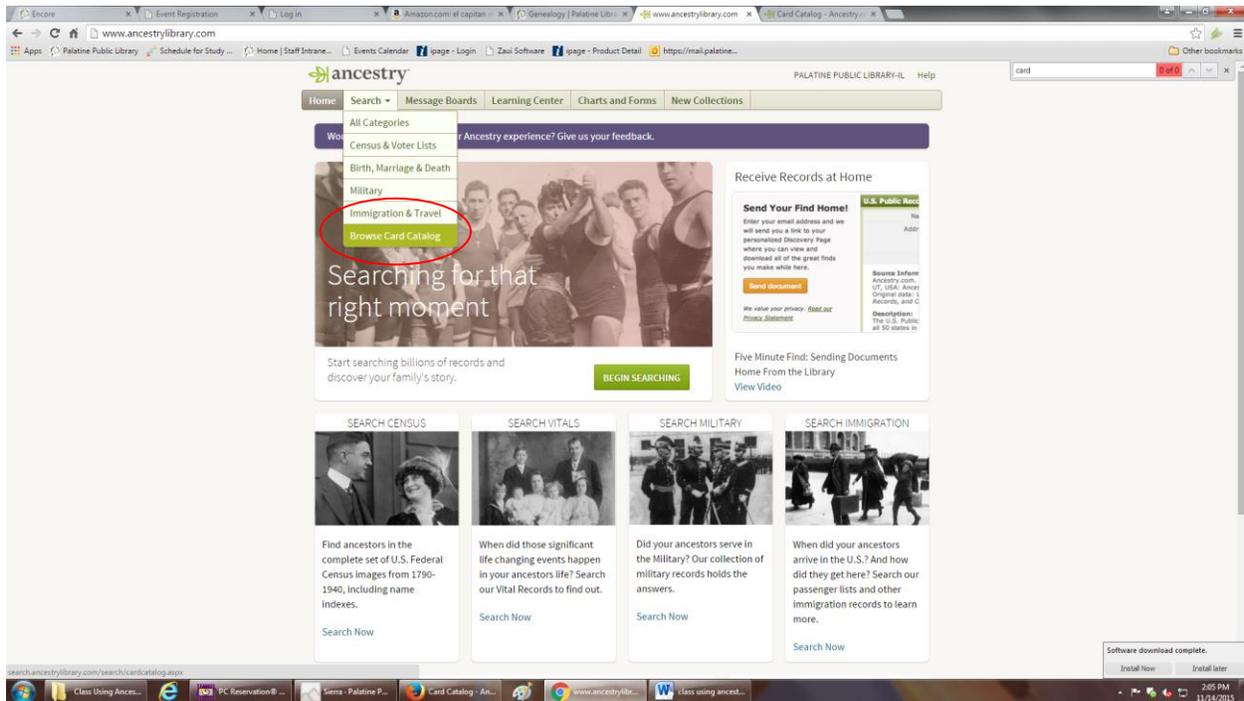
The basic ALE home page. It also changes occasionally.

Navigation Tabs



Ancestry's records are divided into collections of related records. For example the 1940 United States Federal Census is a collection. Collections are organized into categories. The 1940 United States Federal Census collection is part of the Census and Voter Lists category. Other categories include Birth, Marriage & Death and Military. The categories are listed to left of the search results page. Some of the categories can be seen in the Search tab drop-down menu.

There are over 10,000 collections in ALE. (by contrast, Ancestry .com has over 32,000!) To list them, mouse over the Search tab and click on Card Catalog.



Which yields the list of collections

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com Card Catalog page. The interface includes a search bar at the top, a navigation menu, and a main content area with filters on the left and a results table on the right. Annotations with arrows point to various elements:

- Database title and keyword search boxes:** Points to the search input fields at the top left.
- Note the different filters to narrow the list:** Points to the 'Filter By Collection' and 'Filter By Location' sections on the left.
- Number of collections within the category:** Points to the numerical counts next to the filter categories.
- The sorting criteria:** Points to the 'Sort By' dropdown menu at the top right of the results table.
- Number of records in the collection:** Points to the 'RECORDS' column in the results table.

TITLE	COLLECTION	RECORDS	ACTIVITY
Public Member Trees	Family Trees	2,147,483,647	
1940 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	134,473,595	
1930 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	124,963,074	
U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	1,326,371,477	
1900 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	77,277,539	UPDATED
1920 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	107,634,003	
1910 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	93,627,708	
1880 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	59,489,997	
1870 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	40,405,477	
U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current	Birth, Marriage & Death	94,031,881	
1911 England Census	Census & Voter Lists	33,847,692	
1850 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	29,063,849	
1860 United States Federal Census	Census & Voter Lists	27,463,656	
England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975	Birth, Marriage & Death	192,725,313	
Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967	Birth, Marriage & Death	14,515,649	
England & Wales, Marriage Index, 1916-2005	Birth, Marriage & Death	63,960,342	
England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index, 1837-1915	Birth, Marriage & Death	32,686,349	
1901 England Census	Census & Voter Lists	30,593,753	UPDATED

Note the filters to the left of the screen. Users can filter by category (notice that it reads “collection” here), or by location (United States, Europe, etc.), dates or by language. The number that follows each category is the number of collections in the category.

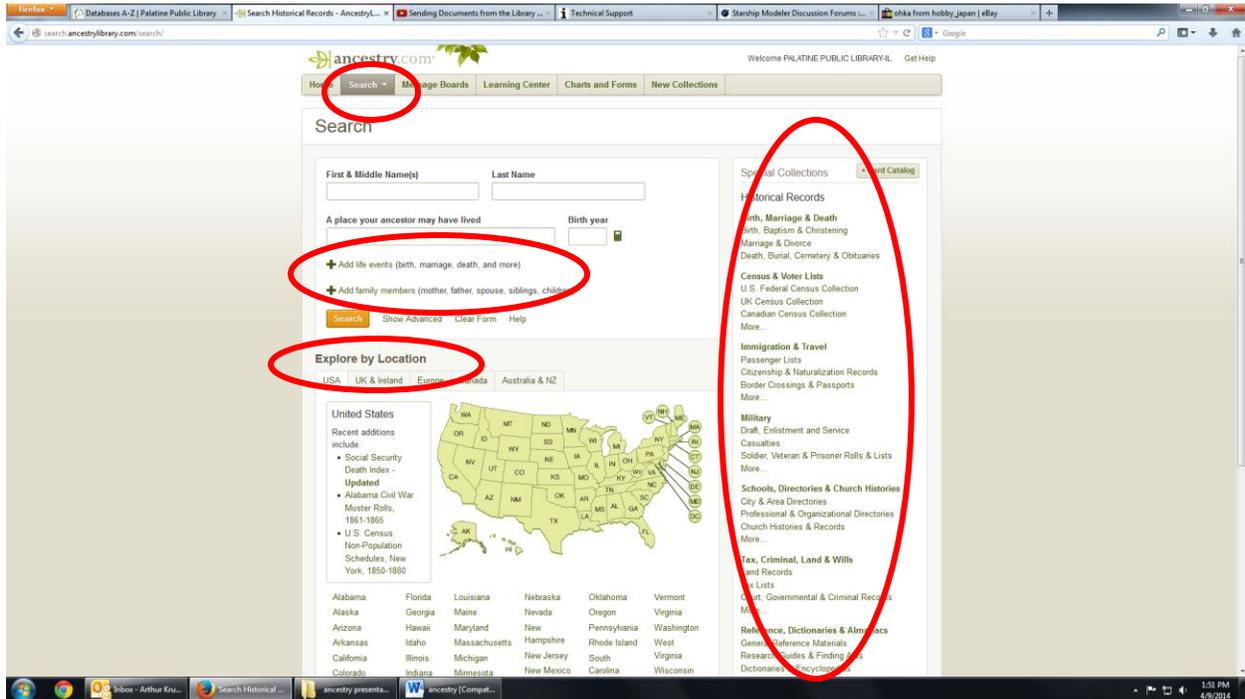
The collections are initially sorted by popularity (number of times accessed). They can also be sorted by Title, Record Count, Date Added or Date updated.

The title, collection (category), and the number of records display for each collection.

Can also search for a database either by name or keyword.

Selecting a specific collection allows the user to limit the results by searching only that collection.

Click **Search** tab yields this page:

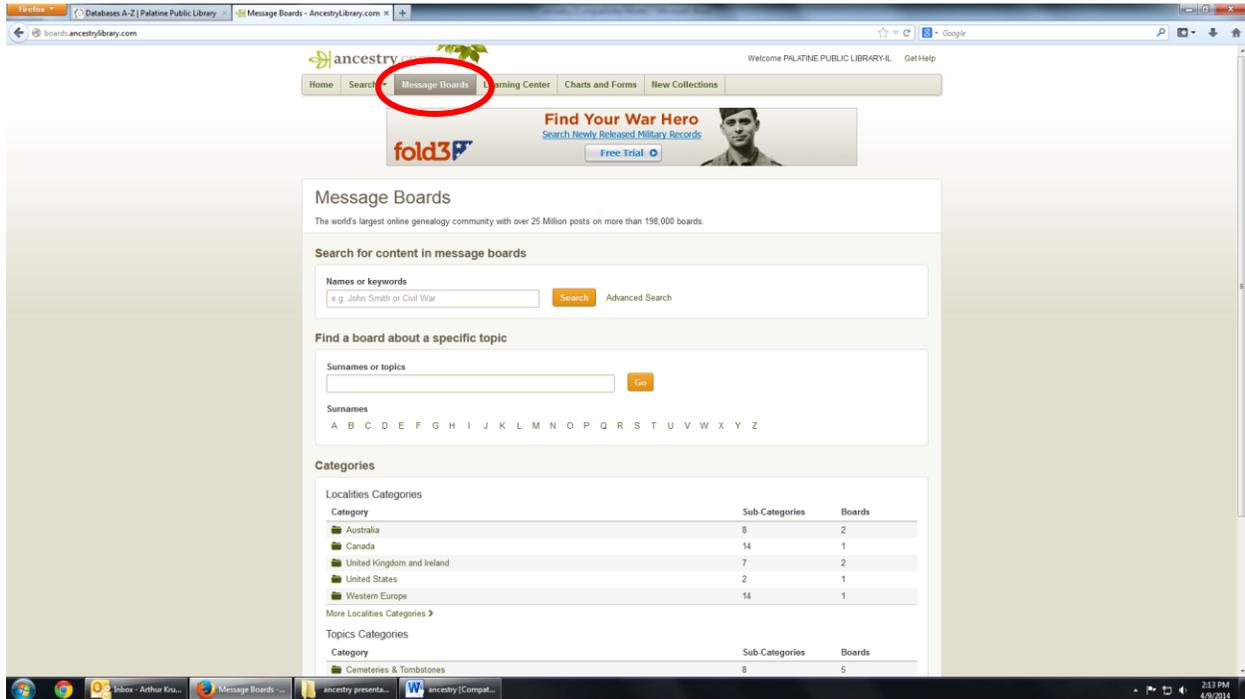


In addition to the four basic search fields, dates of life events (birth, marriage, death, etc.), family members (mother, father, spouse, children) can be added to the search criteria.

Searches can be limited by geographic location (state, country, or area). This means only collections from the selected area will be searched. Only one location can be selected at a time.

The right hand column has quick links to some specific collections.

Clicking on **Message Boards** takes you to the screen below.

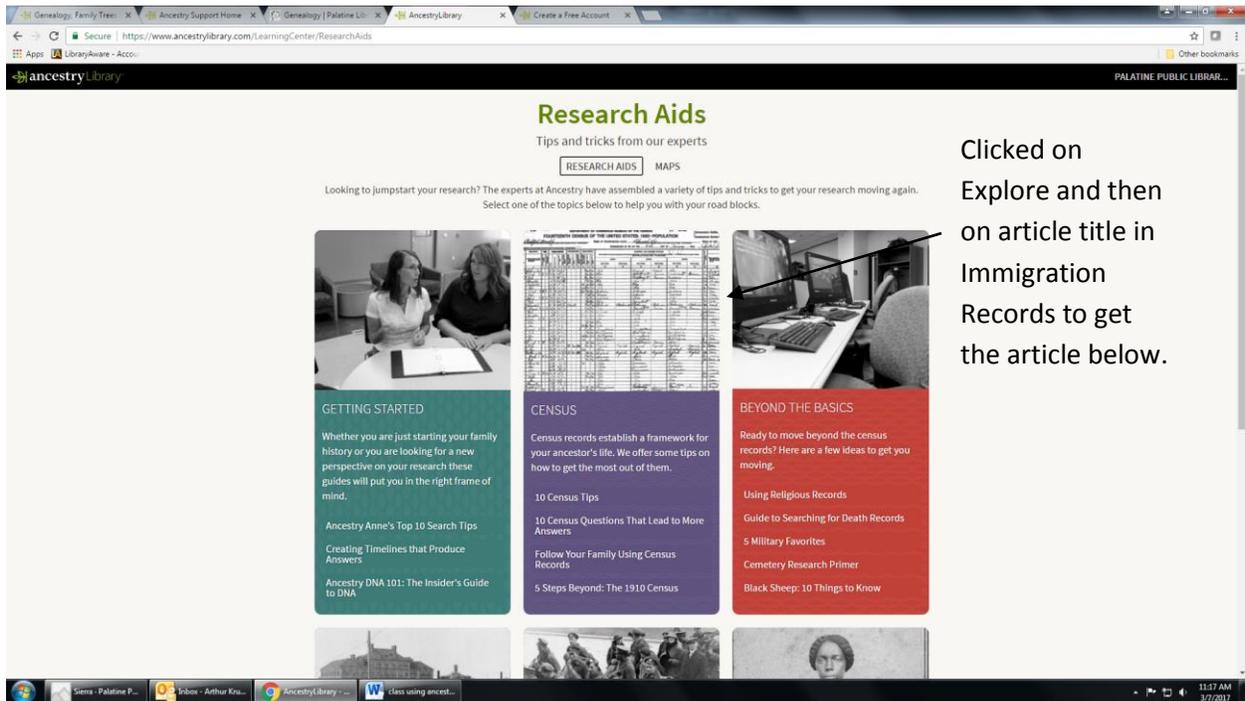


A message board is a good way to connect and share information with other Ancestry users. Users can search through the boards to find solutions to research problems faced by other users.

Be careful though, the people posting on these boards aren't necessarily experts and may make mistakes!

Note: ALE users can read posts on any of the boards, but may not post. Users can create a free account and post from Ancestry.com. Those posts can then be read on ALE.

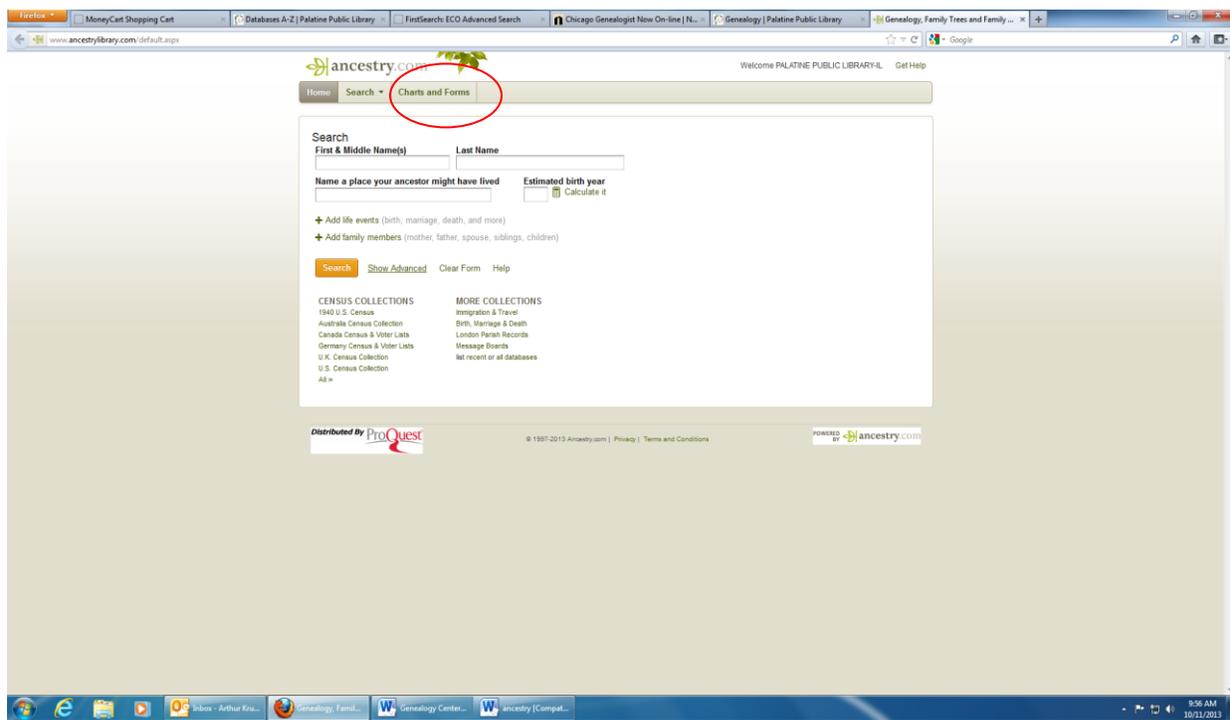
The Learning Center is a great resource of helpful information and research tips.



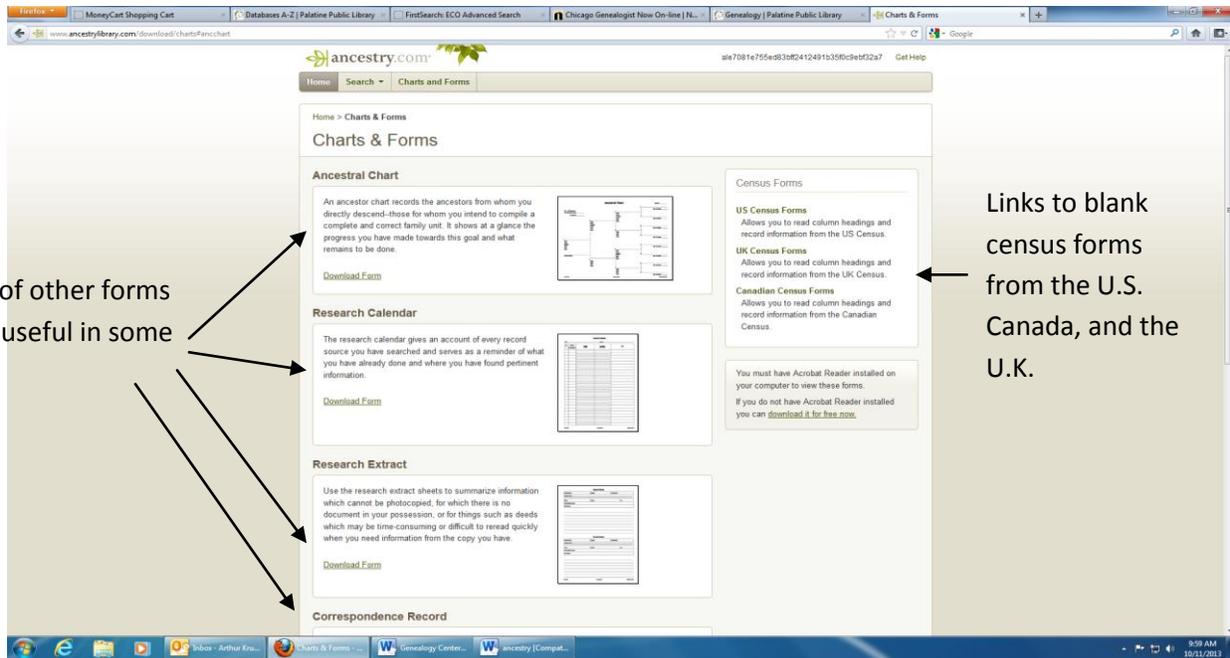
Clicked on Explore and then on article title in Immigration Records to get the article below.

Here you will find articles on how to use Ancestry, getting started with genealogical research and more.

The Charts and Forms tab includes (maybe) useful research tools.



These tools include blank census forms for US, Canada and the UK and ancestral charts

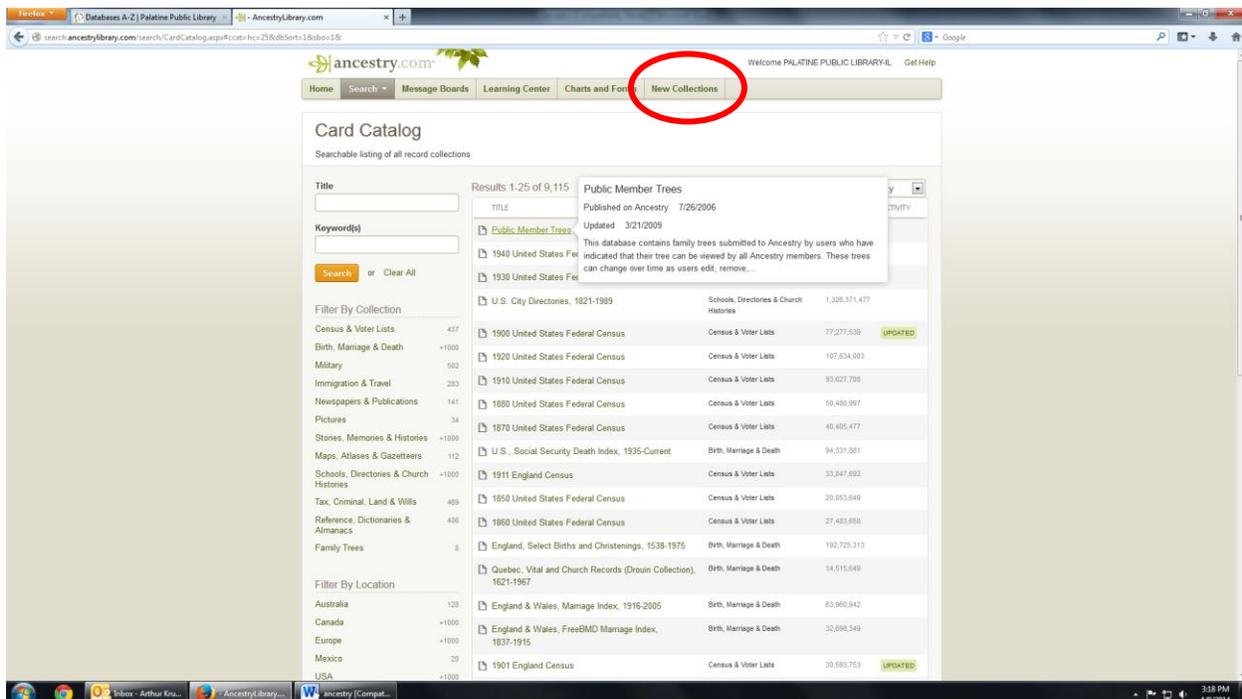


Some of other forms might useful in some cases

Links to blank census forms from the U.S. Canada, and the U.K.

Blank census forms are handy to have when scanned census record headings are hard to read. Sometime useful for older census records (prior to 1920 census) that don't have the highlighting feature.

New Collections is a list of the recently added collections.



The page layout and filtering options are identical to the Card Catalog option of the Search tab.

Searching!

The basic search page.

Four basic search fields: First Name/Middle Name, Last Name, Location (anywhere the ancestor had lived, born, died, etc.), and year of birth. Use the **Calculator** if you know the age of the ancestor on a given year.

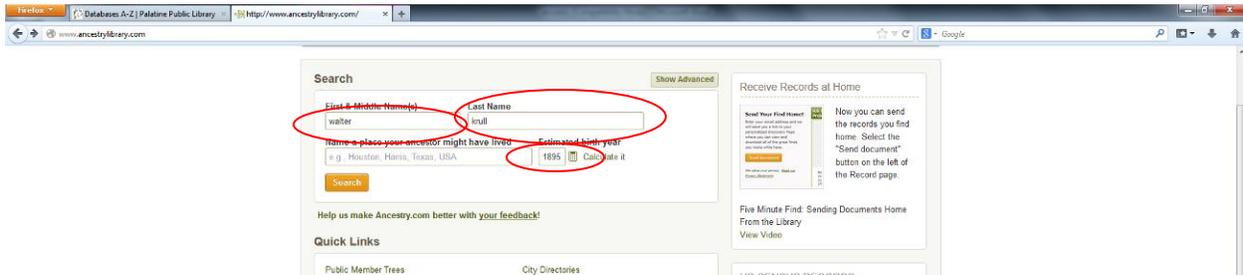
The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search interface. The search fields are circled in red:

- First & Middle Name(s)
- Last Name
- Name a place your ancestor might have lived (with a dropdown menu showing "Houston, Harris, Texas, USA")
- Estimated birth year (with a "Calculate it" button)

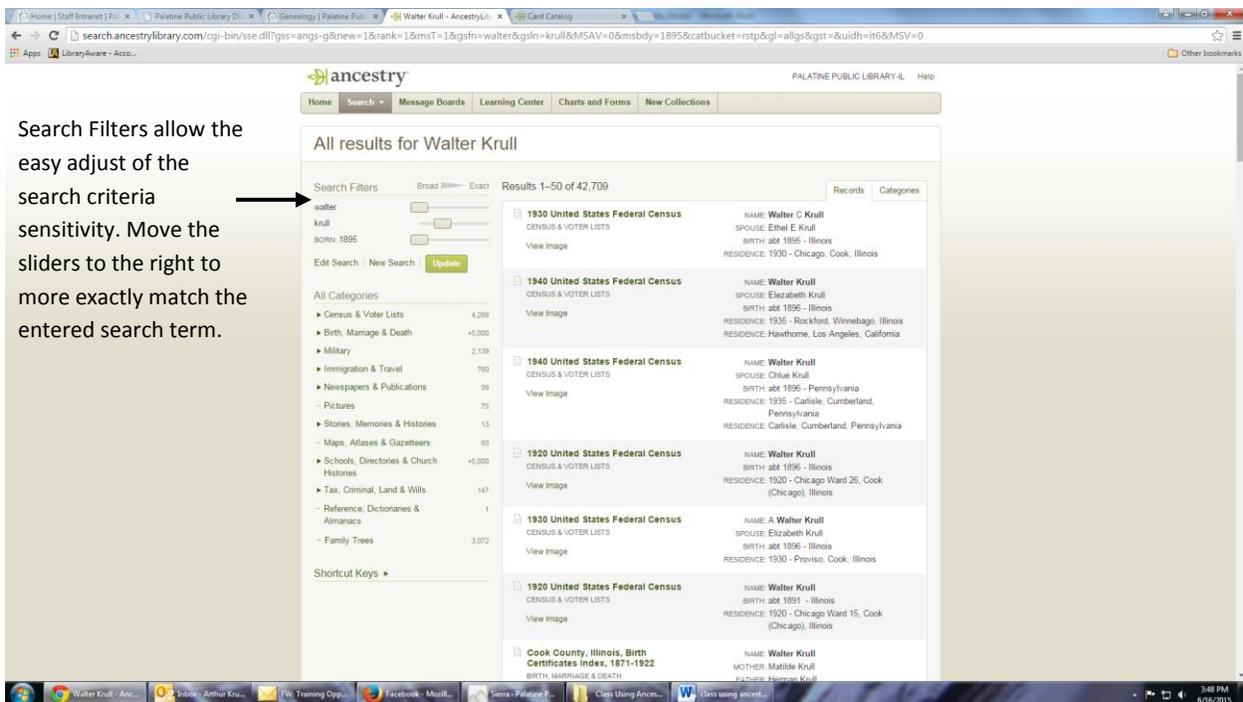
The page also features a "Search" button, a "Show Advanced" link, and several informational sections:

- Receive Records at Home:** A section explaining how to send records found to a home email address.
- Five Minute Find:** A section about sending documents home from the library.
- Quick Links:** A list of various record types including Public Member Trees, London Parish Records, Birth, Marriage & Death Records (SSDI), Military, Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills, Stories, Memories & Histories, Pictures, Message Boards, Card Catalog, City Directories, Immigration & Travel, Schools, Directories & Church Histories, Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs, Newspapers, Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers, and Recently Added/Updated Collections.
- US CENSUS RECORDS:** A list of years from 1940 to 1790.
- UK CENSUS COLLECTION:** A list of years from 1911 to 1861.
- CANADA CENSUS RECORDS:** A list of years from 1921 to 1871.

Example of a quick search: Enter *walter* in **First & Middle Name(s)**, *krull* in **Last Name** and *1895* in **Estimated birth year**. Click the **Search** button.



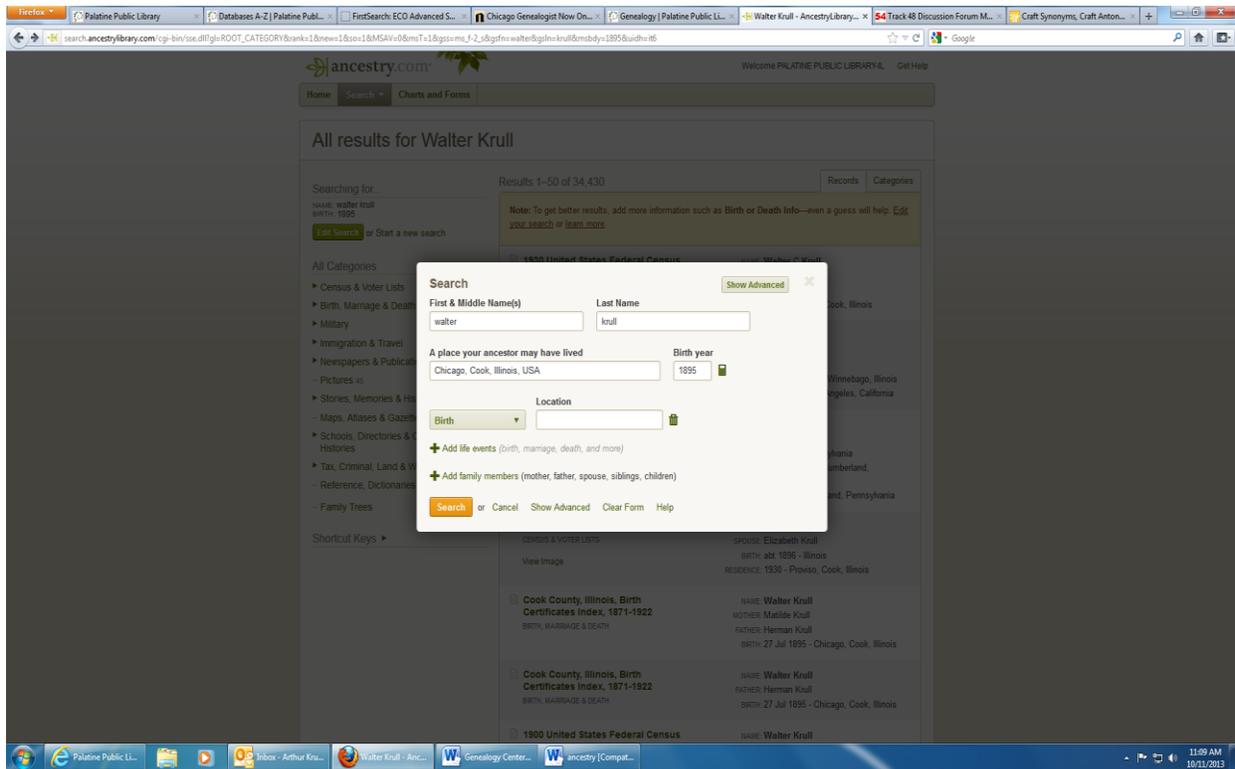
ALE returned over 42,000 records!



The ancestor I'm looking for may be there in the results, but there are too many records to look at.

To avoid having to look at so many records, add some more search criteria, location if possible, to try to narrow down the search. The search filter sliders can be adjusted to make the search terms more exact.

To help narrow the search, add a location to the search. Click on **Edit Search** button and add *Chicago* to **Location**, click **Search** button. Note that by starting to type *chicago*, a dropdown list of cities will appear so that you can select the city/county/state you want. This avoids having to type the entire location.



Click on **Add Life Events** to include birth, death, marriage, etc. from the drop down menu.

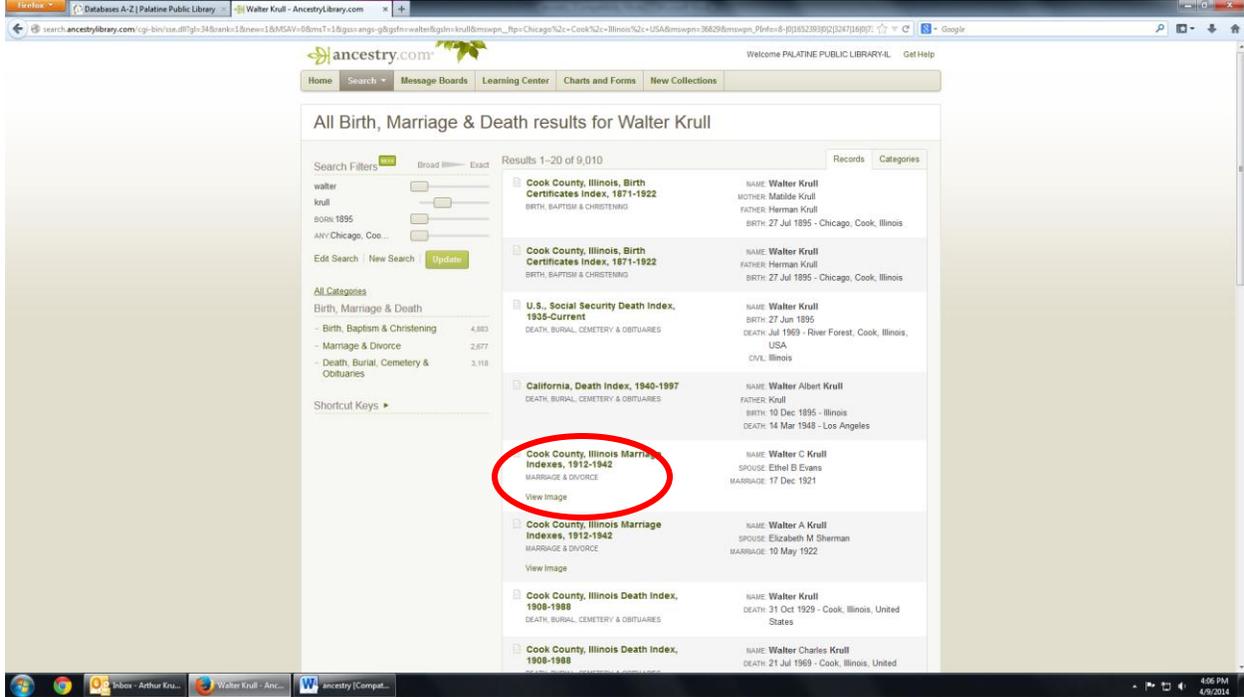
Click on **Add Family Members** to narrow your search by including spouse, parent or children's names to your search.

Still a lot of records, but the results are better. There is even a family tree record!

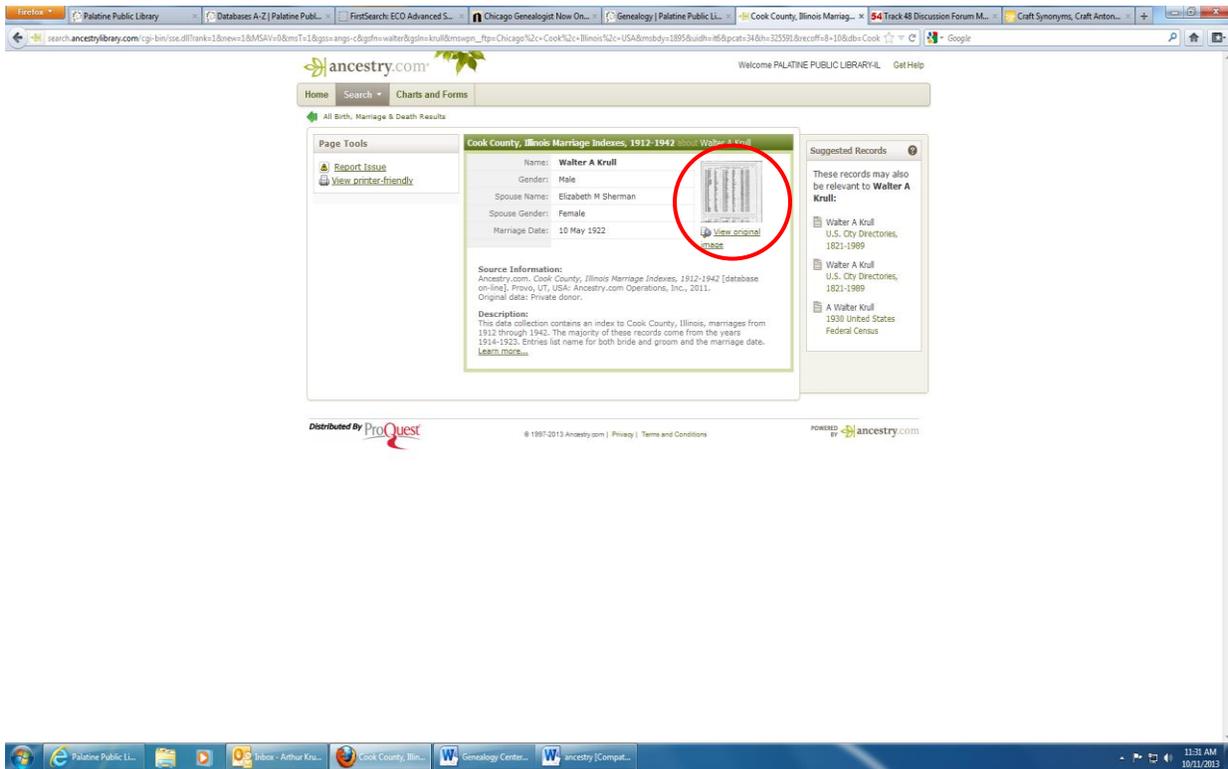
The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search results for 'Walter Krull'. The search filters on the left include 'walter', 'krull', 'Born: 1895', and 'ANY Chicago, Cook'. The 'All Categories' list on the left includes 'Census & Voter Lists', 'Birth, Marriage & Death', 'Military', 'Immigration & Travel', 'Newspapers & Publications', 'Stories, Memories & Histories', 'Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers', 'Schools, Directories & Church Histories', 'Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills', and 'Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs'. The 'Birth, Marriage & Death' category is highlighted with a red circle. The main results area shows 'Matching Person (with family trees)' for 'Walter Carl Charles Krull' with birth and death dates, and parents. Below this is a 'Matching Records' section with several '1900 United States Federal Census' records for 'Walter Krull' from various wards in Chicago, Illinois. A red circle also highlights the 'Matching Person' record.

If you are looking for records of a particular category, you can filter out the other records by selecting that category from the options on the left of the screen. For example, if you are looking for marriage records, just click on the **Birth, Marriage & Death** category.

To select the desired record, double click on the category. For example:



This will display a transcript of the record. To go straight to the scanned record, Click on **View Image**



Scan view of the actual record:

288 of 304

BRD KRULEWICH	TILLY E	GRM WOLFSON	SYDNEY	08-11-82	05-23-1917
GRM KRULEWITICH	GEORGE	BRD FILER	CLARA	0927271	11-01-1921
GRM KRULIEMS	ANTON J	BRD KLUBIS	ANNA	0870254	06-23-1920
GRM KRULIK	LOUIS	BRD KLECKA	ROSE	0849450	11-29-1919
BRD KRULIK	MARYA	GRM CHARMAK	JAN	0662821	05-26-1914
BRD KRULIKOWSKA	LUDWIKA	GRM DAVIDOWICZ	JOADINN	0802317	07-20-1918
BRD KRULIKOWSKA	MARY	GRM RICKARBY	REYNOLD	0915045	07-14-1921
BRD KRULIKOWSKA	MARYA	GRM NEJNDT	TOGA	0840614	09-21-1919
BRD KRULIKOWSKI	BRONISLAWA	GRM PYZYNSKI	STEVE	0983132	06-07-1923
GRM KRULIKOWSKI	JOSEPH	BRD RYELA	STANISLAWA	0755304	07-30-1916
GRM KRULIKOWSKI	STANISLAW	BRD YANEK	MARY	0774470	09-29-1917
GRM KRULIKOWSKI	STANISLAW	BRD OLEND	CONSTANCYA	0653806	02-07-1914
BRD KRULISH	FRIEDA	GRM ELIASSEK	FRANK	0764238	05-19-1917
BRD KRULISH	ROSE V	GRM SHAW	EVERETT L	0713463	06-25-1921
BRD KRULL	ANNA	GRM HOZEMPA	TOM	0863423	04-25-1920
BRD KRULL	ANNA	GRM BROWN	EDWARD	0713725	11-20-1915
BRD KRULL	ANTOSIA	GRM PYTEL	ALOJZY	0760824	05-05-1917
GRM KRULL	ARTHUR	BRD ANDREWS	MARGARET	0965628	11-18-1922
GRM KRULL	CHARLES J	BRD KRUETZER	ALMA H	0792638	03-20-1918
GRM KRULL	CLARENCE C	BRD DORE	ESTHER	0976677	05-15-1923
GRM KRULL	EDWARD	BRD GARREN	MATILDA	0677012	09-26-1914
GRM KRULL	HAROLD	BRD RUFHL	ALMA	0968987	12-04-1912
BRD KRULL	IDA	GRM LOBEY	DANIEL P	0966557	11-14-1923
GRM KRULL	JOHN A	BRD MIHLUN	MARIE	0807952	09-10-1918
BRD KRULL	KAMILIA	GRM SENKEWICZ	JOE	0800355	06-24-1918
BRD KRULL	LILLIAN	GRM WILCOX	ALLEN	0780731	10-17-1917
BRD KRULL	MARIA	GRM GRUSZKA	JOSEPH	0980004	05-05-1923
BRD KRULL	MARY	GRM HIGGINSON	JOHN F	0768018	06-04-1917
GRM KRULL	OTTO	BRD MUELLER	EMMA	0981537	05-05-1923
BRD KRULL	ROSE	GRM KOWALCZYK	FRANK	0870412	06-10-1920
BRD KRULL	SOFIA	GRM SKOLNICKI	JAKUB	0873807	07-04-1920
GRM KRULL	WALTER A	BRD SHERMAN	ELIZABETH M	0944250	05-10-1922
GRM KRULL	WALTER C	BRD EVANS	ETHEL B	0932043	12-17-1921
BRD KRULLAARS	JEANETTE W	GRM STUART	HOWARD	0940180	03-30-1922
BRD KRUM	BESSIE L	GRM REILING	WALTER J	0753251	01-31-1917
BRD KRUM	CLARA A	GRM HACEY	FLOYD J	0665557	06-17-1914
GRM KRUM	GEO J	BRD ODBENBACH	BESSIE	0728276	06-10-1916
GRM KRUM	JAMES F	BRD NAGLE	BESSIE	0950584	06-28-1922
BRD KRUM	LAURA	GRM REILLY	WALTER J	0782150	11-01-1917
GRM KRUM	LOUIS B	BRD RILEY	TERESA A	0835302	07-23-1919
GRM KRUM	LOUIS W	BRD SAFRANEK	LILLIAN M	0982636	05-16-1923
BRD KRUM	MARION C	GRM HILL	JOHN C	0745432	11-15-1916
GRM KRUM	MORRISON	BRD SAUBORN	NE K	0921098	09-01-1921
GRM KRUMAN	RANSOM E	BRD JEROME	REYLN	0837606	08-19-1919

I circled the row with my relatives.

Now let's view the 1930 census record from the above search results. To get back to the original results from the **Birth, Marriage & Death**, click on **All Categories** on the left.

To see a transcript of the census record, mouse over the collection name, **1930 United States Federal Census** without clicking on it. The transcript is will help determine if this is a records we want to look at.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search results for 'Walter Krull'. The left sidebar contains search filters and a list of categories. The 'All Categories' link is circled in red. The main content area shows search results for 'Walter Krull', including a matching person entry and a list of matching records. A tooltip for the '1930 United States Federal Census' is displayed, showing details for Walter C Krull.

Search Filters

Search: walter
Birth: 1895
ANY: Chicago, Coo...

All Categories

- Birth, Marriage & Death -4,500
- Military -2,314
- Immigration & Travel 731
- Newspapers & Publications 295
- Pictures 305
- Stories, Memories & Histories 39
- Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers 00
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories +5,000
- Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills 119
- Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs 4
- Family Trees 4,987

Matching Person (from family trees)

Birth: 27 Jun 1895 - USA
Death: Jul 1969 - Rober F
Parents: Hermann J. Krull

1930 United States Federal Census

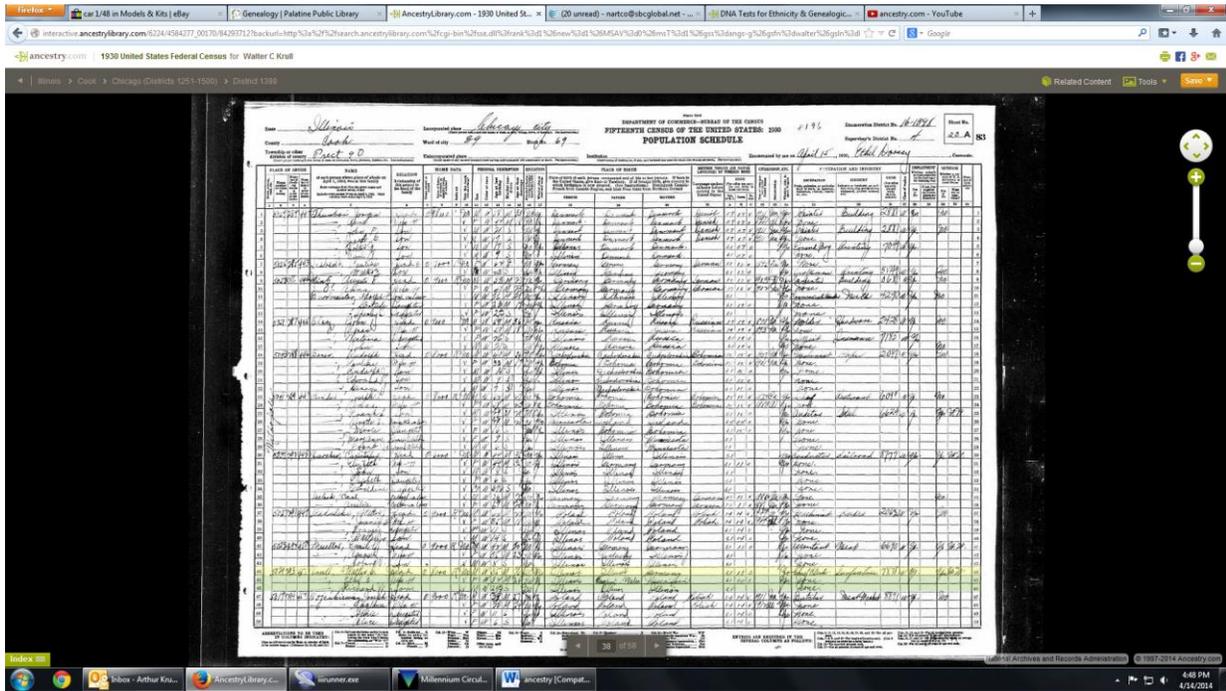
NAME: Walter C Krull
AGE IN 1930: 35
GENDER: Male
BIRTH YEAR: 1895
BIRTH PLACE: Illinois
RACE: White
HOME IN 1930: Chicago, Cook, Illinois
MARRIAGE STATUS: Married
RELATION TO HEAD OF HOUSE: Head
SPOUSE'S NAME: Ethel E Krull
FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Illinois
MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Germany
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

NAME	AGE
Walter C Krull	35
Ethel E Krull	32
Richard W Krull	2

Matching Records

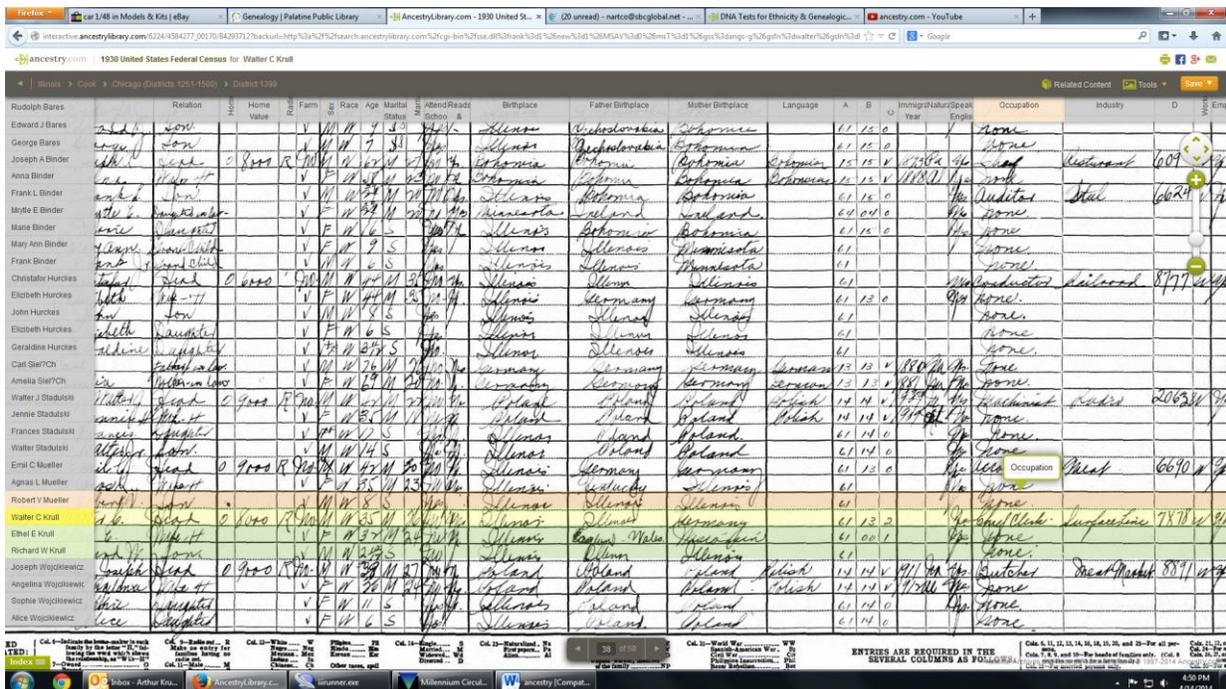
- 1930 United States Federal Census - CENSUS & VOTER LISTS
- 1900 United States Federal Census - CENSUS & VOTER LISTS
- 1900 United States Federal Census - CENSUS & VOTER LISTS
- 1920 United States Federal Census - CENSUS & VOTER LISTS
- 1920 United States Federal Census - CENSUS & VOTER LISTS

To see the census record itself, click on the collection name. In this case **1930 United States Federal Census** and then **View original image** in the upper right-hand corner.



Ancestry highlighted in yellow the ancestor we were looking for and the household residents are highlighted in green. This feature is available in the 1870 – 1940 census.

Zooming in displays the column headings at the top and names on the left.



It might be easier to display the search results by category and collection instead of individual record. Simply click on the Categories tab. This way the user can limit their searching to a specific category or collection.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search results for 'Walter Krull'. The page displays 44,022 results. On the right side, there are two tabs: 'Records' and 'Categories'. An arrow points to the 'Categories' tab, indicating that users can click on it to view results grouped by category. The 'Records' tab is currently selected, showing a list of records under various categories such as 'Census & Voter Lists', 'Birth, Marriage & Death', 'Military', and 'Immigration & Travel'. The 'Categories' tab would likely show a similar list but with the records grouped into these categories.

Category	Count
Census & Voter Lists	4,161
Birth, Marriage & Death	8,317
Military	2,104
Immigration & Travel	699

Instead of listing records, users can show the resulting categories by clicking the Categories tab.

Other search techniques: Wild Cards.

There are two wild cards in ALE; * and ?. The asterisk can represent any characters from zero to many. The question mark represents any single character. This allows the user to search for an ancestor when they are not sure of the exact spelling of the name.

For example, search for ann* sm?th.

This will match such first names as anne, anna, annabel, annie, etc. It will match last names like smith and smyth.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search results page for the query "Ann* Sm?Th". The page displays a list of search results with filters and categories on the left side. The search filters include "ann*", "sm?th", and "BORN: 1899". The search results are displayed in a table format, showing the name, birth date, and residence for each individual. The results are sorted by relevance, with the top result being "Margaret Anne Smith" from the "U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1992 (indexed in World Archives Project)".

Search Filters	Broad	Exact
ann*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sm?th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BORN: 1899	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

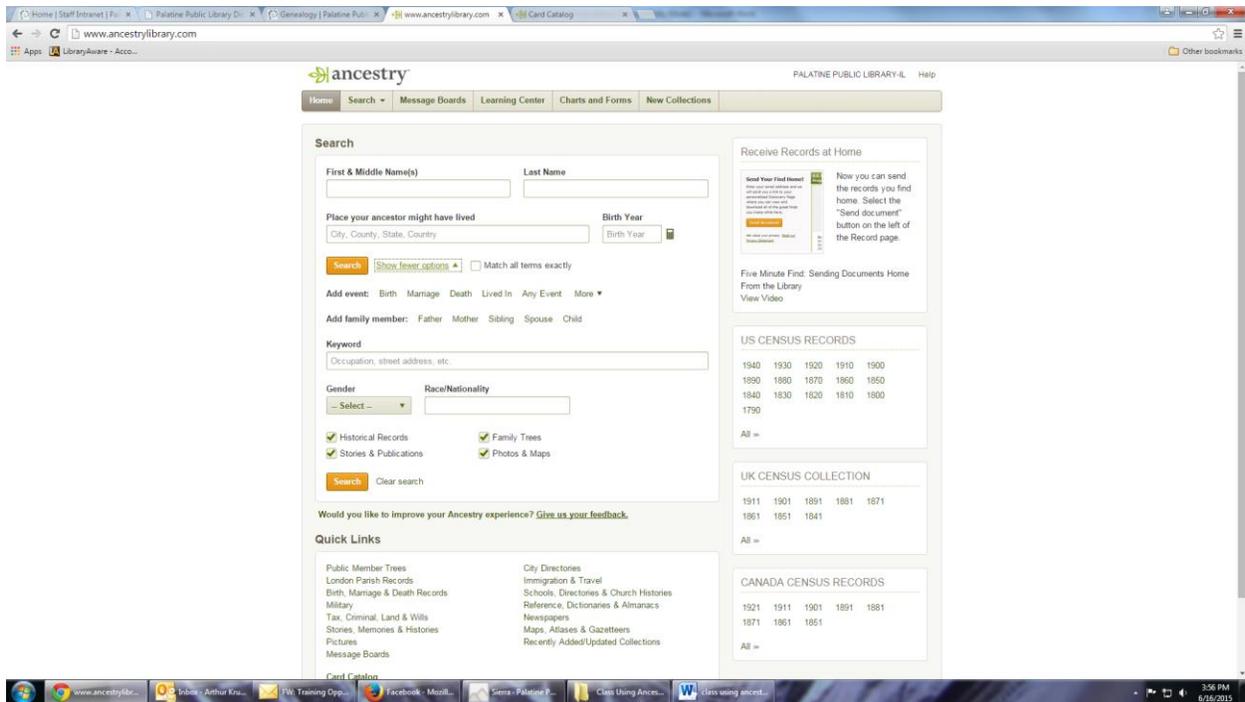
Results 1-20 of 32,066,613

Note: To get better results, add more information such as Death Info or Location—even a guess will help. Edit your search or learn more.

Record Title	Name	Birth	Residence
U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1992 (indexed in World Archives Project)	Margaret Anne Smith	abt 1899	California
1940 United States Federal Census	Anna Brisendine (Anna Smith)	abt 1899 - Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1940 United States Federal Census	Anna Dunson (Anna Smith)	abt 1899 - Texas	Seagraves, Gaines, Texas
1940 United States Federal Census	Anna Manly (Anna Smith)	abt 1899 - West Virginia	Clark, Harrison, West Virginia
1940 United States Federal Census	Annie Sims (Annie Smith)	abt 1899 - Alabama	Jack Springs, Escambia, Alabama

More search options:

Clicking on Show more options from the home page displays additional search boxes. .



The added search fields allow for birth, marriage, and death dates, names of parents, siblings, spouses and children in order to narrow down the search. The More drop-down menu allows the user to include immigration, emmigration and military service dates.

Advanced search example:

The screenshot shows the Ancestry search page with the following criteria highlighted by red circles:

- First & Middle Name(s):** ann*
- Last Name:** smith
- Place your ancestors lived:** Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA
- Birth Year:** 1899
- Location:** Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA
- Marriage:** 1922
- Death:** 1990
- Gender:** Female

Additional search options include "Add event" (Birth, Marriage, Death, Lived in, Any Event), "Add family member" (Father, Mother, Sibling, Spouse, Child), and checkboxes for "Family Trees", "Photos & Maps", "Stories & Publications", and "Unpublished Records".

The results:

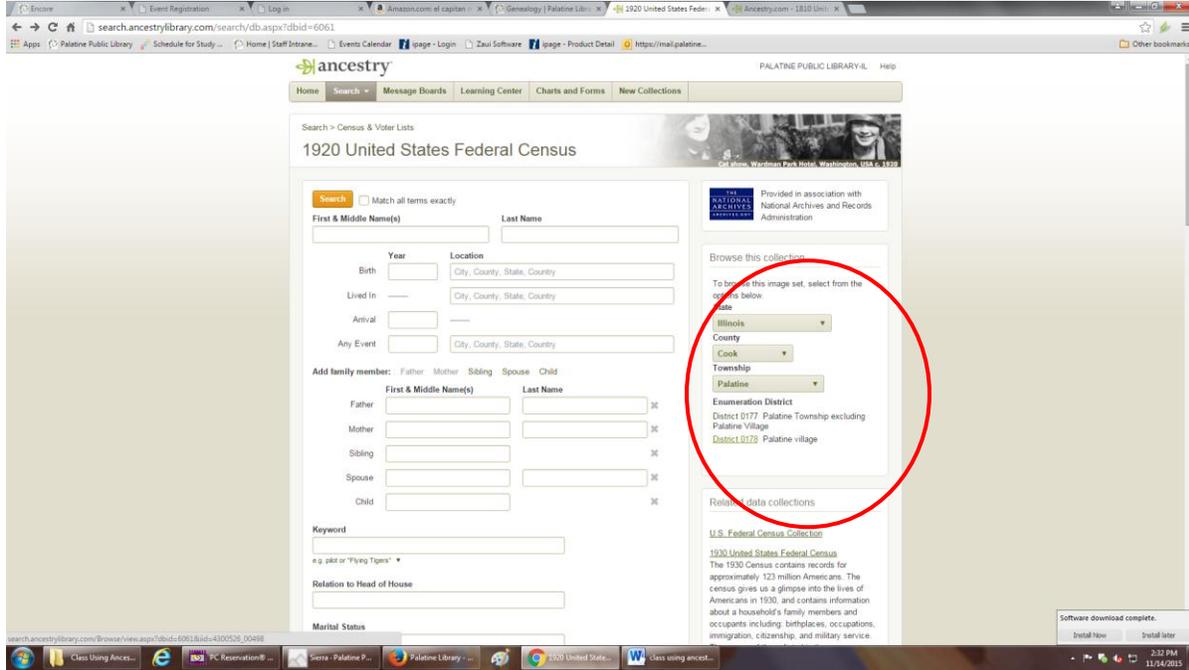
The screenshot shows the search results for Ann* Smith, with the following elements highlighted by red circles:

- Search filters:** A sidebar with sliders for "BORN", "MARRIED", "ANY", and "DEATH" to refine the search.
- Update button:** A green button at the bottom of the search filters to refresh the results.
- Matching Person:** A profile for Anna Kallinski Smith, born 01-19-1901 and died 06-22-1979, with a family tree photo.
- Matching Records:** A list of records including "U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014" and "U.S. Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current".

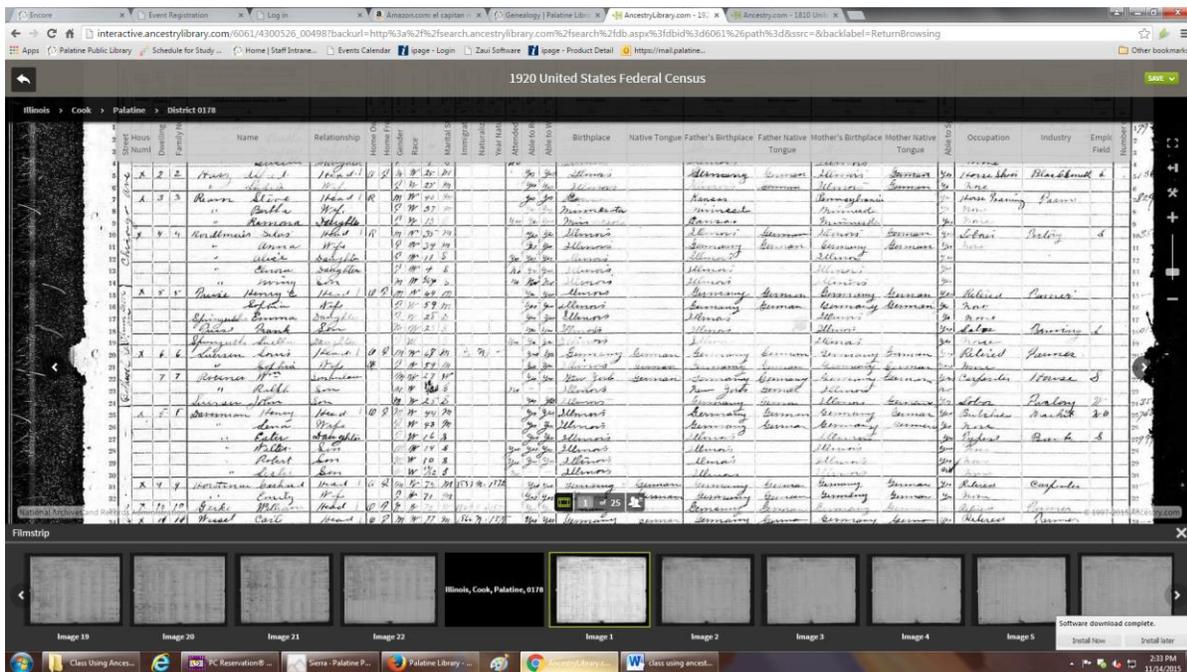
Text annotations on the left side of the results page:

- "Use these 'sliders' to broaden or tighten the search criteria. Then click the Update button." (with an arrow pointing to the Update button)
- "Click the Edit search button to alter your search." (with an arrow pointing to the Edit Search button)

Ancestry allows 'paging' through certain collection like censuses and city directories. In this example we page through the 1920 U.S. census. The dropdown menus on the right allow the user select state, county, township and sometimes enumeration district. Remember that not all states would be in all the censuses. The example below selects the village of Palatine.



Given that families often lived within blocks of each other, users can "look around" an area to potentially find additional ancestors.

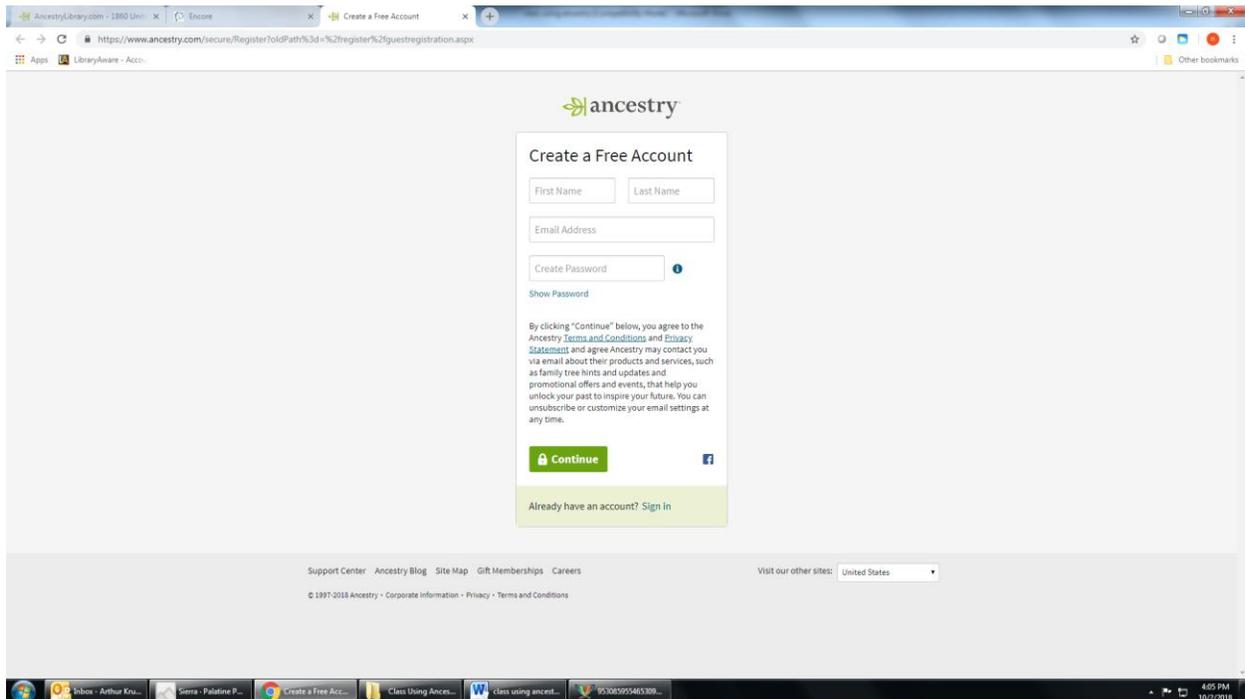


Ancestry Registered Guest Account

Ancestry.com (not Ancestry ALE) offers free guest accounts! A guest account allows access to a small number of collections. Guests can also build family trees in Ancestry....for free. I've found it difficult to find this page in Ancestry.com so I just google the phrase ancestry create a free account and can find the page below. The url is:

<https://www.ancestry.com/secure/Register?oldPath%3d=%2fregister%2fguestregistration.aspx>

Once you have created a guest account, you login on the Ancestry.com main page like a regular subscription. However, the collections you can access is limited. You can create and update your own trees.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.ancestry.com/secure/Register?oldPath%3d=%2fregister%2fguestregistration.aspx>. The page features the Ancestry logo at the top. Below it is a form titled "Create a Free Account" with the following fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "Email Address", and "Create Password". There is a "Show Password" link below the password field. A green "Continue" button is at the bottom of the form. Below the button is a link that says "Already have an account? Sign In". A small text block below the form states: "By clicking 'Continue' below, you agree to the Ancestry Terms and Conditions and Privacy Statement and agree Ancestry may contact you via email about their products and services, such as family tree hints and updates and promotional offers and events, that help you unlock your past to inspire your future. You can unsubscribe or customize your email settings at any time." The footer of the page includes links for "Support Center", "Ancestry Blog", "Site Map", "Gift Memberships", and "Careers". It also has a "Visit our other sites:" dropdown menu set to "United States" and a copyright notice: "© 1997-2018 Ancestry - Corporate Information - Privacy - Terms and Conditions". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including an email inbox, a Sierra Palatine P... window, the current "Create a Free Acc..." window, a "Class Using Ance..." window, and a "class using anced..." window. The system clock shows 4:05 PM on 10/2/2018.

Questions?
Contact me at
Arthur Krull
847-358-5881 x 193
akrull@palatinelibrary.org