

Hidden Treasures on Ancestry

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Census and Related Records

- Be sure to extract all of the details from the census. Census records are full of clues!
- Start a timeline with the census.
 - Add other censuses
 - Layer on historical events
 - e.g., The U.S. entered World War I in 1917.
 - Create a to-do list based on what you find and continue to add other types of records you uncover.
 - Cite sources on your list so you're prepared for any conflicts.
 - Create templates for censuses and other commonly-used records to make it easy.
- Browse your ancestor's community
- U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885
- Non-population Schedules: Schedules of Agriculture, Industry, Manufacturing, and Social Statistics, 1850-1880
- 1880 Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Schedules
- U.S. Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives, 1888-1895
- State Censuses
- New York, Inmates in Almshouses & Poorhouses
- U.S., Tennessee Valley, Family Removal and Population Readjustment Case Files, 1934-1953

Vital Records

- See the full list via the state's Place Page (Go to Search tab > click on state of interest in map in lower left corner).
- Don't forget to check Find A Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com>

Immigration Records

- Ancestry has 133 collections of passenger lists for the U.S.
- Naturalization Records
 - Indexes
 - 3 Steps - Declarations of Intent, Petitions, and Certificates
- U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925

Military Records

- 1890 Census Veterans Schedules
- U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970
- Civil War Prisoner of War Records, 1861-1865
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938
- U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900

International Records

- Check availability via Place Pages using the map on the search tab for countries of interest or search the Card Catalog.
- Rich collections, and stay tuned for more to come.

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State Treasures

- Missouri, State Census Collection, 1844-1881
- Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002
- Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708-1985
- North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-1964
- New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919
- Illinois, Order Sons of Italy in America, Lodge Records, 1925-1977
- Executive Journal of Indiana Territory, 1800-1816
- Local Histories

U.S. Records

- Probates
- U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989
- Look beyond the residential listings for history, businesses, churches, cemeteries, etc.
- U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918
- Quaker Collections - www.ancestry.com/cs/us/quakers
- Special Collections
 - African-American
 - Jewish

Educational Treasures

- Support Center
- Free Downloads - PDF Research Guides on various research topics
- State Research Guides - Each guide includes a history of the state, links to important collections on Ancestry.com and beyond, links to important repositories and collection information, and a timeline of important events in state history.
- Ancestry Academy
- Our Social Network
 - Facebook is a great place to ask questions.
 - Follow us on Twitter for content alerts and education opportunities.
 - Follow the blog for the latest company updates.
 - Crista Cowan does weekly half-hour videos that can be viewed on Livestream and YouTube.
 - Ancestry.com Blog - Stay current on all the latest news from Ancestry, read helpful research articles, case studies, DNA, and more!

Locating Collections

- Search tab <http://search.ancestry.com> Scroll down to map at the bottom of the page.
- Card Catalog can be found on the Search tab or here: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/CardCatalog.aspx>