Ancestry.co.uk Academy

Advanced

Developing your family history further and making the most of Ancestry.co.uk



At Who Do You Think You Are? LIVE today

- All the presentations from the Ancestry Academy will be available next week on the Ancestry.co.uk site at www.ancestry.co.uk/wdytya
- At the show we're offering a special 20% discount off all new annual memberships and we have a special member pack for those who are already members - make sure you pick yours up
- If you are a member you can also use our Member Lounge upstairs if you would like a sit down and a complimentary tea or coffee
- We also have a scanning area at the show today where we'll scan any photos or documents for you for free and put them onto a data stick so you can put them on your computer or attach them to your tree
- Also on our main stand is our Ancestry Shop where you can find out about our new partnership supporting the National Trust and see our products and special offers



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Advanced record collections

As well as all our larger collections there are many smaller, more specific collections on Ancestry to search:

- We are continuing to develop our <u>Parish collections</u> to allow our customers to go further back in their research
- We have a large collection of occupational records including <u>Medical Registers</u>, <u>Pilots' Certificates</u> and <u>Clerical Directories</u>, <u>Oxford</u> and <u>Cambridge</u> Alumni, <u>East India Company records</u>, <u>Post Office directories</u> as well as <u>City and County directories</u> (all under Directories and Member Lists)
- We have various collections of maps, land records and Gazetteers which can tell you about the places your ancestors lived in - the City and County Directories also contain descriptions of places
- Our Court, Land, Wills and Financial classification in Search contains millions of records including <u>Chancery Records</u>, <u>Probate Records</u> plus <u>English and Welsh Criminal Registers</u>

The best place to see everything available on Ancestry.co.uk is the Card Catalogue ancestry.co.uk

Card Catalogue

The <u>Card Catalogue</u> is a list of all of the record collections available on the Ancestry sites.

- The Card Catalogue can be found under the Search tab dropdown
- You can search the card catalogue with a title or keyword search (on the top left)
- Tick the "Only records from the UK and Ireland" box to easily remove records from elsewhere
- The best way to find what collections are available is to use the filters on the left below the search
- You can filter by collection type, date, place and language



Card Catalogue - Demo

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 Only records from the UK and Ireland Reset all filters and start over

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Newspapers & Periodicals	19	
		1881 England Census
Pictures	4	■ 1851 England Census
Stories, Memories & Histories	527	■ 1861 England Census

Overseas Records

As well as our UK records we're constantly expanding records for other countries, to take your research further:

- Relatives could have left the UK to go to Canada, the US or Australia so it's worth checking the passenger lists and Immigration records for these countries
- Record collections are growing for France, Italy, Germany and other European countries so if you have ancestors who may have come from these places they're worth having a look at
- If you have Jewish ancestry we have a growing collection of records from all around the world that could be helpful
- We have just launched the Alien Arrivals collection at the show and if you have ancestors who came from abroad you may find their entry details here.
- Even if you don't have foreign ancestors it's worth having a look at the Incoming Passenger Lists collection as many people went abroad for work or went to visit friends or relatives abroad ancestry.co.uk

Beyond Online - Advanced Research

Since there are hundreds of millions of records not yet digitised there are many places to go to access further records:

- The National Archives hold government records from England and Wales and public records including Government, diplomacy and the armed forces, Court records, Maps, records of service including Military, Metropolitan Police officers, merchant seamen and railway workers, plus a lot more.
- Local Records Offices hold a variety of different collections maps, parish records, records from local businesses, hospitals, large properties etc.
- Family History Societies hold local information and may be able to put you in touch with others researching the same names locally
- Local Libraries often hold maps, directories, newspaper archives and other useful information



Contributing to saving records

The Ancestry World Archives Project

Help to preserve history and get free access to new collections by helping to transcribe records

- We cannot transcribe all the collections that we'd like to, so by scanning these records and asking for help from the community to get them transcribed we are able to put more collections online
- All completed indexes remain free to the public
- Active contributors will be able to vote on which records are indexed next and receive free access to images

Find out more by clicking on "Ancestry World Archives Project" under the "Collaborate" tab



What's Coming in 2010

We are continually growing our record collections and are planning to launch many more records in 2010:

- Immigration launch of the Alien Arrivals
- 1911 England and Wales Census Summary Books
- Parish Records
- London Metropolitan Archives collections including Bishop's Transcripts, School Admissions and Probate records
- Occupational records
- ... and more



Site Improvements since last year's WDYTYA

We are continuously working on site improvements - feedback from you is crucial to do this:

- Tree improved person page
- Search more control, more consistency, and more informative (improved wildcard functionality - using * and ? In searches). New Image Viewer with transcribed results and image, as well as easier transcription corrections)
- Collaborate more frequent hinting (increased hintable collections), Member Connect, Message Centre (to see messages you've sent and received)
- Site performance we have invested a lot time in improving this over the past year
- Ability to associate attached photos and records with an event e.g. add a photo to a marriage ancestry.co.uk

Site Improvements - to come in 2010

Some of the improvements we are planning for this year:

- Place filters in search
- Improved main search page
- Recent search history
- Improved navigation to our vast data collections
- iPhone application for Ancestry.co.uk
- Continuous improvement on integration with FTM trees
- Continuous improvement on hinting



Getting Help

If you get stuck and need help:

- Click on the Help link on the top right of the screen and then type your question
- If you are a member you can email us at <u>support@ancestry.co.uk</u> and we will try to help with your specific research query (it's best to email these queries so we can give you a full answer after looking into the issue)
- If you have a general question about Ancestry.co.uk or memberships you can call our call centre on 0800 404 9723

