Library & Information Technology Services

Ancestry Library Edition

The Tri-co Libraries subscribe to Ancestry Library Edition, a genealogical and historical research platform. It lacks the personalization/family tree features of an individual Ancestry.com subscription, but has many of the same digitized collections and is free for Bryn Mawr Collete library users.

Digital Collection Highlights

- Ancestry LE includes digitized collections from the 1500s to 2000s
- US (1790-1940), UK and Canadian censuses including enumeration sheet images
- Birth, death, and marriage records, including the U.S. Social Security Death Index
- Immigration records and passenger lists
- Military records, WWI/WWII draft registrations, enlistments, and casualties; Civil War-era records
- Biography & Oral History collection

Tri-College Access

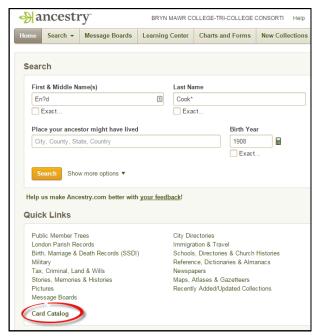
- Connect via Tripod or using the link on the Tri-College Genealogy guide: http://libguides.brynmawr.edu/genealogy
- Collections that are not in Ancestry LE, but that we do have access to separately are also linked from this guide, such as:
 - ♦ Accessible Archives
 - ♦ American's Historical Newspapers
 - ♦ Biography & Genealogy Master Index
- See the Tri-College Historical Newspapers guide for additional digitized primary sources:

http://libguides.brynmawr.edu/historical-newspapers

Search Tips

- Start with a broad search, then drill down by collection category
- Use wildcards to catch various spellings, e.g Wil* will match Will or William, Br?ce will match Brice, Bruce, Bryce
- Try the advanced options for "Soundex" search, phonetic variations and initials in the Show Advanced search section
- Always look at the record image, if available; there is sometimes more information on the image than in the index or transcription record; there may also be transcription errors
- Go to the "Card Catalog" to search a known collection directly







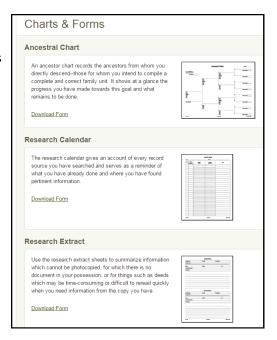
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Differences between Ancestry LE and Ancestry.com

- No personalization/family tree/document storage features
- No social sharing features for publishing or connecting with other researchers
- No commercial tie-ins to Ancestry DNA, Family Tree Maker software, etc.
- Certain collections are only in Ancestry.com, see the full list: http://media2.proquest.com/documents/ale-ancestcom-comparison.pdf

Organizing tips for low/no-cost genealogy research

- Download Ancestry's free PDF charts and forms: http://www.ancestry.com/downloads/charts
- Use the "Send Document" button on a record to email discoveries to yourself
- Use free or low-cost genealogy software for maintaining family trees; many reviews of free genealogy software can be found via Google
- To connect with other researchers, share your tree in GEDCOM format to RootsWeb, a free genealogy community maintained by Ancestry: http://rootsweb.ancestry.com



Getting Help

- See our Genealogy Research Guide for links to useful Tri-College resources: http://libguides.brynmawr.edu/genealogy
- Ancestry/ProQuest have their own extensive documentation:
 - ♦ Ancestry Learning Center: http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/cs/HelpAndAdviceUS
 - ♦ Ancestry video tutorials: https://www.youtube.com/user/AncestryCom
 - ♦ ProQuest Ancestry LE guide: http://proquest.libguides.com/ancestrylibraryedition
 - ♦ Proquest Ancestry LE video tutorials playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-aFAdxOSTDcpY00QQoffKmX2AEjpUYUP
 - ProQuest webinars (click Genealogy): http://www.proquest.com/customer-care/training-webinars
- Email library@brynmawr.edu with any other questions

