

## What is Ancestry Library Edition?

Ancestry Library Edition is one of several shared digital resources available for public library use. Library customers can use Ancestry Library Edition in any South Australian public library.

The site offers people access to genealogical information. This enables you to research your family history, historical events, or famous people.

Ancestry Library Edition is not quite the same as Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com is the commercial version, which is actively promoted on television. If you visit the Ancestry.com website, it will permit a few searches and then will prompt for payment to join up.

To access the South Australian library network subscription to Ancestry Library Edition, you will need to visit your local public library. Ancestry Library Edition does not allow in home or remote use.

## How do I access Ancestry Library Edition?

All South Australian public library customers are able to access Ancestry Library Edition on the public computers at their local library. It cannot be accessed or used at home.

Some libraries have nominated “local history” computers. These computers are dedicated to Ancestry Library Edition use. You may be required to book these computers in advance, as they are reserved for those customers with the intention to conduct local history research via Ancestry Library Edition.

Please contact your local public library to find out more about their local arrangements.

## What does Ancestry Library Edition contain?

Ancestry Library Edition contains an unparalleled range of access to United States and United Kingdom census, vital, church, court, and immigration records. It also contains record collections from Canada, Europe, Australia, and other areas of the world.

You can search the entire database, or just specific collections. These collections include the following:

- Birth, Marriage and Death records
- Census and voter lists
- Immigration and travel
- Military
- Schools, Directories and Church histories
- Tax, Criminal, Land and Wills
- Stories and Publications
- Photographs and maps

## How do I search?

There are a huge number of names and historic records in the Ancestry database, and finding people and families can be difficult. Enter as much name information as you have, and make use of the truncation and wild card features. Exact match limits will help fine tune search results.

Similarly, there are options to have a Soundex filter. This audio-based makes it easier for you to find and display all names that have somewhat similar pronunciation.

There are a series of You Tube videos called 5-minute finds. These are very helpful when learning about the best way to conduct an Ancestry search.

These videos, as well as other search tips, can be located on this page: [Ancestry Library Edition Search tips](#).

## Are there any other features?

Please see the following link, which describes and illustrates the Discoveries page in Ancestry Library Edition: <http://proquest.libguides.com/c.php?g=87030&p=560881>

This page allows you to save and send records of interest to your own email. It can be useful for viewing and printing documents at a later time, or perhaps from home.