

Key Differences between Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition

USER EXPERIENCE

Ancestry.com is designed for the individual, so there are a lot of personalized functionality and options available to private subscribers that are not available in the Library Edition. The following is a list of major features and functionality in Ancestry.com that is **not** included in Ancestry Library Edition:

- *Collaborate*
Includes all of the member's interactions from Members Connect (with each other), Message Boards, Ancestry's World Archive Projects and Public Profile.
- *Learning Center*
Search the largest collection of family history how-to and genealogy learning materials on the Internet. Browse or search the archives of the *Ancestry Daily News*, and popular Ancestry.com online columnists. NOTE: *Ancestry Magazine* articles have been added to Ancestry Library Edition under the Learning Center tab in the "Help" section (the Help link is found at the top right corner of each page). Also, the Learning Center tab in Ancestry.com is always available for free. However, depending on the library's firewall, some of the tutorial videos may not run. The newly announced Wiki beta from Ancestry for *The Source* and *The Redbook* is now available in Ancestry Library Edition under the Wiki Tab in the Help section.
- *Shop*
Buy your favorite Ancestry and other genealogical publishers' books, magazines and CDs – including Ancestry's *The Source*, *Redbook*, *Printed Sources* and more. Separate titles (tabs) also permit purchasing DNA kits (and posting results), Hire an Expert (to help you with your research or photo copy a document for you) and MyCanvas (allows the researcher to self publish their research in book form).
- *OneWorldTree*
OneWorldTree gathers family trees and family history records of millions of people, analyzes their birth, marriage and death data, and then displays the most probable matches. Essentially, this is a computer-generated lineage database.

- *Family Trees*

This section of the website offers many ways to share and manage all the information you find at Ancestry.com. Recently added is the ability to upload photos, documents, and add stories about ancestors in the Personal and Public Member Trees. There is also a Family Trees Search tab especially dedicated for searching the family trees in Ancestry.com. Family Tree Maker software will not link to Ancestry Library Edition.

DATABASES/COLLECTIONS

There are certain databases or collections that are available in Ancestry.com, but are **not** included in Ancestry Library Edition:

- *Obituary Collection*

The collection contains recent obituaries from hundreds of newspapers. There is still a strong and growing collection in Ancestry Library Edition. But, newspaper titles offered by ProQuest are not available in the Library Edition. The collection contains both full text and/or abstracting/indexing access to the newspaper titles

- *Members Connect (previously People Finder)*

This feature helps to put users in touch with other researchers looking for the same ancestors.

- *Family Facts*

Self-populating fields on the side of your search results screen provide additional facts about your search, such as the most common occupation of people with that surname. NOTE: This is available for free under the Learning Center of Ancestry.com.

- *Historical Newspaper Collection*

These are mostly small town newspapers, and most do not have complete series / coverage.

- *ProQuest's G&LH Books in the Families and Local Histories Collection*

These titles are found in *HeritageQuest Online*, available from ProQuest.

- *Periodical Source Index (PERSI)*

This database is found in *HeritageQuest Online*, available from ProQuest.

- *Freedman's Bank Records*

This database is found in *HeritageQuest Online*, available from ProQuest.

- *Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI)*
This is a Gale Cengage Learning database. After AncestryPlus was discontinued, Gale licensed this content to Ancestry.com for the consumer market only. The data was last updated in the 2008 release.
- *Passenger and Immigration List Index (PILI)*
This information is updated through 2009 with content provided by Gale Cengage Learning.

Note: The Ancestry World Tree and the Ancestry Message Boards are read-only for users of Ancestry Library Edition. You will not be able to upload GEDCOM data or other family tree software (such as Family Tree Maker), post messages or reply to messages using Ancestry Library Edition.

This document does not list all differences between Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition, only the key differences. Content and functionality is subject to change at any time.