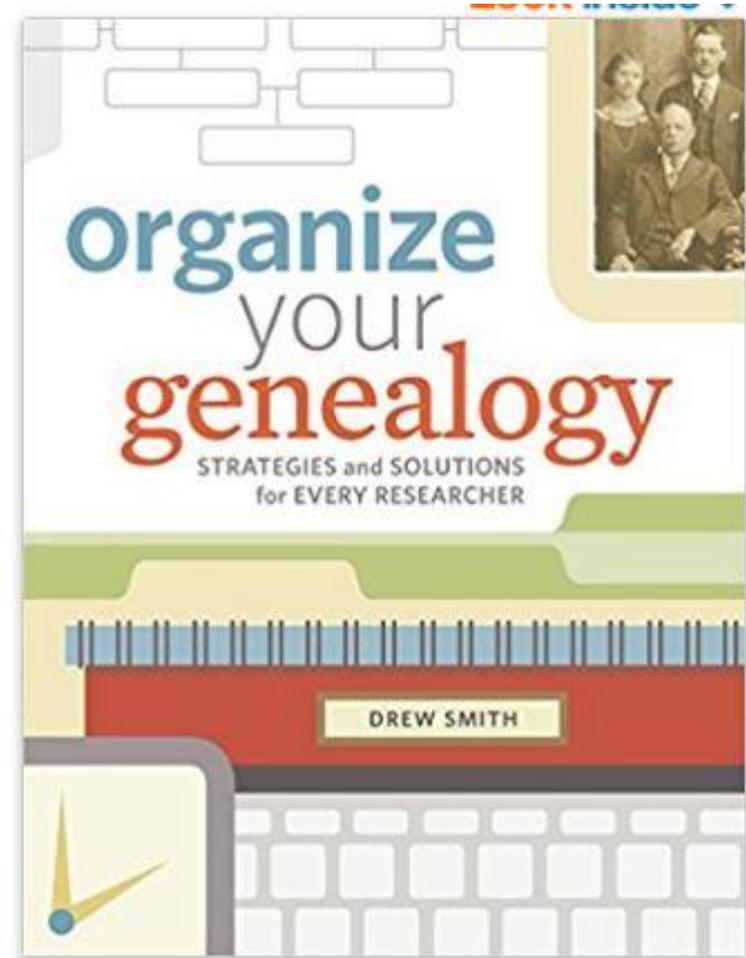


Tech Talk:
Family Histories
Ancestry Library Edition
(Summary for review)

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Have Questions about your family?

- That's the best start!
- Write down your goal.



What do you want to learn?

- Start a notebook or a folder!
- What resources do you already have?
 - Family records: Bibles, Documents, notes, a tree.
 - Relatives – names, phone numbers, etc.
- Work in small steps – consider this a puzzle!
- Don't be discouraged – doors open at odd times.
- Be open to learning more than you planned.
- To tell your story, write a narrative.

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Ancestry Library Edition v. Ancestry.com

Ancestry Library Edition (ALE)	Ancestry.com
FREE for the patron	Subscription Service
International Content Included	International Content Extra
No DNA component	DNA option
Researcher follows their own trail	Research Assistance – The Leaf
Family Trees and Message Boards are Read Only	Can publish Family Trees and connect on Message Boards
Census Data the Same in both products	

Exploring Ancestry Library Edition

Login to Ancestry Library Edition

Use your laptop/tablet or a library PC

- **Use a library PC:**
- Sign in with your library card and PIN
- Agree to terms -- (upper right “Agree”)
- Look for Ancestry.com icon -- (top left?)
- Accept cookies – (bottom right)
- Select Your School or Institution – (drop down menu)
- LOGIN – (then tap F 11 key for full screen)

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- **On your laptop:**
- Login to library internet website: www.abbe-lib.org
- Agree to terms
- Scroll down to find “Databases”
- Ancestry.com
- Accept cookies
- Select Your School or Institution
- LOGIN

Library Edition – Basic Details

- You can't save anything to your own Ancestry account.
- You can download and print documents.
- You can send a document link to your email account.
- You can't create a family tree.
- You can only view Public family trees.

Search over 800 million obituaries and 220 million marriages in our Newspapers.com indexes.



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StoryScout® can bring the fascinating details of your ancestors' lives directly to you, and put you on a path to start making your own family discoveries.

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Grandfather



Grandmother

First Name

Last Name

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Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1950, including name indexes.

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Did your ancestors serve in the Military? Our collection of military records holds the answers.

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When did your ancestors arrive in the U.S.? And how did they get here? Search our passenger lists and other immigration records to learn more.

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1950 Census district finder



Search by location to get details about enumeration districts and view images.

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Public Member Trees



Most of these records are in the English language but there are also records in these languages: German, French, Italian, Swedish and Chinese (Simplified)

For best results, you should first search using English words and location spellings. If you do not find what you are looking for, try using one of these languages: German, French, Italian, Swedish and Chinese (Simplified).

Search

Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Birth



Message Boards

The world's largest online genealogy community with over 25 Million posts on more than 198,000 boards.

Search the Boards

Names or keywords

[Advanced Search](#)

Ancestry Library Edition Historical Records

- Birth, Marriage, & Death records
- Census & Voter Lists
- Immigration & Travel documents
- Military records
- Schools, Directories, & Church Histories
- Tax, Criminal, Land, & Wills
- Newspapers
- Periodicals & Magazines
- Photos & Maps
- Maps, Atlases, & Gazetteers

Ancestry Library Edition

To help the patron in the library, there is added functionality found only in the Ancestry Library Edition:

Learning Center

Research Aids: Includes many downloadable PDFs that will help patrons discover new research techniques.

Maps: Learn the layout and jurisdictional boundaries of a state over time.

Charts and Forms

Ancestral, Research Calendar, Research Extract, Correspondence Record, Family Group Sheet, and Source Summary

- Email a Record Home

- For users who don't want to print records in the library, they can use Ancestry Library Edition's Email a Record Home which will send them a link to all the records they wish to access at home. They can view, print and download the records at home.

When you view a record or document you can choose to email it:



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John R Fell
1900 United States Federal Census
Birth: May 1889 Pennsylvania, USA
Residence: 1900 Whitemarsh, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA
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John R Fell
U.S., Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad, 1835-1974
Birth: abt 1889
Death: 21 Feb 1933 Java
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Bridget Griffin
Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950
Birth: 22 Apr 1881 West Calder, Midlothian, Scotland
Residence: 1881 Scotland
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Welcome to your Discovery Page
On the left you should find links to all of the documents you requested to be sent to you.

I don't see a Download Image button. Why is that?
If you don't see a Download Image link, this image is either not available for download or there is no image. Click on Printer Friendly and you will see a page with all of the transcribed information for this document as well as source information.

How often will I get an email with the link to my Discovery Page?
We don't want to clog your inbox with lots of emails, so we only send you an email with the link to your Discovery Page once every 12 hours when you are at the library searching for your ancestors.

Collection Information

Ancestry is home to an extensive collection of city and county directories, as well as telephone books, professional directories, church centennial books, school lists, and yearbooks. City and county directories typically contain entries for working family members and include name, occupation, and home and business addresses. Early phone books may contain similar information in addition to the phone number.

Church histories and records may include indexes to parish records and in some cases, actual church records. The collection also includes many church histories and centennial books, which can contain the names of members of the congregation, as well as historical background information on the origins of the church.

Also among the collections in this category are school alumni lists and yearbooks which can be rich in details about your ancestor's school experience and may even include a photograph.

Next library workshop

Using the Ancestry Library Edition

April 24 2 – 3:30 PM

Aiken Public Library

Other Aiken Library Resources

- <https://www.abbe-lib.org/databases/>
- Select Genealogy from the list at right
- Books, DVDs, and more -- search the catalog!
 - Heritage Hub – obituaries, death notices
 - NewsBank

Other Resources

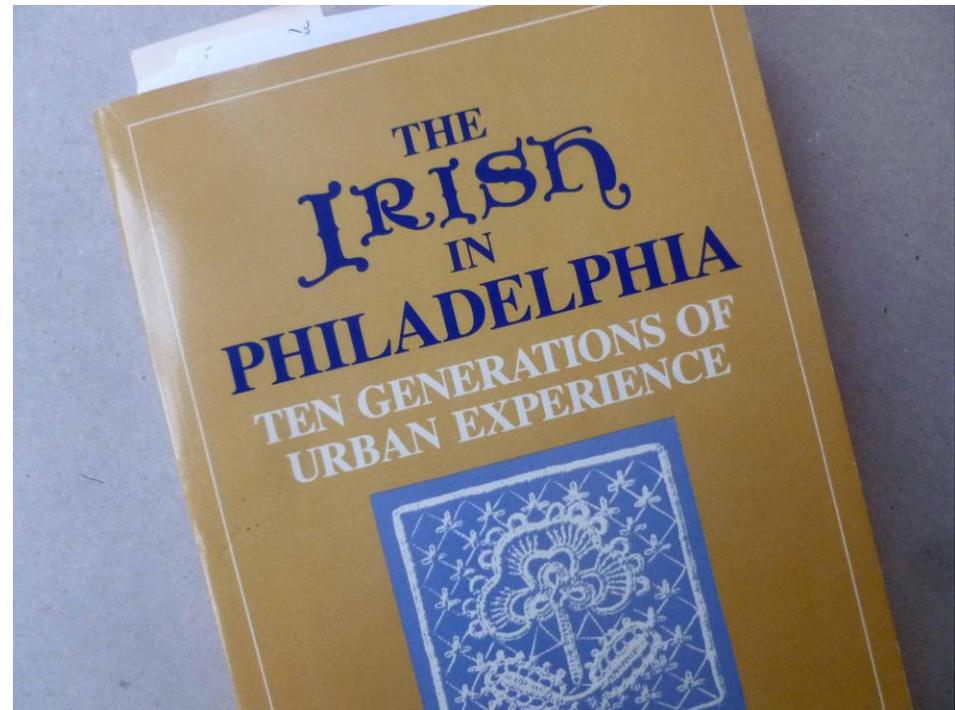
- Family Search <https://www.familysearch.org/>
- LDS Church Pinelog Road & Genealogy Lab at Center for African American History
- WikiTree <https://www.wikitree.com/>
- Old Edgefield District Genealogy Society Library (Tonya Browder Guy)
- Finally: **Make that phone call, reach out by mail or email!**

Be open to new directions!

Once you start researching – and reading...

- you will find other people you want to know about.
- you will find other places you want to know about.
- You may find the history of the times more exciting than you think.

• **Start at the library!**



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