

Finding Your Genealogy



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Agenda

- What is Genealogy
- What resources are available
- How to use Ancestry

Genealogy is the Study of Ancestry by the tracing a line of descent backwards from yourself.

Family History is Genealogy that has come alive. You ancestors are not just names and dates. As you discover their stories, you can't help but to enter into their world and know them.

What Are You Searching for?

- Questioning a family Lore?
- Trip planned & want to visit ancestor's village?
- Want to learn ancestors health history?
- Find family members you lost touch with?
- Leave a legacy for your children?

Getting Started

- Collect the Data that you already have access to.
Check Family Bibles, Marriage Certificates, Birth Certificates, Death Certificates. Where families lived.
- Photos Label your photos on back with names approximate time & location.
- Document Family stories in as much detail as you remember.
- Interview Relatives Compare stories **ASK:** Where, When, how they lived, stories from their youth, jobs, friends, addresses, family traditions, when immigrated, did they learn the old language, local place of worship they attended.

Genealogy Websites

[ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) - Largest family history resource
U.S.- monthly \$19.99 (2 week trial)
International - monthly 34.99

www.familysearch.org/en/ - FREE

[MyHeritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com) – Basic is free - Subscription
similar to Ancestry – not as popular

Additional Resources

1. FREE for NY Residents – Ancestry.com

NY www.archives.nysed.gov/research/how-to-video-ancestry

2. Municipal Archives NYC -

www1.nyc.gov/site/records/about/municipal-archives.page

3. Top 25 Genealogy Resources -

www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/25-best-genealogy-websites-for-beginners/

Types of Records

- Census & Voter records. 72 Year Rule to protect privacy, 1940 census was released in 2012. The 1950 Census will be released in 2022. Most of 1890 census burned in fire in 1921, causing a gap in information, search State Census & City Directories to get around missing data.
- Birth Marriage & Death records, Some states show records online, however if not found you can order from Vitalrecords.com for a small fee.
- Immigration & Travel. New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957, U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925, Ship Photos, to name just a few.
- Military-Draft, Enlistment and Service, Soldier, Veteran & Prisoner Rolls & Lists, Pension Records.
- Public Member Trees (use caution-don't just copy others trees check that their information is accurate)

Many more places to search

City Directories

Land & Wills

Church History

Find a Grave

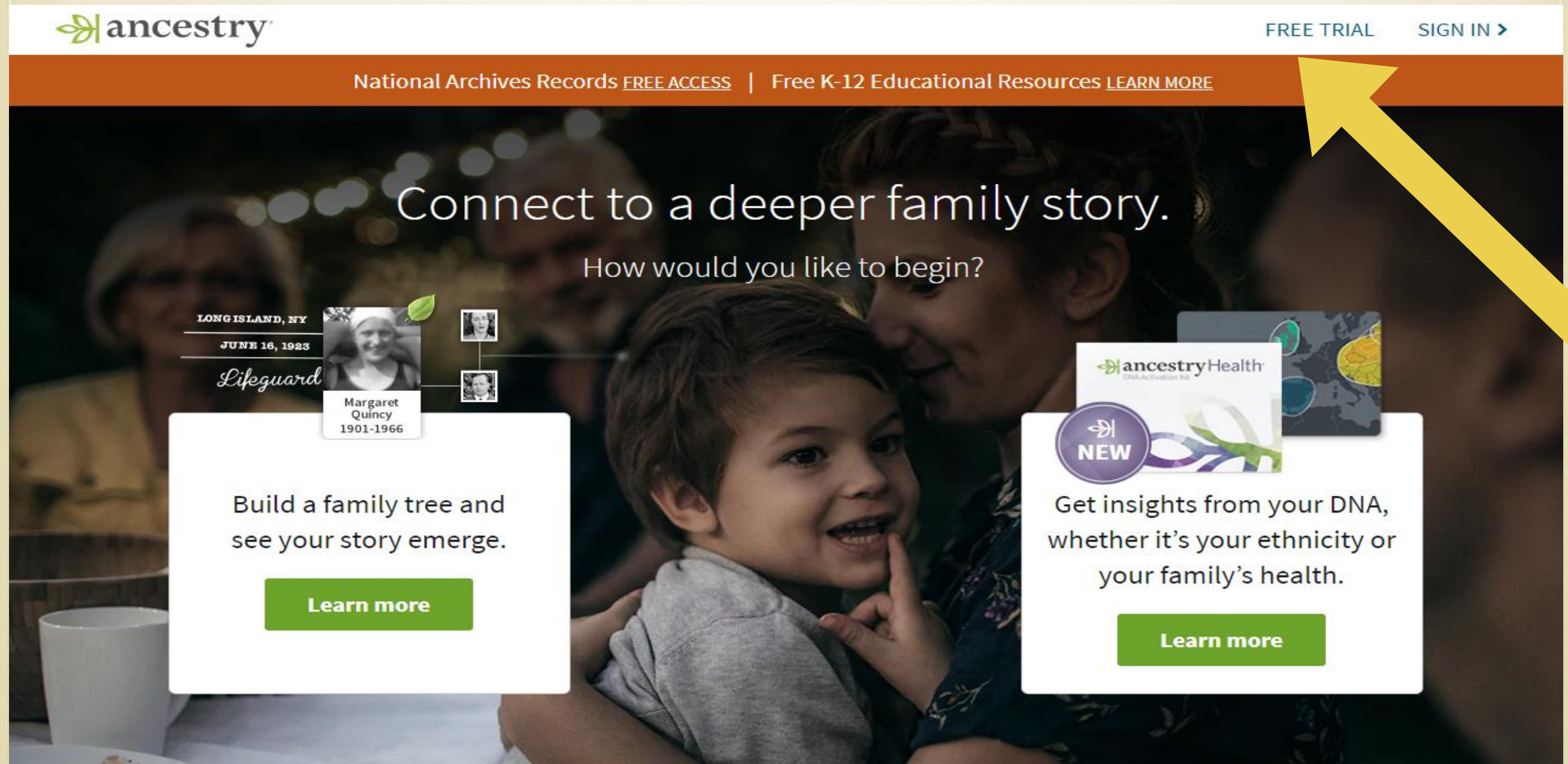
Social Security

Please Note:

Your library may have additional genealogy services available to cardholders. Please check with your library.

Creating Accounts

Ancestry - Create an Account



The image shows the Ancestry website homepage. At the top left is the Ancestry logo. At the top right are links for 'FREE TRIAL' and 'SIGN IN >'. Below these is an orange banner with text: 'National Archives Records [FREE ACCESS](#) | Free K-12 Educational Resources [LEARN MORE](#)'. The main background image shows a woman and a young child. Overlaid on this are two white boxes. The left box features a family tree snippet for 'Margaret Quincy 1901-1966' and the text 'Build a family tree and see your story emerge.' with a green 'Learn more' button. The right box features the 'ancestryHealth' logo, a 'NEW' badge, and the text 'Get insights from your DNA, whether it's your ethnicity or your family's health.' with a green 'Learn more' button. A large yellow arrow points from the right side of the page towards the 'FREE TRIAL' link.

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FREE TRIAL SIGN IN >

Connect to a deeper family story.
How would you like to begin?

LONG ISLAND, NY
JUNE 16, 1923
Lifeguard

Margaret Quincy
1901-1966

Build a family tree and see your story emerge.

Learn more

ancestryHealth
DNA Activation Kit

NEW

Get insights from your DNA, whether it's your ethnicity or your family's health.

Learn more

To sign up: Name, Email, Password, Credit Card, Address.

14 day Free Trial - credit card will be charged automatically unless canceled.

Can join and use Ancestry on the web or the App on smartphones/tablets.

FamilySearch.org

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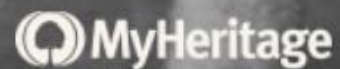
Make Discoveries

Search for your ancestors in millions of historical records. You can also search in the catalog, books, genealogies, and the Wiki.

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First, Last name, User Name, Password

MyHeritage.com



LOG IN  ENGLISH

Discover your family story

Grow your family tree, find new relatives, and explore billions of historical records with a 14-day FREE trial

Start your free trial



Start with Facebook



Start with Google

or

Sign Up with Email

☐ Male

☐ Female

First name

Last name

Email address

Year of birth

My father

First name

Last name

My mother

First name

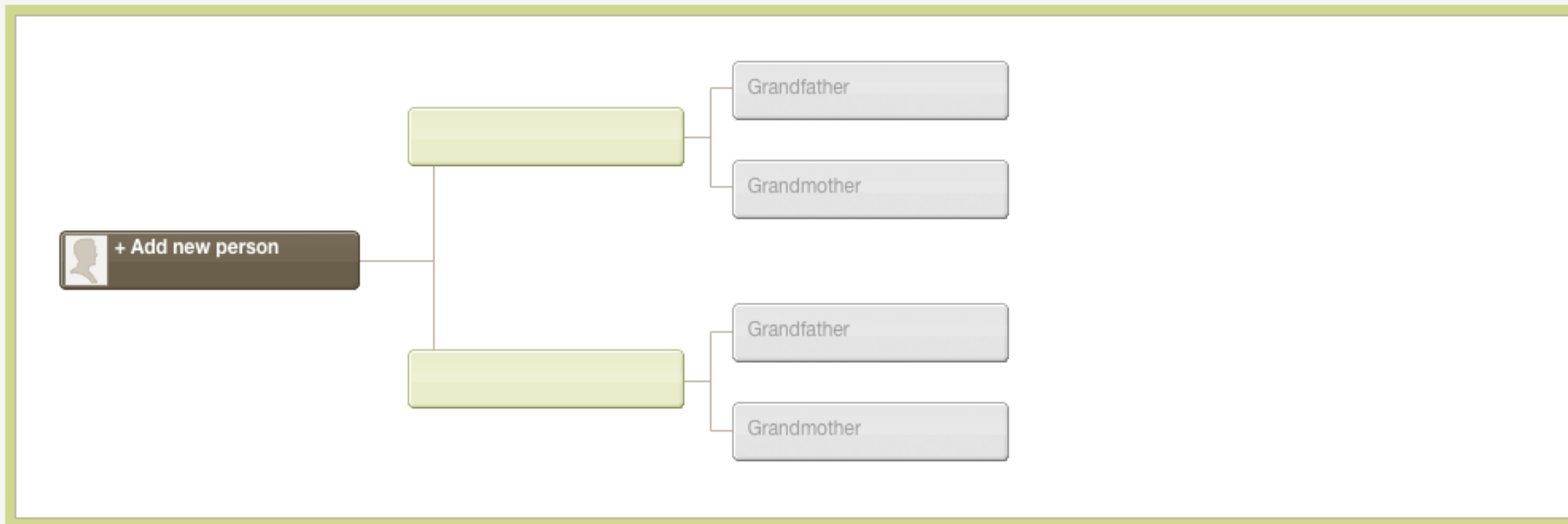
Maiden name

Continue

Using the Ancestry website

Ancestry - Start a new tree by adding YOU

Start a new tree.



Add yourself to the tree

Add Yourself

Add new person

☒ I am starting with myself ([Why do we ask?](#))

First and Middle Name

Last Name

Suffix

Gender ✓

☐ Male

☐ Female

☒ Unknown

Status ✓

☐ Deceased

☒ Living

Birth Date

Birthplace

Continue

Cancel

Your Tree

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Riley Family Tree ▾



John Joseph Riley
1920-1972

ADD RELATIVE



Add Father



Add Mother

Open Tree

The screenshot shows the Ancestry website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Ancestry logo and links for Home, Trees, Search, DNA, Help, and Extras. The 'Trees' link is highlighted with a green underline. Below the navigation bar, a sidebar on the left contains icons for family tree management, including a share icon, a tree icon, a home icon, a refresh icon, a plus icon, a slider icon, and a printer icon. The main content area displays a dropdown menu for the 'Riley Family' tree. The menu lists several trees: 'Riley Family Tree' (marked with a green checkmark), 'Kelly Family Tree', 'ermmarino Family Tree', 'Edinger Family Tree', 'Caton Family Tree', 'KELLY/HAHN/FISCHER TREE', 'Kelly Family Tree', and 'Create & Manage Trees'. A large yellow arrow points to the 'Create & Manage Trees' option. Below the menu, a family tree entry for 'John Joseph Riley' (1920-1972) is shown. To the right of the entry are two dashed boxes labeled 'Add Father' and 'Add Mother'. Below the entry is a button labeled '+ ADD RELATIVE'.

ancestry Home **Trees** Search DNA Help Extras

Riley Family

- Riley Family Tree ✓
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John Joseph Riley
1920-1972

+ ADD RELATIVE

Add Father

Add Mother

Click Manage Tree

Riley Family Tree

4/23/2018

Owner

[View tree overview](#)

[Manage tree](#)

[Invite family](#)

Name

Date Modified

Role



Tree Settings

Riley Family Tree

Tree Settings

Tree Info

Privacy Settings

Sharing

Tree Name

Riley Family Tree

Tree Description



Automatically build stories for this tree

Ancestry will automatically create stories for events shown in a person's LifeStory.

Save Changes

Your home person in this tree



John Joseph Riley

[change](#) [set to none](#)

Who you are in this tree



John Joseph Riley

[change](#) [set to none](#)

Hint preferences

Manage your hint notifications and member tree hint settings in [site preferences](#).

Public or Private Tree?

Tree Settings

Tree Info Privacy Settings Sharing

You can control who sees your family tree. Please select the level of privacy you are comfortable with. For more information about Ancestry privacy and sharing policies, please read our [Privacy Philosophy](#).

☒ Public Tree

This setting allows other users to view all content in your tree—except information about living individuals and private notes. If you change your mind, you can make your tree private at any time.

Public trees benefit you and the community

- Through public trees you may find others who are researching your family and even collaborate with them.
- You can help other members of Ancestry sites discover information about their relatives, and they can get in touch with you using our anonymous member-to-member email service.

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Information about living people is automatically hidden and will NOT be included in searches

...Continued Privacy

All personal information is protected

- Information about living people is automatically hidden and will NOT be included in searches.
- Only you can edit your tree unless you specifically invite others to work with you.

☒ Private Tree

This setting allows you to keep your tree "private" so that other users cannot view the contents of your tree.

What does "private" mean?

Limited information about deceased individuals in your tree (name, birth year, and birthplace) will still appear in Ancestry search results. However, no one can view your actual tree without your permission. If another member wants to view your tree, they can contact you anonymously through our Connection Service to request more information. Keep in mind that these individuals may also have helpful information to share with you.

☐ Also prevent your tree from being found in searches.

Note: Although your privacy setting will change immediately to public or private, it usually takes about a month for this update to be reflected in the search index.

Save Changes

Ancestry Privacy Breakdown

Public

- Others have view of your tree except for living people.
- Allows you to find others who may have shared relatives to collaborate.
- Anonymous member to member email correspondence.

Private

- Only limited info about individuals (name, birth year; birthplace)
- If a member wants to contact you they can ask for more information at your discretion.

DNA Testing

Ancestry

- \$99 (sales \$59-\$69)
- Ethnicity estimate % by region.
- If YOU CHOOSE to share your DNA results with other members, you can locate and communicate with relatives with common DNA.

23 & Me

DNA only

- Ethnicity estimate % by region. \$99 (sale \$69)

DNA Health +Ancestry

- Ethnicity estimate % by region. \$99 (sale \$69)
- Health & Traits Report
- Social Network to communicate with relatives with common DNA

SEARCHING IS KEY

Start at the U.S. Census

1790-1940 available

Searching - a few tips

- Use Full Names
- Use a Woman's Maiden name
- Add as much information about all Siblings
- Consider various spelling or misspelling
- Record dates by Day - Month - Year
- Record Places by City County State
- Look at the Census page before and after for more relatives.

Let's start searching!