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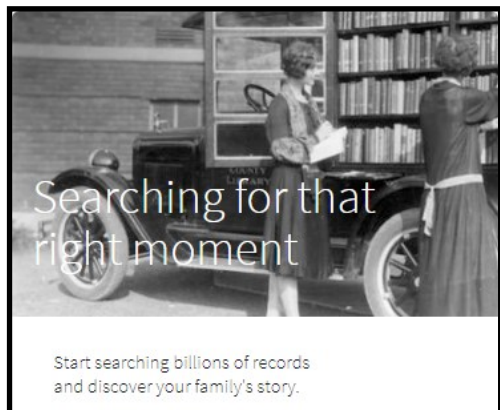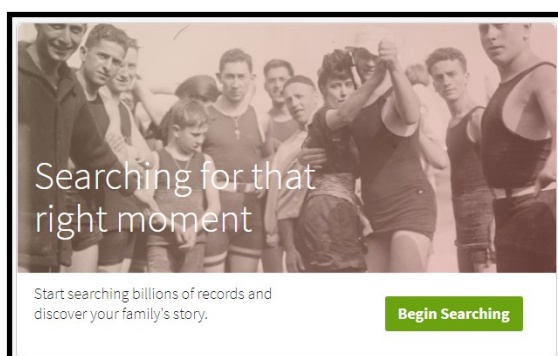

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U.S. Federal Census (1790-1940)
Genealogy & Local History Books
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U.S. Serial Set (1789-1969)
City Directories
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Wars - Revolutionary thru Vietnam
Census - US Federal 1860 & 1930
Dawes Enrollment Cards & Packets
Homestead Records
Naturalizations
...and more!

African American Heritage

Essential historical records for African
 Americans
Federal Census
Marriage and Cohabitation Records
Military Draft and Service Records
Registers of Slaves and Free(d) Persons of
 Color
Freedmen's Bank
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- Search a specific collection by location or collection type
- Find information for specific locations
  - • Viewing the 'Source' will show what kinds of records each location has

Explore by Collection:
- Search to find individual collections that fit your needs
- Can also browse the list of individual collections
- To see every collection, select 'View All'

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SEARCH CENSUS

1950 1940 1930 1920 1910 1900
1890 1880 1870 1860 1850 1840
1830 1820 1810 1800 1790 All >>

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Search wills and probate records from the U.S.

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SEARCH CITY DIRECTORIES

Search over a billion records in U.S. city and county directories spanning 1821 to 1989.

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SEARCH MILITARY RECORDS

Military records provide unique facts and insights into the lives of men and women who have served many conflicts including the Revolutionary War

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Immigration records can reveal when and where your ancestors migrated as well as who they travelled with.

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Search for your more recent ancestors in our large public records collection.
U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1
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SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX

The SSDI contains over 94 million records of deceased persons with social security numbers whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration.

Search Now

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

Find the original patriots in your family tree in the complete set of Revolutionary War Pension Files.

Search Now

Search Now:
- Search a specific collection
- Find information for specific collections, cannot search everything at once
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Ancestry Library Edition Crossover Collections:
- Use HeritageQuest at home to access some of the same record groups
    - Social Security Death Index
    - Census Records
    - Freedmen Bank Records
    - Revolutionary War Records

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Search & Browse Options:
- Search a specific collection, drill down by location or name
- Use the keyword search to find a name in all records
- Choose a specific collection, then search within

Special Notes:
- Select 'Description' when within a specific collection. It can tell you if the collection is complete, what info can be found, and why you may not be able to find your record
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African American Heritage

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Local Library Subscription Databases
Selected Resources

Cleveland Public Library
Call and Post (1934 – 1991)
Cleveland Necrology File
FamilySearch Affiliate (in-library only)
Genealogy Connect
Plain Dealer Historical
https://cpl.org/research-learning/genealogy/

Columbus Metro Library
America's Obituaries—HeritageHub
Chronicling America
Columbus News Index: 1932-1997
FindMyPast (in-library at Main only)
https://www.columbuslibrary.org/history-genealogy/

Cuyahoga County Public Library
America's Obituaries—HeritageHub
Cleveland News Index
Cuyahoga County Historical Marriage License Index: 1810-1998
FamilySearch Affiliate (in-library only)
https://cuyahogalibrary.org/research-discover/resources-a-z/
genealogy-resources

Dayton Metro Library
America's Obituaries—HeritageHub
Dayton Obituary and Genealogy Database
Ohio Death Certificate Index
https://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/history/

Greene County Public Library
Accessible Archives
America's Obituaries—HeritageHub
Cincinnati Enquirer (1841 - 1922)
Greene County Vital Records (varies)
Images of America: A History of American Life
NewspaperARCHIVE
https://greenelibrary.info/resources/history/

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
19th Century U.S. Newspapers
FindMyPast (in-library at Main & Green Township only)
NewsBank: Cincinnati Post
ProQuest Historical Newspapers
https://chpl.org/resources/genealogy/

Washington-Centerville Public Library
MyHeritage Library Edition
NewspaperARCHIVE
Newspapers.com
FamilySearch Affiliate (in-library only)
https://wclibrary.info/research/genealogy.asp

Akron-Summit County Public Library
American Ancestors (in-library only)
FamilySearch Affiliate (in-library only)
FindMyPast (in-library at Main only)
HeritageHub
Historic Map Works
MyHeritage Library Edition
Newspaper Archive – Academic Library Edition
Newspapers.com—Ohio Collection
Ohio Obituary Index
Summit Memory
http://www.akronlibrary.org/locations/main-library/special-collections/genealogy