

ANCESTRY LIBRARY

HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE - LOCAL STUDIES FACT SHEET

What is Ancestry Library?

Ancestry is one of the largest, most extensive collections of family history records online. Includes billions of records such as census data, parish registers, directories in thousands of different collections. Ancestry is a subscription based service with millions of members worldwide. Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) is a research tool offering comprehensive genealogical information. Information is indexed, so easily searched and added to regularly. Researchers can trace, view and download original documents online. Hawkesbury Library Service provides free access to Ancestry Library at both service points, and you do need to be in the physical buildings at Windsor or Richmond libraries. So to access, you do need to pay us a visit.

What is included?

A wide range of content ranging from the 13th to the 21st century, from all over the world, is available to search. New material is added regularly so it worth checking regularly. To check the full list click on **SEARCH** then **CARD CATALOG**. Popular materials include:

- Australian electoral rolls, 1828 census plus much more
- Convict records
- UK Census records 1841 – 1911
- UK Parish and probate records dating from the 1500s
- Immigration and passenger lists

Getting started

Hawkesbury Library subscribes to Ancestry Library edition

- It is available for Library members to use at Windsor and Richmond libraries for FREE. Just book in and use one of our PCs. Visitors can purchase a Visitor's card for a small fee.
- It is also available for the community to use for free, using your own laptop or device.
- Free Wi-fi in both libraries, see signage. Password changes daily.
- Log onto www.ancestrylibrary.com - it should say **Welcome, HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL LIBRARY** on the top right hand corner.

Tips on searching

There is more than one way to search Ancestry databases:

- To start a basic search, enter basic details of a person into the search box, i.e. given name and surname. You can add the place where your ancestor lived i.e. ENGLAND or AUSTRALIA, and an approximate date of birth, then click on the search button.
- You can also search the whole database or specific collections.
- You can also narrow your search after you have done a basic search by using the filters i.e. Filter by Collection or Filter by Country to narrow down a search.
- Obviously the more unusual the names, the better the results. The more common names may need additional information to narrow the number of hits. Try not to be too specific to start with.



Advanced

Click on the Show Advanced button for an enhanced search box. This allows the researcher to narrow or broaden the search and allows searching by record type, locality, and/or date range.

Printing & Saving

When you find something of interest, you are given the option to print, save or share. We suggest you save onto your own USB. To print, follow the instructions using our Monitor Print service, current printing prices are displayed in the Print Room.

What else?

On the top Toolbar there are a number of additional options available. These include the following:

MESSAGE BOARDS Post or search boards available on various localities and subjects.

LEARNING CENTRE A wide range of helpful Research Aids as well as tips & tricks from the experts

CHARTS & FORMS Download these blank charts and forms to help organise your research.

NEW COLLECTIONS Quick link to catalogue and searchable listing of new and all record collections

Ancestry Library vs Ancestry

Ancestry is designed for the individual so there are some options only available to individual subscribers. This includes creating trees, accessing private FAMILY TREES, DNA and the STORE.

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Search

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Place your ancestor might have lived Birth Year

City, County, State, Country

SEARCH Show more options

Explore by Location

Australia

AUSTRALIA AFRICA ASIA EUROPE NORTH AMERICA OCEANIA SOUTH AMERICA

Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory Tasmania
New South Wales Queensland Victoria
Norfolk Island South Australia Western Australia

Special Collections + CARD CATALOG

Historical Records

Birth, Marriage & Death
Birth, Baptism & Christening
Marriage & Divorce
Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries

Census & Voter Lists
U.S. Federal Census Collection
UK Census Collection
Canadian Census Collection
More...

Immigration & Travel
Passenger Lists
Citizenship & Naturalization Records
Border Crossings & Passports
More...

Military
Draft, Enlistment and Service
Casualties
Soldier, Veteran & Prisoner Rolls & Lists
More...

Schools, Directories & Church Histories
City & Area Directories
Professional & Organizational Directories
Church Histories & Records
More...

Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
Land Records
Tax Lists
Court, Governmental & Criminal Records
More...

Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs
General Reference Materials
Research Guides & Finding Aids
Dictionaries & Encyclopedias
More...

Stories & Publications
Stories, Memories & Histories
Newspapers

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