

ANCESTRY
FOR BEGINNERS:
LIBRARY
AND
PERSONAL EDITIONS

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PATTEN FREE LIBRARY

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TOPICS

- ▶ Where the records come from
- ▶ Ancestry **Library Edition**
 - How the search engine works
 - Searching efficiently
- ▶ Ancestry **Personal Edition**
 - Free resources
- ▶ Demonstrations

WHERE DO THE RECORDS COME FROM?

- ❖ Government facilities: all levels - U. S. & International
 - Archives
 - Dept. of Health
- ❖ Other types of archives/libraries
- ❖ Historical & Genealogical Societies
- ❖ Other institutions
- ❖ Churches
- ❖ Private collectors & individuals
- ❖ Partner with others: Familysearch.org
- ❖ Buy other companies: ex. Rootsweb, Find-A-Grave

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

- Must be used in library
- Message boards for queries
- Learning Center for Research guides
- Charts & Forms for organizing
- New Collections to see what's been added recently

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

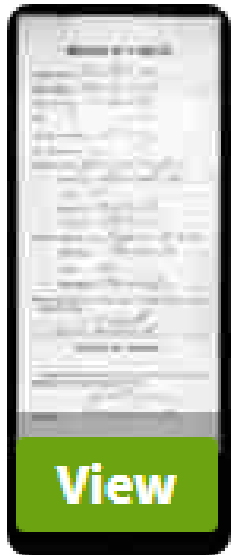
Some collections not available:

- ▶ Historical newspaper collection
- ▶ Freedman's bank records
- ▶ U. S. New England Marriages Prior to 1700
- ▶ Biography and genealogy master index
- ▶ Historic land ownership & reference atlases 1507-200

HOW THE SEARCH ENGINE WORKS

STRUCTURED SEARCH ENGINE

- FIELDS
- INDEXED ITEMS



Name: [Charlotte M Bartlett](#)

Gender: [Female](#)

Birth Date: [20 Nov 1899](#)

Birth Place: [Woolwich, Sagadahoc, Maine, USA](#)

Father: [James E Bartlett](#)

Mother: [Eugenia D Bartlett](#)

HOW THE SEARCH ENGINE WORKS

- SEARCHES FOR EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION YOU ENTER
- PILES IT ALL TOGETHER
- SORTS BY MOST RELEVANT ACCORDING TO WHICH RECORDS HAVE MOST MATCHING PIECES

CREDIT : ANNE GILLESPIE: *BECOME A MASTER RESEARCHER ON ANCESTRY*;
ROOTSTECH CONFERENCE 2016

CONTROL YOUR SEARCH

- ▶ 1. Enter information specific to record type you're searching (ex.: birth date to find birth records, not adding death date)
- ▶ 2. Exact (use carefully), similar, sounds like, initials

First & Middle Name(s)
William

Exact, sounds like, similar & initials

Exact and...
 Sounds like
 Similar
 Initials

About these settings

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First & Middle Name(s)
William

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CONTROL YOUR SEARCH

3. Use wildcards

- * For multiple characters
 - Example: Lussier – Lu*ier - Lucier
- ? For one character
 - Example: Smith - Sm?th?
– Smyth or Smythe

4. Use keywords

Useful for unindexed items and for lower ranking indexed fields

Examples:

- Occupation
- Street address

CONTROL YOUR SEARCH

► 5. Focus your search by record type

1860 United States Federal

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) **Last Name**

Year **Location**

Birth City, County, State, Country

Lived In City, County, State, Country

Any Event City, County, State, Country

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Occupation

Dwelling Number

Family Number

Real Estate Value

Personal Estate Value

Attended School

Gender

Search Clear search

1870 United States Federal

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) **Last Name**

Year **Location**

Birth City, County, State, Country

Lived In City, County, State, Country

Any Event City, County, State, Country

Add family member: Father Mother Spouse Child

	First & Middle Name(s)	Last Name
Father	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mother	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Spouse	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Occupation

Dwelling Number

Male Citizen Over 21

Cannot Read

Cannot Write

Personal Estate Value

Attended School

Gender **Race/Nationality**

Search Clear search

CONTROL YOUR SEARCH

6. Use card catalog

- ❖ Gets beyond “popular” collections – not all collections indexed
- ❖ See what’s available for specific topics
- ❖ Prevents wasting time looking for something that isn’t there
- ❖ Find hidden gems (Baseball, Sears Catalog, etc.)

ANCESTRY PERSONAL EDITION

Membership options

- ▶ Free account
- ▶ Subscriptions – 3 levels
 - U. S.
 - World
 - Ancestry + Fold3 + Newspaper.com

ANCESTRY PERSONAL EDITION

- Support Center
- Community
- Message Boards
- Hire an Expert
- iOS & Android Apps
- Photo Books & Posters
- ProGenealogists
- Ancestry Academy
- Gift Subscriptions

- CAN ACCESS ANYWHERE
- TREES – ACCESS AND MANAGE YOUR TREES
- DNA – IF YOU’VE BOUGHT, OR ARE MANAGING, A KIT
- HEALTH – PAID PRODUCT
- HELP - SEE DROP-DOWN LIST
- EXTRAS – SEE DROP-DOWN LIST, PLUS: ANCESTRY LAB, HERITAGE TRAVEL

ANCESTRY PERSONAL EDITION

ENGAGE & INTERACT

- ▶ Create family trees
- ▶ Collaborate through message boards and forums

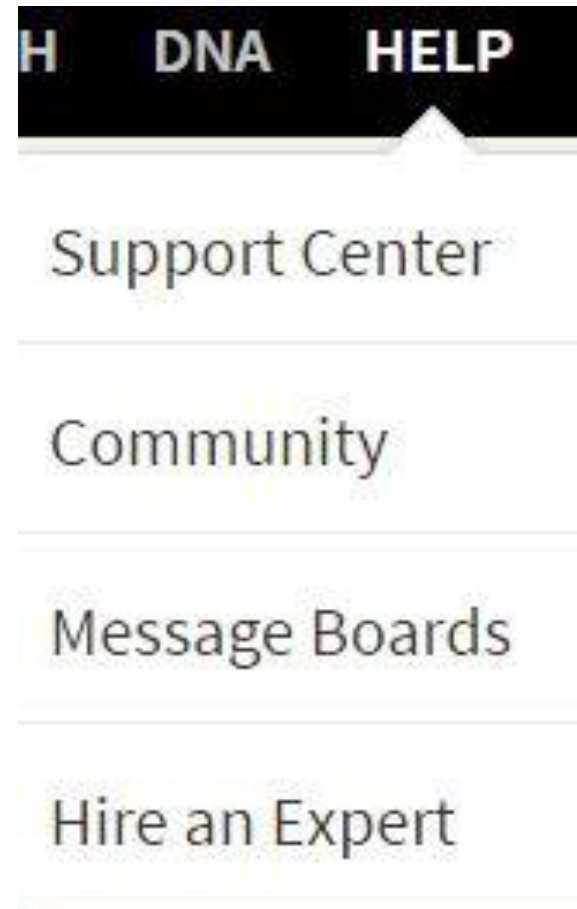
FREE RESOURCES:

- ▶ Free collections
- ▶ Ancestry academy
- ▶ Tutorials on youtube

ANCESTRY PERSONAL EDITION

HELP TAB  Support Center

- Articles
- Research guides
- Other resources



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EXTRA SEARCH OPTIONS:

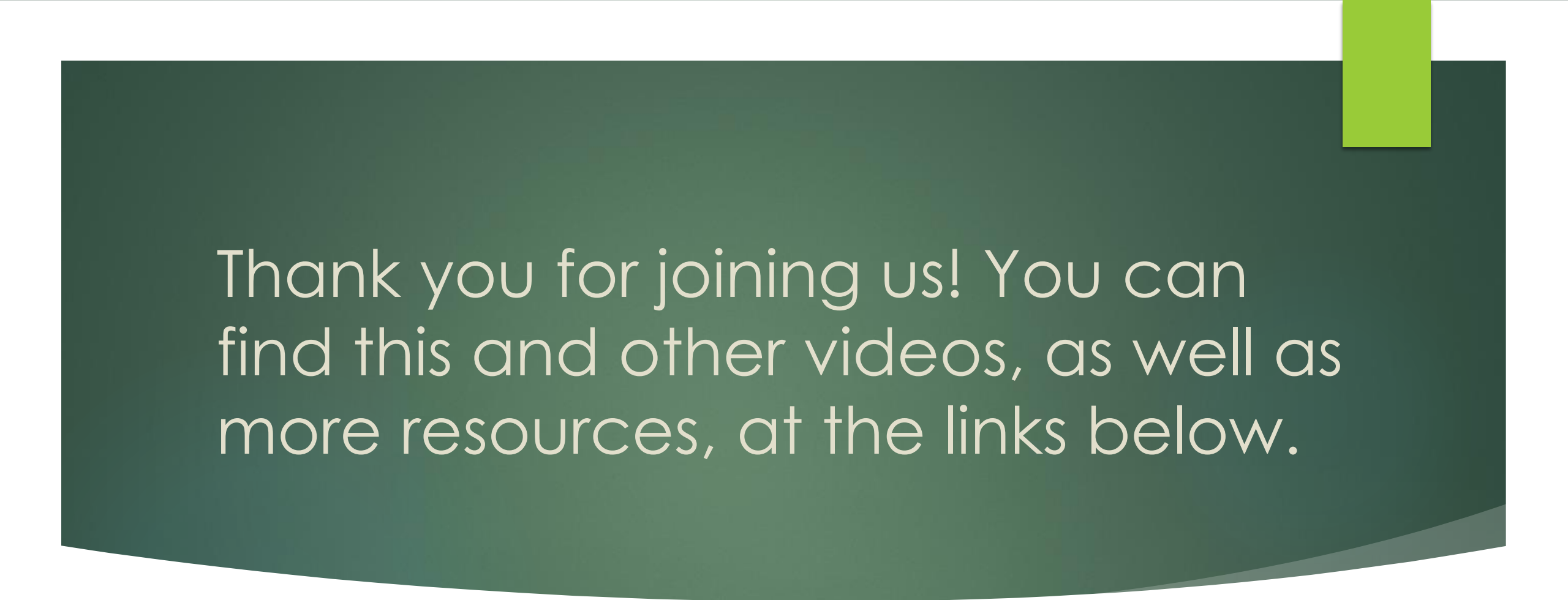
- Use map
- Search from ancestor profile

Search by Location

UK & IRELAND EUROPE CANADA AUSTRALIA & NZ

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Additions
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Florida	Louisiana	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Vermont
Georgia	Maine	Nevada	Oregon	Vermont
Hawaii	Maryland	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania	West Virginia
Idaho	Massachusetts	Hampshire	Rhode Island	West Virginia
Illinois	Michigan	New Jersey	South Carolina	Vermont
Indiana	Minnesota	New Jersey	Carolina	West Virginia
Iowa	Mississippi	New Mexico	South Dakota	West Virginia
Kansas	Missouri	New York	Tennessee	Utah



Thank you for joining us! You can find this and other videos, as well as more resources, at the links below.

History Room Live: <https://www.patten.lib.me.us/history-room/history-room-live/>

Online Genealogy Resources: <https://www.patten.lib.me.us/history-room/collections-resources/genealogy-resources/>