Effectively Using Ancestry.com



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THE COMPUTER LAB









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Genealogy Computer Lab

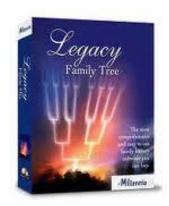


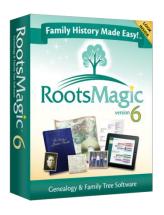
The Orchard Creek Computer Lab is accessible to Genealogy Club members whenever the Lab is not reserved by another club or is being used for classes. If the Computer Lab is locked, you can ask the help desk for the key to the Lab. Please sign in. You will not be able to permanently store files on the Computer Lab hard drives. If you create data you wish to retain while using the Computer Lab workstations, you can either email the data to yourself or you can save it to your USB flash drive.

Family History Programs Available

Family Tree Maker 2014, Legacy Family Tree 8.0, and RootsMagic 7.0 are available on each of the Computer Lab's twelve workstations.







Genealogy Subscription Databases

The following subscription databases are available for Genealogy Club members using the Computer Lab workstations: More genealogy databases will become available as funding becomes available.

- A. Ancestry (World Edition)
- B. Fold3
- C. Heritage Quest (requires a Roseville Library Card)
- D. Genealogy Bank
- E. HistoryGeo





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Free Genealogy Databases

Of course, all <u>free</u> genealogy databases available from the Internet are accessible from the Computer Lab workstations.







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Ancestry Announces 2015 Product and Content Lineup

Industry Leader Talks Innovation and New Collections At Annual RootsTech Conference

(PROVO, Utah) – February 11, 2015 – Ancestry, the world's leading family history service, is ushering in the next generation of family history, with the debut of an updated story centric website, groundbreaking advancements in AncestryDNA that will revolutionize how people discover their ancestors, and the anticipated addition of nearly 1 billion new records to the largest collection of historical records online in 2015.

"We're incredibly excited about all the amazing things we have in store for our members this year," said Tim Sullivan, CEO of Ancestry. "In 2015, we'll be launching some of the most innovative new features and services in our company's history. We think these

Features of Ancestry.com



- 9 million names added weekly
- 25,000 family stories added weekly
- 191 million uploaded photos
- Contains more then 12.7 billion records
- Access to records from USA, UK, Ireland, Canada and many more countries
- Updated daily with thousands of entries

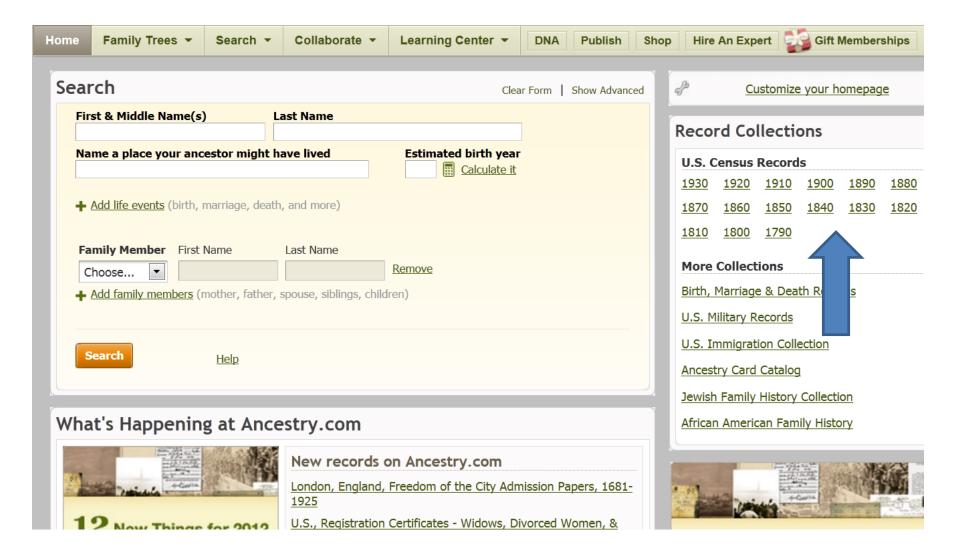
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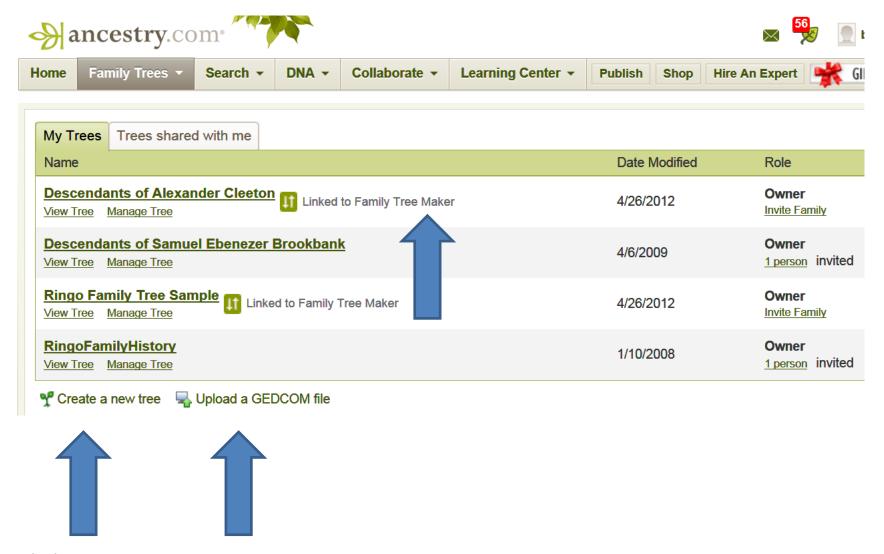
Create Ancestry.com Account



Ancestry.com's "Home"

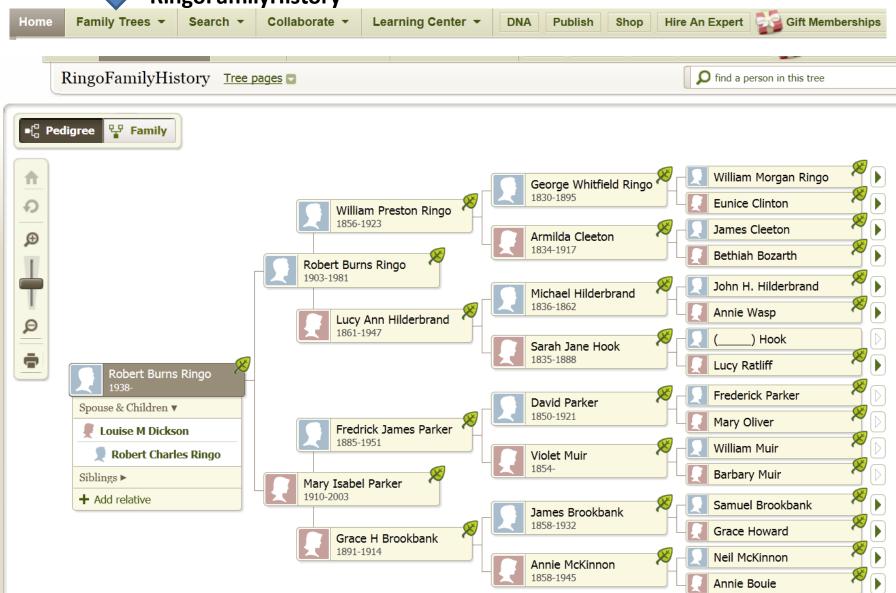


Ancestry.com's "Family Trees"



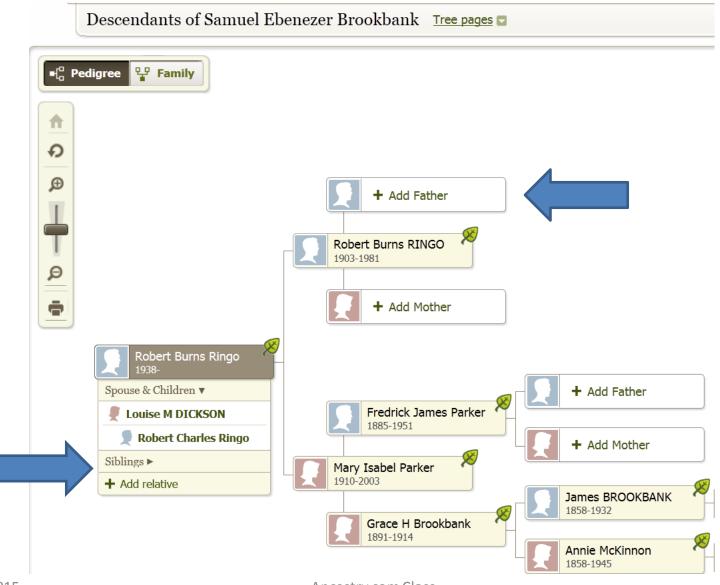


Family Trees

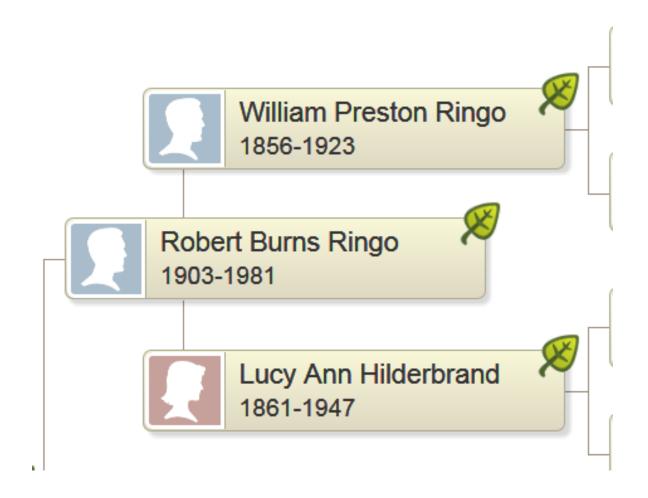


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Adding To A Family Tree



Wavy Leaves



Hints

	Ancestry	Hints for Robe	ert Burns Ringo (learn more about Ancestry Hints)	
Unreviewed Hints (5)	Ignored Hints (1)	Accepted Hints (3)		View all hir
■□ Ancestry Family Trees We found hints with potential matches from 9 Public Member Trees			Name: Robert Burns Ringo Birth: 10 Oct 1903 in Oklahoma, United States Death: 13 Apr 1981 in Bartlesville, Washington, Oklahoma, United States	Review Hint or ignore hint
Family Data Record Family Trees	Collection - B	<u>irths</u>	Name: Robert B Ringo Father: William Preston Ringo Mother: Lucy Ann Hilderbrand Birth: 5 October 1903 in Nowata, Cooweescoowee	Review Hint or <u>ignore hint</u>
1940 United States Federal Census Record Census & Voter Lists		l Census	Name: Robert B Ringo Spouse: Isabel Ringo Children: Robert Ringo Birth: abt 1905 in Oklahoma Residence: 1 Apr 1940 in Bartlesville,	Review Hint or ignore hint

Uploading Trees to Ancestry.com

- Uploading an existing tree file to Ancestry from a family tree software program that you're already using is easy. Ancestry directly supports the data files from the following software products:
 - Family Tree Maker
 - Personal Ancestral File
 - Legacy
 - GEDCOM & Images



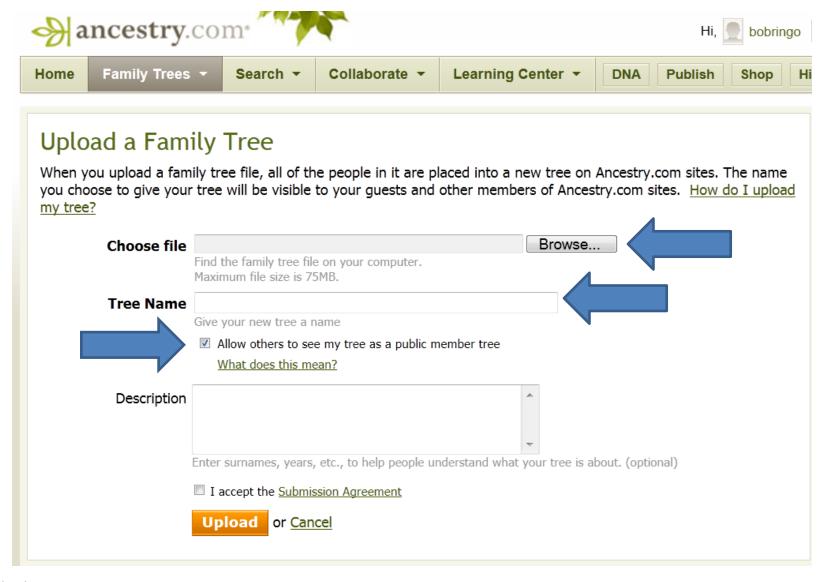








Uploading an Existing Tree



Downloading a Tree to Family Tree Maker



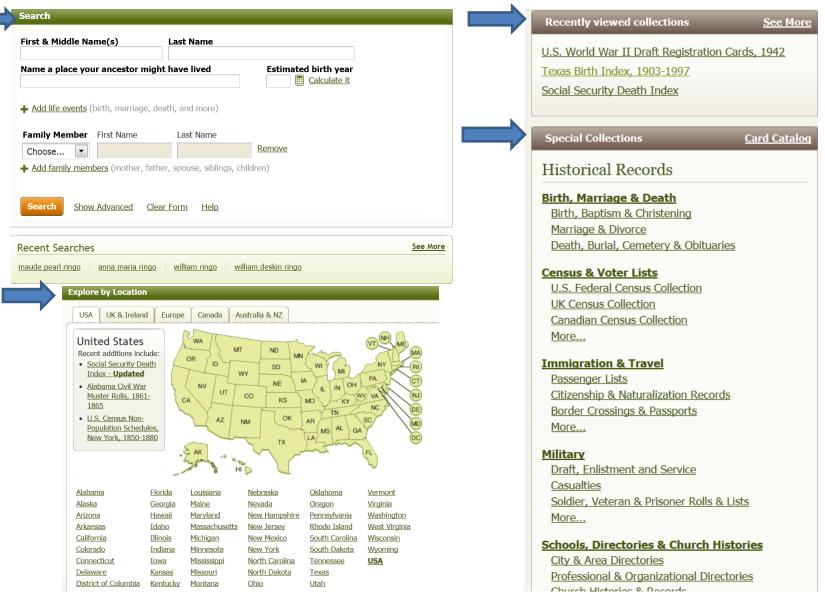
Family Tree Maker: TreeSync

 TreeSync is the latest innovative tool available in Family Tree Maker 2012, which gives you the ability to sync one Family Tree Maker tree with one online Ancestry tree.





Ancestry.com "Search"



Ancestry.com's Extensive Search Facilities







 Extensive Search Facilities in Ancestry.com allow you to narrow searches down through names, locations, dates, and record types so that only the most appropriate results are returned. Similarly, the search facility allows you to be vague in what information you search by so that even the slightest shred of information can set you on the road to finding your next 'lead'.

Ancestry.com's "New Search" Method

Hover your cursor over the Search tab at the top of most pages on Ancestry.com.



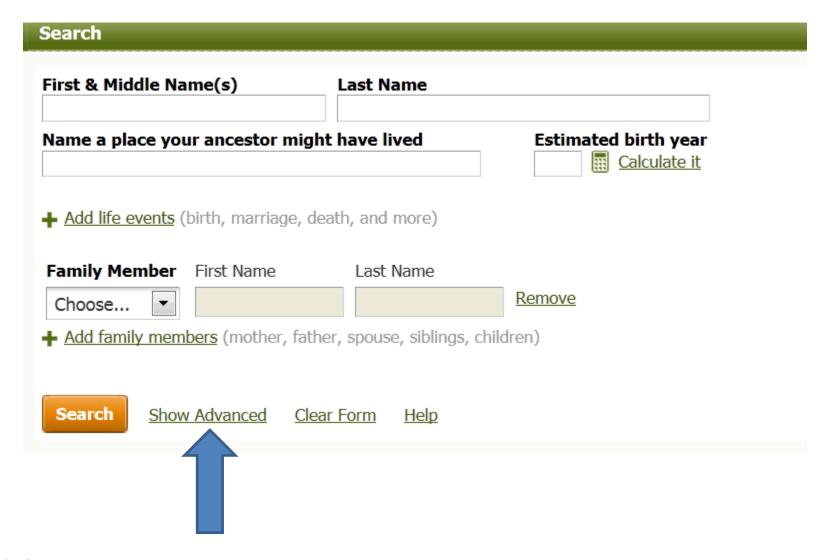


A drop down box will appear, and you can choose to search from the following options:

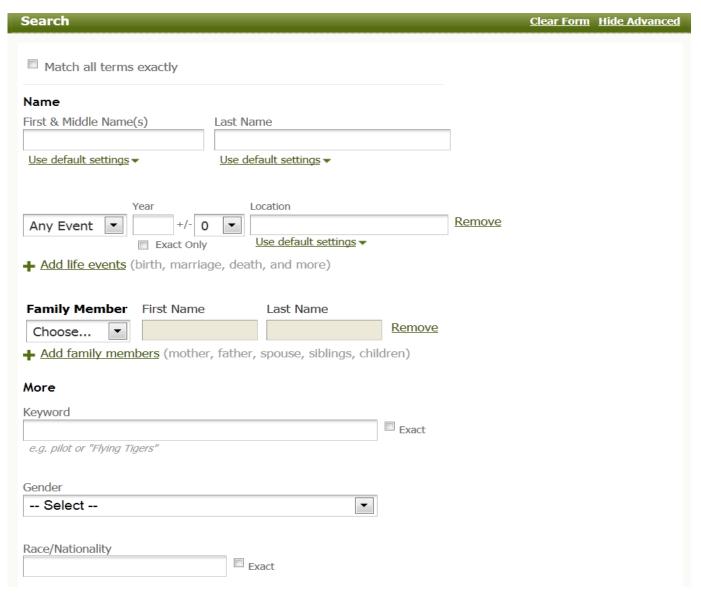
- **■**Search All Records
- **■**Census & Voter Lists
- **■**Birth, Marriage & Death
- **■**Public Member Trees
- **■**Military
- **■**Immigration & Emigration
- **■**Card Catalog

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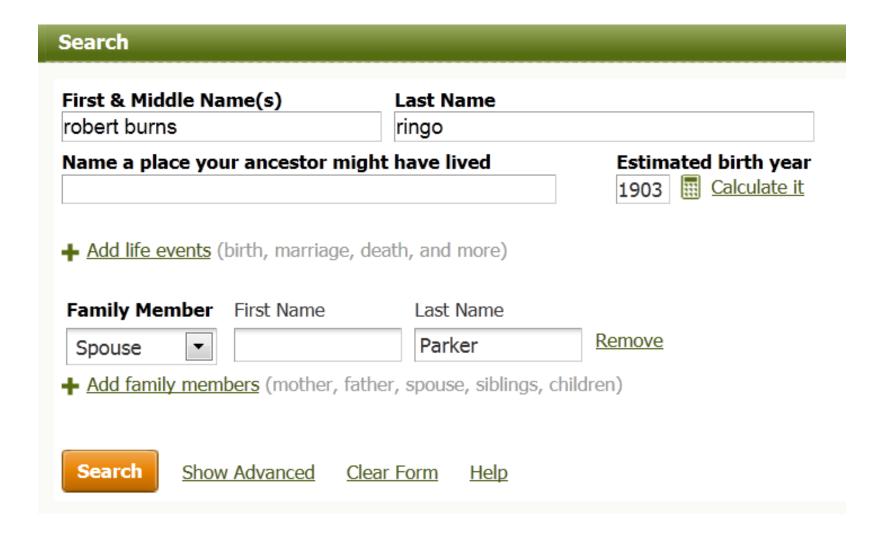
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Ancestry.com's New Search Method (3)

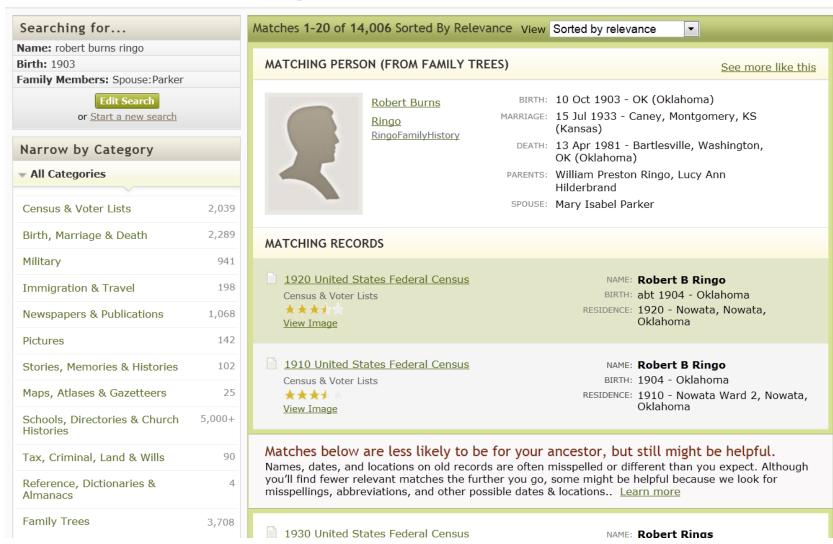


Sample Search



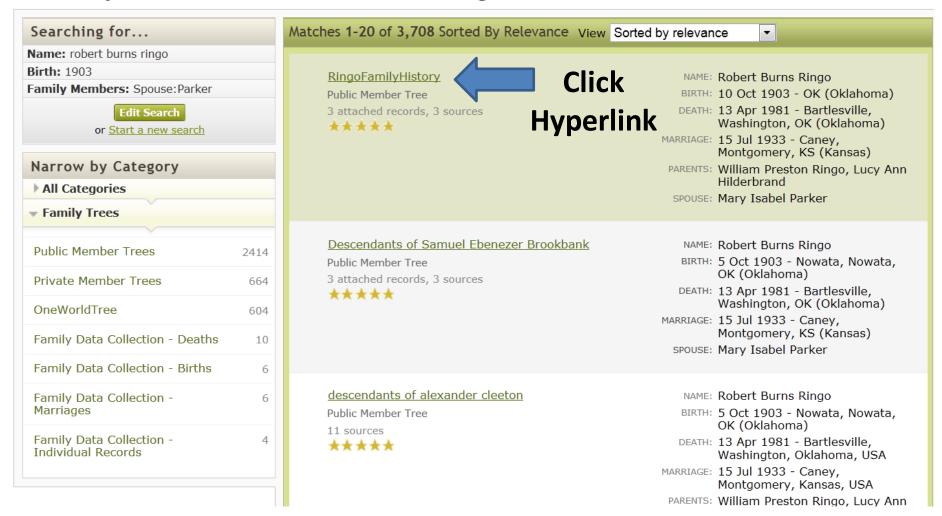
Sample Search Results

All results for Kobert Burns Kingo

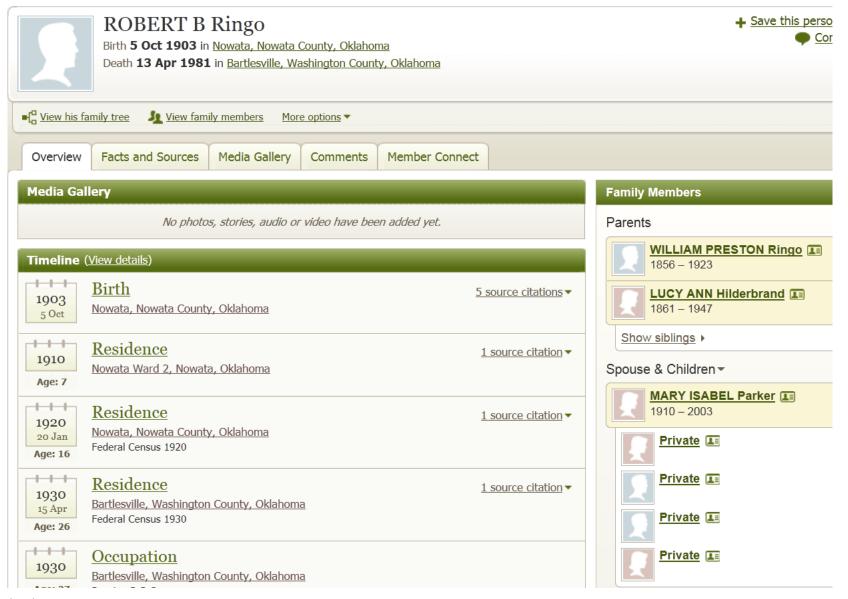


Sample Search Results (2)

All Family Trees results for Robert Burns Ringo



Sample Search Results (3)



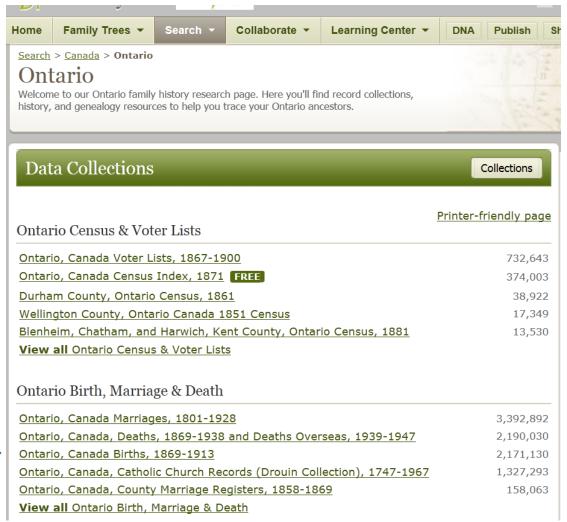
Search Canada



Choose Ontario

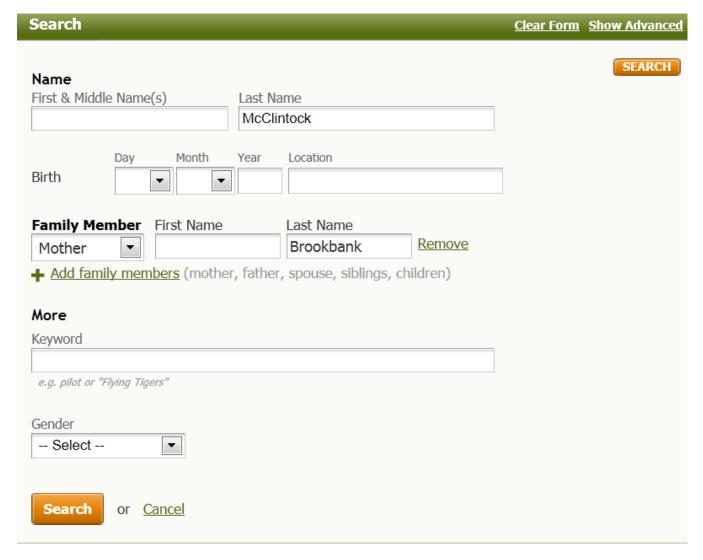


Choose Ontario Births





Search for Children of Alexander McClintock & Jane Brookbank



Children of Alexander McClintock & Jane Brookbank

View Record ★★	Wm Samuel Mcclintock	31 Dec 1878	Male	Peel	Alexander Mcclintock	Jane Brookbank
View Record	Frederick Dawson Mcclintock	7 Nov 1881	Male	Peel	Alexander Mcclintock	Jane Brookbank
<u>View</u> <u>Record</u> ★★	Herman Edmund Mcclintock	16 Nov 1883	Male	Peel	Alexander Mcclintock	Jane Brookbank
View Record ★★	Charles Albert Howard Mcclintock	8 Mar 1886	Male	Peel	Alexander Mcclintock	Jane Brookbank
<u>View</u> <u>Record</u> ★★	Grace Ann Olivine Mcclintock	15 Jul 1888	Female	Peel	Alexander Mcclintock	Jane Brookbank
<u>View</u> <u>Record</u> ★★	Harriet Jane Mcclintock	4 Sep 1895	Female	Peel	Alexander Mcclintock	Jane Brookbank

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Wild Cards and How They are Used

 Ancestry.com offers wild card searching capability as well when searching any online databases. Wild cards are special symbols that are used in searching to represent some number of unknown letters in a word. Ancestry uses both the asterisk (*) and the question mark (?).

Warning: Wild card searching is for ancestry.com only--not for Google searching.



Wild Card Examples

- A search for fran* will return hits on words like Fran, Franny,
 Frank, Frannie, or Frankie.
- A search for Johns?n will return both Johnsen and Johnson.
- The query Johann* will search for Johann and Johannes.
- A query for Smel*er will search for Smeltzer and Smelzer, among others.
- You can put a wild card first, such as *son or ?athew to catch all spellings and variations.
- Either the first or last character must be a non-wild card character. For example, Han* and *son are okay, but not *anso*.
- Names must contain at least three non-wild card characters.
 For example, Ha*n is okay, but not Ha*

Adjusting the Form of the Name You Enter

Sometimes less is more. Ancestry.com leaves names as they appeared on the original document.
 Sometimes that was only with a first initial. Try varying your search methods. For example, the name James Bruny may be in records by first name as Jim, Jas., Jimmy, and J, and by last name as Bruny, Bruney, and so forth. You will want to vary your searching methods to make sure you do not miss valuable records.

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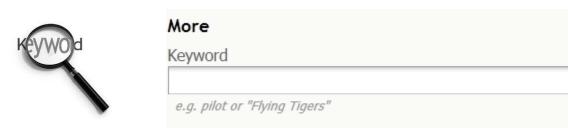
Selecting the Soundex Spelling Option

 An additional tool to take into account possible spelling variations or errors (whether recorded by the original record-takers or the indexers of original documents) is the Soundex. This filter is designed to display results for all names which have somewhat similar pronunciation. To take advantage of this feature, check the box next to "Exact matches only" and an option will appear to change the Spelling option on a search template from Exact to Soundex or on a few pages click on the box next to the word **Soundex** (depending on where on our site you are selecting the Soundex feature). SoundexOfFirstName **FirstName** W450 William

L500 B400 B400

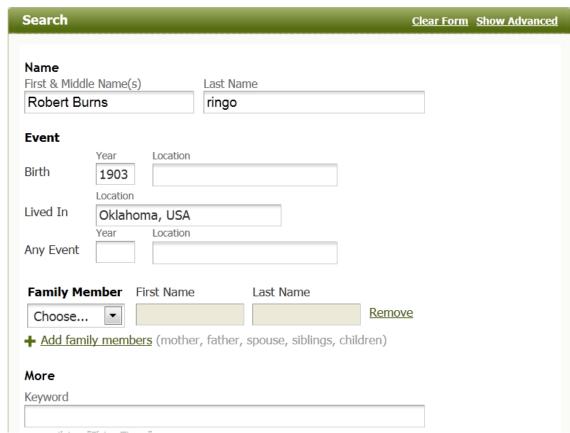
Searching with Keywords

 Often, more data is found in an original record than the number of fields provided by a search template would indicate. If you do have additional information, you can enter this data in the keyword field in order to refine your search results. Using the keyword field like this is especially helpful if your ancestor has a common name and you are getting more results than you can easily review.



Saving a Record to a Folder on My Computer





Search Results

All 1930 United States Federal Census results for Robert Burns Ringo

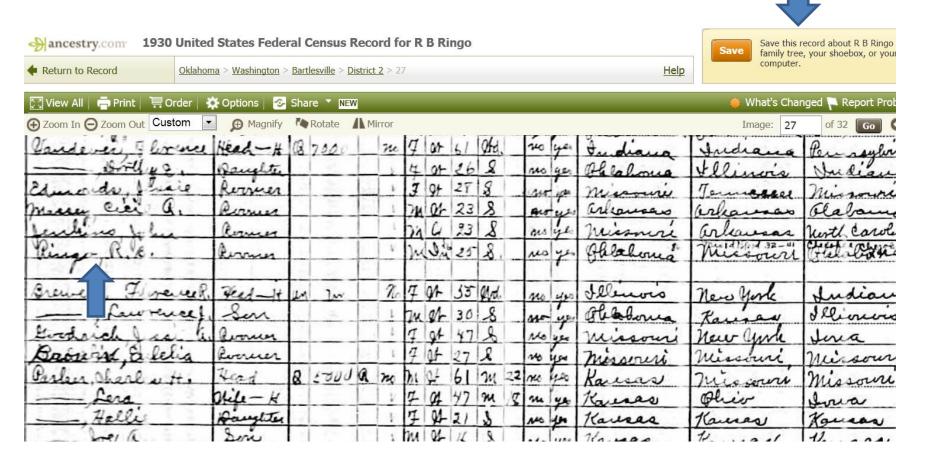


Click on VIEW RECORD

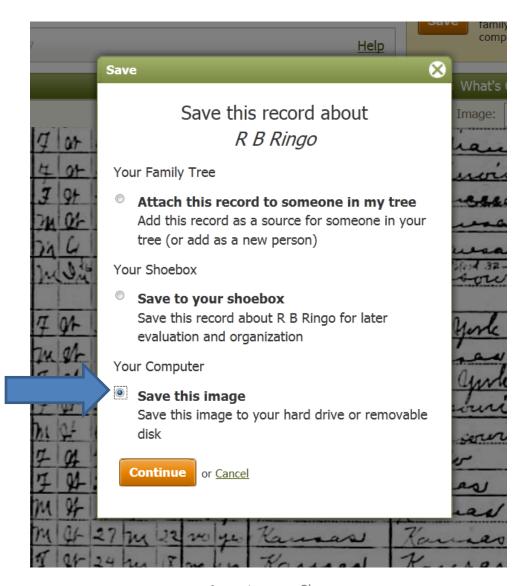
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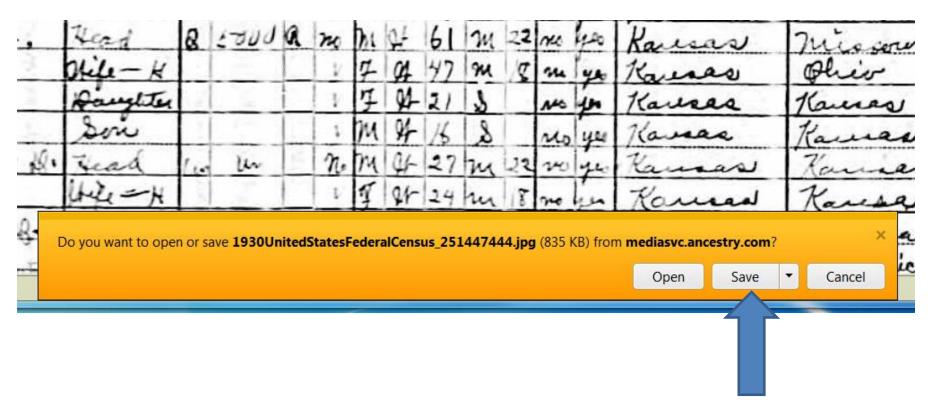
Actual Census Record



Saving Census Record



Saving the Census Record (2)

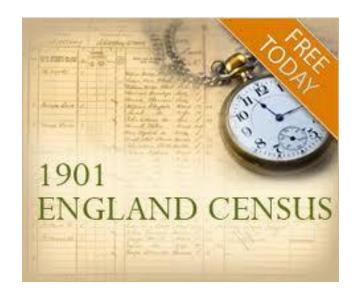


Choose Folder in Which to Save Census Image

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Free Ancestery.com Databases

 One of Ancestry.com's best kept secrets is that they have over 1,258 always-free databases. You may be asked to sign up for a free account, but the account is free, no strings attached.



Popular Free Ancestry.com Databases

- 1880 US Census
- 1881 UK Census
 - 1881 England Census
 - 1881 Wales Census
 - 1881 Channel Island Census
 - 1881 Isle of Man Census
- American Biographical Library
- Ancestry World Tree
- Free BMD
- Geographic Reference Library





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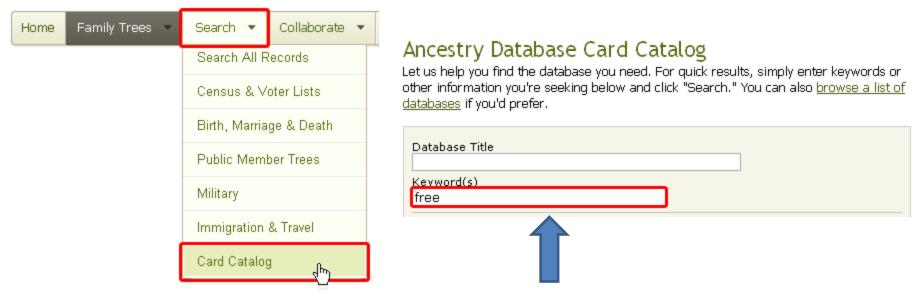
- US Census Mortality Schedules
- US Naturalization Record Indeces, 1791-1992
- WW I Civilian Draft Registrations
- Ontario Canada 1871 Census Index
- Family Trees

Your Own Family Tree Online



Finding Free Ancestry. Com Databases

- Log into your ancestry.com account.
- Hover your cursor over the SEARCH tab.
- Select CARD CATALOG from the dropdown menu.
- Type "FREE" in Keywords search box.



Ancestry.com's "Learning Center"



Learn how to find your ancestors in historical records.

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Each genealogist is an expert in his or her own area and is invited to share his/her expertise. If this means correcting some outdated information from Ancestry.com's printed sources, that's great. If it means writing a brand new article about a topic not yet covered, even better.

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