

Ancestry Library Edition - - top toolbar
number 1 on Ancestry Library Edition home page schematic

Home - - Use this tab to go back to the Ancestry home page from any screen

Search - - Use this tab to search various categories, including “all,” [which I don’t recommend!], census & voter records, birth/marriage/death records, military records, immigration & travel records, and the card catalog. I recommend using the birth/marriage/death link in the top toolbar to initiate a search.

Message boards - - Use this tab to access various message boards. Researchers can choose to look for topics alphabetically, by locality or by clicking on various topics listed on the second screen, such as cemeteries, genealogy software, medieval history, slave trade. Be sure to click on the “more topics categories” link at the bottom of the page.

Learning center - - Use this tab to link to research help in broad categories, such as what’s new, first steps, next steps, and the Ancestry social network. Click on the dark green tab in the middle of this screen to explore research guides for many categories, and also the dark green tab for translation help. The Ancestry wiki link will allow access to two important reference books: The Source and the Red Book, as well as discussions on various research topics. See separate schematic for the learning center page.

Charts and forms - - Use this tab to access six useful forms: ancestry (or pedigree) chart, family group record, research extract form, research calendar, correspondence log, and source summary form. Brief descriptions explain the purpose of each form. The forms can be downloaded and printed or saved to a thumb drive.

New collections - - Use this tab to access a long list of new and updated collections. Be sure to review the collections list on the left side of this screen. Researchers can filter by location, dates and languages.