



ACPL Genealogy Center
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Fast Facts:

- MyHeritage is one of 23 on-site databases available at the GenealogyCenter. View the listing of our on-site databases here:
<https://acpl.lib.in.us/explore-genealogy/our-resources>
- Founded in 2003 in Israel, more than 19 billion records from *all over the world* (48 countries!) and 816 million US public records
- More than 100 million gravestone photos
- More than 500 million historical photographs
- More than 100 million records added every month
- Many exclusive databases!

Strengths of MyHeritage and Special Collections:

- **Nordic records** - hundreds of millions of records related to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.
- **French records** - MyHeritage acquired French genealogy company, Filae several years ago, leading to access to millions of French records and family trees
- **Jewish records** - largest collection of Jewish family trees and the Jewish Chronicle historic newspaper
- **Censuses:** Canadian censuses: 1851-1916, English and Welsh censuses: 1841-1911, 1939 Register, Irish censuses: 1901-1911, Scottish census extracts: 1841-1861
- English and Welsh civil registration indexes: 1837-2005
- Church baptism, marriage and death indexes: England, Germany, Mexico and elsewhere
- **Family trees:** MyHeritage (2.9 billion profiles), FamilySearch Family Tree (915 million profiles), Geni World (276 million profiles) and others
- **Newspapers:** various publications from the US, Australia, France, etc.
- **Published sources:** family and local histories, city and county directories, high school and college yearbooks, etc.
- **Search algorithms** - different search algorithms may allow you to locate records on MyHeritage that you may not have otherwise located on sites, such as Ancestry or FamilySearch.
 - The search engine is designed to automatically handle “translations, synonyms and spelling variations of millions of names in multiple languages”
 - Its “Record Detective” technology recommends additional relevant records for each record discovered. This is designed to help users make discoveries more quickly.

- **Search Tips:**
 - **General Search Tips:**
 - Search regularly as new collections are frequently added and existing collections are often updated.
 - Start with a broad search first, then slowly refine your search to include more specific details such as given name, place, date, relationships, etc.
 - Read the blurbs about the particular record set that you are searching on MyHeritage. Also check out sample records that are provided. There may be information contained there that could
 - Use Wildcards to search for names with spelling variations.
 - “?” - replaces a single letter in a name. For example, Organi?ation searches for organization *or* organisation.
 - “*” - used for multiple character searching. For example, child* will receive child, children, childhood, childrens, etc.
 - **Searching collections in MyHeritage:** There are multiple ways to browse collections.
 - On the home page, utilize the clickable map to select a continent, then a country to view collections related to that country
 - On the home page, browse records by category on the right (maps, newspapers, census & voter lists, etc.)
 - Or, on the home page, under ‘Categories’, click ‘Browse Collection Catalog’. This will allow you to keyword search collections by title, sort the list of collections by name, number of records, or when they were last updated.
 - **Newspapers:**
 - Using MyHeritage, you can gain access to United States, Australian, French, Netherlands and Canadian newspapers! Contains images and index
 - Newspaper index was created using OCR (optical character recognition)...the quality of the indexed information depends on the quality of the newspaper that was scanned...experiment with searches...if the newspaper page was poor quality OCR might mistake certain letters for others that look similar. You might try to adjust your search terms to reflect what OCR thinks it's seeing. Common substitutes to try include y & g, b & h, c & e, t & f, l & 1, and s & 8.
 - Hyphenation was also more common in historic newspapers. You might try searching for parts of names or keywords to account for where they might have been hyphenated.
 - New newspapers are constantly being added, so check back regularly.