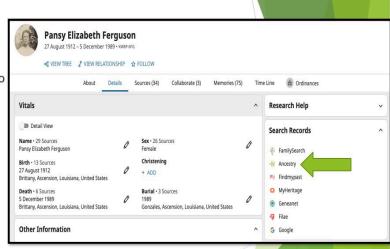
Tips for Researching on Ancestry

Accessing Ancestry.com

- ▶ Without a membership, you can access the databases on Ancestry from a public library or a FamilySearch Center
- Without a membership, you can research, but NOT build a tree on the site
- With a membership, you can research and build your own tree
- Your tree on Ancestry can be public or private
 - Public allows you to interact with others with similar research interests
 - Private allows you to research without others seeing your research/tree
 - ▶ This option is found in your tree settings
- Church of Jesus Christ members can have a free account on Ancestry because of a partnership between Ancestry and FamilySearch. To set this up, go to: www.familysearch.org/partneraccess

Starting a Search from a Person Page in FamilySearch

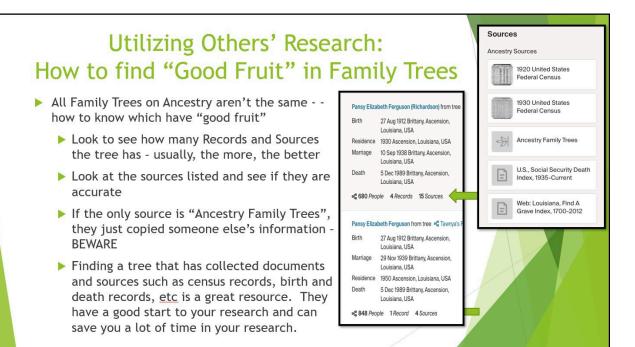
- From a person's page, you can go to the Search Records <u>Tool Box</u> on the <u>right hand</u> side
- · Click on Ancestry
- This will open up Ancestry in another tab and prefill the search fields for you



Narrowing Down Your Search on Ancestry

- After filling in search fields, you can narrow down your results to specific categories
- What are you looking for:
 - Family members try Census Records
 - Photos Try Pictures
 - Army service Try Military Records
 - Father's Name Try Birth Records
 - Spouse Try Marriage Records
- Filter by Location and Year

> Census & voter lists > Birth, marriage & death > Immigration & emigration > Newspapers & periodicals > Pictures > Stories, memories & histories > Directories & member lists > Court, land, wills & financial > Dictionaries, encyclopedias & reference > Family trees Record location > North America > Europe > Oceania > Asia > Africa > South America Record date > 1500 > 1800 > 1900 > 2000



A hidden gem for finding parents and birth information for someone

- Social Security Applications are a treasure when searching for a person's parent information and birth information.
- Social Security began in August 1935; anyone who passed away before then, would not have a social security record
- ▶ Groups such as public servants police, fireman, teachers as well as farmers, do not participate in Social Security...they have different retirement savings plans so if those were their only careers, they most likely will not have social security records
- ▶ The record collection dates from 1935-2014
- From the Ancestry main page click:
 - Search > Card Catalog > Keyword "social security" > US, Social Security Applications and Claims Index > Fill in Vital info and Search
- Social Security applications are most often filled out by the person or a parent, therefore, the information is usually complete and accurate so a trusted source