

Ancestry.com (mostly from Wikipedia)

Summary

Ancestry.com is a privately held Internet company based in Lehi, Utah, United States. Founded in 1983, it is the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world. Ancestry.com operates a network of genealogical and historical record websites focused on the United States and nine foreign countries, helps provide genealogical software, and offers a wide array of genealogical related services. As of June 2014, the company provided access to approximately 16 billion historical records and had over 2 million paying subscribers. Users have generated more than 70 million family trees and subscribers have added more than 200 million photographs, scanned documents, and written stories.

Ancestry's brands include Ancestry, AncestryDNA, AncestryHealth, AncestryProGenealogists, Archives.com, Family Tree Maker, Find a Grave, Fold3.com, Newspapers.com, and Rootsweb.com.

Through its subsidiaries, Ancestry.com operates foreign sites providing access to services and records specific to other countries in the languages of those countries. These include Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Brazil, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and several other countries in Europe and Asia (covered by Ancestry Information Operations Company).

Products and Services

Ancestry.com is a subscription-based genealogy research website and DNA product with over 16 billion records online. The majority of records are from the United States, though records are being added for other countries, such as Canada, the UK, and other European countries. Some records are free for anyone to access, but the majority are accessible only by paid subscription. Currently, the annual subscription cost for access to Ancestry.com's main databases was \$99. Access to all databases costs \$199 a year.

Ancestry.com has indexed and scanned all of the United States Federal Census records from 1790 through 1940. As a basic subscriber you can access these records online.

AncestryDNA is a subsidiary of Ancestry.com that offers autosomal DNA testing of men and women to identify their ethnic roots and relatives. There are over 1 million DNA samples in the database. The test costs \$99 but sometimes is available for \$79.

FindAGrave.com was acquired by Ancestry.com in 2013 and provides burial information.

Fold3.com is a subscription-based website specializing in historical military records primarily from the United States. It also has a large collection of documents dealing with the United States, city directories, and newspapers. Some record sets are free but the majority are accessible only by paid subscription.

Newspapers.com is a subscription-based website launched in November 2012, which provides access to historical newspapers, mostly from the United States, for genealogical and historical research.

Ancestry Academy is a website that offers high-quality video instruction from family history and genealogy experts. Launched in April 2015, it covers a wide range of topics of interest in family history research, including Native American ancestry, online US census research, and DNA testing. New courses are added monthly.

RootsWeb.com was acquired by Ancestry in June 2000. RootsWeb is a free genealogy community that uses online forums, mailing lists, and other resources to help people research their family history. It is the oldest free online community genealogy research site. Users can upload GEDCOM files of their information for others to search at the WorldConnect portion of the site. Trees uploaded to WorldConnect are searchable at both the RootsWeb and Ancestry websites. RootsWeb provides resources (such as webspace, mailing list, message boards) for the WorldGenWeb project.

AncestryProGenealogists is the official Ancestry research firm. Its professional genealogists perform private research for individual clients, as well as for various TV shows and public relations efforts.

Family Tree Maker is a family history software product. It was developed by Ancestry to allow a researcher to keep track of information collected during research and to create reports, charts, and books containing that information. In 2015, Ancestry.com announced that it would discontinue Family Tree Maker, but in 2016, further announced that Software MacKiev, the company that had developed the Mac version of the software for more than six years, would acquire the Family Tree Maker brand, and take over the development and publishing of Mac and Windows editions.

Partnerships

Ancestry.com is partnered with FamilySearch.

Ancestry.com is partnered with ProQuest LLC. ProQuest distributes Ancestry Library Edition worldwide to public and academic libraries, K-12 schools, and other institutions.

Ancestry is partnered with Calico, a company focused on longevity research and therapeutics, in an effort to investigate human heredity of lifespan. Together, they evaluate anonymized data from millions of public family trees and a growing database of over one million genetic samples. AncestryDNA and Calico will work together to analyze and investigate the role of genetics and its influences in families experiencing unusual longevity using Ancestry's proprietary databases, tools and algorithms. Calico will then focus its efforts to develop and commercialize any potential therapeutics that emerge from the analysis.

Some useful links:

Ancestry Videos on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsc0AQkAh_2cQmxqwd6VWRw

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Ancestry Member Family Trees

Public Member Family Trees: This database contains family trees submitted to Ancestry by users who have indicated that their tree can be viewed by all Ancestry subscribers. These trees can change over time as users edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data in their trees. You can contact the owner of the tree to get more information.

Note: These trees are voluntarily submitted by Ancestry users like you. We take all tree data "as is" and cannot guarantee the completeness, accuracy, or timeliness of the information contained in this database. We regret we cannot assist you in your personal research or prevent duplication of data. Our goal is to provide this user-contributed data to aid you in finding and/or correcting your family information.

In this collection you'll find information from Ancestry members' public family trees. If you find a tree associated with your family you can contact the owner through Member Connect.

Most of these records are in the English language but there are also records in these languages: German, French, Italian, Swedish and Chinese (Simplified)

For best results, you should first search using English words and location spellings. If you do not find what you are looking for, try using one of these languages: German, French, Italian, Swedish and Chinese (Simplified).

Private Member Family Trees: This database contains family trees submitted to Ancestry by users who have indicated that their tree can only be viewed by Ancestry members to whom they have granted permission to see their tree. These trees can change over time as users edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data in their trees. If you would like to view one of these trees in its entirety, you can contact the owner of the tree to request permission to see the tree.

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