



Making the Most of Ancestry.Com to Research Your Family's History

Class 1—Introduction to Ancestry.com

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SEARCH CENSUS



Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1940, including name indexes.

SEARCH VITALS



When did those significant life changing events happen in your ancestors life? Search our Vital Records to find out.

SEARCH MILITARY



Did your ancestors serve in the Military? Our collection of military records holds the answers.

SEARCH IMMIGRATION



When did your ancestors arrive in the U.S.? And how did they get here? Search our passenger lists and other immigration records to learn



Syllabus for the class—distributed via MSC email; PowerPoint slides available by request:
ask me at joberly@uwec.edu

	Class # 1—Nov 10	Class # 2—Nov 17	Class # 3—Dec 1	Class # 4—Dec 8	Class # 5—Dec 15
Lecture/ Discussion topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the instructor;• a short history of Ancestry.com;• the Ancestry home page: the menu bar;• the Ancestry search box;• the US Census of Population—a short history.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancestry.com, and the manuscript census, 1790-1940• the census questionnaires; what questions did Congress want asked each decade?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vital Records—(birth, death, marriage, divorce registers)—a short history;• Ancestry and vital records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Military Records—(enlistment & muster rolls; pension rolls)—a short history;• Immigration Records—a short history	Workshop—presenting your findings (entirely voluntary, for those who wish to share)
Homework		Visit your local public library and try Ancestry.com Library Edition. Download and bring to class	Download and bring to class Census-searching worksheet	Download and bring to class Vital Records-searching worksheet	



About the instructor—Jim Oberly

- Education: Columbia University (B.A.) and University of Rochester (M.A. and Ph.D.)
- History teacher & archivist (SUNY-Ulster County 1979-81; College of William & Mary 1981-83; Univ of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 1983-retired 2019)
- Washington County, Maine seasonal resident; related by marriage to a family that came from Hingham, Mass in the 1780s to East Machias and then onto Dennysville; active in Sunrise Senior College as an instructor, student, Zoom host, and board member
- Author of a 1990 book on War of 1812 pension and bounty land warrants (<https://www.amazon.com/Sixty-Million-Acres-American-Veterans>)
- Author of a 2005 book using Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal censuses (<https://www.amazon.com/Nation-Statesmen-Political-Stockbridge-Munsee>)
- Co-author of a 2017 book on immigration from Austria-Hungary to the US (<https://www.amazon.com/Multiethnic-Empire-Nation-Nations-Austro-Hungarian/>)



About the instructor—Jim Oberly (continued)

- Author of a 2017 article on using Ancestry to search a Hungarian marriage (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5325/jaustamerhist.1.1.0069>)
- Author of "Voter Eligibility, Voter Turnout, Partisan Voters, and the 'Big Sort' in 1870 Maine," accepted for publication in the journal **Maine History** and will appear in 2023. The article is based on work done by Jim and his students in a 2021 Sunrise Senior College course.
- Editor of ***Budapest Blackout: A Holocaust Diary***, forthcoming University of Wisconsin Press, 2023. This project involves annotating and publishing the wartime diaries of Dr. Maria Madi, a Hungarian physician who protected a Jewish family during the Nazi occupation of Hungary, 1944-45.
- Former visiting fellow, 2010-2012, Minnesota Population Center, U of Minnesota-Twin Cities (home of **IPUMS**: Integrated Public Use Microdata Samples)

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Ancestry.com and IPUMS— a partnership

“Record linkage” is how IPUMS and Ancestry.com connect individuals across different censuses, for example, how somebody named “John Smith” in the 1880 census is likely the same “John Smith” in the 1900 census.

Minnesota Population Center data scientists wrote the first computer programs (“machine learning” aka artificial intelligence/AI) to make predictions about record linkages

Ancestry.com uses “AI” procedures to make “record linkage” across censuses.

IPUMS provides census and survey data from around the world integrated across time and space. IPUMS integration and documentation conduct comparative research, merge information across data types, and analyze individuals within family and community contexts. IPUMS is free of charge.



U.S. Census and American Community Survey microdata from 1850 to the present. [Learn More](#)

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Current Population Survey microdata including basic monthly surveys and supplements from 1962 to the present. [Learn More](#)

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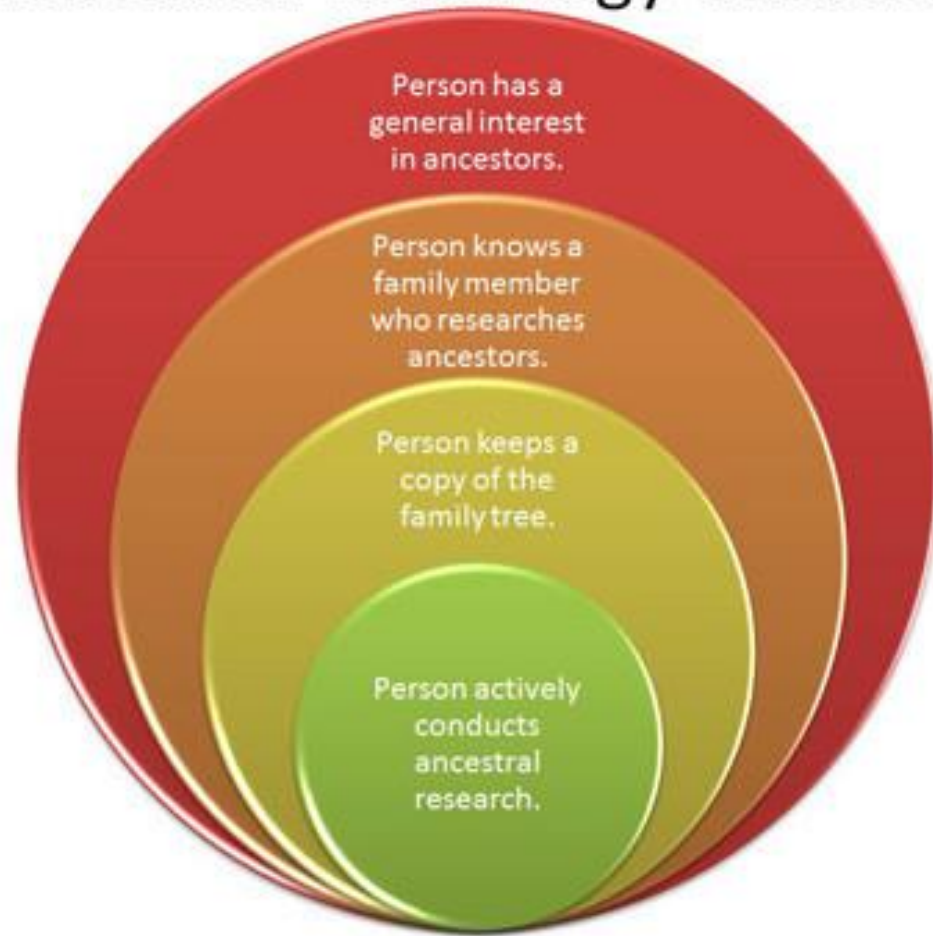


Tabular U.S. Census data and GIS boundary files from 1790 to the present. [Learn More](#)



Tabular and GIS data from population, housing, and agricultural censuses around the world. [Learn More](#)

Levels of Genealogy Interest



GenealogyInTime Magazine www.genealogyintime.com

For Midcoast Senior College participants:

If you are not already in the 'green circle' in the image to the left, I encourage you to become someone who "actively conducts ancestral research"

Genealogy today:

--no longer restricted to *Burke's Peerage* or to "heritage" societies such as the Mayflower Society, never mind the "Daughters of the Confederacy"

--Alex Haley's 1976 **Roots** credited with kicking off a profound interest in genealogy among all people, especially Black Americans.

--with at-home access to Ancestry.com, it has never been easier to start researching your family

Question for SSC participants: which circle do you find yourself in today?

Ancestry.com: a brief chronology

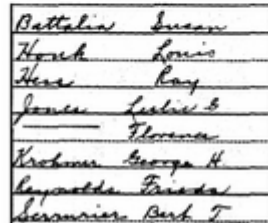
1983

Ancestry Publishing is founded, publishing over 40 family history magazine titles and genealogy reference books.



2000

Ancestry launches the first census images, and completes the 1930 census in 2003.



2012

Ancestry hits the two million subscriber mark and is the first site to offer 134 million searchable images of the 1940 U.S. census.

2012

New autosomal AncestryDNA is launched, testing the human genome at 700,000 markers to offer users insight into their ethnicity.

2020

Ancestry reaches over 3.5 million subscribers and 27 billion records.

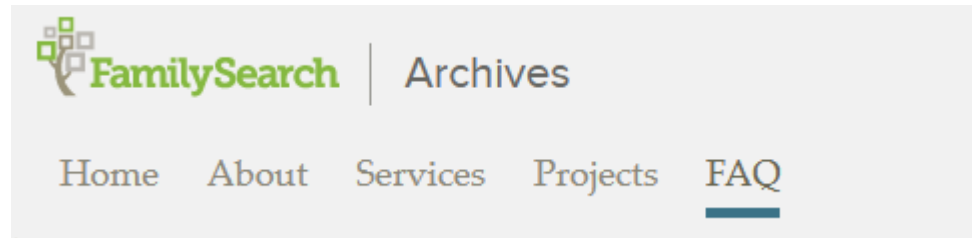
2013

Ancestry announces an exclusive agreement with FamilySearch to digitize one billion records from its mountain vault.

2020—Ancestry.com sold to private equity firm “Blackrock” for \$4.7 billion

“Family Search” and the LDS

(note: Family Search not the same as Ancestry.com)



▼ Why are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints interested in family history?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints emphasizes the importance of the family and the value of learning about their heritage. In addition, the Church teaches that family bonds, the most sacred of all human relationships, can last eternally. Church members believe that through religious rites performed in holy temples, husbands and wives, parents, and children can receive the promise that they can be united forever—even after death. This is all made possible because of the Atonement of Jesus Christ. They believe that temple blessings are available to those that have died as well as those who are now living. Thus, members of the Church feel strongly motivated to seek information about their deceased ancestors and participate in temple rites in their behalf. They believe that those who are dead retain their identity and free will and therefore can either accept or reject the rites performed for them.

The Maine State Library's "Digital Maine Library":
During the pandemic, or at least through 2021, the Maine State Library offered free access to Ancestry.com for those connecting from a Maine geo-location

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Maine State Library NOW OPEN at a Temporary Location


For more details regarding library hours and services, [click here](#).

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Borrowing and Reader Services

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- [MSL Catalog](#) - Find a library book or resource
- [Renew Maine State Library books](#) and other materials borrowed
- [Subscribe to NextReads](#) - an e-newsletter readers' advisory service. This service is the perfect way for our readers to find a books to read. Newsletters are available for over 22 popular fiction and nonfiction topics

Research & Reference

- [Ask a reference librarian](#) for a subject or information request
- [Book-a-Librarian](#) for a free session with a reference librarian
- [Obituary Search](#) for certain Maine newspapers: Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Waterville and Bangor (small fee)
- [Digitalmainelibrary](#) : Maine's virtual library of online reference resources, journals and other materials available for use both in libraries, schools, and homes.



Fast access to [Librarians' Online Service](#)

2022 reality...Ancestry.com ended its free access via the Maine State Library. Access now through public libraries across Maine and UMS campuses

Accessing Ancestry Library at Public Libraries

[Ancestry Library Edition](#) **[Use is ONLY from within a public library]** is a history and genealogy resource that includes more than 7,000 databases with billions of historical records on individuals, families, and places. Sources include censuses, vital records (birth, death, marriage), immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, and maps.

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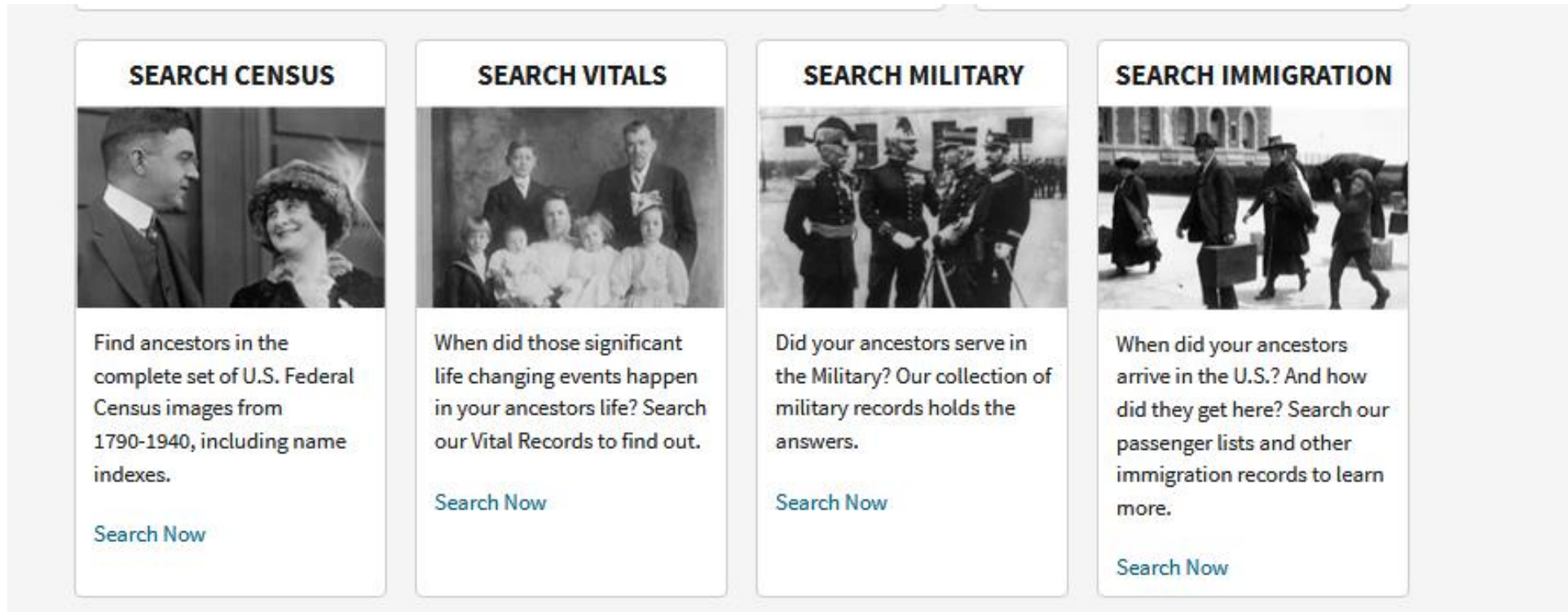
Maine Public Libraries Offer Access to Ancestry Library

Library Name	Library Town
Acton Public Library	Acton
Albion Public Library	Albion
Parsons Memorial Library	Alfred
Faye O'Leary Hafford Library	Allagash
Curtis Memorial Library	Brunswick
Lincoln Memorial Library - Dennysville	Dennysville
Topsham Public Library	Topsham

Ancestry.com Library Edition (not the same as an individual subscription to Ancestry.com, but close enough)

Features	Ancestry.com Library Edition	Ancestry.com individual subscription
Access to all databases in Ancestry.com	Yes	Yes
Access to fillable family tree pdfs	No	Yes
Making posts to the Message Center discussion boards	No (read-only access)	Yes
Access to subscriber's DNA tests	No	Yes
Cost	Free to Maine residents with a Maine State Library card	\$300 to \$600 per year, depending on add-ons such as newspapers.com to search obituaries

The Ancestry.com home page



Links to the big four documentary sources of what Ancestry.com calls “life events” such as births, deaths, places of residence, military service, border-crossings, etc.

Ancestry.com organizes the big four as: manuscript census, vital records, military records, immigration records

The Ancestry.com home page—what’s on the menu bar

A screenshot of the Ancestry.com website's menu bar. The bar is black with white text. On the left is the Ancestry logo, which consists of a green leaf-like icon followed by the word "ancestry" in white and "Library" in green. To the right of the logo are several menu items: "Home", "Search", "Message Boards", "Learning Center", "Charts and Forms", and "New Collections". The "Home" item is underlined with a green line.

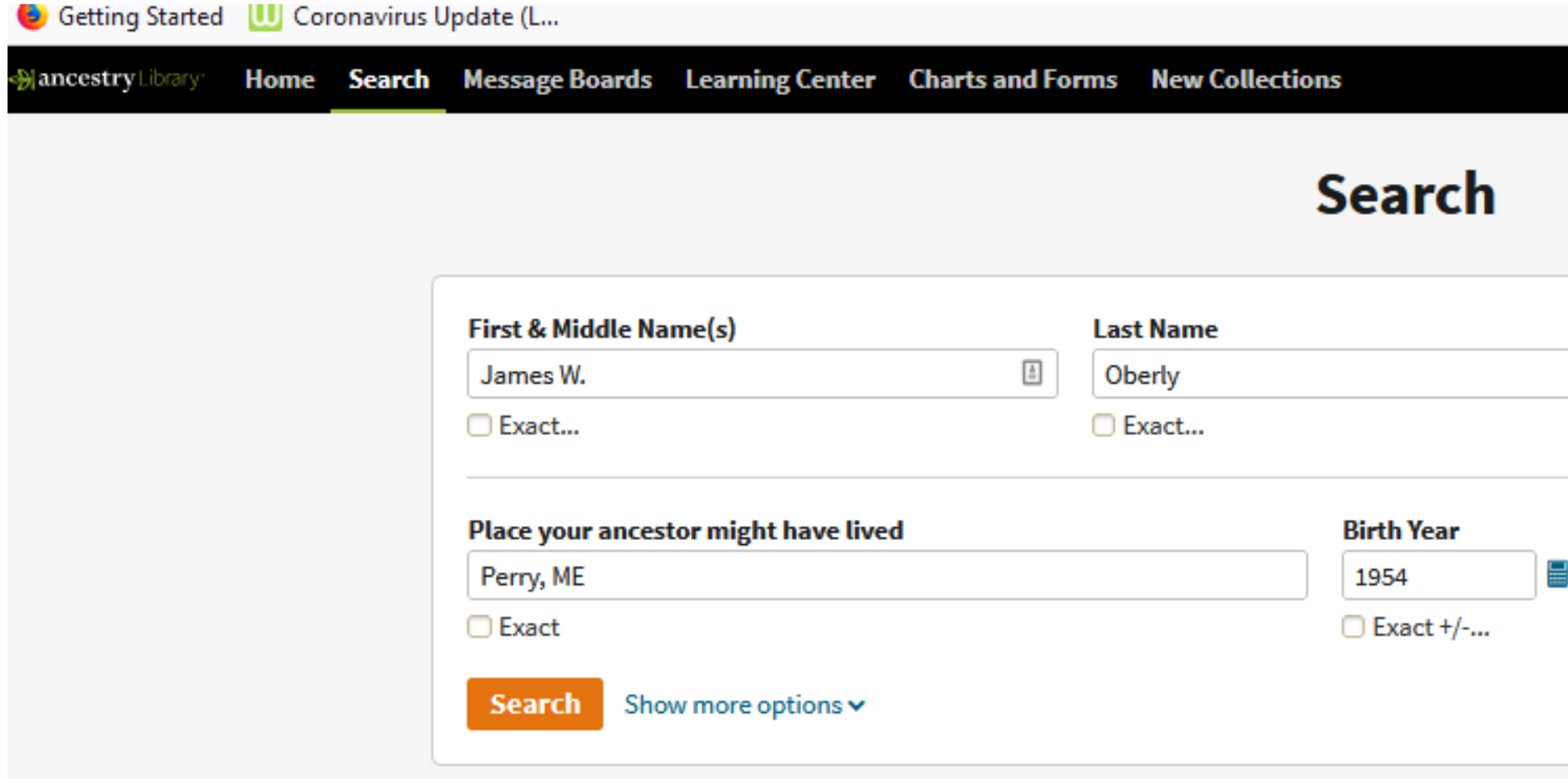
 [Home](#) [Search](#) [Message Boards](#) [Learning Center](#) [Charts and Forms](#) [New Collections](#)

Ancestry.com asks you to think in terms of “life events.” Life events are ones that typically, even automatically, resulted in the creation of a record of the event by either a government body or non-governmental organization. For example, all births are recorded by state law, and soon after a birth, local officials generate a birth certificate. Life events that Ancestry.com collects records on include:

Birth, marriage, school, residence, military service, migration and immigration, juridical proceedings, and death(*)

(*) despite the apparent contradiction in terms, Ancestry.com considers death and burial “life events”

The Ancestry Search Box



The screenshot shows the Ancestry website's search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Getting Started', 'Coronavirus Update (L...', 'ancestryLibrary', 'Home', 'Search', 'Message Boards', 'Learning Center', 'Charts and Forms', and 'New Collections'. The 'Search' link is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the word 'Search' is prominently displayed in a large, bold font. The main search area contains several input fields and checkboxes. The first row has 'First & Middle Name(s)' with the value 'James W.' and a small icon, and 'Last Name' with the value 'Oberly'. Below each of these is a checkbox labeled 'Exact...'. The second row has 'Place your ancestor might have lived' with the value 'Perry, ME' and a checkbox labeled 'Exact', and 'Birth Year' with the value '1954' and a checkbox labeled 'Exact +/-...'. At the bottom of the search area, there is an orange 'Search' button and a link 'Show more options' with a downward arrow.

Getting Started Coronavirus Update (L...

ancestryLibrary Home Search Message Boards Learning Center Charts and Forms New Collections

Search

First & Middle Name(s)
James W.
☐ Exact...

Last Name
Oberly
☐ Exact...

Place your ancestor might have lived
Perry, ME
☐ Exact

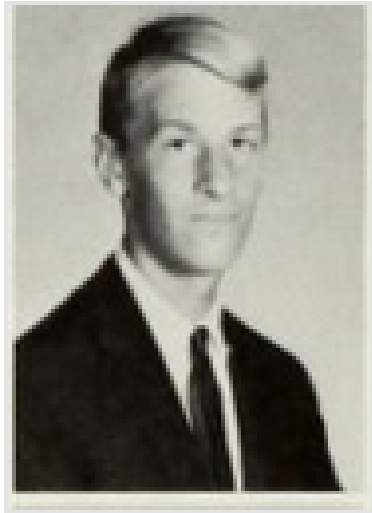
Birth Year
1954
☐ Exact +/-...

Search [Show more options](#)

Try some simple...like entering your own name and birth year and some place you lived...

 U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-1999

School lists & yearbooks



Name **James Oberly**

Birth abt 1954

Residence 1969 Downers Grove, Illinois,
USA

Picture James Oberly

Wow, a hit!—but was I ever that thin?
(and did I really have blond hair?)

Note: on the basis of my first name, middle initial, last name, and year of birth, Ancestry.com's artificial intelligence software made a prediction that the "James Oberly" who was born in 1954 and at some point lived in Perry, Maine is the most likely match of someone who appeared as a freshman in the Downers Grove (IL) North High School yearbook of 1969. Only people who know me can say if the prediction was correct!

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Jacquelin

Search

First & Middle Name(s)
James W.
☐ Exact...


Last Name
Oberly
☐ Exact...

Place your ancestor might have lived
Perry, ME
☐ Exact

Birth Year
1954
☐ Exact +/-...


Search Show more options ▼

Question? What are the “show more options” possibilities?

First & Middle Name(s)
James W. 
☐ Exact...

Last Name
Oberly
☐ Exact...

Place your ancestor might have lived
Perry, Washington, Maine, USA
☐ Exact to...

Birth Year
1954 
☐ Exact +/-...

Search [Show fewer options ^](#) ☐ Match all terms exactly

Add event: Birth Marriage Death Lived In Any Event More ▾

	Year	Location	
Birth	1954	Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA	×
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exact +/-...	<input type="checkbox"/> Exact to...	
Marriage	1980	Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, USA	×
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exact +/-...	Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, USA	
Any Event		Perry, Washington, Maine, USA	×
		<input type="checkbox"/> Exact to...	

Add family member: Father Mother Sibling Spouse Child

	First & Middle Name(s)	Last Name	
Spouse	Louise A.	Merriam	×
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exact	<input type="checkbox"/> Exact	

Advanced Search:
the more names and life
events you can supply,
the more hits you will get
on your search

**Adding information to the Search Box
is the basis for Ancestry.com's
machine-learning/Artificial Intelligence
feature to make internal predictions about
the people likely to be a good match to the
search query across many different types
of historical records.**

Results of a “show more options” search: 3,994 hits, sorted from most likely to less likely

All results for James W. Oberly

1-20 of 3,994 ☐ Browse by category

i To get better results, add more information such as **Death Info**—even a guess will help.
[Edit your search](#) or [learn more](#)

U.S., Newspapers.com Marriage Index, 1800s-1999 Marriage & divorce	Name James W. Oberly Parent James R. Oberly Marriage 12 Jan 1980 Charleston , S.C Residence Abt 1980 Poughkeepsie , N.y.
U.S., Index to Public Records, 1994-2019 City & area directories	Name James W Oberly Birth Mar 1954 Residence 1992-2020 Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2 City & area directories	Name James W Oberly Birth 5 Mar 1954 Residence Williamsburg, Virginia, USA

U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2 City & area directories	Name Jim Oberly Residence Dallas, Texas, USA
U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 City & area directories View	Name John W Oberle Residence 1954 Tacoma, Washington, USA
U.S., Phone and Address Directories, 1993-2002 Telephone directories	Name James D Oberley Residence 1994 Janesville, Wisconsin, USA

Most likely

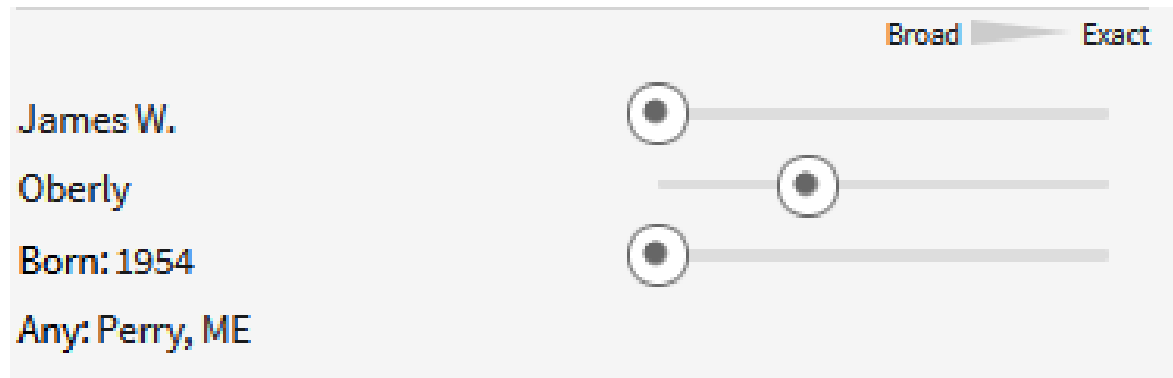
Less likely

Machine-Learning/Artificial Intelligence...how it works with Ancestry.com

- In writing the software code, programmers first studied how an actual human being would decide if a search resulted in a likely match
 - Varied spelling of names (first, middle, last); varied geographical locations; varied chronological life events.
 - That same human being would arrange results from a hit (“James Oberly, Downers Grove H.S., 1969”) to a miss (“James Oberley, Janesville, Wisconsin”).
 - Machine learning/Artificial Intelligence considers all the possible answers as hits, but sorts them from more likely to less likely. In the case of my search, Ancestry.com sorted 3,994 hits from most to least likely.
 - **It’s up to you, the Ancestry.com user to decide if the artificial intelligence prediction of a hit is accurate or not**

Using the Broad-to-Exact “slider” feature in Ancestry.com

Default: First name is maximum “broad”
last name is medium “broad”
geo-place is maximum “broad”



The screenshot shows the search results for the query "James W. Oberly Born: 1954 Any: Perry, ME". To the right of the search terms are three horizontal sliders. Above the sliders is a legend with a blue triangle pointing left labeled "Broad" and a red triangle pointing right labeled "Exact". The first slider for "James W." has a black dot at the far left (Broad). The second slider for "Oberly" has a black dot in the middle. The third slider for "Born: 1954" has a black dot at the far left (Broad). The fourth slider for "Any: Perry, ME" has a black dot at the far left (Broad).


Outcome = 3,994 hits


All results for James W. Oberly


1-20 of 3,994


Results of a maximum “exact” search using the slider

Your search

Broad  Exact

James W. 

Oberly 

Born: 1954 

Any: Perry, ME

Just 3 hits

All results for James W. Oberly

  1-3 of 3

Suggestion: feel free to experiment with the slider when you do your searches. See the range of hits you get and decide for yourself if your search is too broad or too exact.

Message Boards

Note—posts on Ancestry.com Message Boards are “secondary sources,” i.e., not “primary” or eyewitness sources.

Message Boards

The world's largest online genealogy community with over 25 Million posts on more than 198,000 boards.

Search the Boards

Names or keywords

[Advanced Search](#)

Find a board about a specific topic

Surnames or topics

Surnames

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Looking to jumpstart your research? The experts at Ancestry have assembled a variety of tips and tricks to get your research moving again. Select one of the topics below to help you with your road blocks.



GETTING STARTED

Whether you are just starting your family history or you are looking for a new perspective on your research these guides will put you in the right frame of mind.



CENSUS

Census records establish a framework for your ancestor's life. We offer some tips on how to get the most out of them.

[10 Census Tips](#)

[10 Census Questions That Lead to More](#)



BEYOND THE BASICS

Ready to move beyond the census records? Here are a few ideas to get you moving.

[Using Religious Records](#)

Learning
Center

Charts and Forms

Charts and Forms

Download these charts and forms to organize your research.

Charts & Forms

Census Forms

Ancestral Chart

An ancestor chart records the ancestors from whom you directly descend--those for whom you intend to compile a complete and correct family unit. It shows at a glance the progress you have made towards this goal and what remains to be done.



[Download Form](#)

Research Calendar

The research calendar gives an account of every record source you have searched and serves as a reminder of what you have already done and where you have found pertinent information.

Research Calendar form showing a grid for tracking research progress. It includes columns for date, source, and notes, with rows for individual research sessions.

[Download Form](#)

Research Extract

Use the research extract sheets to summarize information which cannot be photocopied, for which there

Research Extract form showing a table for summarizing research information. It includes columns for name, date, and location, with rows for individual research entries.

Correspondence Record

It is important to keep track of those with whom you have corresponded, the reasons for writing, and whether or not you

Correspondence Record form showing a table for tracking correspondence. It includes columns for name, date, and location, with rows for individual correspondence entries.

Questions? Comments? Observations...

... let's move on to look at the most popular database within Ancestry.com: the US census of population

The US Census—a short history of its founding

- The requirement to take a decennial census, starting in 1790, is part of the US Constitution. What experience did the new United States have in census-taking before 1790?
- The Articles of Confederation (proposed in 1776, ratified 1781) called on all the states to conduct a census “*according to the number of Inhabitants, of all ages, including negroes and mulattoes.*” (the purpose was to divide borrowing costs of the War of Independence among the states on the basis of population, not landed property)
- By 1783, seven states complied and reported census data: New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and Georgia; six states did not conduct any census, ignoring the directive of the Continental Congress.
- Maryland’s 1782 tally counted slaves as $\frac{3}{5}$ ths of a free person (so as to reduce the congressional call on that state to pay the Revolutionary War debt on a per capita basis)

The US Census—a short history (starting with what came before 1790)

Z 1-23

COLONIAL AND PRE-FEDERAL STATISTICS

Series Z 1-19. Estimated Population of American Colonies: 1610 to 1780

Series No.	Colony	1780	1770	1760	1750	1740	1730	1720	1710	1700	1690	1680	1670	1660	1650	1640	1630
WHITE AND NEGRO																	
1	Total.....	2,780,369	2,148,076	1,593,625	1,170,760	905,563	629,445	466,185	331,711	250,888	210,372	151,507	111,935	75,058	50,368	26,634	4,646
2	Maine ¹	49,133	31,257	20,000											1,000	900	400
3	New Hampshire ²	87,802	62,396	39,093	27,505	23,256	10,755	9,375	5,681	4,958	4,164	2,047	1,805	1,555	1,305	1,055	500
4	Vermont ³	47,620	10,000														
5	Plymouth ⁴										7,424	6,400	5,333	1,980	1,566	1,020	390
6	Massachusetts ^{1,2,4}	268,627	235,308	202,600	188,000	151,613	114,116	91,008	62,390	55,941	49,504	39,752	30,000	20,082	14,037	8,932	506
7	Rhode Island ²	52,946	58,196	45,471	33,226	25,255	16,950	11,680	7,573	5,894	4,224	3,017	2,155	1,539	785	300	
8	Connecticut ²	206,701	183,881	142,470	111,280	89,580	75,530	58,830	39,450	25,970	21,645	17,246	12,603	7,980	4,139	1,472	
9	New York ²	210,541	162,920	117,138	76,696	63,665	48,594	36,919	21,625	19,107	13,909	9,830	5,754	4,936	4,116	1,930	350
10	New Jersey ²	139,627	117,431	93,813	71,393	51,373	37,510	29,818	19,872	14,010	8,000	3,400	1,000				
11	Pennsylvania ²	327,305	240,057	183,703	119,666	85,637	51,707	30,962	24,450	17,950	11,450	680					
12	Delaware ²	45,385	35,496	33,250	28,704	19,870	9,170	5,385	3,645	2,470	1,482	1,005	700	540	185		
13	Maryland ²	245,474	202,599	162,267	141,073	116,093	91,113	66,133	42,741	29,604	24,024	17,904	13,226	8,426	4,504	583	
14	Virginia ²	538,004	447,016	339,726	231,033	180,440	114,000	87,757	78,281	58,560	53,046	43,596	35,309	27,020	18,731	10,442	2,500
15	North Carolina ²	270,133	197,200	110,442	72,984	51,760	30,000	21,270	15,120	10,720	7,600	5,430	3,850	1,000			
16	South Carolina ¹	180,000	124,244	94,074	64,000	45,000	30,000	17,048	10,883	5,704	3,900	1,200	200				
17	Georgia ¹	56,071	23,375	9,578	5,200	2,021											
18	Kentucky ⁵	45,000	15,700														
19	Tennessee ⁶	10,000	1,000														
NEGRO																	
1	Total.....	575,420	459,822	325,806	236,420	150,024	91,021	68,839	44,866	27,817	16,729	6,971	4,535	2,920	1,600	597	60
2	Maine ¹	458	475	300													
3	New Hampshire ²	541	654	600	550	500	200	170	150	130	100	75	65	50	40	30	
4	Vermont ³	50	25														
6	Massachusetts ^{1,2}	4,822	4,754	4,566	4,075	3,035	2,780	2,150	1,310	800	400	170	160	422	295	150	

Closeup of decennial estimates of Maine population before 1790

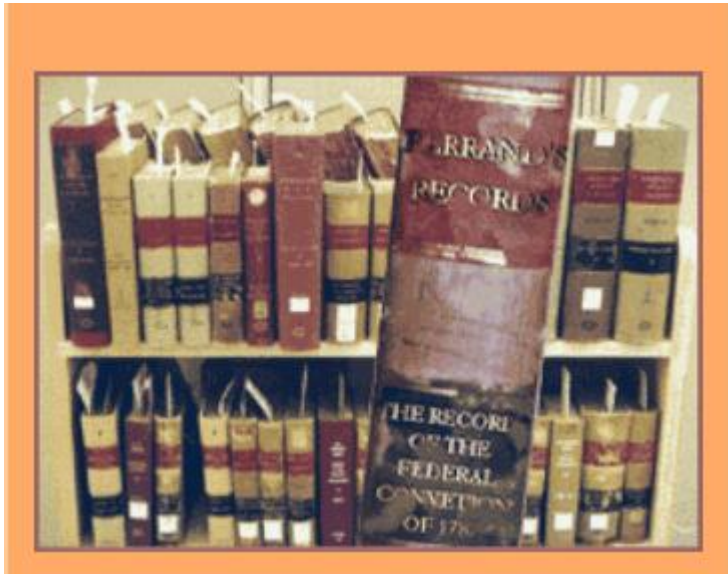
Series No.	Colony	1780	1770	1760	1750
	WHITE AND NEGRO				
1	Total.....	2,780,369	2,148,076	1,593,625	1,170,760
2	Maine ¹	49,138	31,257	20,000
3	Maine ²	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

Maine population in 1790: 96,540—a 100% increase from the 1780 estimate

(by contrast, Maine grew about 4% over 10 years between 2000 and 2010 and again, 4% over 10 years between 2010 and 2020)

The US Constitution and the Census (Article I, Section 2)

- “Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.”



Question: What did the framers mean by the above sentence?

Answer: check “Farrand” (i.e., James Madison’s notes)

Farrand's Records

The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787

Answer—it appears that the framers of the Constitution simply copied Maryland’s 1783 action so as to reduce taxes on slave-holding states. Similarly, the Constitution favored the economies of slave-holding states by prohibiting taxes on exports:

Article I, Section 9, Clause 5:

No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

The US Constitution and the Census (Article I, Section 2, continued)

- The actual Enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct.
- The number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each state shall have at least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the state of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

Congress and the first census of 1790

CHAP. II.—*An Act providing for the enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States.*(a)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the marshals of the several districts of the United States shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required to cause the number of the inhabitants within their respective districts to be taken; omitting in such enumeration Indians not taxed, and distinguishing free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, from all others; distinguishing also the sexes and colours of free persons, and the free males of sixteen years and upwards from those under that age; for effecting which pur-

STATUTE II.

March 1, 1790.

[Obsolete.]

Marshals in the several districts of the U. States to take the enumeration.

Mode of enumeration.

May appoint

States,' according to the best of my ability." The enumeration shall commence on the first Monday in August next, and shall close within nine calendar months thereafter. The several assistants shall, within the said nine months, transmit to the marshals by whom they shall be respectively appointed, accurate returns of all persons, except Indians not taxed, within their respective divisions, which returns shall be made in a schedule, distinguishing the several families by the names of their master, mistress, steward, overseer, or other principal person therein, in

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- Names
- Birth: date & place
- Marriage: date & place
- Death: date & place

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On Chart No. _____

BORN PLACE MARRIED PLACE DIED PLACE	BORN PLACE MARRIED PLACE DIED PLACE	CONT. ON CHART _____
	BORN PLACE DIED PLACE	CONT. ON CHART _____
	BORN PLACE DIED PLACE	CONT. ON CHART _____
BORN PLACE MARRIED PLACE DIED PLACE	BORN PLACE MARRIED PLACE DIED PLACE	CONT. ON CHART _____
NAME OF SPOUSE	BORN PLACE DIED PLACE	CONT. ON CHART _____
	BORN PLACE DIED PLACE	CONT. ON CHART _____

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Four Generation Pedigree Chart

YOUR FATHER

Name	James Richard OBERLY
Birth Date	27-11-1921
Birth Place	Milwaukee, WI USA
Death Date	20-03-1989
Death Place	Martinsburg, WV USA
Marriage Date	17-12-1947
Marriage Place	New York, NY USA

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Name	William Edward OBERLY
Birth Date	
Birth Place	Milwaukee, WI USA
Death Date	
Death Place	Milwaukee, WI USA
Marriage Date	
Marriage Place	

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Name	Mae NICHOLS
Birth Date	
Birth Place	Calumet, MI
Death Date	
Death Place	Milwaukee, WI USA

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Name	Joseph H. KRAUS
Birth Date	
Birth Place	New York, NY USA
Death Date	
Death Place	Miami Beach, FL USA
Marriage Date	
Marriage Place	

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Name	Ruth UNGAR
Birth Date	
Birth Place	New York, NY USA
Death Date	
Death Place	Miami Beach, FL USA

PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Name	William Roman OBERLY
Birth Date / Place	Theresa, WI USA
Death Date / Place	Milwaukee, WI USA

PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

Name	Catherine McCann
Birth Date / Place	Ireland
Death Date / Place	Milwaukee, WI USA

PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Name	John Wellington NICHOLS
Birth Date / Place	England
Death Date / Place	Deer Lodge, MT USA

PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

Name	Hannah HARRINGTON
Birth Date / Place	Ireland
Death Date / Place	Deer Lodge, MT USA

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Name	Lajos/Louis KRAUS
Birth Date / Place	01-06-1866/Kisvarda, Hungary
Death Date / Place	04-11-1927/Brooklyn, NY USA

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

Name	Anna FRIEDMAN
Birth Date / Place	23-12-1874 / Eperjes, Hungary
Death Date / Place	26-01-1946/Long Beach, NY

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Name	Solomon UNGAR
Birth Date / Place	Kassa Hungary
Death Date / Place	New York, NY USA

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

Name	Julie FELDMAN
Birth Date / Place	Kassa, Hungary
Death Date / Place	New York, NY USA

Download the four-generation chart and see how many of the birth/marriage/death fields you can complete from memory (or perhaps from earlier research that you or Someone in your family did)

Next week, I'll check in with the class to see how many of you were able to start filling in your 4-generation chart.

YOU

Name	James Warren OBERLY
Birth Date	05-03-1954
Birth Place	Chicago, IL USA
Marriage Date	12-01-1980
Marriage Place	Charleston, SC USA

YOUR MOTHER

Name	Lucille Mary KRAUS
Birth Date	06-09-1925
Birth Place	New York, NY USA
Death Date	30-03-1981
Death Place	Chicago, IL USA