

Any Other Questions?

What else is available on Ancestry? For details of **wills**, try the England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (1858-1966). For voting lists, try the West Yorkshire **Electoral Registers** (1840-1962). For everything else, there's the **Card Catalog!**

What if something goes wrong? If you start getting asked about your subscription when using Ancestry in the library, check that the address you're using to access the site is www.ancestrylibraryedition.co.uk, rather than simply www.ancestry.com.

What other online resources are available in Leeds libraries? Our **Online Resources** leaflet details the various other websites and subscription services we use most regularly for family history purposes. These include Yorkshire BMD, Free BMD and www.leodis.net

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Local and Family History Using Ancestry.com

Birth, marriage and death indexes, census information, First World War records, and Yorkshire parish registers... You'll find all these and more on the Ancestry website, **free to use** in all Leeds libraries!

Inside...

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All About Ancestry

The subscription-based Ancestry website, aimed at family historians, is free to use in all Leeds libraries, with the only charge being for any printouts you make. The information available spans the globe, and the site's usefulness is really only limited by your imagination. To access the free version, follow the link from the Online Resources section of the Leeds Libraries website at: www.leeds.gov.uk/onlineresources

Getting Started

What's on there? Look for the **Card Catalog** link on the home page and use it to search for any topic or subject you're interested in, from Leeds parish records to Caribbean obituary notices.

Start big! If you know an **ancestor's name**, simply type it into the very first box at the top of the Ancestry home page. You may get lots of results but it's better to whittle these down using the filter options on the left than limit your initial search to one database and end up missing something.

Two handy links on the Ancestry home page are the **UK Census Collection** (towards the bottom-right) and the **Birth, Marriage & Death Records** (in the **Quick Links** section). More about these later!

What's Available? A Quick Guide

Census records

Click **UK Census Collection** towards the bottom-right of the home page to access these records, which were collected every ten years between 1841 and 1911 (data from the last 100 years is kept secret). Census returns provide all sorts of information about residents from all over the UK, including details of everyone from the youngest baby to lowliest servant.

Tip! Where possible, search for household members *together* by adding an extra name in the **Family Member** box. This will make it easier to spot the family group you're looking for.

Birth, marriage and death indexes

You won't find actual birth, marriage or death certificates on Ancestry (only register offices hold those) but you can access indexes of registered births and marriages 1837-2005 and deaths 1837-2007. These will identify the relevant three-month quarter in which the event was registered and tell you which register office to contact to buy a certificate. **Tip!** The Births Index includes the mother's maiden name from September 1911 onwards, making it possible to search for children born with the same combination of surname and mother's surname... or, to put it another way, siblings!

West Yorkshire parish registers

Looking for a baptism, marriage or burial that took place in a Church of England church? Try this comprehensive collection of records, dating back to 1512. The quickest way to access the relevant databases is by clicking **Card Catalog** on the home page, then searching for **West Yorkshire** in the **Title** box (top-left). For Baptist, Methodist and other non-conformist ancestors, there's a separate collection covering 1646-1985.

Records from the First World War

Ancestry now holds all the surviving **service records** of non-commissioned officers and other ranks who served in WW1 and didn't re-enlist before WW2. You'll also find soldiers' pension records and medal cards (1914-1920) and the useful reference document, ***Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919***. **Tip!** Take a short-cut to the Army databases by searching for **British Army** in the **Card Catalog**.

Criminal records

If you've got a wrong 'un in the family, you may be able to find out something about them in one of two particularly useful resources on Ancestry. The England & Wales **Criminal Registers** (1791-1892) list individuals charged with all sorts of crimes, and give information about the person in question, their trial, and sentence if convicted. Closer to home, there's a fascinating collection of **Wakefield Prison Records** (1801-1914), which covers inmates from the whole of the old West Riding.