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*Family Tree Magazine*, September 2009
## Content Overview

- **U.S. and international collections**

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• Immigration collections  
• Vital Records  
• U.S. Passport applications | • Canadian Census (1851-1916)  
• Vital Records  
• French Canadian collections | • Census for England, Wales, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Scotland  
• Vital Records  
• Marriage Records | • Census  
• Vital Records  
• Military Records  
• Phone Directories |

And many other collections from Australia, France, Sweden, Italy, China, and beyond
Census Data

- Incredible U.S. coverage
  - Over half a billion records
  - Covers 1790 to 1930
  - Every name indexed, searchable
  - Slave schedules, state records, and more
- Canadian coverage back to mid-19th century
- UK coverage back to 1841
Vital Records

- U.S. Social Security Death Index with 80M+ records
- U.S. state birth, marriage, and death records back to the 1800s
- Canadian coverage back to the 1600s
- 200M+ UK vital records back to 1837

North Carolina Marriage Collection
Immigration Records

- **Passenger Lists**
  - 90M+ passenger and immigration list records
  - Includes New York (1820-1957), Boston (1820-1943), New Orleans (1820-1948), California (1893-1957)

- **Border Crossings**
  - Canada to U.S., 1895-1956, 4M+ records
  - Mexico to U.S., 1903-1957, 4M records
U.S. Military Records

- 90M+ records from the Colonial era to Vietnam
- WWI & WWII draft registration cards
- Enlistment records
- Muster and roster rolls
- Gravesite records
- Pension records
- Prisoner of war records
- Casualty records
CHAPTER I

THE WOOL-WORK SLIPPERS

In April 1845 George MacDonald took his degree of Bachelor of Arts, having passed the choice of

Elizabeth Williams, A Child of the Sea

Viewing records 377-386 of 595 total records

All Stories, Memories & Histories Results

With a fresh breeze and a fair wind our little vessel was nearing Charlevoix, the land that seemed to promise us safety. Surely there we could live in peace. As we neared the river we could see our friends waiting for us on the shore. We came to anchor on the north side of the river, the wind making a big sea at the river’s mouth. I remember how happy we all felt that night to be with friends and no Mormons to be afraid of. Mr. Alva Cable had built a large house and shop on the south side of the river on the bank, very close to the water. The lumber he had bought at Traverse City. Captain Morrison had built his house also on the south side just close to the river bank. Several houses were made on the north side of the river. There were twenty-five families of Gentiles, and two Mormon families had stolen away with the fishermen, [p.145] claiming their protection, which was freely promised them. One was a Mormon elder and his family, the other a young man living with his widowed mother.

The little village of Charlevoix was just about complete. Our house was built just beside the river, not far from the shore, with just room for a foot path between the house and the river bank. A high hill was on the other side of us. One night a storm came up with a great tidal wave and Mr. Cable’s house was almost washed away. The whole village turned out and helped to save the goods. Many of the neighbors had advised him not to put his house so near the water, but he said he always liked to "experiment." Next time he built his house farther up the river, several rods below where now stands the Lewis Opera House. Fishing being good, those that had not had their nets stolen put them out, catching all the fish they could take care of. Mr. Cable had a cooper shop which employed several men. He kept a store, supplying groceries and provisions to the little village, and having a few dry goods to supply their needs. When Christmas and New Years came the people had many little parties and took their dinner together. Many of them employed their time by preparing their nets and knitting new ones for the next season’s fishing. There was no sickness and all felt very happy and secure from the Mormons, at least while the winter lasted.[p.146]
Other Notable Data

- Multimedia Collections
  - 1.5M+ files ranging from family, military, and gravestone photos to postcards, maps (since the 1500s), and WWII newsreels

- International Collections
  - German Collection
  - French Vital Records
  - Scandinavian Vital Records
  - Jewish Family History Collections
Content NOT Found in Library Edition

- The following tree content is not available in
- Ancestry Library Edition:
  - Family Data Collections (individual records;
  - births; deaths; marriages)
  - Millennium File
  - OneWorldTree
  - Private Member Trees
Additional Content NOT in ALE

- **Obituary Collection.** The collection contains recent obituaries from hundreds of newspapers.

- **Historical Newspaper Collection.** Many newspapers are provided to Ancestry through third-party vendors. They are not available in Ancestry Library Edition due to licensing restrictions.

- **ProQuest’s Genealogy and Local History Books in the Families and Local Histories Collection.** These titles are found in HeritageQuest Online.

- **Local Histories Collection.** These titles are found in HeritageQuest Online.

- **Periodical Source Index (PERSI).** This database is found in HeritageQuest Online.

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- **Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI)**. This is a Gale Cengage Learning database. After AncestryPlus was discontinued, Gale licensed this content to Ancestry.com for the consumer market only. The data was last updated in the 2008 release.

- **Passenger and Immigration List Index (PILI)**. This information is updated through 2009 with content provided by Gale Cengage Learning.

- **GPC (Genealogical Publishing Company)**. There are about 90 titles from this publisher that are not available in Ancestry Library Edition.

- These titles are primarily indexes and abstracts from east coast states.

- **Historical Land Ownership & Reference Atlases, 1507-2000**. Some of this content is found in Historic Map Works Library Edition.
Ancestry Library Edition Update

- New home page.
- Now there is a similar look and feel between Ancestry.com, Ancestry Library Edition, and HeritageQuest.
Additional Updates

- The largest online collection of U.S. wills and probate records.
More Updates…

• 220M+ historical records from Mexico – many online for the first time – date back to the 1500s.
• Includes census, birth, marriage and death records.
...And More

- Other 2015 Key Additions/Updates:
  - US School Yearbooks, 1880-2012 - over 63 million records.
  - US City Directories, 1822-1989 - updated with over 40 million new records.
  - Four million new international records from the U.K., Germany and Romania.
Searching

Basic search

- Match all terms exactly
- Restrict to exact matches and:
  - Use default settings
  - Restrict to exact matches and:
    - Phonetic matches
    - Names with similar meanings or spellings
    - Records where only initials are recorded
- Keywords (e.g., pilot or “Flying Tigers”)
- Gender
- Race/Nationality
- Restrict to:
  - Historical records
  - Family trees
  - Stories & publications
  - Photos & maps

Search
Global Searching

- Global searching helps you get the “lay of the land.” See how many hits you get and what floats to the top of the Results list.
- Look at both the Records and Categories results.
Searching. Explore by Location.

United States
Recent additions include:
- Social Security Death Index - Updated
- Alabama Civil War Muster Rolls, 1861-1865
- U.S. Census Non-Population Schedules, New York, 1850-1880

Data Collections
New York Census & Voter Lists
New York, Census, 1790-1890
New York, Census Mortality Schedules, New York, 1850-1880 - Updated
New York City Police Census, 1890

New York Birth, Marriage & Death
New York, Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890 (Barber Collection)
New York, Marriage Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890 (Barber Collection)
Holocausi: Survivor Names printed in Aufbau Newspaper, New York, 1944-1946

New York Military
New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861-1890 - New
New York, Town Clerks' Registers of Men Who Served in the Civil War, ca 1861-1865
New York Military in the Revolution
Category Search

- Focus on a record type and time period to narrow your search for more relevant results.
- Do what’s called “iterative searching.”
  - Think about possible transcription errors, such as “f” vs “s”.
  - Consider enumerator errors, such as misspellings or poor handwriting. Try different name spellings + use phonetic searching.
  - Consider initials, nicknames, etc.
  - Use wildcards, e.g., Wil* Fors?th
- Use the filters to restrict your search to a locality and/or time period.
- Look at both the Records and Categories results.
### Search Results

#### All results for Anthony Bogdanski

**Searching for...**
- Name: "Anthony" "Bogdanski"

**Narrow by Category**
- Census & Voter Lists: 7
- Birth, Marriage & Death: 1
- Military: 4
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories: 2

**Matched 13 from All Categories**

- Census & Voter Lists
  - 1920 United States Federal Census: 3
  - 1910 United States Federal Census: 3
  - Pennsylvania 1910 Miracode Index: 1

- Birth, Marriage & Death
  - California Birth Index, 1905-1995: 1

- Military
  - U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942: 2
  - World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918: 2

- Schools, Directories & Church Histories
  - U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 2: 1
Card Catalog Search

- Use the “Lived In” search box.
  - Try searching with just a given name – or without names – if you are getting zero or non-relevant results.
  - Learn more about the record collection. Read the description and source information.
  - Do a “test search” to view the results, such as Jones or Smith.
- Use the “type ahead” feature when filling in the location. Otherwise, the program will treat your search terms as keywords.
- Do “geo-centric” searching.
  - County boundaries may have shifted over time.
- Tip: Look at the Federal Census maps in HeritageQuest Online.
  - The couple may have been married in a different city/county/state.
  - Births might be in adjacent city/county/state.
Card Catalog Search

Card Catalog
Searchable listing of all record collections

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This database is a collection of city directories for various years and cities in the U.S. Generally a city directory will contain an alphabetical list of its citizens, listing the names of the...
Ancestry® Library Edition
Research Tools
Tools for genealogy researchers

Tools that make researching easier

- Charts & Forms
- Learning Center and Ancestry.com Wiki

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 >>
### Ancestral Chart

1. **List What You Already Know**

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[Source: Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com/seo/charts/chart.htm)
2. Interview Relatives….

- Interviewed my father.
- I learned that:
  - My grandfather, William John Forsyth (Bill), was born in 1895 in Detroit.
  - Was a test pilot in U.S. Army Air Service in France during WWI.
  - Married Cecile Moen in 1921.
  - He was a banker/auditor.
  - Died in 1937 of cancer in the U.S. Veterans Hospital, Minneapolis.
Get Death Records

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Minnesota Death Index- Ancestry Library Edition
4. Follow Death Record Clues

Employer and position
- Nickname or given name
- Surname
- Burial date and location
- Funeral date
- His initials, surname
- Employment
- Death date and location
- Sickness and length
- College and location
- Enlistment date
- Commissioned rank
- Military branch
- Military occupation
4. Follow Death Record Clues

Employer after WWI with date and location
- Boss
- Rank in Nat’l Guard
- New position with date, employer and location
- Surviving spouse and children
- Surviving parent and sibling
- Sibling’s occupation and employer
5. Search Census Records

- 1930 US Federal Census
6. Search Local Sources

- 1937 Great Falls, MT
Local Sources...Google Maps
7. Don’t Forget Military Records

- World War I
- U.S. Draft Registration Cards
  - More than 24 million men registered for the draft, and almost 2.7 million men were furnished to the U.S. Army by conscription.
Draft Registration Records
7. Military Records

- The National Personnel Records Center had a devastating fire in 1973, which destroyed the U.S. Army personnel records created from 1912 to 1963. It did not damage U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps personnel files.
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