

Ancestry.com - Ready, Set, Go – Here's What I Need to Know!

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Whether you have a FamilySearch partner subscription, personal subscription to Ancestry.com, use the Library Edition at a local library or Family History Center it is important to understand how Ancestry works and what it contains. Before the end of 2014 all LDS members will have access to Ancestry.com World Edition at home (does not include Fold3 or Newspapers.com), so it will be important to understand the benefits to your family history experience.

HOME PAGE tab: customizable – can include combinations of the items listed below

1. **An envelope icon** for messages from other users or Ancestry
2. **A leaf icon** for tree hints
3. **Your account information**
4. **Help /knowledge base**
5. **Recent Member Connect** - activity from others on people in your tree
6. **Search** box and link to Advanced Search features - get used to the advanced search
7. **Recent family tree activity** – includes activity by you on your account with links to your aspects of your tree
8. **What's Happening at Ancestry.com** – Listings of new and updated records and those coming soon
9. **My Shoebox** – A holding place for records you want to review later
10. **Follow Us On** – links to Ancestry's social media sites
11. **My To-Do List** – Allows you to list and follow those to-do's you are working on
12. **My Quick Links** – Identify those databases you use most often and list for easy access - links
13. **Record Collections** – A shortcut list identified by Ancestry
14. **Ancestry.com Blog** - articles and link
15. **Recent Activity** – The most recent historical records you accessed and the searches you performed
16. **Getting Started with Ancestry** – Quick links to getting started with using Ancestry.com
17. **Jewish Name Variations**
18. **Jewish Community Locator** – historical information
19. **Message Board Favorites** – provides the ability to follow and list any message boards of interest

FAMILY TREES tab

1. You can create one or more trees on Ancestry
2. Someone else can share their tree with you
3. You can give rights to a tree to view, contribute or edit your tree
4. Control your settings for each tree
5. Upload or export a gedcom file
6. Living people are privatized
7. Define a tree as public or private

SEARCH Tab

1. **Advanced Search** (we will cover in another class)
2. A link to **the Old Search** feature
3. **Recently viewed collections**
4. **Special Collections** by Category with a link to the Card Catalog
5. **Recent Searches**
6. **Explore by Location** – USA, UK & Ireland, Europe, Canada, Australia & New Zealand

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DNA tab

Information on the DNA testing by Ancestry

COLLABORATE tab

1. **Recent Member Connect Activity**
 - a. Get connected to people entering information to the same people as yours, on their tree
 - b. Activity Filters – to change what you want to see in the activity list
2. **Online Support Community**, includes:
 - a. Community Announcements
 - b. Ancestry Support Communities
 - c. Latest Activity from boards
3. **Message Boards**
 - a. Search for boards that are of interest to you by Surname, Location, or Topic
 - b. Search for content in boards
4. **World Archives Projects**
 - a. The indexing of projects through Ancestry
 - b. Done in conjunction with genealogy societies and historical groups
5. **Ancestry Member Directory** – Find other researchers with similar interests and contact anonymously
6. **Public Profile**
 - a. Your profile, including your experience and lineage
 - b. Summary of your content, trees, and World Archives Project activity

LEARNING CENTER Tab

1. Research Guides
2. Translation Help
3. Getting Started
4. Finding Records
5. Social Network
6. Many other tools and discoveries

Publish, Shop and Hire an Expert

Links to spend your money! Yes, you can publish your history, shop the Ancestry Stores for software and books, or to locate info about their mobile apps and gift memberships.

Other offerings:

1. YouTube Channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/AncestryCom>
2. Livestream Videos: <http://www.livestream.com/ancestry>
3. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5603418246/>
4. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ancestry>
5. Google+: <https://plus.google.com/+Ancestrycom/posts>

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6. Pinterest: <http://www.pinterest.com/ancestrycom/>
7. Tumblr: <http://ancestry-stickynotes.tumblr.com/>
8. Ancestry Blog: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>

ADDENDUM: Questions concerning LDS member access to Partner Sites as of May 2014:

Will I use my LDS Account to sign in to the partner sites?

No, you will create a separate log-in name and password. (This applies to each of the partner sites, individually).

What features have already been added as the rollout begins?

Currently, you can individually link your ancestry family tree to the same person on FSFT (FamilySearch Family Tree) and open FSFT from the person in your ancestry tree, both to the individual's main page and to the ordinance tab.

Can view all features of each program (Ancestry.com includes the World Explorer subscription, not Fold3 or Newspapers.com)

Family History Centers will continue to receive the *Library Edition of Ancestry.com*, rather than the *World Explorer*.

What features *will be added* with the partnership between Ancestry.com and FamilySearch?

Will be able to compare and exchange data (record matching) between FSFT and partner sites, including sources. However, unless a person has a subscription (free or paid) they will not see the images, only the index.

Will be able to reserve a name for the temple from your tree on Ancestry.com.

Can add a gedcom to each of the partners to create a tree, but the *exchange of data* will take several months to develop.

Will be able to transfer photos between the partner sites and FSFT.

Will non-member volunteers at family history centers receive the free accounts?

No, based on the partnership agreements between FamilySearch and Ancestry. They will continue to have access to the Library Edition of Ancestry at the family history center.

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