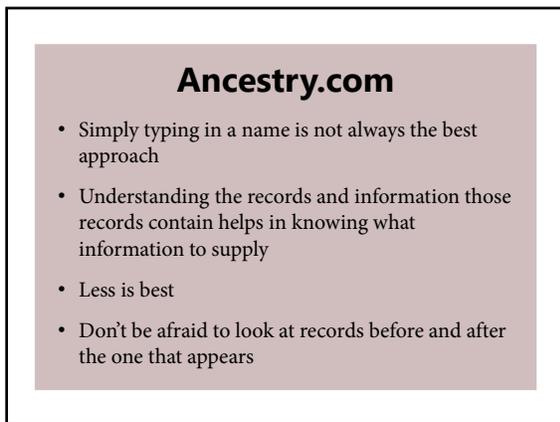
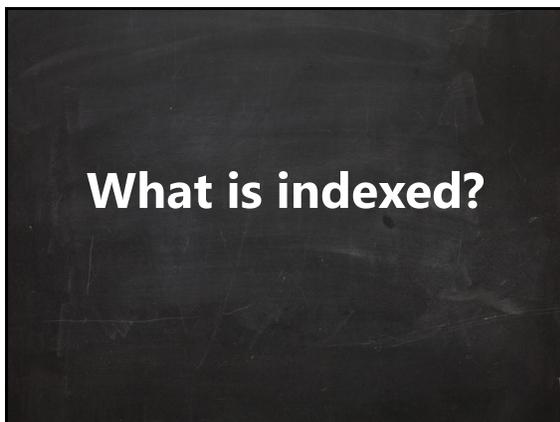


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What is indexed?

- Different records asked different questions about our ancestors.
- Always a good idea to begin with a broad search and narrow down slowly.
- Pay attention to how the information that has been indexed is displayed.

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Work with a family
you know has records

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All U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 results for Ayer

Provided in association with National Archives and Records Administration

Search Filters: ayer

Results 1-50 of 1,557

| View Record | Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Residence Place | View Image |
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| View Record | Edward Seth Ayer | 3 Jun 1873 | | Quincy, Norfolk, Massachusetts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| View Record | Wilbur Sherburne Ayer | 8 Jun 1874 | | Tewksbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| View Record | James William Ayer | 30 Dec 1875 | | Hyde Park, Suffolk, Massachusetts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| View Record | John Mc Millan Ayer | 16 Jan 1876 | | Brighton, Suffolk, Massachusetts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Wildcards

- Wildcards allow you to broaden your search to variant spellings
- Can be applied to both given names and surnames
- Particularly useful with Eastern European names
- Requires the first letter of the name

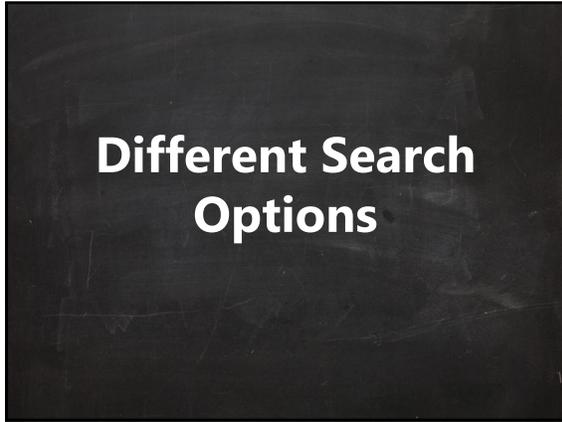
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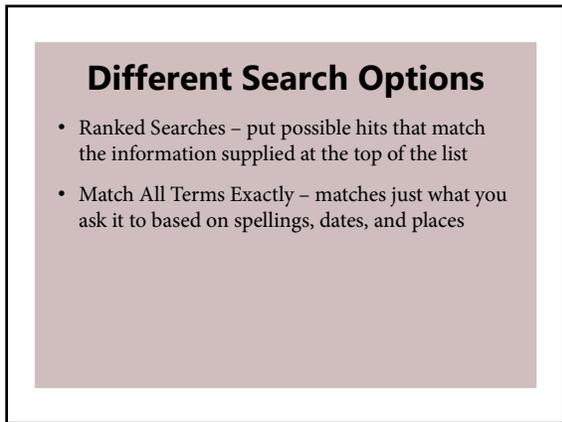
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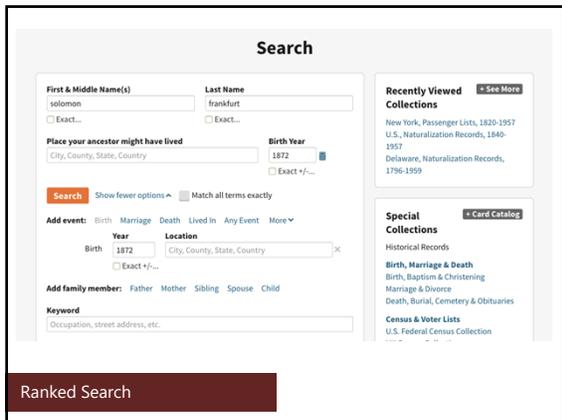
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All results for Solomon Frankfort

Search Filters: solomon, Frankfort, born 1872

Results 1-11 of 11

Matching Person (from family tree)

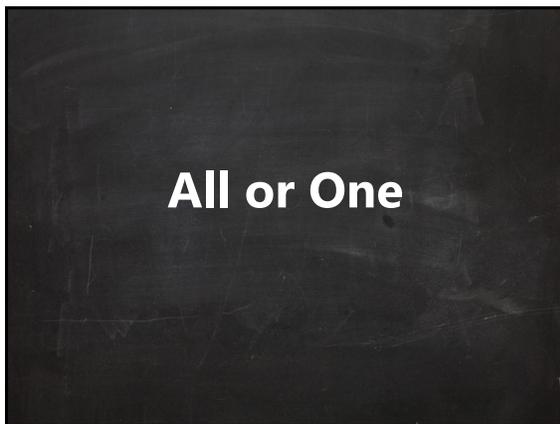
Spouse: Mary Stritsky
 Children: Bernard Richard
 Birth: 1 Dec 1872 Ukraine
 Death: 23 Nov 1969 Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware, USA
 Residence: 1 Apr 1940 New Castle, USA

Matching Records

| | |
|---|---|
| U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014 | Name: Solomon Frankfort |
| | Birth: 1 Dec 1872 |
| | Death: Nov 1969 Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA |
| | Civil: Delaware |
| 1930 United States Federal Census | Name: Solomon Frankfort |
| | Birth: Russia |

Match All Terms Exactly + Options

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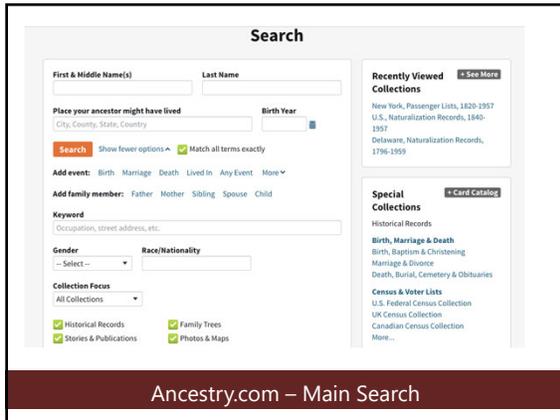


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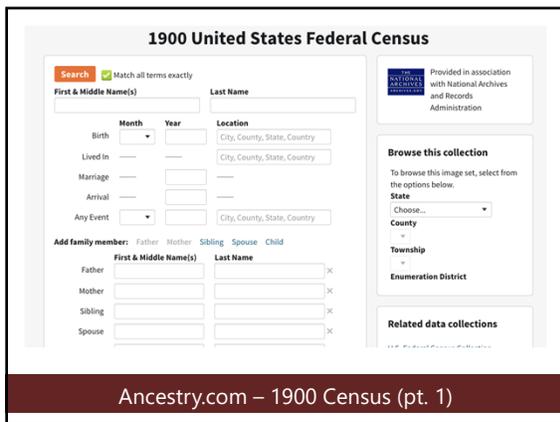
All or One

- Main search offers many fields, *many* of which are shared between databases.
- If you search within a specific database, you may be supplied with additional search fields.
- Keep in mind *you* may know more information than was actually on the record.

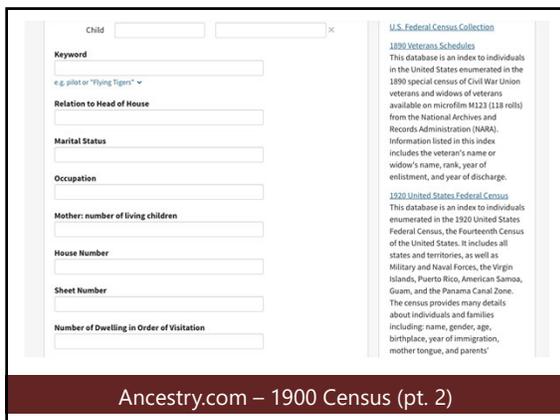
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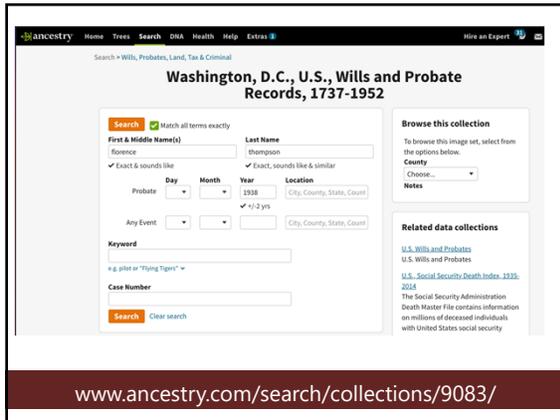
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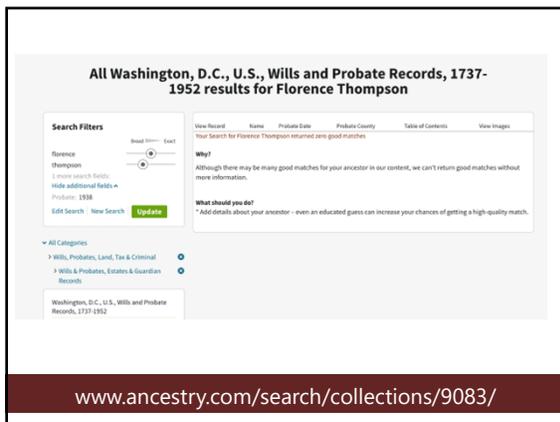
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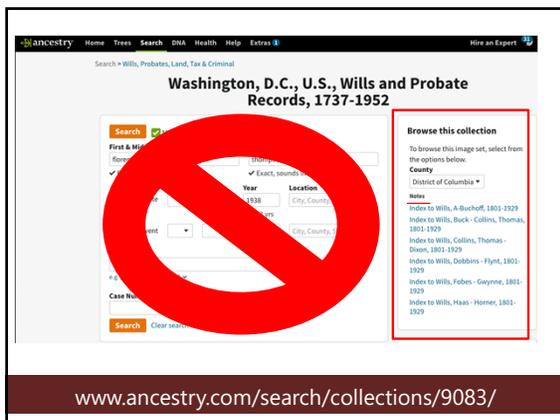
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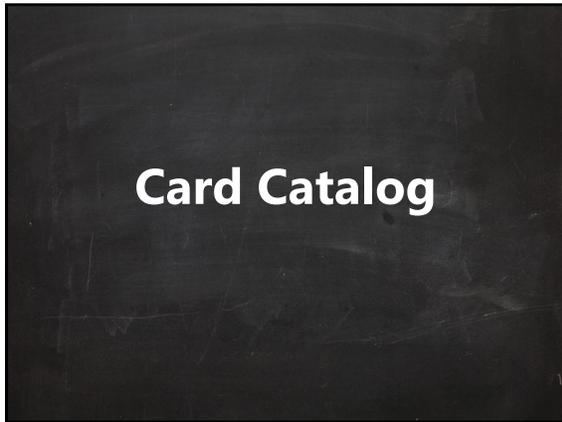
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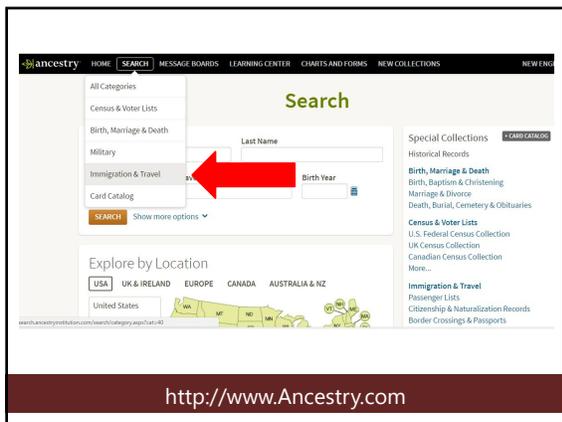
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Errors & Omissions

- Indexes are generally created off-shore
- Variations in handwriting, faded documents, flourishes in handwriting all affect indexing
- Sometimes individuals were simply skipped on the page when indexing was undertaken

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All Massachusetts, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963 results for Cassinari

Search Filters

casinari

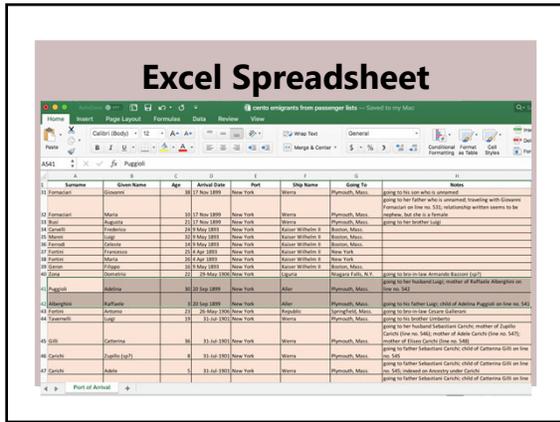
Massachusetts, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963

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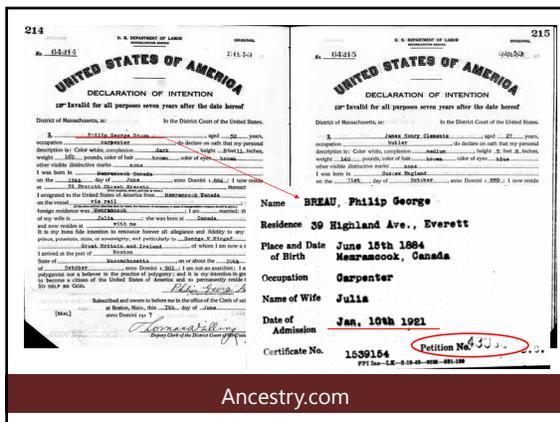
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| View Record | Emelia Cassinar | abt 1896 | 22 Mar 1904 | Boston | Republic | 📄 |
| View Record | Agata Cassinari | abt 1866 | 1 Feb 1911 | Boston | Romanic | 📄 |
| View Record | Antonio Cassinari | abt 1866 | 15 Apr 1903 | Boston | Vancouver | 📄 |
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| View Record | Filia Cassinari | abt | 25 Sep | Boston | Romanic | 📄 |

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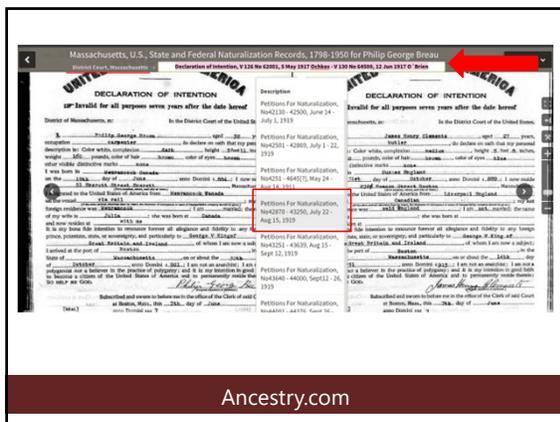
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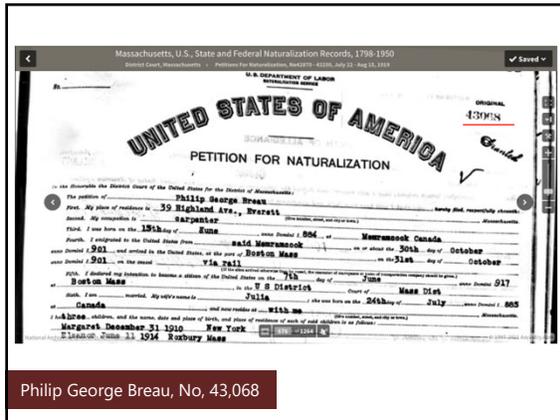


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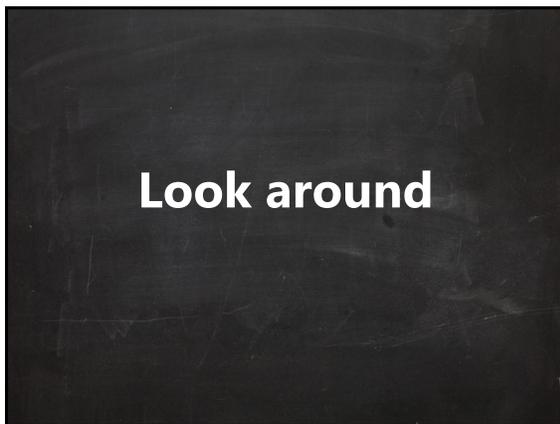


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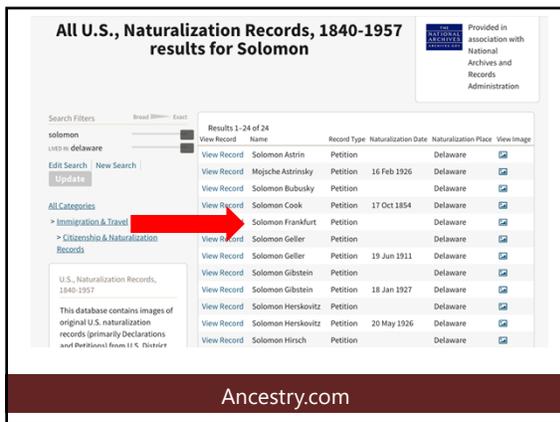
Look around

- Ancestry takes you to a document with the name you are seeking
- Few people look at records nearby or how the dataset is arranged
- May be additional pages and may be a back side to the card you have been taken to.

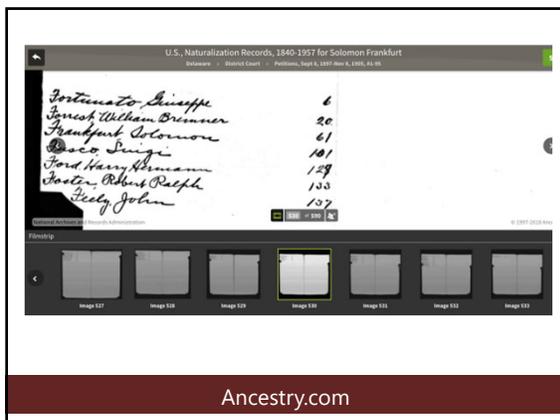
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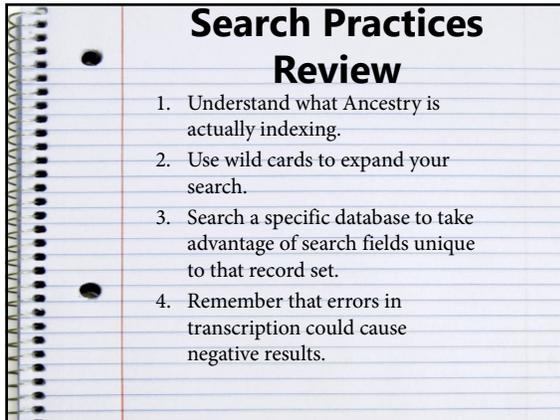
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Search Practices Review

1. Understand what Ancestry is actually indexing.
2. Use wild cards to expand your search.
3. Search a specific database to take advantage of search fields unique to that record set.
4. Remember that errors in transcription could cause negative results.

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