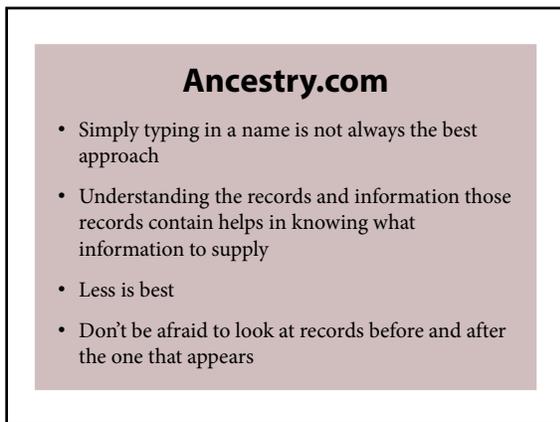
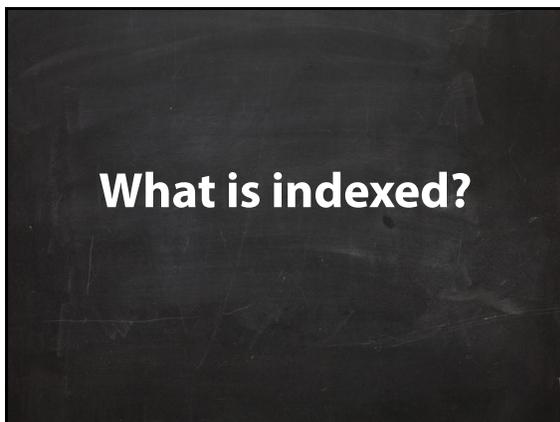


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What is indexed?

- 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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Tip

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

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View Record	Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Residence Place	View Image
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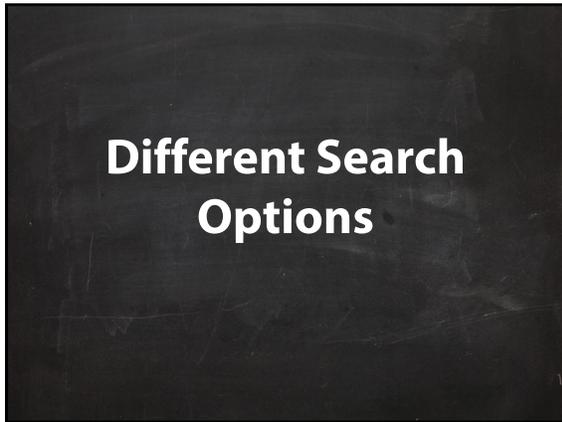
Wildcards

- 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

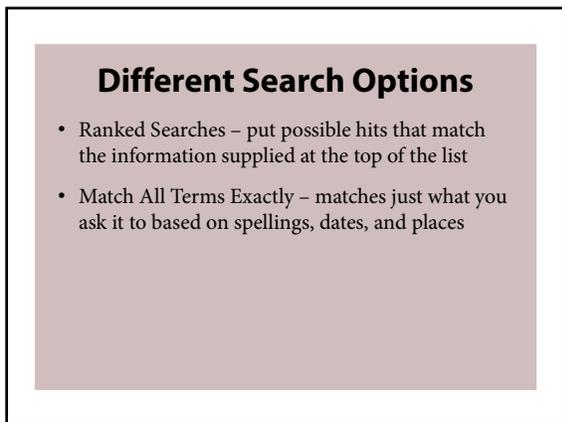
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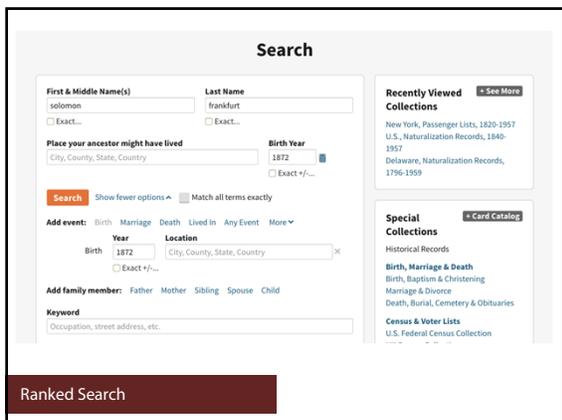
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All results for Solomon Frankfort

Search Filters: solomon, Frankfort, born 1872

Results 1-11 of 11

Matching Person (from family trees)

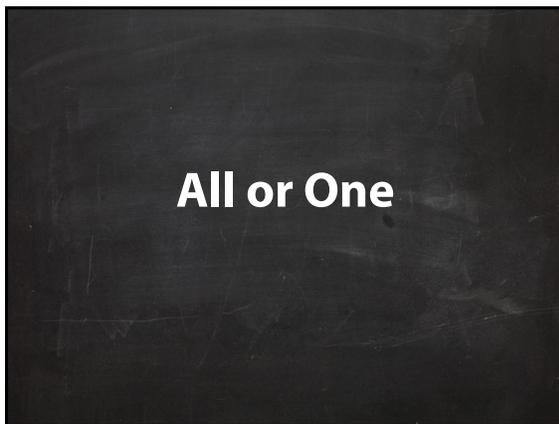
Spouse: Mary Stritsky
 Children: Bernard Richard
 Birth: 1 Dec 1872 Ukraine
 Death: 23 Nov 1969 Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware, USA
 Residence: 1 Apr 1940 New Castle, USA

Matching Records

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014	Name: Solomon Frankfort
	Birth: 1 Dec 1872
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	Civil: Delaware
1930 United States Federal Census	Name: Solomon Frankfort
	Birth: Russia

Match All Terms Exactly + Options

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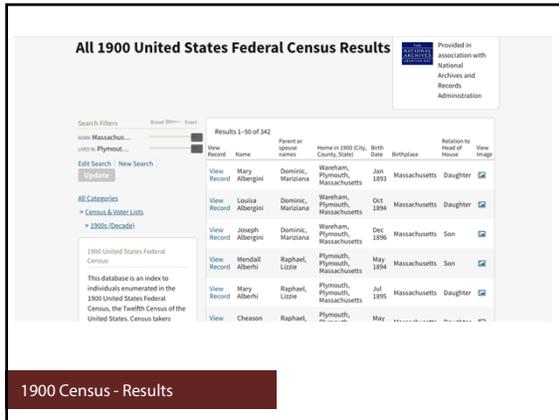


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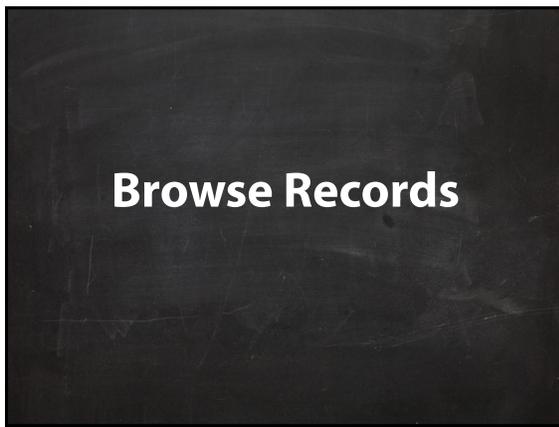
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- Main search offers many fields, *many* of which are shared between databases.
- If you search within a specific database, you may be supplied with additional search fields.
- Keep in mind *you* may know more information than was actually on the record.

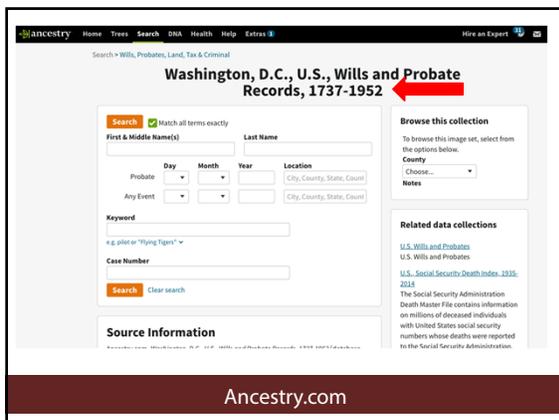
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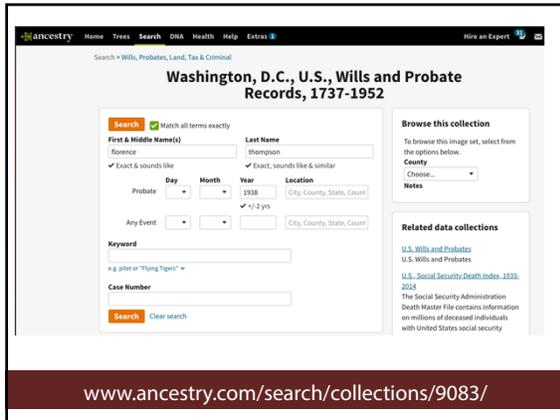
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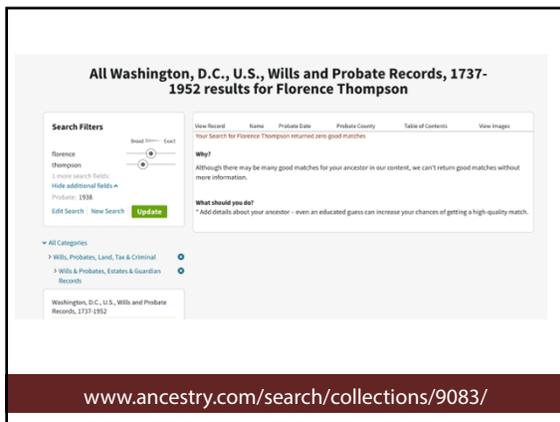
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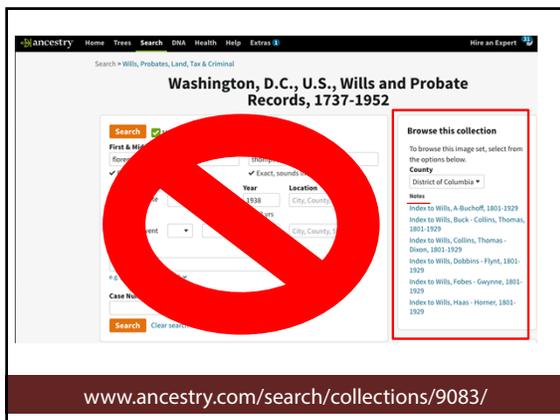
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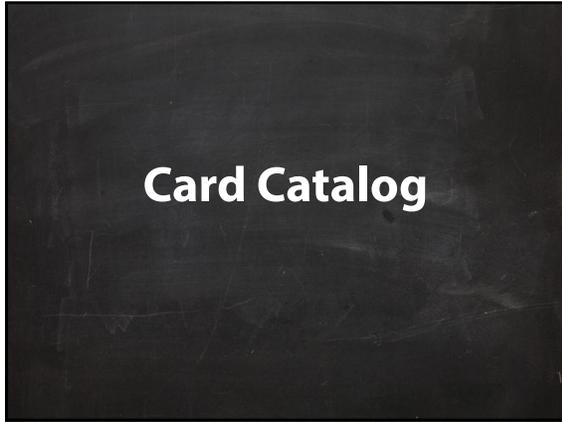
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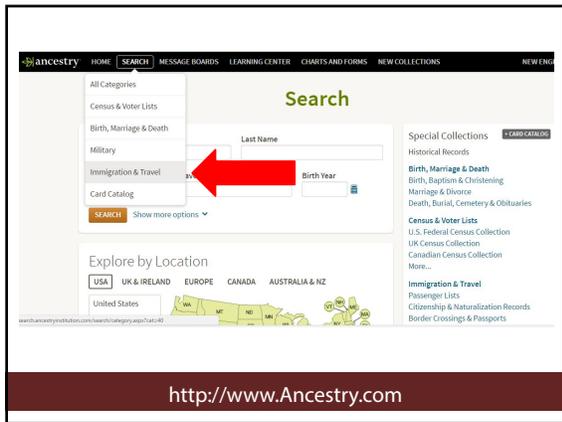
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Errors & Omissions

- 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

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Massachusetts, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963

Update

Results 1-32 of 32

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View Record	Agata Cassinari	abt 1866	1 Feb 1911	Boston	Romanic	📄
View Record	Antonio Cassinari	abt 1866	15 Apr 1903	Boston	Vancouver	📄
View Record	Clementina Cassinari	abt 1866		Boston	Canopic	📄
View Record	Filia Cassinari	abt	25 Sep	Boston	Romanic	📄

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Excel Spreadsheet

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Immigrant	Given Name	Age	Arrival Date	Port	Ship Name	Going To	Notes	
11	Emigration	Maria	30	17 Nov 1899	New York	Warra	Providence, Mass.	going to her son who is married	
12	Emigration	Maria	30	17 Nov 1899	New York	Warra	Providence, Mass.	going to her father who is unmarried traveling with Elizabeth	
13	Emigration	Maria	30	17 Nov 1899	New York	Warra	Providence, Mass.	going to her father who is unmarried traveling with Elizabeth	
14	Emigration	Emilie	24	May 1893	New York	Kaiser Wilhelm I	Boston, Mass.	going to her mother's home	
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DECLARATION OF INTENTION

For Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

District of Massachusetts, ss. In the District Court of the United States

I, Philip George Breaux, aged 36 years, occupation carpenter, do declare on oath that my personal description by Color white, complexion fair, height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 140 pounds, color of hair brun, color of eyes blue, other visible distinctive marks none.

I was born in Massachusetts Canada on the 15th day of June anno Domini 1884. I now reside at 59 Highland Ave., Everett, Massraucook, Canada.

Admitted to the United States of America free, unrestricted, bona fide on the 10th day of Jan anno Domini 1921.

I do hereby bind myself to observe forever all obligations and duties to my native country, and particularly to support its flag, its laws, its Constitution, and its institutions, and to perform the same as fully as if I were a native-born citizen of the United States of America.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said District Court, at Boston, Mass., this 10th day of Jan anno Domini 1921.

Name **BREAUX, Philip George**
 Residence **59 Highland Ave., Everett**
 Place and Date of Birth **June 15th 1884**
 Occupation **Carpenter**
 Name of Wife **Julia**
 Date of Admission **Jan, 10th 1921**
 Certificate No. **1539154** Petition No. 4333

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Massachusetts, U.S. State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1788-1950 for Philip George Breaux

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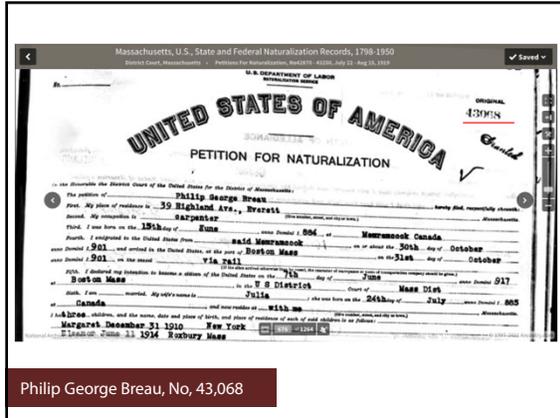
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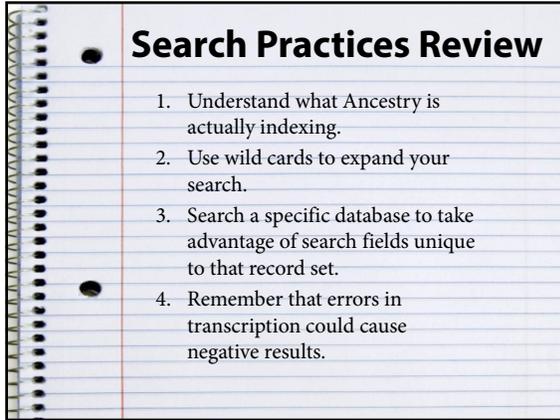


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Look around

- 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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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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