



# MyHeritage Library Edition



**Description:** MyHeritage Library Edition contains genealogy resources with more than nine billion historical records from 48 countries. New collections are added monthly. The database includes:

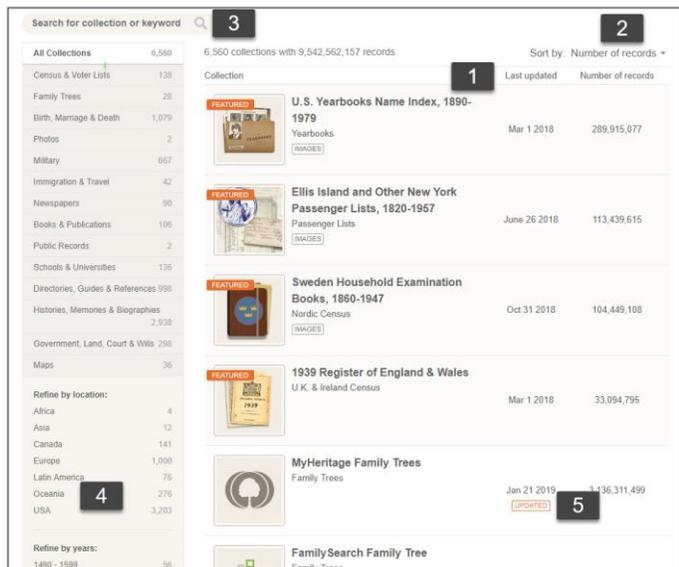
- United States Federal Census - 1790-1940 including the 1850 Mortality and Slave Schedules
- Census of England and Wales - 1841-1901 Citizenship, naturalization, immigration, land, military, court, and will and probate records
- Passenger lists
- More than 100 million Nordic records
- More than 474 million historical photographs
- 3 billion exclusive family tree profiles
- U. S Yearbooks 1890-1979
- Directories, guides, references, biographies, and yearbooks
- Additional content under license including Tributes obituaries, WikiTree, BillionGraves, Canadian Headstones and many others

The resources are divided into 14 Categories with some containing subcategories. If you are using a device with a large screen such as a desktop or laptop, you will see the Categories area along the right side of the screen. On smaller devices such as phones or tablets, the Categories may be in a dropdown menu. In some cases, you may need to rotate your device to the landscape position in order to see the Categories.

Under the Categories heading are the 14 Categories. Under each heading is a short list of collection names and/or subcategories. Many of the lists include a "More..." and/or a "Show all" links at the bottom of the list that will expand the list.

The first option under the Categories heading is "Browse Collection Catalog" link that will take you to another list of collections. (This option may not be available on smaller devices.) On this page you can:

1. See the date a collection was last updated.
2. Sort the list of collections by the number of records, the last updated date or collection name
3. Search for a specific collection.
4. View collections by location or years.
5. Easily see when a collection has been update or a new one added. This works best if you change the sort order to "Last Updated".



When viewing a category, subcategory or collection, you will see a description located towards the top of the screen. As you move through the database this information will change based on the category or collection you are in.

**All Collections > Census & Voter Lists**

**Census & Voter Lists**  
Many countries took periodic censuses to keep track of their populations. Census records often include helpful details about your and fam

**All Collections > Census & Voter Lists > U.S. Census**

**U.S. Census**  
The United States has conducted ten years since 1790. The present is the 1940 census, due to a 72-year privacy restriction.

**All Collections > Census & Voter Lists > U.S. Census > 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census**

**1857 Minnesota Territorial Census**  
150,685 records  
Indexes and images of the population schedule listing inhabitants of the Minnesota Territory in 1857. NOTE: "All entries for the following newly created [23 May 1857] counties were fabricated to cover voter fraud: Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock."

**Breadcrumbs show you where you are at in the database.**

**The descriptions provide important information such as why the 1940 US Census is the most recent census available, what happened to the 1890 US Census or what is wrong with the 1857 MN Territorial Census.**

**You may need to click on the arrow to see complete description.**

The amount and format of the information available in each collection varies. Some collections contain images of the original source documents. The original source documents may be available within the MyHeritage database or they may be located on other websites.

**Examples of the types of collections and information available in the database:**

Household	Name	Age
Head	Arthur J. Weaver	56
Wife	Maudie Pearl Weaver	44
Daughter	Maudie Pearl Weaver	20
Daughter	Gertrude Jane Weaver	18
Son	Arthur Weaver, Jr.	17
Daughter	Math Jane Weaver	15
Son	Philip Pearl Weaver	11
Daughter	Langston Weaver	8
Head	Harold Cooper	58
Roomer	Ernest Woodcock	31

**US Federal Census:** The original census images are available within the MyHeritage Library Edition database. Basic information from the census documents has been transcribed but not all of the information. The transcribed information will vary depending on the census year. You can only search information that has been transcribed.

**Netherlands, Tilburg Population Registers, 1800-1923:** This collection is an index of population registers for Tilburg, Netherlands. The records in MyHeritage contain just the transcribed information. The original documents are available on the Tilburg Regional Archives' website. Towards the bottom of the record is the link "Source: View full record on Tilburg Regional Archives." Clicking this link will take you to the Tilburg website. As I mentioned, these records are from the Netherlands so the website is in Dutch. As expected, the records are also written in Dutch.

PROVINCIE *Noord Brabant* GEMEENTE  
STAD *Tilburg* WIJK *Rerk*

PLAATSELIJKE AFDEELING. AANDUIDING DER INGEZET

Straat, steeg, gracht enz.	Nummers der huizen.	Getal der	
		Huizen	Personen
<i>Lomestract</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

**Alfred Jones**

Gender: Male  
Birth: Londen (Engeland)  
Residence: Tilburg, Netherlands  
Age: 13  
Source: Archiefnaam: Bevolkingsregister Tilburg, Bron: boek, Deel: 1283, Periode: 1  
Book: Inv. nr. 1283 1830 (Pagina's 301-592)  
Institution: Regionaal Archief Tilburg  
Archive: 0917  
Page: 549  
Registry #: 1283  
Source place: Tilburg, Netherlands  
Source date: 1830  
Index date: Jan 31 1830  
Source: View full record on Tilburg Regional Archives

You may want to bookmark a site such as Google Translate ([translate.google.com](https://translate.google.com)) or Microsoft Translator ([bing.com/translator](https://bing.com/translator)) that can be used to translate text from one language to another.

**South Dakota, State Census, 1935:** This is another example of when basic transcribed information is provided in the database but the original document is on another site. In this case, the original document is on the familysearch.org website. In order to see the document you are required to create a free familysearch.org account. The link from the MyHeritage record clearly tells you that you may need to register on the familysearch.org site.



**Family Trees:** These family trees come from a wide variety of sites including WikiTree, FamilySearch Family Tree, Geni World Family Tree and MyHeritage Family Trees. The majority of these family trees have been put together by people from around the world doing their own family research. They can be a great source of information however; there are no guarantees that the information in the family trees is 100% accurate.

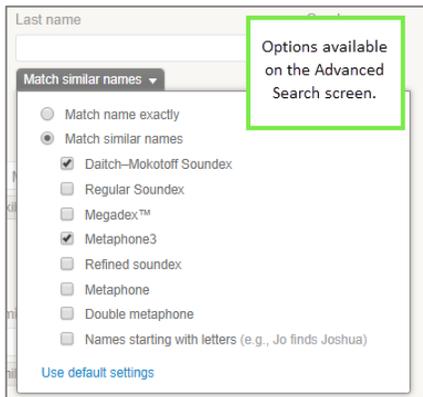
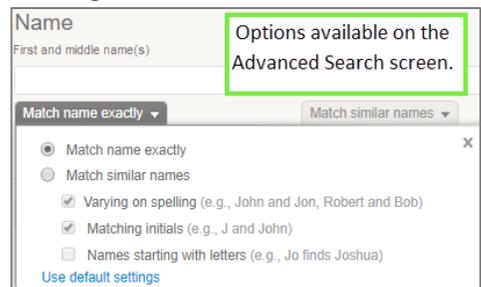
## Searching

There are many different ways to approach searching in MyHeritage. What works best will depend on how you like to search, what you already know about the person or family being researched and how much research has already been done. Here are a few different approaches to searching:

- Search everything at once. Use the basic or advanced search screen to search everything. Most times this type of search will return many results. If you don't know where to start, start by searching everything.
- Search one category or one subcategory at a time. This is one way to focus your search.
- Search a single collection. This type of search may or may not return results. It will depend on how much information you already have and which collection you are searching.
- Search by location. This may be a good option when you are researching a person that you know lived in a specific location.

## Search Screen

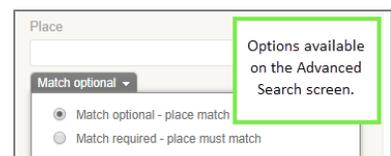
No matter if you are searching everything or a single collection the search screen is designed to do a broad search. For example, when text is entered in the first name box the system will search for exactly what was entered, it will search for similar names that may be spelled differently and it will match initials. The same type of thing happens with the last name field however, it uses one or more Soundex. A Soundex is an algorithm designed to match surnames on how they sound rather than how they are spelled.



These types of searching options can be both a huge help and a little annoying. When searching historical records that contain names that were handwritten and then transcribed there is potential for error. In addition, the spelling of family names may have changed over time. These search options try to deal with all of these possible issues.

If you would like to more control over how the information you have entered is being searched use the **Advanced Search** screen. The Advanced Search link is at the top right corner of the search box. On the Advanced Search screen, you will see dropdown menus below most of the search

boxes. Use the options available in these dropdowns to control how a field is being searched. Be a bit careful however as you can make your search so exact that you may not get any results or accidentally eliminate good results.



## Navigating Search Results

At the bottom of the page, you can control how many results are displayed per page. The default is 20 but it can be increased up to 100. A search across all of the collections may return a lot results. Here are some tips on navigating the results.

Click the **Summary** tab to see the results grouped by category. Under each category will be a list of up to 10 collections. The collections are sorted by the number of results found in each collection. There may also be a link to see additional collections and/or subcategories.

The screenshot shows a search interface for 'david butler'. On the left, there is a sidebar with search controls and a category list. The main area displays search results for 'David Butler' from the '1940 United States Federal Census'. A 'Refine by: First name' dialog box is open, showing a list of names and their corresponding result counts.

**Search for**  
Name: david butler  
Edit search  
Start a new search

**Narrow down by category**

All Collections	
Census & Voter Lists	4,458
Family Trees	10,000+
Birth, Marriage & Death	10,000+
Photos	1,253
Military	767
Immigration & Travel	397
Newspapers	10,000+
Books & Publications	8,397
Maps	12

**Refine your search by:**

- First name
- Last name
- Birth year
- Birth place
- Father name

**All results for david butler in All Collections**  
1 - 20 of 90,924 results

Results Summary

**David Butler**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
1940 United States Federal Census  
Birth: Circa 1935 - Illinois, USA  
Residence: 1940 - 302 N 5, Geneva, Kane, Illinois, USA  
Parents: John Marshal Butler, Mable Butler  
Siblings: Donald Butler, John Butler

Death: Oct 24 1992 - Essex Newark City, New Jersey, USA  
Residence: Essex Newark City, New Jersey, USA

**Refine by: First name**

David	18,693
David J	1,231
David A	1,130
David L	987
John David	810
David M	707
David C	689

Along the left side of the screen is another way to limit your search to a specific category. The number behind the categories indicates how many results were found.

**Refine Your Search by** finds the most common elements in your search results and then provides you with the option to limit your results by one of those elements. Clicking on any one of them will limit your results. Again, be careful when doing this. In this search example, I was looking for David Christy Butler. At first glance selecting David looks like the best options however, if you scroll down the list there is also a David C option. You may need to try both the David and the David C option.

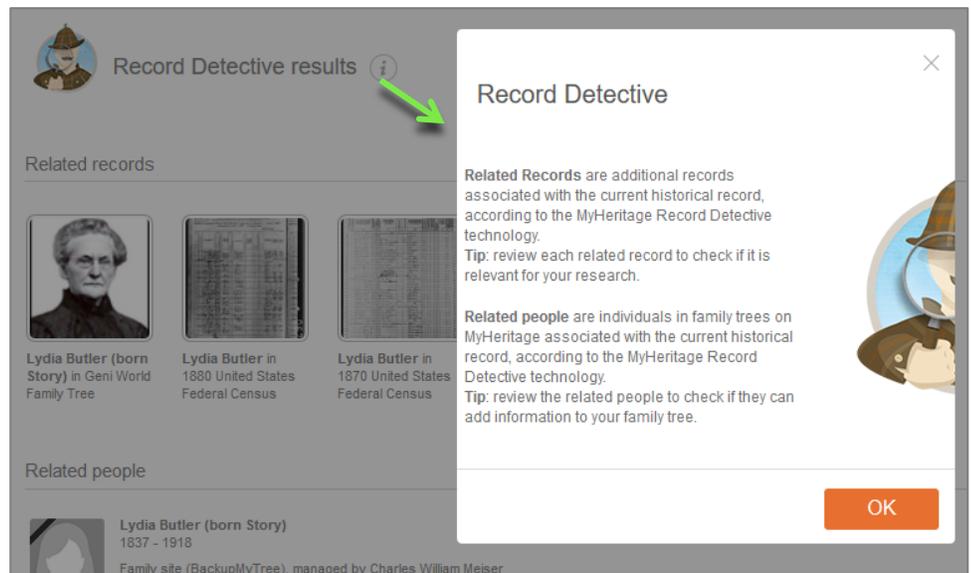
The collection title is included in the record.

## Search Records by Location

The Search Records by Location option is located below the search area on the homepage. As you place your mouse over the map, different countries or regions will be highlighted. Click on an area to see a list of locations. Select a location to be taken to a search screen. Along the right side of the screen will be a list of collections related to the area you selected. Please note this is not a comprehensive list. Some locations may not have any collections that are specific to that location. In those cases, you will only see the Global Collection of MyHeritage Family Trees listed.

## Record Detective

As you are looking at individual records in MyHeritage Library Edition keep an eye out for the Record Detective. The Record Detective does not always appear but when he does, he will be located at the bottom of the page below the record. FYI - sometimes he's a little slow to load. The Record Detective helps you locate other records and people related to the record you are currently viewing.



**Record Detective results**

**Related records**

- Lydia Butler (born Story) in Geni World Family Tree
- Lydia Butler in 1880 United States Federal Census
- Lydia Butler in 1870 United States Federal Census

**Related people**

- Lydia Butler (born Story) 1837 - 1918  
Family site (BackupMyTree), managed by Charles William Meiser

**Record Detective**

**Related Records** are additional records associated with the current historical record, according to the MyHeritage Record Detective technology.  
Tip: review each related record to check if it is relevant for your research.

**Related people** are individuals in family trees on MyHeritage associated with the current historical record, according to the MyHeritage Record Detective technology.  
Tip: review the related people to check if they can add information to your family tree.

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