Key Differences between Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition

This document lists key differences between Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition; there may be other minor differences. Content and functionality may be subject to change at any time.

USER EXPERIENCE

Ancestry.com is designed for the individual, therefore personalized functionality is not available in the Library Edition. **Not** included in Ancestry Library Edition are the following features:

- **Creating Trees**
  Includes the links to an individual member’s trees; personal trees cannot be created on Ancestry Library Edition.

- **DNA**
  The AncestryDNA testing service utilizes autosomal testing technology. An Ancestry.com account is required for you to explore your possible DNA matches.

- **Extras**
  iOS and Android Apps (which allows you to download Ancestry Apps), Photo Books and Posters (which leads to MyCanvas, a third-party product), ProGenealogists (professional researchers who help people trace their family trees), Ancestry Academy (video tutorials which are not appropriate in the library setting) and Gift Membership

To help the patron in the library, there is added functionality found only in the Ancestry Library Edition:

- **Learning Center**
  - Research Aids: Includes many downloadable PDFs that will help patrons discover new research techniques.
  - Maps: Learn the layout and jurisdictional boundaries of a state over time.

- **Charts and Forms**: Ancestral, Research Calendar, Research Extract, Correspondence Record, Family Group Sheet, and Source Summary

- **Email a Record Home**
  - For users who don’t want to print records in the library, they can use Ancestry Library Edition’s *Email a Record Home* which will send them a link to all the records they wish to access at home. They can view, print and download the records at home.
DATASETS/COLLECTIONS

Certain data collections are available in Ancestry.com, but not in Ancestry Library Edition:

- **Obituary Collection**
  The collection contains recent obituaries from hundreds of newspapers. There is still a strong and growing collection in Ancestry Library Edition. But, historical newspaper titles offered by ProQuest are not available in the Library Edition.

- **Historical Newspaper Collection**
  These are mostly small-town newspapers, and most do not have complete series/coverage. Many newspapers are provided to Ancestry through third-party vendors. They are not available in Ancestry Library Edition due to licensing restrictions. The titles available through ProQuest Historical Newspapers™ are not available in Ancestry Library Edition.

- **ProQuest’s G&LH Books in the Families and Local Histories Collection**
  These books are found in HeritageQuest Online, powered by Ancestry.com and distributed by ProQuest.

- **Freedman’s Bank Records**
  This database is found in HeritageQuest Online, powered by Ancestry.com and distributed by ProQuest.

- **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, distributed by ProQuest.

Note: Public Member Trees and the Ancestry Message Boards are read-only for users of Ancestry Library Edition. You will not be able to upload GEDCOM files or data from other family tree software (such as Family Tree Maker), post messages, or reply to messages using Ancestry Library Edition.