

**LESSON 3 – ANCESTRY.COM – SKILL SHEET
(CHECK OFF EACH SKILL AS YOU COMPLETE)**

FOUR TOPICS:

1. FAMILY TREES
2. CARD CATALOG
3. CENSUS RECORDS
4. IMMIGRATION

FAMILY TREES: Select an ancestor you would like to research from your Family Tree in FamilySearch.org. Go to Ancestry.com, click on “Search” (at the top) and enter your ancestor's information. Click on “Search” further down on the page. Under the heading “All Categories”, scroll down to “Family Trees”. Take advantage of other people's research by using a **SOURCED** tree and clicking on those sources. Continue validating your ancestor's information from other documents such as a birth, death, marriage or census record. Compare the information with your tree in FamilySearch using a split screen. Do not use AN UNSOURCED family tree as a source.

CARD CATALOG: Hover over the “Search” tab and select “Card Catalog” from the list. Type in the title box “City Directories” (there are many categories to choose from.) Type in an ancestor’s name and other information. In the card catalog you can choose the type of record you want to search.

CENSUS RECORDS: Find an existing ancestor on a census record (use someone born around 1850.) Trace this ancestor, where they lived, and see family members as they appear and then don’t appear, as the family matures. Take the time to look at the many clues. Follow the additional links Ancestry finds as possible matches to your ancestor in the side bar. Source the documents to your FamilySearch Tree using “Tree Connect” or Ancestry may offer the option to connect the source document to your ancestor in FamilySearch.

IMMIGRATION/TRAVEL: Hover over the “Search” tab and click on the “Immigration & Travel” link. Select “Passenger Lists” on the right hand side of the page. Many of our ancestors came to this land on a ship. Search by male name first, because often the females and children were not recorded and it is difficult to find passenger lists prior to 1800. There may be other immigration records such as naturalization papers, passports, etc. Again, attach the record to your FamilySearch tree either using “Tree Connect’ or through Ancestry.