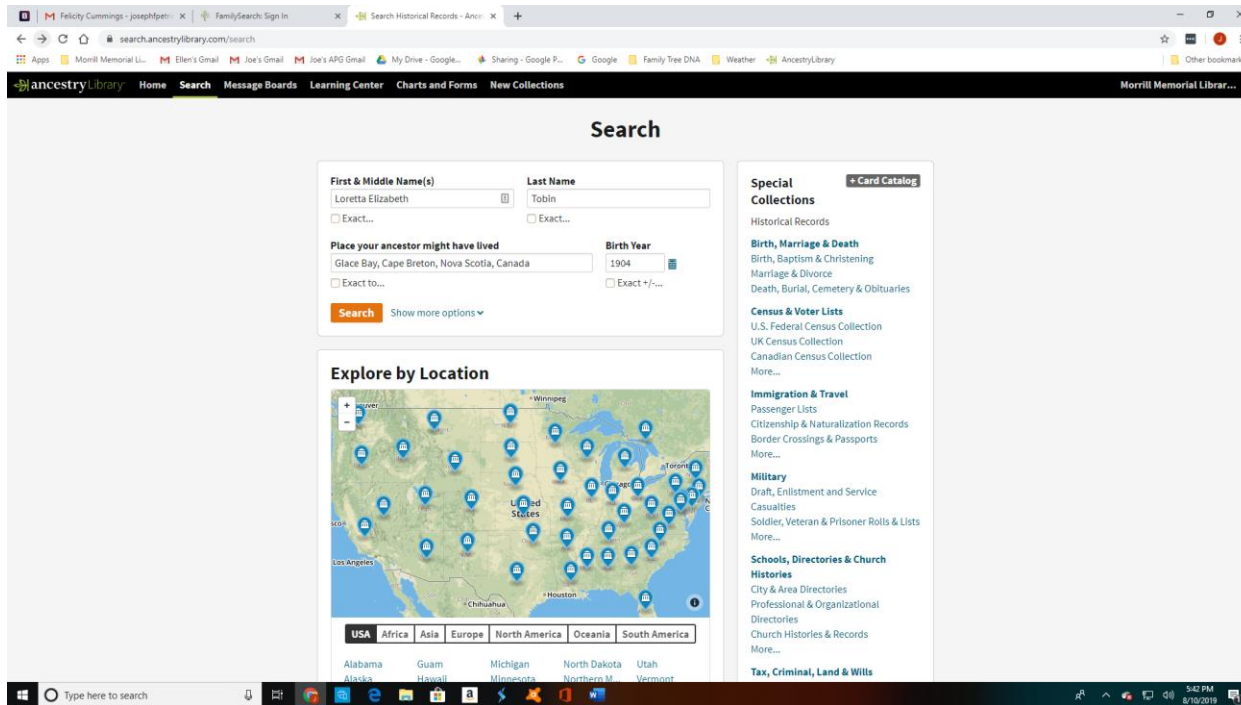


# Genealogy Basics – Ancestry.com Suggested Records

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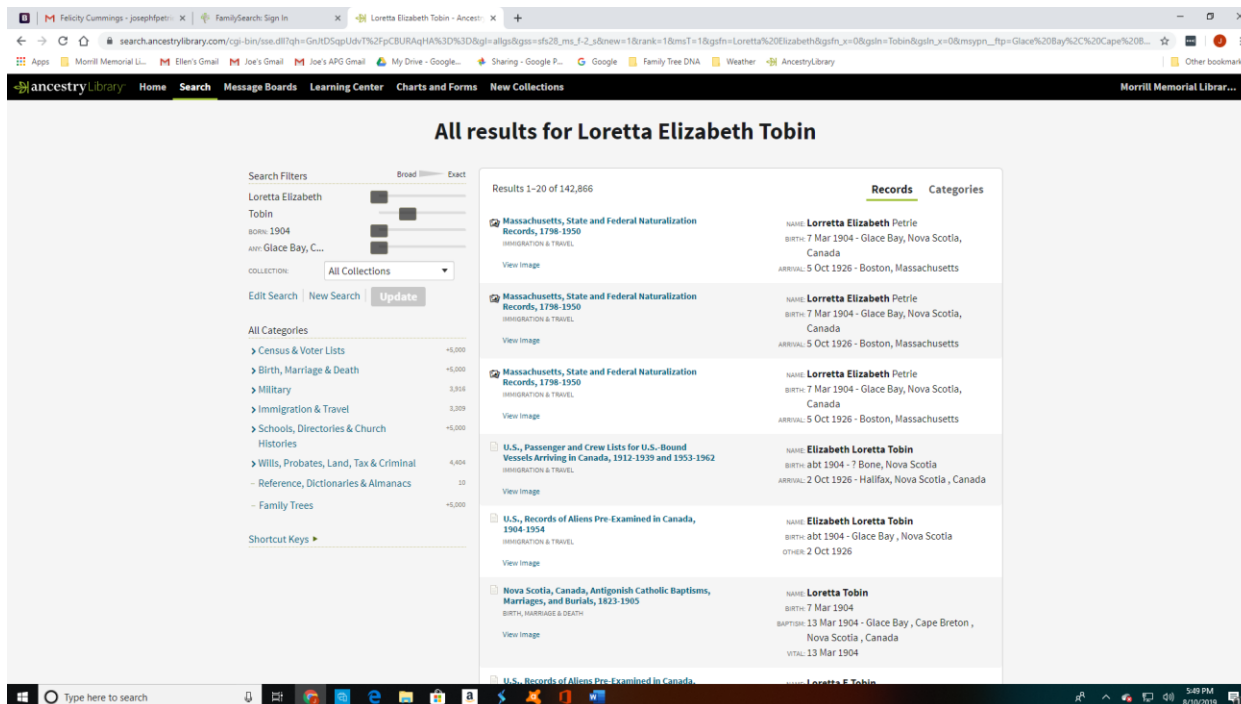
## INTRODUCTION

The starting point is a record that results from a user's Search. The screen print for my Search for my mother follows:



The next point in the process is selecting a result of the search to see the transcript.

The following is a screen print of the first 6 records of Results.



I selected in the 5<sup>th</sup> official document named [U.S., Records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada, 1904-1954: Why?](#) For years, I would say that my mother was an illegal alien because I could not find Border Crossing Record for her.

The next screen print is the transcription. The lower right has the list of Suggested Records.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search results for Elizabeth Loretta Tobin. The page title is "Elizabeth Loretta Tobin" with the subtitle "In the U.S., Records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada, 1904-1954". The main content area includes a "View" button next to a thumbnail image of a document. To the right of the thumbnail is a table of personal information:

Name:	Elizabeth Loretta Tobin
Gender:	Female
Race:	Irish
Age:	22
Birth Date:	abt 1904
Birth Place:	Glace Bay, Nova Scotia
Marital status:	Single
Pre-Examination Date:	2 Oct 1926
Pre-Examination Location:	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Below the table is a "Source Citation" section with text: "The National Archives at Washington, D.C.; Washington, D.C.; Records of Aliens Pre-Examined at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Prior to Admission at the U.S.-Canada Border, compiled 1923-1933; National Archives Microfilm Publication: A3463; NAI Number: 3929766; Record Group Title: Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; Record Group Number: 85". There is also a "Source Information" section with text: "Ancestry.com: U.S., Records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada, 1904-1954 (database on-line). Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012." and an "Original data:" section with a link to "See Full Source Citations".

On the right side of the page, there is a "Send Your Find Home!" section with a "Send document" button and a "View print-friendly" link. Below that is a "Suggested Records" section with a list of records:

- U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 Loretta E Tobin
- Massachusetts, State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1798-1950 Loretta Elizabeth Tobin
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- U.S. Naturalization Records Indexes, 1794-1995 Lorretta Elizabeth Petrie
- Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970 Loretta E Tobin
- U.S., Records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada, 1904-1954 Elizabeth Loretta Tobin
- Massachusetts, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963 Ethel L Tobin
- Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901-1980 Ethel Petrie
- U.S., Passenger and Crew Lists for U.S.-Bound Vessels Arriving in Canada, 1912-1939 and 1953-1962 Elizabeth Loretta Tobin
- 1930 United States Federal Census Ethel Tobin
- Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970 Elizabeth Tobin
- Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970 Loretta H Tobin
- Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970 Ethel Tobin
- Book Indexes to Boston Passenger Lists, 1899-1940 Elizabeth Petrie
- U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 Ethel Petrie

## Ancestry.com: Suggested Records for my mother (Hyperlinked)

- [U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 Loretta E Tobin](#)
- [Massachusetts, State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1798-1950 Loretta Elizabeth Tobin](#)
- [Nova Scotia, Canada, Antigonish Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1823-1905 Loretta Tobin](#)
- [1940 United States Federal Census Ethel Petris](#)
- [U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014 Ethel Petrie](#)
- [Massachusetts, Death Index, 1970-2003 Ethel T Petrie](#)
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Please note that [Nova Scotia, Canada, Antigonish Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1823-1905](#) [Loretta Tobin](#) is incorrect. FamilySearch has the delayed birth record. Also, [The Book Indexes to Boston Passenger Lists](#) is incorrect. The lady was going to Newark, NJ from Southhampton.

Mother's different Names on the Suggested Records follows:

Loretta Elizabeth Tobin,  
Elizabeth Loretta Tobin,  
Lorretta Elizabeth Tobin,  
Ethel Tobin,  
Ethel L Tobin,  
Loretta Elizabeth Petrie,  
Ethel Petrie,  
Ethel Tobin Petrie, and  
Ethel T Petrie

The records for Elizabeth Loretta Tobin: In 1926 after working in the Boston Area for the summer, mother decided to migrate. She returned to Glace Bay to get a Birth Certificate. The staff could not find a record. They told her that they would process a Delayed Registration based on a Baptism record. She went to St. Anne's and got the Baptism Form. Problem: the priest recorded her name as Elizabeth Loretta Tobin. Her delayed certificate was processed with her Baptism name.

The records for Lorretta Elizabeth Tobin: Whoever typed her Naturalization Intent form added an extra r in Loretta. She lived with that until the 1940s when she legally changed her name to Ethel Tobin Petrie.

#### **ANCESTRY'S EXPLANATION FOR THE SOFTWARE**

"Using the information from this record transcription, Ancestry searches for other records that may be related to the same person. The suggestions system also looks at people in trees to which this record has been saved to see if there are additional records saved to those people. These records are displayed here to aid you in finding other records that may help you in your research."

I assume that the software only takes official records from Public Member Trees. Why? Errors in the Member Trees are usually oral history errors.

#### **SUMMARY**

Please remember that the Suggested Records are just suggestions.

Unlike others, I really like the Suggested Records.

I learned something. mom returned to Halifax NS in 1931, I assume that she returned to inform her family that she was getting married in August.

I'd suggest that the Suggested Records include the 1911 and 1921 Canadian Censuses.

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