

Quick Tips for Searching Biography Databases



1 Select one or more databases to search

2 Choose Advanced Search, Basic Search, Browse or Thesaurus

Advanced Search

Search by any combination of name, profession/activity, keyword, place of origin, gender, ethnicity, and more.

Basic Search

Use natural language, e.g. *politicians in exile*, or Boolean searching, e.g. *(painters or sculptors) not modern*.

Browse

Not sure of the precise term or spelling? See what's available among all names, professions, and other options.

Thesaurus

Get related terms for professions and activities, if available, matching whatever term you submit.

3 Print, E-Mail, or Save Results

Print Email Save

Include your results, full text articles, and more!

Need help?

- **Help** brings you a pop-up page with answers and instructions specific to whatever screen you're viewing.
- **InfoCenter** offers more general help: an FAQ, search rules, article citation tips, a WilsonWeb tour, and more.

Advanced Search

To find a person by name, just enter the name in the **Search For** box, and click **Start**.

To find profiles by profession, place of origin, gender, date of birth and other options, enter the term in the **Search For** box, and use the dropdown menu to specifically search those fields.

Cross-search by entering other words in the additional **Search For** boxes.


Select **And**, **Or**, or **Not** from the dropdown boxes for more precision.

Click **Start** to launch.


Basic Search (not shown)

Enter a name or search topic in the **Search For** box. Enclose in quotation marks to retrieve only records featuring that precise phrase. • Select Natural Language or Boolean searching. • Click **Start** to launch.

Browse (not shown)

Enter a name or profession in the **Browse For** box. • Use the dropdown menu at right to specify which parts of the database to browse: persons, professions, or places of origin, for instance. • Click **Start** to launch. • Click on any term in results to retrieve records for that term. • Click  (in the bottom taskbar) to view more results.

Thesaurus (not shown)

Enter a name or profession in the **Search Thesaurus For** box. • Click **Start** to launch. • If alternate terms are suggested, click on any alternate term to retrieve records for that term. • Click the **records** link in results to retrieve records for any red highlighted term. To retrieve records for multiple terms, use the checkboxes at left and click **Search Marked Subjects** at bottom. • Click  (in the bottom taskbar) to view more results.