

Ancestry's New Mobile Photo Scanning, Enhancement App

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Ancestry has added the ability to scan, crop, enhance, and import an image or multiple images using your smartphone. A favorite feature is the ability to scan multiple images with one click, for example, a scrapbook page. It then automatically crops, enhances, and imports those images into your tree gallery.

Mobile Only

This is a mobile app feature. If you don't have the Ancestry mobile app, you can go to the app store on your smartphone and download it for free. Use your username and password to the same account you have on your desktop computer.

This feature is currently available on IOS and Android devices.

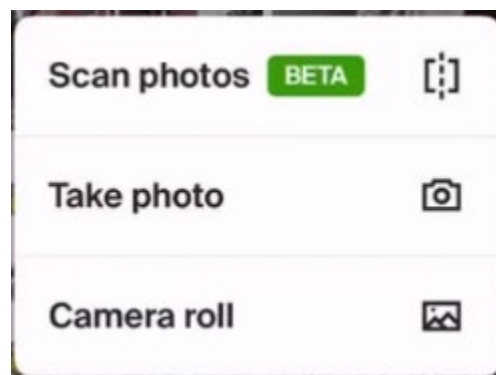


Get Started

On your **smart phone**, tap into the **Tree icon** at the bottom of the screen.

Tap into a **media gallery** with the icon in the **upper right corner** representing little pictures.

Click the green **+** button to add a new image. From there you can **Scan Photos**, **Take a Photo** (using the camera on your phone), or use a photo from your **Camera Roll** on your mobile device.



Scan a New Photo

See the tutorial on the Ancestry app for best results. In short, it want's a clean, well-lit scene, but I was able to get good results with less than perfect conditions. Of course, the better you start with (i.e., no plastic sheet), the better you'll end up with.

Click on Scan Photos

When you're ready to scan a new photo or several photos on a page, click on the Scan Photo, align your camera and tap and hold the button for 3 seconds.

Alternatively, there is a microphone button at the top of the screen that allows you to say "go" to capture the images.

The images taken will upload in the background so you can continue with your family research.



This is a great tool for when you are at a family reunion, and someone pulls out the scrapbook.

Importing from Camera Roll

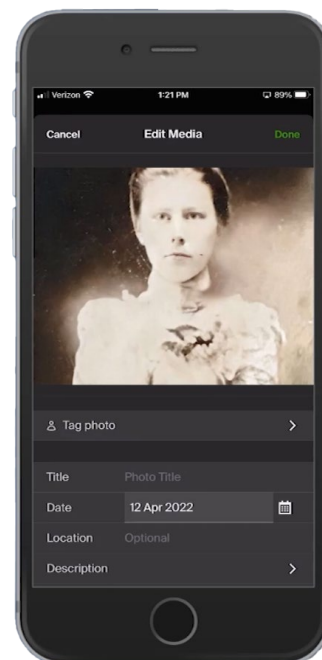
When clicking on the **Scan icon**, then **Import** (on the bottom), then it allows the app to use photos on your mobile device, then **select all the photos** from your phone's gallery to import, then click the **green Import button** at the top of the page to batch import all at once.

Tag or Attach Photos to Ancestors

Once your image is uploaded to your gallery within your Ancestry account, click on an image. Tap the information "i" icon in the lower left corner.

Edit, Tag, Title, and Description of Photos

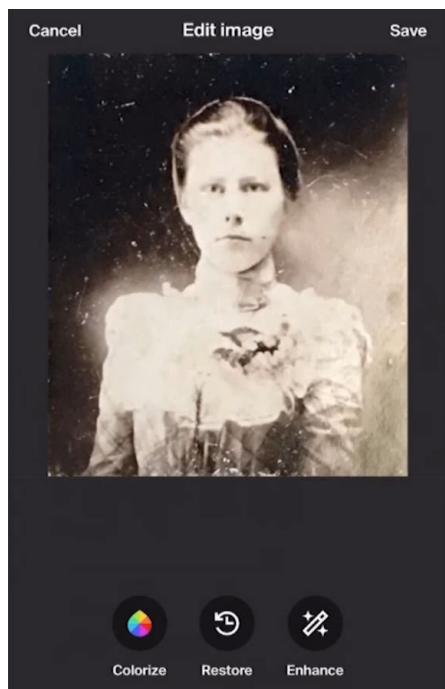
Click **Tag Photo**. When you do, a square box will appear round the face. **Tap in the square on the image** to add a tag. You may have the option to **search for someone in your tree**. **Type their name** as it is on your tree, **click add** and **done**.



You can then **title** the picture, perhaps with a description about the photo. You can **change the date** to perhaps when the image was taken. **Fill in the rest of the fields** and click **Done**.



Enhance, Colorize, and Restore a Photo



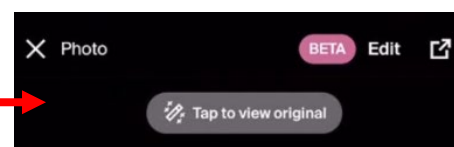
From the image in the gallery, tap Edit in the upper right corner. On the bottom you'll see Colorize, Restore, and Enhance.

- The **Colorize** will only colorize photos.
- **Restore** will attempt to sharpen the image and remove scratches.
- The **Enhance** will Colorize and Enhance the image.

Ancestry will always preserve the original image and will not overwrite the image. From that screen you can choose to keep or modified enhancements or use the original. When you are done, click **save** in the upper right corner.

You can also use the button at the top to

see the original or enhanced image after you have saved it.



Back in the Gallery

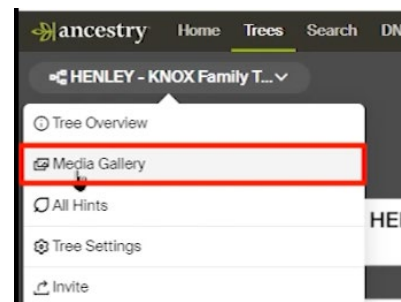
Icons on the images show which images have been attached to an ancestors and which ones have had the enhancement.

Images are saved as .jpg's.

Find Your Uploaded Images on Desktop

When in the **tree view**, click on the **tree name drop down menu**, and choose **Media Gallery**.

Once in the Media Gallery, **click on an image and edit** the photo, restore, colorize, and enhance.



Download to Your Computer

You can then download the image to your desktop as well.

Share

Share or Save with the Email, Facebook, and Twitter icons at the top of the image screen.

Images that just say Photo are those that do not have a title. **Click the word Photo** to give those images a title, date, and description.

The screenshot shows the 'Media Gallery' interface with a dark header containing the title 'Media Gallery' and navigation tabs for 'All Media', 'Photos', 'Stories', 'Audio', and 'Video'. Below the header is a grid of photo thumbnails. A red arrow points to the first thumbnail in the first row, which is labeled 'Photo'. Other thumbnails have titles such as 'Mamie Summerlin ...', 'Ma Knox', '27 Mar 1932', 'Jamison Booth dea...', 'Edna G Walls from ...', and 'Portrait of Edna G. ...'. A pagination indicator at the top right shows '1 of 52'.

Coming Soon...

Ancestry is looking into ways to privatize and or create albums. They are also looking for various ways to filter your photos.