

Using Ancestry.com to search Find A Grave
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Did you know that you can search Find A Grave using ancestry.com's searching powers? Your first question will be, why should I? Find A Grave is free and ancestry.com costs money.

Correct. And have you ever had a problem locating a person, that you know should be buried in a particular cemetery, using Find A Grave's search window?

That happened to me when I was researching a friend's great-grandfather who immigrated to the United States from Italy in the late 1890s. Since his daughter and grandson are buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, CO, I figured that he was, too. So, I went directly to findagrave.com and plugged in the name Giacinto Morretti with a birth date of 1859. I didn't have his death date. The results came back that no such person is buried there.

Since I wasn't familiar with all the spelling variations of this Italian surname, I went to ancestry.com. Using their search screen, I entered the same information. Sure enough, ancestry.com found him. The findagrave memorial spells his surname as "Moretti" instead of "Morretti" that I typed in.

The other bonus of using ancestry to search findagrave is that ancestry will often give you suggestions for other records pertaining to that person.

How do I go about searching findagrave.com at ancestry.com?
When you open up ancestry.com, click on "Search"
From the drop down menu, choose "Card Catalog"
At the small search box labeled **Title**, type in "U. S. Find A Grave"
Click on the link at the next page.