



Using eBay for Genealogy

Why Use eBay and for What?

Contrary to what you may believe, there is all sorts of Family History “stuff” on eBay – photos, family bibles, books, etc. It’s either feast or famine, but it is always fun! People sell all sorts of things, so checking once a week is a good idea.

Accessing and Searching eBay

- Go to <http://www.ebay.com>
- Enter your search criteria in the **Search** box. Examples might be just the last name if the last name is unusual, the last name and another descriptive search term such as “Franks Bible”.
- Press **<enter>**.
- Sometimes the results are enormous. For instance, if you search on Hicks, you will find all sorts of things. Go back to the search box and use “negative” limiters. For instance, there were a great number of items with a common term or terms that I wanted to eliminate, so I changed my search to “hicks -disney -attraction -tickets -chick” and pressed **<enter>**. I have even typed just “family bible” and looked for anything with a name of a family attached. If you use “photo”, repeat the search with other words such as “photograph”, “tintype”, “daguerreotype”, “ etc. You never know what will work. That is why I always start with the last name only.

Sample “Finds”

Below are just a few of the items I found.



774: Priming Horn ID'd to Thomas Austin Hicks, and St

\$50.00

Time Left: 3d 23h 20m



1887 GERMAN FAMILY BIBLE W KURTZ GENEALOGY / LEATHER

\$15.50

Time Left: 22h 31m

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Item Title	Price	Store
THE PASSION STONE*HARRIETTE deJARNETTE*HISTORICAL*OOP	\$0.75 <i>Buy It Now</i>	FAYBELL'S GOODIES
DeJarnette & Allied Families in America	\$14.40 <i>Buy It Now or Best Offer</i>	KnowYourRootz
DeJarnette Family History and Genealogy PDF D132	\$17.40 <i>Buy It Now or Best Offer</i>	Ancestral Manor Genealogy Fair

- If you find something that interests you, click on the blue link and it will take you to an **Item Details** window such as the one below.

REAL PHOTO MAN HORSES UNION GROVE NY JASON FRANKS 1910 Item number: 120112950413

Seller of this item? [Sign in](#) for your status [Watch this item](#) in My eBay



[View larger picture](#)

Starting bid: **US \$19.99** [Place Bid >](#)

End time: **May 01 07 12:43:39 PDT** (1 day 17 hours)

Shipping costs: **US \$0.63** (discount available)
Standard Flat Rate Shipping Service to United States

Ships to: United States
Item location: fleischmanns, NY, United States
History: [Q bids](#)

You can also: [Watch This Item](#)
Get alerts via [Text message](#), [IM](#) or [Cell phone](#)
[Email to a friend](#)

Listing and payment details: [Show](#)

Meet the seller

Seller: [dom8](#) (1161)

Feedback: **100% Positive**

Member since Jan-10-99 in United States

- [Read feedback comments](#)
- [Ask seller a question](#)
- [Add to Favorite Sellers](#)
- [View seller's other items](#)

Buy safely

1. **Check the seller's reputation**
Score: 1161 | 100% Positive
[Read feedback comments](#)
2. **Check how you're protected**
This item is **not covered** by buyer protection on eBay

Description

GREAT OLD REAL PHOTO POSTCARD SHOWING JASON FRANKS OF UNION GROVE NY WITH HORSES. IDENTIFIED AS SUCH ON THE FRONT, AND NOTE ON BACK IS FROM HIM TO HIS UNCLE ABRAM. THE REVERSE IS DIVIDED AND POSTMARKED UNION GROVE 1910. THE WORDS "DOMSCAN" DO NOT APPEAR ON THE ACTUAL CARD. CARD IS IN GOOD CONDITION APART FROM

Getting the Item

You do need to become a registered buyer in order to buy through eBay or to bid on an object. Just follow their simple instructions to sign up. "Buy It Now" means that the price is a fixed price (watch the shipping costs because, sometimes, they are extremely high compared to the price of the item). If you are bidding, bid your highest price. Depending upon how many people are bidding and how much they also want the item, the prices can go way up. Your bid will be at the lowest current possible price to make you the high bidder. Remember that the current bidder may have entered a bid higher than what is showing. It will not let you go over your set amount, so you may be outbid. Some people wait til the last minute on highly wanted items and bid high at the last minute or seconds to have a better chance of getting the item.... so, just be aware. I doubt that this will be the case with most family history type items, but you never know.

Enjoy!