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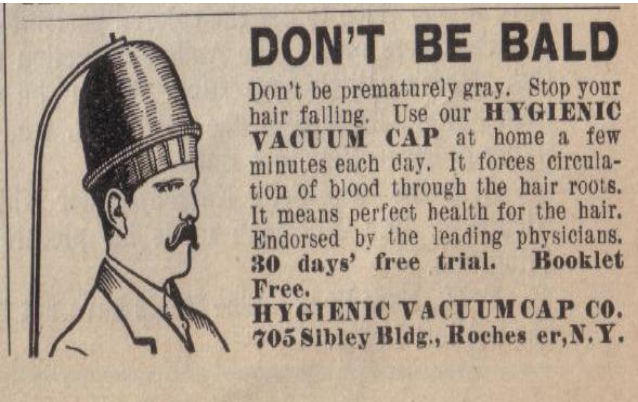
Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections - October 1-30, 2020](#)
- [85 Free New England Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Massachusetts Online Voter Records](#)
- [Georgia Adds 58 Historical Newspaper Titles in Fall 2020 Update](#)
- [Free Illinois Online Alumni Records](#)
- [Free New Jersey Online Alumni Records](#)
- [Free Maryland Online Alumni Records](#)
- [90 Free Mid Atlantic States Online Voter Record Collections](#)
- [Elephind Update - October, 2020](#)
- [Free Georgia Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Alabama Online Voter Records](#)
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- [510 Free Southern States Online Voter Record Collections](#)
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- [Free Texas Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free New Jersey Online Voter Records](#)
- [1110 Free United States Online Voter Record Collections](#)
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- [Free Kansas Online Alumni Records](#)
- [Did You Know That Ancestry Has 1,087 FREE Collections?](#)
- [Free Kentucky Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Tennessee Online Voter Records](#)
- [Why You Should Be Visiting The Ancestor Hunt Regularly](#)
- [Free North Carolina Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Florida Online Voter Records](#)
- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections - October 1-15, 2020](#)
- [Free Mississippi Online Voter Records](#)
- [Inaugural Bi-Monthly Newsletter from The Ancestor Hunt](#)
- [Free Virginia Online Voter Records](#)
- [285 Free Mid Atlantic States Online Alumni Collections](#)
- [Free New York Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Indiana Online Alumni Records](#)
- [Free California Online Voter Records](#)
- [345 Free Western States Online Voter Record Collections](#)
- [Free Michigan Online Alumni Records](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections - October 1-30, 2020](#)

Super Quick Tip

When searching for a surname, have you searched for hyphenated words? In older newspapers, hyphens were used a lot. For a name like "Montgomery", search the entire string, plus "gomery", "mont-", "gomery", "gom", and "ery". You will get many more results.

Quirky Old Newspaper Ad



DON'T BE BALD
Don't be prematurely gray. Stop your hair falling. Use our **HYGIENIC VACUUM CAP** at home a few minutes each day. It forces circulation of blood through the hair roots. It means perfect health for the hair. Endorsed by the leading physicians. **30 days' free trial. Booklet Free.**
HYGIENIC VACUUMCAP CO.
705 Sibley Bldg., Roches er, N.Y.

Additional Useful Articles from Other Sources

Are you doing Native American genealogy research?

- [Native American Treaties Now Online](#)

GenealogyBank Additions for October

- [October Addition: GenealogyBank Just Added New Content from 41 Titles!](#)

Knowing nicknames helps you research

- [Historical Nicknames Are Less Confusing When You Know The Facts](#)

Be Prepared before you discuss family history with your oldest relatives

- [25 Questions for Interviewing Relatives](#)

Collaboration helps Norwegian ancestor researchers

- [Ancestry, MyHeritage and FamilySearch collaborate to make millions of Norwegian church records searchable online](#)

Check out the Easier Find feature that has just been added to The Ancestor Hunt Website:

As you probably know if you have used the site, that each state or province's link lists are separated for each category. For example, there is a New York Newspapers article, a New York Obituaries article, a New York Naturalizations article, etc. I have just made it a little easier to go from one category to the other (saves a click or two). At the very end of each article there is a list to the article links for **every** category for that state or province.

Try it. It will save you time if you are searching in just one geographical area.

I used to have a lot of free time.
Then I discovered genealogy.

Researching California Ancestors? Make sure to check out Great Registers. There is an amazing amount of pertinent information, not often found elsewhere.

Why aren't you searching City Directories?

The City Directories Category was added in July and August of 2020.

It is the second largest category of free online collections on the site, second only to Newspapers, with just a tad less than 20,000 collection links for the U.S. and Canada.

I review statistics on what is popular and what is not, and frankly, I have been surprised at the poor performance stats for this category.

City Directories can tell you (besides addresses) Full names, including middle names, Spouse name, Occupation, Widows, working women, and adult children at home, Maps to Businesses (and index to advertisers). Addresses of churches, schools, funeral homes, cemeteries, post offices, courts, hospitals, benevolent associations, and newspapers, Whether a woman is a widow (including name of husband). and List of marriages and deaths of previous spouse.

You can access City Directories by clicking on [City Directories](#)

Try it out!

Popular Articles That You May Have Missed:

[Free e-Book and Quicksheets to Help You Become a Master Newspaper Researcher](#)

[21 Online Newspaper Research Do's and Don'ts](#)

[The Easiest Way to Find Every Historical Newspaper in America](#)

[What is the Future of Obituaries?](#)

Researching Old Newspapers Online?

OCR is not perfect because the source material (newspapers) is old, brittle and often poorly typeset. So, change the letters in your search criteria to anticipate this. In essence, **DELIBERATELY MISSPELL**. I guarantee that changing your search letters will lead to an improvement of at least 5 to 10% in search results. So what letter pairs are often confused and exchanged in the index?

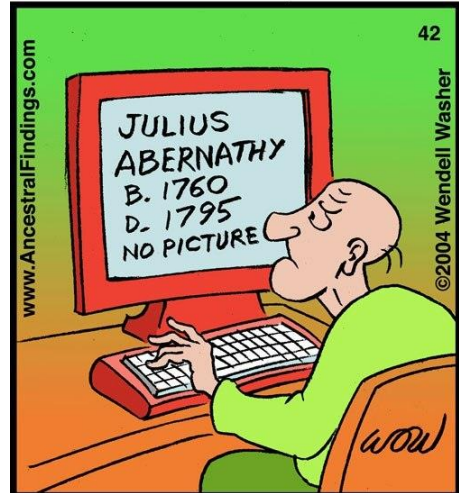
- h and b
- h and n
- Capital D and O
- i, l, 1, /, !, and I are all often interchanged
- 0 and O
- c and e and o
- r and n
- [,] and I (el)
- nl and m (en el and em)
- R and B

- n and ri (en and ar eye)
- v and y
- rn and m (ar n and em)
- S and 8
- S and 5
- Z and 2
- G and 6
- G and O
- B and 8
- K and |<
- Y and V

WHAT I WILL BE WORKING ON IN NOVEMBER:

- *NEWSPAPER
COLLECTIONS UPDATE*
- *PHOTO ARCHIVES
UPDATE*

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Fred couldn't understand why Julius didn't even have a snapshot.



Courtesy of Ancestral Findings

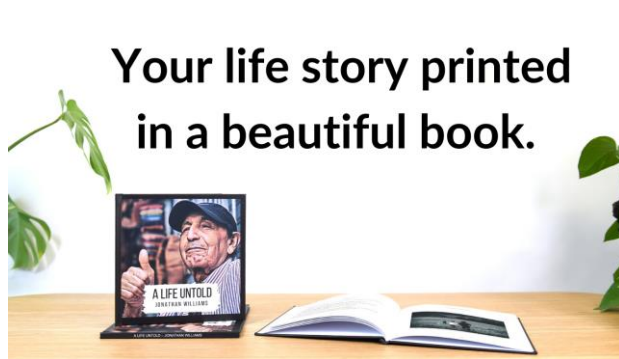
Are You Interested in Writing Your Autobiography?

For those of you who follow The Ancestor Hunt, you know that I rarely if ever promote products. However, I do like to make you aware of new offerings that you might wish to explore.

I have always wanted to write my autobiography, not to mention writing biographies of some of my favorite ancestors. But I keep procrastinating, which is kinda dumb.

In February I came across an Australian company who provides a product/service that makes it really easy to do just that. It is called "A Life Untold". I started entering my autobiographical information about a month ago, and it is really easy. All the entry is done online. The prompts are incredibly helpful. Hopefully I will be able to finish all my entries and provide photos some time next year so that I can have them print the books for me.

The founder, Josh Kates was kind enough to provide me with an interview which can be read [HERE](#)



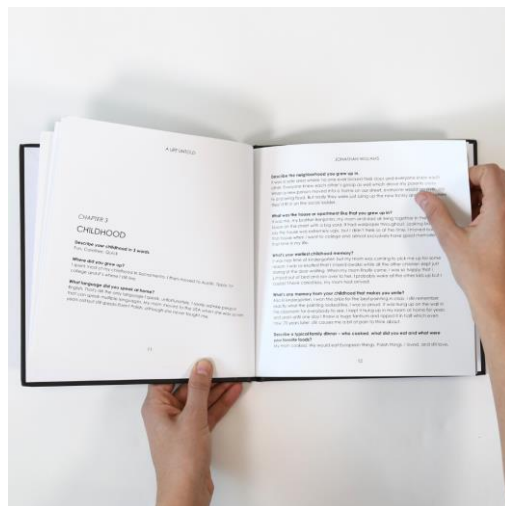
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in a beautiful book.



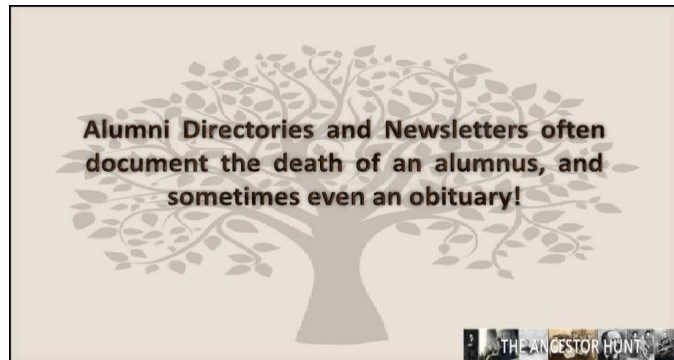
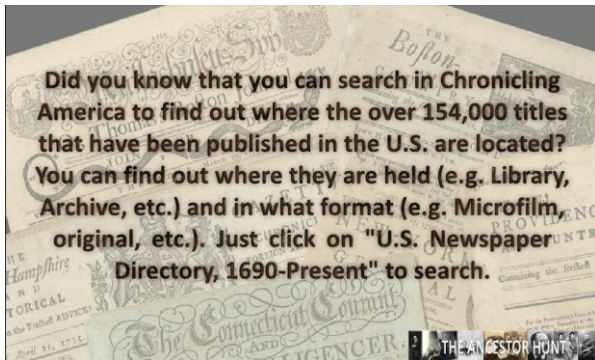
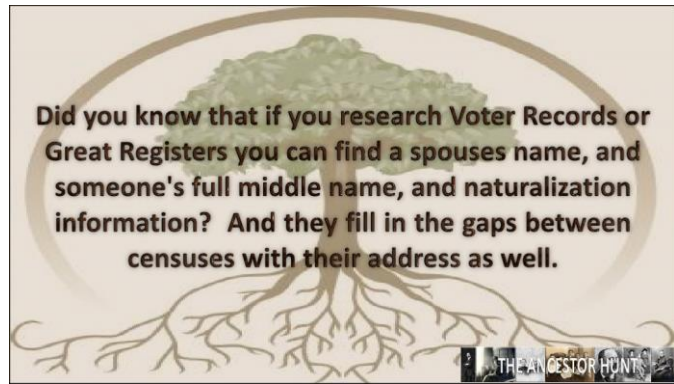
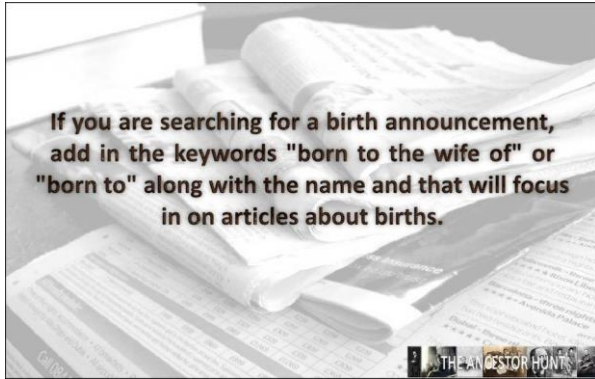
You can find all the details on their website by clicking here: www.alifeuntold.com.

If you do choose to purchase, please Use the Coupon Code **HUNT** to get a 10% discount.

"The Ancestor Hunt" is an affiliate for "A Life Untold". There may be a small commission paid to "The Ancestor Hunt" should you purchase from this company.



More Quick Tips



The Ancestor Hunt Link Categories:

[Newspapers](#)
[Obituaries](#)
[BMD Records](#)
[Directories](#)
[Photos](#)
[Yearbooks](#)
[Divorce Records](#)
[Naturalizations](#)

[Mortuary Records](#)
[Immigration](#)
[Church Records](#)
[School Records](#)
[Voter Lists](#)
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[Probate and Wills](#)
[Alumni Records](#)

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Good Luck and Happy Hunting!

And Thank You for being a loyal reader and visiting The Ancestor Hunt.