

## **Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

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- <u>390 Free Mid Atlantic States Online</u> <u>Historical Newspaper Titles Added</u>
- <u>Chronicling America Updates November,</u> 2020
- <u>New Jersey Online Historical Newspapers</u> <u>Summary</u>
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- <u>FamilySearch New and Updated Collections</u>
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- <u>Advantage Archives Adds 1.6 Million</u> <u>Historical Newspaper Pages - October, 2020</u>
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## A Very Prolific Two Weeks!

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## **Super Quick Tip**

If you are researching historical newspapers online and don't check the date range for the online collection, you could easily be wasting your time.

## Genealogy?

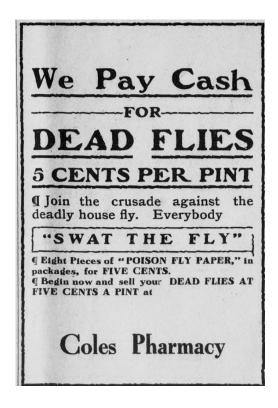
"Mom, how did humans come to exist?"

"Well, you see, God created Adam and Eve..."

"But dad said we came from apes."

"He was talking about his family; I am telling you about mine."

### **Quirky Old Newspaper Ad**



## **Useful Articles from Other Sources**

#### Are You Disorganized?

Organizing Your Genealogy Workspace Like the Pros

#### Free is Always Good, and This is Well Worth It!

• Free Genealogy Cheat Sheets

#### **Going through Cemeteries?**

• Your Guide To Cemetery Research – Are You Missing Important Genealogical Clues?

#### What Does Pinterest Have to do with Genealogy?

Using Pinterest for Genealogy

#### Looking for an Ancestor's Social Security Application? Here's How

• Ordering the SS-5: 2020 style

#### No Kids? How Do I Research Then?

<u>Those With No Children–Who Gave the Data?</u>

#### **Confused About Cousins and Removed Cousins?**

What Do You Call Distant Relatives?

## Why Aren't You Searching Photo Archives?

The Photo Archives Category was added in August 2015 and updated in November, 2020.

Placing a face with a name is one of the great thrills in recessearching our ancestors. It is also important to a complete research that one attempts to understand the environment that surrounds our ancestors' lives if one wants to truly appreciate what they went through. And photos help us in that endeavor.

So where can they be found? Obviously the best resource is our own photo albums and those that our relatives possess. But what about other resources? Many archives, historical societies, libraries and genealogical societies have collections of old photos. And in the past few years there has been a massive movement towards making these historical photo collections available online. Some have search capabilities where you can actually put in a surname or a location, name of a building or historical event and find what is available.

## Have you Reviewed the Two Newsletter Subscription Options?

#### Subscription Option 1

For the last 5 years, if you have subscribed on my site, you receive 5 times a month in your email a simple list of the links to articles that I have posted on this website since the prior mailing. Sometimes there are about 10 links and lately, many more. I am changing the delivery dates to the 7th, the 15th, the 23rd, and the last day of the month. By subscribing, you will receive 4 emails a month.

#### Subscription Option 2 (new)

In the past month, I have started publishing a Bi-monthly Newsletter, with 4 to 8 pages of all kinds of useful (I hope) information. It includes links to all the articles published since the previous Bi-monthly newsletter, as well as articles that I think you might find interesting from other authors. It also includes research tips, a joke or two, and other useful genealogical stuff. By subscribing, you will receive the Bi-monthly email twice a month, on the 15th and the last day of the month

Try it out!

## Popular Articles That You May Have Missed:

#### What is the Future of Obituaries?

80 Million Historic U.S. Newspaper Pages Now Available from Advantage Archives

14,600 Free Online City Directories from the United States

The Easiest Way to Find Every Historical Newspaper in America

Have you tried searching for a phone number when researching old newspapers? Try it, you might find ancestors in the classified ads!

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# got genealogy.com's GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY



#### "SPELING DUSN'T COWNT"

Back in the day folks couldn't spell and many could barely write, so how a name sounds is more



important than how it's spelled. Use wild card or Soundex searches to help find variant spellings of names.

#### ASSUME NOTHING

Check all your facts, don't assume that any particular document is right or wrong, and always try to find other independent sources to corroborate your facts as much as possible. Verify, verify, verify. For instance, don't assume that:

- your ancestors were married
- census information is accurate
- vital (or other) records were correct
- your ancestor's life events were

recorded - ancestors had the same name as their enslaver

#### USE DISCRETION

Never lie in your genealogy reports, but use discretion when reporting family information, especially when it involves living

relatives.

#### ALWAYS DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY CONTRADICT ONE



ANOTHER Over time, you will compile more data and those once seemingly

contradictory pieces of evidence may prove to be just the pieces of the puzzle you need to prove or disprove your theory. Be consistent as you cite your sources. There are standard citation formats, but



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even if you just make up your own format for listing your sources, be consistent with it. You want your descendants to be able to retrace your steps, so you always cite your sources.

MOST DATES ARE APPROXIMATE

It's okay to state that someone was born "abt. 1845," or died "May 1915" if

17 you don't have an exact date or where various documents have different dates. Which date is "correct?" They all are.

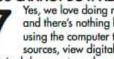
#### IF UNSURE, SAY SO

Future researchers will thank

you for being honest if you simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact, yet you "suspect"

such and such is true. Don't fudge the facts. Ever.

#### YOU CANNOT DO IT ALL ONLINE



sources, view digital images of original documents and even connect with



the internet will never replace the wonderful work of libraries, county courthouses, archives, and historical societies. Do as much as you can online,

then turn off your computer and hit the bricks

#### JUST BECAUSE IT'S ONLINE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE

The internet is a wonderful thing but it's filled with oodles of bad information. Don't make the mistake of believing anything you find online at face value. Verify against other sources, even if you paid for the information you found online. Consult the original source whenever possible.

#### PASS ALONG YOUR RESEARCH

No matter how many decades you spend researching your family, your

research will never be done. Plan on passing along your research to the next generation's

researchers. Leave excellent notes, cite all your sources, explain your shorthand ... in essence, leave your research the way you'd have liked to have found it.

#### DON'T DIE WITH YOUR STORIES STILL IN YOU



Giving credit to Dr. Wayne Dyer for his "Don't die with your music still in you," we want to remind you to tell the

stories as completely and as accurately as possible. Genealogy isn't about just doing research. Genealogy is about telling the stories and ensuring that

your ancestor's legacies live on for generations to come. Without the stories, the research won't do anyone much good. The legacy



of your ancestors rests in your capable hands. Doing the research is fine, but always remember that you have been chosen to tell their stories.

#### DNA IS NOT A TRUMP CARD

DNA is just one of many possible sources of information you can use to verify or deny a relationship. Human error

occurs when the results are transcribed, thereby providing false information. DNA results should always be used in concert with other sources.

#### ANYTHING YOU POST ONLINE WILL BE "BORROWED"

You need to accept the fact that any family information you post online will be "borrowed" or outright stolen, and you will

probably not get credit for all your hard work. This is the nature of the beast ... the internet. Get over it.

#### SPREAD THE WORD

You have our permission to use/publish these Golden Rules as much as you like. Just give us credit for them, okay?

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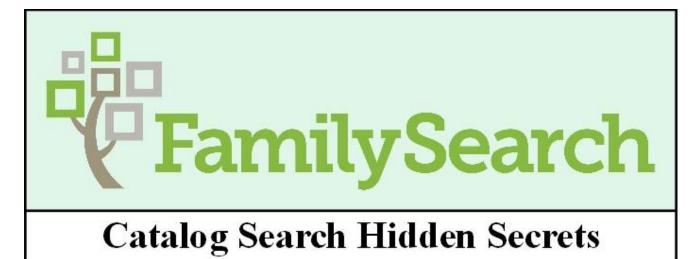


Yes, we love doing research online and there's nothing better than using the computer to find new

relatives. For genealogists,



## Hidden Secrets While Using the FamilySearch Catalog



Do you use the FamilySearch Catalog? You don't? Wow - there are tens of thousands of browsable digitized collections and books to choose from. But there are some secrets to optimize your results, and they make a huge difference if you use them. You will miss out if you don't use them.

Read all about it at FamulySearch Catalog Search Secrets

## <u>WHAT I'LL BE WORKING ON IN</u> <u>DECEMBER:</u>

- FINISH NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS UPDATE
- FINISH PHOTO ARCHIVES UPDATE
- UPDATE ONLINE SPECIAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS



But Mommy, all I said was 'You're my first generation ancestor.'...

Courtesy of Ancestral Findings

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## More Quick Tips

THE POTPOUR THE ORG BROADCASTER RRI Did you know that many libraries have Mar ne subscriptions to Newspapers.com, TPOURRI NewspaperArchive, or Genealogy Bank? Also there are the institutional newspaper subscription collections such as ProQuest, Gale, Newsbank, Readex, etc. All free to search if you go to the library.

MIRROR

Don't just search for articles for the dates that the ancestor was alive. Often newspapers had a column that featured stories from 10 years ago, 25 years ago, etc. and your ancestor might be mentioned in that column. Furthermore, if your ancestor was well known in the community, he or she might be referred to in an article a few years after death.

Remember when searching for Immigration Records that there is often a second page that contains much more info about the traveling immigrant.

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Sure census records are great, as are city directories, voting records, naturalization papers, BMD Records, etc. But the biggest and best "Clues Machine" is newspapers. Without question.

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## The Ancestor Hunt Link Categories:

**Newspapers** Obituaries **BMD Records** Directories Photos Yearbooks Divorce Records **Naturalizations** 

Mortuary Records Immigration Church Records School Records Voter Lists **Coroner Records Probate and Wills** Alumni Records

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