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Probate Records Filed Here

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THE PROBATE RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

List of the Wills

NOW PRESERVED IN THE PROBATE COURT, CHESTER, FROM THE YEAR 1691 TO 1650 INCLUSIVE.

ABBEY, William, of Alstoe	Inv	1627
Abbott, Ann, of Hecq, widow	...	1633
Abbott, Edward, of Brimhall	...	1621
Abbott, George, of Blackburn, shoemaker	...	1649
Abbott, George, of Brindle, husbandman	...	1623
Abbott, John, of Elston, yeoman	...	1659
Abbott, Richard, of Houghton	...	1658
Abbott, Richard, of Melior	...	1626

Articles Published Since Last Issue

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please Read - Change to Subscriptions - Two Options • Advantage Archives Adds 11 Million Pages in 2020 • Ontario Birth, Marriage, and Death (BMD) Record Links • Chronicling America Updates - December, 2020 • Finding Your Remarkable Family History Via Newspapers • Oregon Online Historical Photos Research • Newfoundland and Labrador Birth, Marriage, and Death (BMD) Record Links • Historical Irish American Newspapers Online - Updated • 3,232 Free Online Pennsylvania Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories • Historical African American Newspapers Online - Updated • British Columbia Birth, Marriage, and Death (BMD) Record Links • 1,951 Free Online New Jersey Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories • Historical Italian American Newspapers Online - Update • 1,683 Free Online Maryland Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories • Historical U.S. and Canada Free Online Catholic Newspapers - Update • Utah Online Historical Photos Research • Historical French American Newspapers Online - Update • Historical American Labor and Union Newspapers Online - Update • FamilySearch New and Updated Collections - December 1-15, 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FamilySearch New and Updated Collections - December 1-31, 2020 • Ancestry New and Updated Collections - December 1-31, 2020 • Just Sayin' • 35,100 Total FREE U.S. Historical Newspaper Links - Final 2020 Update • 84 Free Online Collections from Newspaper Archive • Chronicling America Adds 302 New Titles in 2020 • New Mexico Online Historical Photos Research • Advantage Archives Adds 900 Thousand Historical Newspaper Pages - November, 2020 • Prince Edward Island Birth, Marriage, and Death (BMD) Record Links • Historical U.S. College and High School Student Newspapers Online - Updated • 6,653 Free Online New York Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories • Historical Polish American Newspapers Online - Updated • Quebec Birth, Marriage, and Death (BMD) Record Links • Canada Birth, Marriage, and Death (BMD) Record Links • Historical Indigenous and Native American Newspapers Online • 563 Free Online Delaware Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories • Colorado and Wyoming Launch New Historic Newspapers Collection Online Database • 1,732 Free Online Maine Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories • Historical Jewish American Newspapers Online - Update |
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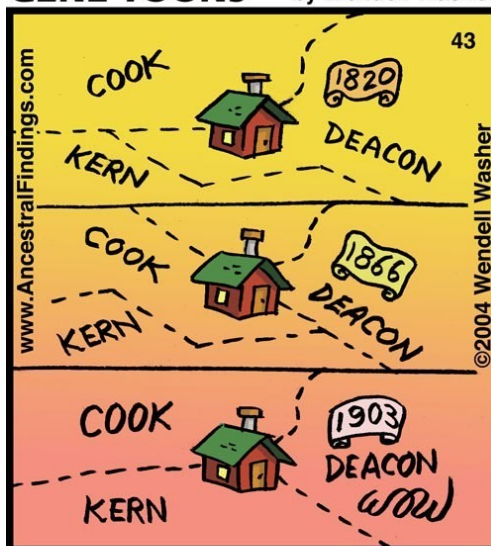
Why Aren't You Searching Probate and Will Records?

Here are some of the extensive information that can be found in Probate Records and Wills:

- Date of Death,
- Spouses Names
- Children's Names
- Birth Order,
- Siblings and Siblings Spouses,
- Parents Names
- Residence Locations for all Named Persons
- Ownership of Land
- Other Significant Property
- Business names
- Occupations
- Military Service
- Guardianships
- Adoptions

Please respond by emailing me at kenmarksology@gmail.com:
What categories of genealogy record links should The Ancestor Hunt add to the current collection of 16 different categories (the list is on the last page)

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Jerry Mander never moved,
but the counties did.

7 Reasons Why You Can't Find Squat About Your Ancestors Online

They aren't there! Yes this is a possibility. I have a great great aunt, Carrie Marks, who shows up only in one record - the 1880 U.S. Census. Nobody wrote stuff down back then!

Have you expanded your search? Just searching one or two online sources, such as Ancestry.com or FamilySearch just isn't enough.

Do you do only exact searches? People who write down others names often write them wrong. And then if there is an index created, they can be mis-transcribed or mis-typed.

Do you combine searches and omit surnames? For example - if you can't find the surname in a collection - do you search for the husband's first name and the wife's first name also, in a specific geographic area?

Have you looked beyond document collections? Sure census records are popular, and draft cards and naturalization, land and immigration records too. But how about newspapers?

Are you aggressive? Or do you just give up too easy? Sitting around waiting for shaky leaves or smart matches doesn't cut it.

Do you have a research plan? Or do you just search ad hoc and willy nilly over and over again and expecting different results?

Quirky Old Newspaper Ad



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 (This!), 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.

Interview with Whoowe CEO Dan Qualiano

About a month ago, I came in contact with Dan Qualiano, the CEO of Whoowe, a new company that captures your life story in a variety of media—video, audio, text, photos, etc. It uses a series of targeted questions to elicit your answers. This is a rather simplistic description, so I asked Dan to answer a few of my questions about the Whoowe App. To me, this service has tremendous potential, and he has some very interesting plans that make use of intriguing technology to enhance the capture, storage, and display processes.

Welcome to



Hello, Dan. Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. Could you provide a short history of the Whoowe company and its mission?

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce the whoowe mobile app, Kenneth. In late 2014, My wife, Kimberly, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She was 10 years younger than I and seemingly the healthiest member of our family. She exercised regularly, ate well, and always tried to leave people better than she found them. She was a wonderful wife and mother to our two young children. Over the next two and a half years of getting the diagnosis, we did everything we could to defeat the disease; lifestyle & diet changes, conventional and holistic treatments, supplements, and anything else that could possibly be helpful. Unfortunately, in November of 2017, we lost the battle and Kim was gone. From that time on, I frequently thought about the fact that our grandchildren, who do not yet exist, would never get to truly know their grandmother. Her vibrant personality, sense of humor, and the many little mannerisms that made her so unique and special. Sure, I could show some photos and home videos one day but younger generations are not really interested in looking through photo albums and hours of videos anymore and still wouldn't really "get to know" the person. We live in a snapshot world of technology now, scrolling quickly to what we want and getting instant gratification delivered at our fingertips. How could we get future generations to embrace their past? Knowing that the most intimate and accurate way to learn about someone is a face to face conversation, I set out to merge our past with modern technology: to create an engaging and interactive way to pass on our life story to our future. My solution is whoowe. Whoowe let's you quickly and easily create an interactive database for friends, family, and future generations to learn about you by simply asking you questions and getting answers as if they were on a face to face video call with you. Think of how much more you can learn about your ancestors this way. As history is being erased and the wonderful people that made us who we are fade away, our world has become more disconnected with each other. This is a growing problem because knowing where we come from gives us an important foundation to build from. Especially now, amid Covid, families are losing loved ones more suddenly, and isolation is a growing problem. My mission is to positively impact families with a new way to connect to each other and pass on their family history, in an intimate and personal way, beyond anything currently available. I believe whoowe can do that.

There are a lot of websites and other applications that are emerging with the goal to capture life stories and publish them. Some in hard bound books, others audio and/or video style, etc. What prompted your approach?

Most traditional and emerging methods of documenting family history are still somewhat one dimensional, whether that be having a biography written about you, compiling a digital library of images, doing an audio or video interview, etc.. Many of these methods are laborious, time consuming and expensive so most people put them off and few actually get around to doing them. Whoowe provides a fast, fun and economical way to tell your story beyond any of these methods, in the palm of your hand. Using the app for even one minute here and there can quickly become an amazing real life record of yourself, documenting your life as it's happening. Not a recollection. Whoowe gives you the ability to bring your story to life and gives your future loved ones an experience second only to meeting in person.

I have started capturing my life story as a test of your app and find it quite easy to use, although I admit that I don't like how I look in video, but that's OK (sounds like a personal problem!). Do you have any plans to enhance or make any changes to the user interface in the future?

LOL. Although some video editing may be added moving forward, the goal of whoowe is to pass on the real you to your loved ones, so we recommend being in a well lit environment when answering the questions. The better the lighting, the smoother the appearance. That may make you a bit more comfortable. Also, injecting your personality in your answers is important. Be a little creative and show who you really are. Your loved ones will appreciate it. As for additional enhancements, absolutely! We have over 2 years of updates and interesting features being planned out as we speak. Moving forward, we will implement deep learning so the app can learn about the types of questions you like to answer and the people, places, and things you tend to talk about. Whoowe will then begin to create custom questions specifically designed for you and your family only. The app will grow with you and help you build an amazing experience to pass on. Other features like memorium assignment, custom photo labeling, in app messaging and comment, direct linking to relevant photos, and much more are on the whiteboard. We want whoowe to be the go to app for creating and passing on your history.

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Welcome to



One big question is, how do I ensure that my story will be maintained and available after my passing? Obviously, I won't be around to pay the annual charge.

Currently, if a whoowe account is abandoned but no official cancellation has been made, the account sits dormant in its encrypted server for one year from the subscription lapse date. We make several attempts to contact the owner through the email address or mobile number provided but if there is no response, the folder would eventually be purged. We are implementing a memorandum option in the next release wherein you can designate an heir to the account as well as a multiyear subscription option. These options would be very economical and the data would be retrievable throughout the extended subscription plus 12 months past the expiration date.

Is there anything else that potential users/customers should know?

Whoowe is a freemium app on Google Play and the App Store, meaning you can download it for free to get started on both Apple and Android devices. You get all the current features to use with some limitations. We are also offering 20% off the premium subscription to kick off the new year. I look forward to any comments, questions, and concerns your readers may have as we are always interested in hearing what we can do to make this app better for everyone. Whoowe was designed to help families celebrate the wonderful people in our lives and pass on their essence as we knew them. Don't wait until it's too late to create a record of that special loved one. Do it while they are in good health. Now is the perfect time!



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.

In my opinion, I would try out the Whoowe App. I am doing so, and doing a complete analysis. Since it's free, you don't have anything to lose, except maybe a little time.

Useful Articles from Other Sources

Is Cemetery Research Your Cup of Tea?

- [*Your Guide To Cemetery Research – Are You Missing Important Genealogical Clues?*](#)

Trying to get Genealogically Organized?

- [*6 Baby Steps to Organize Your Genealogy Research*](#)

Are You Analyzing Your Old Family Photos Completely?

- [*How To Pull Genealogy Clues From Your Old Family Photographs*](#)

Do You Listen to Podcasts? (I don't, but you might)

- [*Top 20 Genealogy Podcasts You Must Follow in 2020 \(per FeedSpot\)*](#)

Have You Used Olive Tree Genealogy's Naturalization Site?

- [*Check out my NEW revised site for Naturalization Records!*](#)

Doing Genealogy Research for Canadian Ancestors?

- [*Canadian Family History: The Best Websites*](#)

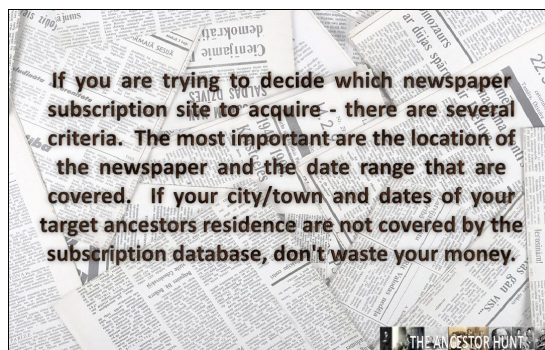
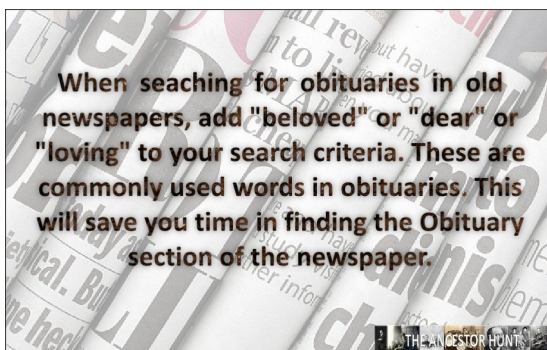
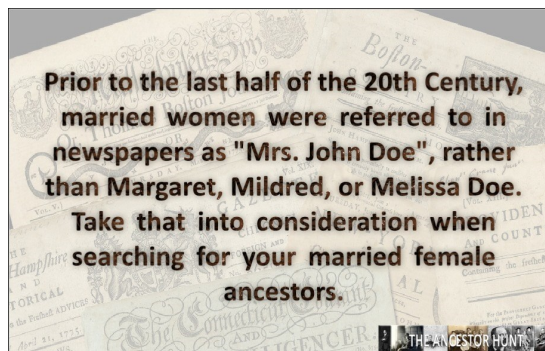
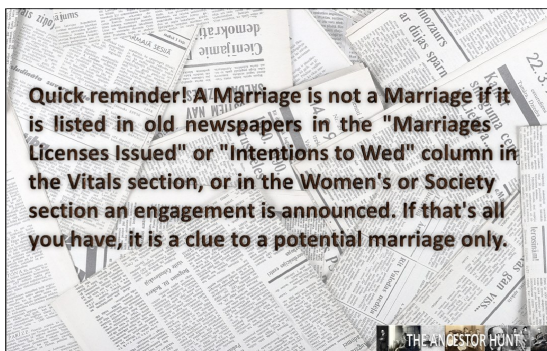
Do You Remember in 2012 When the 1940 Federal Census was Released?

- [*Genealogy Tip: Learning More about the 1940 U.S. Census*](#)

Got a Few Minutes?

- [*15 Quick Genealogy Tasks You Can Do In 15 Minutes + A Free Printable!*](#)

Quick Tips



Online Newspaper Research Quick Sheet

The BEST Way to Find HIDDEN Ancestor Newspaper Articles

What? - Deliberately misspell your search criteria

Why? - OCR is not perfect and 100 year old newsprint is full of errors

How? - Change the letters in your search criteria

Result? - Find hidden articles - up to 20% more pertinent hits

Letter Pairs often Confused

rn and m (ar n and em)

h and b

Capital D and O

Capital D and G

i, l, 1, /, !, and I

0 and O

c and e

r and n

[,] and l (el)

nl and m (en el and em)

n and ri (en and ar eye)

Capital B and 8

v and y

Capital R and B

d and cl

e and o

Capital H and B

h and k

h and n

Capital S and 8

Capital S and 5

Capital Z and 2

Capital G and 6

Capital K and |<

So, deliberately misspell your search criteria and you will find hidden articles and get up to 20% more pertinent hits

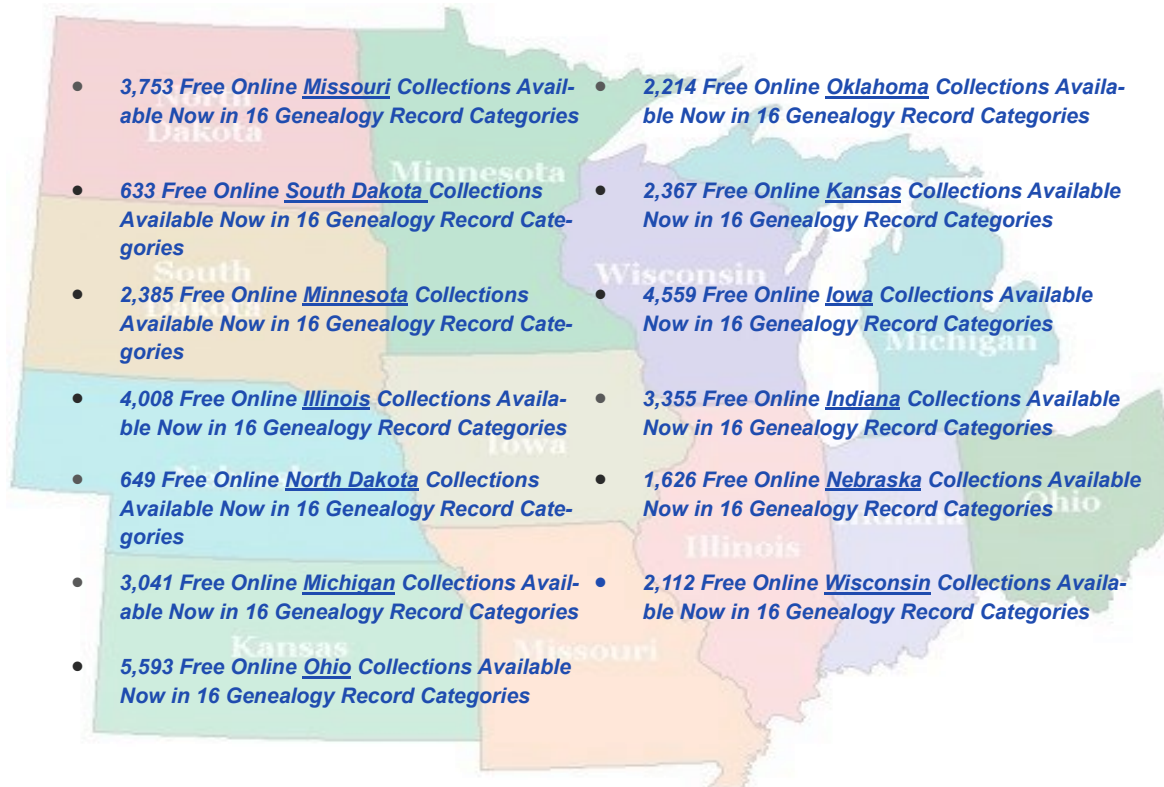
For more neat tricks to help you find more ancestor newspaper articles,

Visit The Ancestor Hunt at

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html> to get hundreds of articles and links to help you become a master newspaper researcher

Last But Not Least

Free Stuff from the Mid West States



The Ancestor Hunt Research Link Categories:

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- 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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