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Why Aren't You Searching Obituary Records?

Who Publishes Obituaries?

- ⇒ Newspaper scanning entities
- ⇒ Online Newspapers
- ⇒ Public and Academic Libraries
- ⇒ Nursing Homes
- ⇒ Churches
- ⇒ Coroners
- ⇒ Mortuaries and Funeral Homes
- ⇒ Genealogical and Historical Societies
- ⇒ Museums
- ⇒ Fraternal organizations
- ⇒ School & Alumni Associations

Have You Researched Alternative Newspapers?



Check out 790 Digitized Alternative Newspapers [HERE](#)

Please Note: Hot Links are in **BLUE**



Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections - March 1-15, 2021](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections - February 1-28, 2021](#)
- [Free Missouri Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free Illinois Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Texas Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [7,560 Free Southern States Online Cemetery and Burial Record Collections](#)
- [Free Ohio Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Online Divorce Record Collections for the Mid West States](#)
- [Free New York Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free Tennessee Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Mississippi Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Bi-Monthly Newsletter from The Ancestor Hunt - February 28, 2021](#)
- [Free Florida Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free North Carolina Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Texas Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Missouri Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Kansas Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Iowa Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Michigan Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Oklahoma Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Indiana Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Arkansas Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Maryland Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free Alabama Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Online Divorce Record Collections for the Southern States](#)

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN MARCH

FINISH NATURALIZATIONS UPDATE

FINISH NEW CATEGORY: CEMETERY AND BURIAL RECORDS

FINISH DIVORCE RECORDS UPDATE

START BMD UPDATE

Quirky Old Newspaper Ad



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New From The Newspaper Corner

- [21 Online Newspaper Research Do's and Don'ts](#)
- [Advantage Archives Adds 1.1 Million Historical Newspaper Pages - February, 2021](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates - February, 2021](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 68 Historical Newspaper Titles - February, 2021](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 78 Titles - February, 2021](#)
- [Georgia Adds 41 Historical Newspaper Titles in Winter 2021 Update](#)
- [Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project Adds 2 New Titles from the 1800s](#)
- [U.S. Virgin Islands Joins the Chronicling America Party With Its' First Title](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 63 Titles - March, 2021](#)
- [Use Abbreviations in Your Newspaper Searches to Find 50% More Ancestor Articles](#)
- [The Best Way to Find 20% More Pertinent Newspaper Articles Online](#)

Do You Google? Here's Some Tips!

USEFUL GOOGLE SEARCH TIPS

Helping you to research effectively using Google Search Box

Specific Phrase	Use quote marks to search for a specific phrase. Rather than just typing affiliate marketing your will type - "affiliate marketing"
Exclude Words	You may want to research a topic but exclude a term in your search. Use the minus(-) sign in front of the word you want to exclude:- affiliate marketing -merchants
Site Specific Search	If you wanted to search a site for a particular topic but they don't have a search button you can do a site specific search through google "affiliate marketing" site:paidonresults.com
Similar words or synonyms	When you decide to carry out a search you may want to include synonyms or similar words. You do that by using the tilde (~) sign immediately in front of the search word e.g. ~clothing facts This will also reveal costume facts
Specific Document Types	This is a great technique if you want to search for a particular document type eg PowerPoint . "affiliate marketing" filetype:ppt
This OR That	When searching Google looks for all terms specified in the search. If you want one or more terms to match use an OR modifier - affiliate marketing OR internet marketing
Numeric Ranges	To find some results that contain a range of numbers use the X..Y modifier. Suitable for years, prices or anywhere you want a series of numbers. american presidents 1920..2000
Calculator	You don't have to call up a calculator - you can just type directly into the search bar. 1475*13.5
Word Definitions	If you want to find the meaning of a word you can use the define command define:affiliate marketing
Blog Information	If you want to find out what blog writers are talking about in a specific area you can do so stress management:blogs
Up-To-Date Information	If you want to know what the weather is or the time is in a particular area there is no need to search particular sites. Just type what you want to know in search bar. time in New York
Compare & Similar Items	Compare items with "better than" and similar items with "reminds me of" e.g. "better than Digg" "reminds me of the Beatles" or "sounds like Coldplay" Be creative - you may turn up some very interesting information

Source: Google.com and hubspot.com

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Check out the By Location feature that has recently 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.



"Newspaper-challenged" about to have library privileges revoked.

Useful Articles from Other Sources

Looking for a Death Record?

- [*9 Kinds of Ancestor Death Records You Should Look For*](#)

Do You DNA?

- [*DNA Tools Bell Curve*](#)

What's in Your (possibly bogus) Family Tree?

- [*Are You Recording Fairy Tales in Your Genealogy Records?*](#)

Doing Civil War Research?

- [*What's in a Civil War Service Record? | Roam Your Roots*](#)

Writing Your Family History?

- [*How to Self-Publish Your Family History Book*](#)

Looking for Women?

- [*3 Practical Strategies for Finding Female Ancestors*](#)

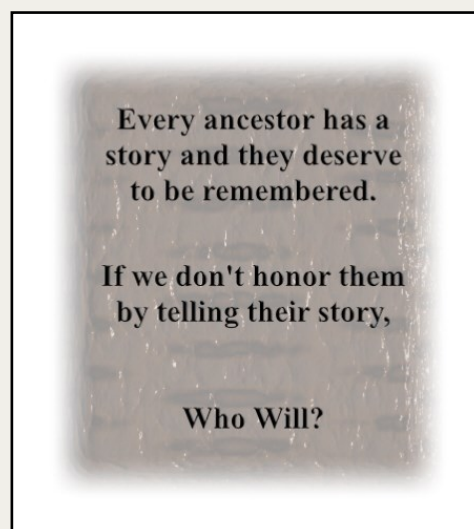
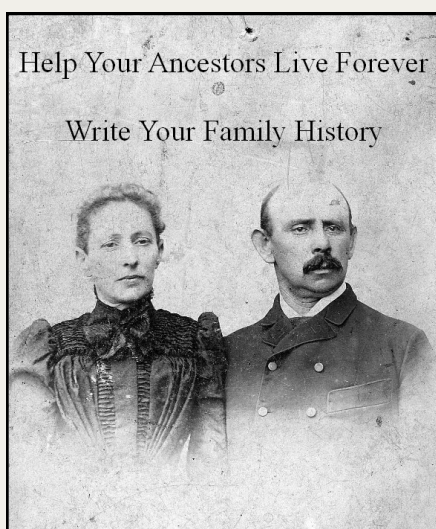
Have you Reviewed the Two Newsletter Subscription Options?

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.



Crafting an Irresistible Research Question

My friend Jan Murphy provided this timely information for those who ask for help in various places, such as Facebook or one of the many genealogy forums. Unfortunately, most questions are not fully formed and omit key information that would help possible respondents from actually helping! Jan also is a Moderator for the Genealogy and Family History Stack Exchange and offers some great tips on this outstanding genealogy forum.

From Jan Murphy:

If you've been on genealogy forums, message boards, or in Facebook groups, you've probably seen posts where people have asked a question, and the answer was — crickets. How can you make your question the one that is likely to get an answer?

Follow the community guidelines.

Moderators don't write rules to be mean to newcomers! The guidelines exist because the community wants your question to be successful.

Consider the scope of your question.

"I want to know everything about my family!" is a goal that many of us share — but it's too broad to be a good research question. Asking one question at a time makes it easier for people to answer. Specific questions attract higher-quality answers than vague requests.

Focus on a specific problem, not your individual person.

Are you having trouble interpreting a document? Reading handwriting? Do you not understand a point of law in a will? Let your audience know exactly where you need help.

Include time and place.

Give your best information about where your research subjects lived and when they were there as you frame your research question. It's okay to guess if you have to — but let your audience know how you know.

Show your research effort.

A brief summary of what research you've already done will help the community get a head start on answering your question instead of re-doing searches you've already made. Did your information come from a family story, a census record, a newspaper article, or somewhere else? If you list your sources, the community can point out clues that you might have missed in the documents you already have.

Ask a question that invites more people to say "Yes!"

Asking "Does anyone know this family?" limits your audience to those who have already done research on that line. Invite any researchers familiar with the time and place to help you, not just those who might be related to you. Many genealogists are puzzle-lovers and problem-solvers. Put yourself in the audience's place and ask yourself -- what questions make *you* eager to answer them? *What questions make you say "YES! I can answer that!"*

Start a conversation.

Asking "What helped you in your own research?" invites people to share sources you might not know about, research guides or finding aids you haven't seen, and to suggest methodologies and search strategies you might not have tried.

Unless the site guidelines specifically tell you otherwise, state the problem first, along with the geographic location and time frame, and your question will be more attractive than a simple 'cousin-bait' post which starts with your research subject's name. Using all of these tips will help you write a tight, sharp, question that a puzzler won't be able to resist answering.

About Genealogy and Family History Stack Exchange

Stack Exchange sites are designed around a question-and-answer format. At Genealogy & Family History SE, our goal is to create a repository of questions and answers which can help everyone, not just the original person who asked the question. Thinking about the problem first, and looking at a problem as a specific example of a general case, allows us to move beyond simple queries and lookups to build our skills as researchers.

Ideally, researchers can use our questions and the answers as case studies and apply the information and techniques in the answers to solve their own problems, just as we would read a case study in a genealogical periodical to see how other researchers solved a problem.

Some community members discover that reviewing their prior work while writing up a question for the site leads them to say "wait, I know how I can answer this question!" Stack Exchange encourages users to write self-answered questions in cases like this so the entire community can benefit from what we've learned. For an outstanding example of a self-answered question, see *What "hidden clues" are in the GRO Indexes of births and deaths?* <https://genealogy.stackexchange.com/q/10355>

The quick tour shows how the site works: <https://genealogy.stackexchange.com/tour> More information can be found in the Help Center: <https://genealogy.stackexchange.com/help> and in the site's Meta (a separate area for questions about the site itself): <https://genealogy.meta.stackexchange.com/>

Join us, and see how asking and answering specific, answerable questions can help you become a better researcher.

Jan Murphy has been a family history enthusiast since 2006. She joined Genealogy and Family History Stack Exchange in November 2013 and is the author of 64 questions and 498 answers. She has served as a Moderator pro tempore since 2014. In addition to asking and answering questions, she enjoys tweeting about methodology and discoveries in historical newspapers.

A Poem for My Favorite Cousin Genealogy Buddy



Ten years ago, the best thing that ever happened to me genealogy wise, happened. I met a 3rd cousin who lived in New Jersey (I live in Arizona). She was equally as obsessed with our family history as I was. At about the same time, we met another 3rd cousin who lived in Berlin and was almost desperate to find her family. The year that that happened was remarkable. Martha, (my New Jersey cousin) and I traded 20 to 30 emails a day, poring over names and dates, old photos and 100 year old letters from German relatives to and from their siblings who had immigrated to America. Our bond cannot be broken as a result. I wrote her a poem in 2013 and wanted to share it with you. Hopefully, you have been as lucky as me to find your own "Genealogy Buddy".

*Tis been years of toil and sweat,
For my ancestors that everyone did forget
Yet I thunder on.*

*And she appears out of the cloud
Soon the I becomes we
And we thunder on.*

*The images are mostly faded
And for the most part unaided
We thunder on.*

*A revelation occurs as we find the will
And the homeland reveals a new beauty
And we thunder on.*

*With revitalized energy we continue to seek
And even though the results become bleak
We thunder on.*

*In the midst of this journey
An eternal friendship occurs
So we thunder on.*

She calls me Sherlock, And I call her Watson, And we thunder on - together.

9 Steps to Success in Searching Old Newspapers for Your Ancestors

1. Not Everything is ONLINE! Only about 15% is online in free and subscription sites in the U.S. Spend time offline too

2. Deliberately Misspell When Searching Online OCR is not perfect and scanning 100 year old newsprint creates errors

3. Looking for an Obituary Online? Add "beloved" or "dear" in your online search criteria

4. ALWAYS use Advanced Search Booleans, proximity, location, title, etc. yield better results than just using the simple or basic online search

5. Don't Just Search for Names! Try addresses, occupations, business names, clubs, churches and other words

6. Can't Afford a Subscription? Go to a library; get a free trial; plan your searches and just subscribe for a short time

7. Remember to Search Hyphenated Words In the old days, many words were hyphenated so search portions of names

8. GET SMART! Don't just jump in and enter a surname in a box. There are webinars, tutorials, and articles that will show you the tricks

9. 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



Help Your Ancestors Live Forever - Write Your Family History And Write Your Own History While You're At It

One of my goals in my personal genealogy is to make sure that my ancestors are remembered. Many had no descendants, so absolutely no one alive remembers them. That's sad to me, which is why I created a couple of family history websites. But recently I have been seeking even better ways to memorialize their lives. Their stories are important to be documented, which might explain why I am such a fan of newspaper research.

In any case, here are a few tools that I have discovered that provide a unique means to memorialize our ancestors.

And guess what? We need to produce our own autobiographies. We aren't getting any younger and memories do fade.



Whoowe

Produce an online history easily with text, video, and audio from online questions on your phone. You can contribute content in minute or several minute increments.

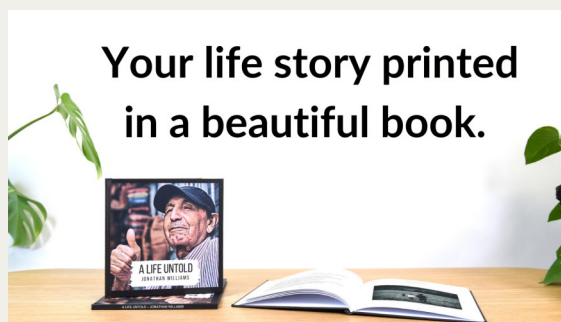
Whoowe is available from the AppStore and Google Play. Info at whoowe.com Try it out for free. Discount coupon for readers coming soon.



StorySpot

Produce an online memorial with text, video, timelines, photos, favorite songs, and audio, and produce an optional book. Great for family reunions also

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A Life Untold

Produce an online history easily with text, video, and audio from online questions. Proceed at your own pace, and add questions if you like. Very easy to use.

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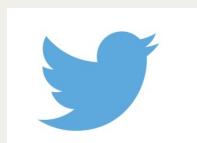
Free Stuff from the Mid Atlantic and New England States

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- 3,232 Free Online [Pennsylvania](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,951 Free Online [New Jersey](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,683 Free Online [Maryland](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,449 Free Online [Virginia](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,536 Free Online [West Virginia](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 563 Free Online [Delaware](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 455 Free Online [District of Columbia](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,732 Free Online [Maine](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 3,753 Free Online [Massachusetts](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,388 Free Online [Connecticut](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,194 Free Online [New Hampshire](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,362 Free Online [Vermont](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 590 Free Online [Rhode Island](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories

The Ancestor Hunt Research Link Categories:

- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- BMD Records
- Directories
- Photos
- Yearbooks
- Divorce Records
- Naturalizations
- Cemetery and Burial Records
- Mortuary Records
- Immigration
- Church Records
- School Records
- Voter Lists
- Coroner Records
- Probate and Wills
- Alumni Records

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