

Bi-Monthly Newsletter April 15, 2021



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Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – April 1-15, 2021](#)
- [Free Online Mississippi Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections - March 1-31, 2021](#)
- [Free Online Oklahoma Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online Florida Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online North Carolina Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Nebraska Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free Massachusetts Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free Rhode Island Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free New Hampshire Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [1,060 Free New England States Online Cemetery and Burial Record Collections](#)
- [25 Lodges, Clubs, or Secret Societies Your Ancestor May Have Been a Member Of](#)
- [Free Online Alabama Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online Georgia Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online South Carolina Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online Arkansas Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online Louisiana Marriage Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online Missouri Marriage Records and Indexes](#)

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN APRIL

FINISH NEW CATEGORY: CEMETERY AND BURIAL RECORDS

CONTINUE MARRIAGES UPDATE

COMPLETE SITE REDESIGN AND NEW HOST

Quirky Old Newspaper Ad



New From The Newspaper Corner

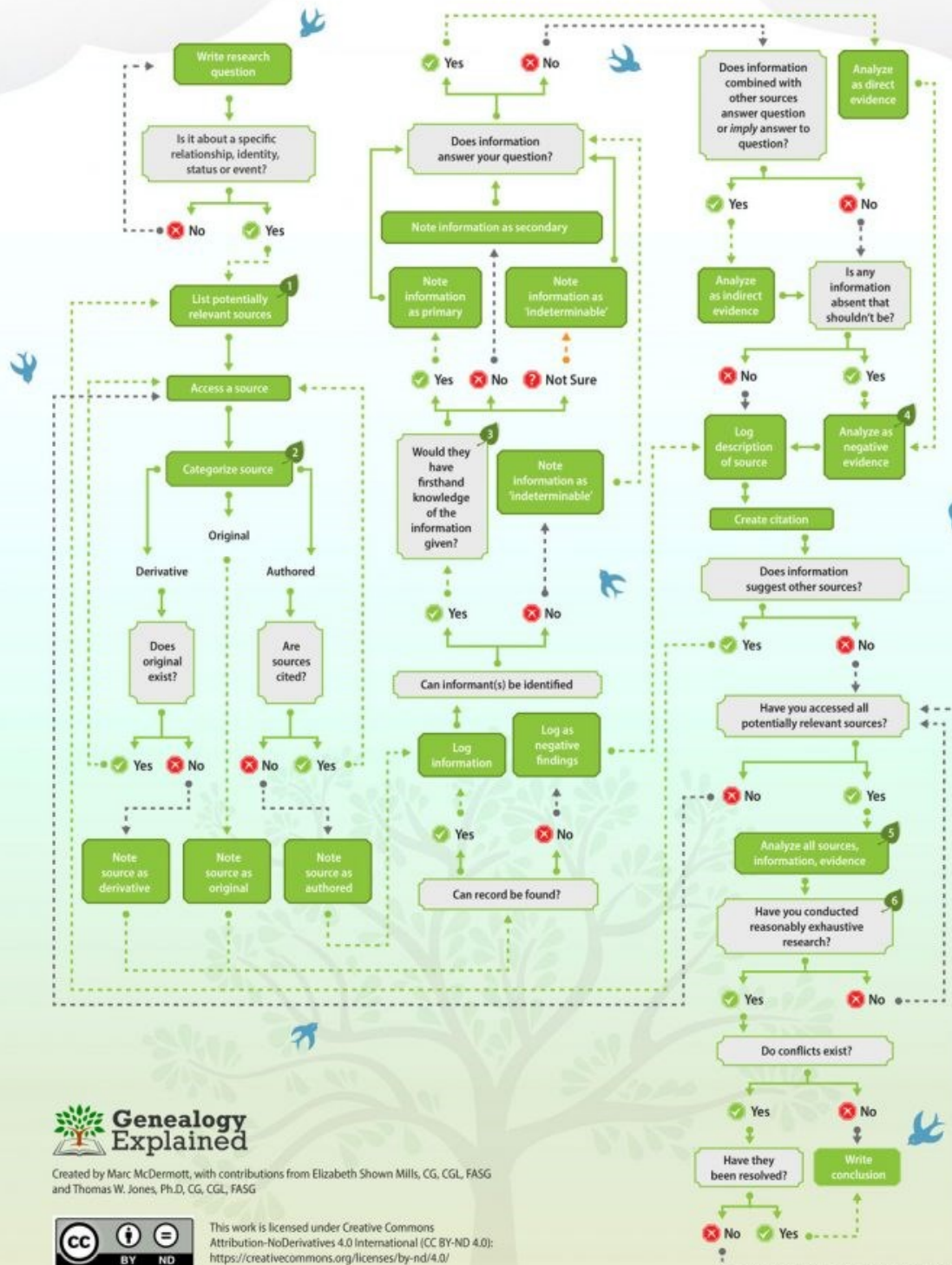
- [Use Nicknames in Your Newspaper Searches to Find 50% More Ancestor Articles](#)
- [Advantage Archives Adds 1.1 Million Historical Newspaper Pages - March, 2021](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates - March, 2021](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 51 Titles - March, 2021](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 78 Historical Newspaper Titles - March, 2021](#)



The Genealogical Proof Standard

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH PROCESS

How to Conduct Research Using the GPS



Courtesy Marc McDermott of [Genealogy Explained](#)

Useful Articles from Other Sources

Got Old Letters?

- [Save the Envelopes](#)

What is That Weird Number on the Death Certificate?

- [The "Secret" Codes on Death Certificates That Can Tell You How Your Ancestors Died](#)

Are You Writing Your Family History?

- [How to Choose What Family Stories to Write](#)

Are You Freaked Out a Bit Around Cemeteries?

- [12 Cemetery Superstitions](#)

Want More from Newspapers?

- [Search Newspapers for Anything](#)

Are You Researching Missouri Ancestors?

- [Research in Missouri: The Repositories](#)



**How can one
ancestor
be so much
TROUBLE??**

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.

Newspaper Copyright Law - An Interpretation

This article, published in 2017, is reprinted (in part) with permission from Advantage Archives article: "Advantage Archives & Newspaper Copyright Law". It will provide you with their interpretation of copyrights as it pertains to newspapers. Please be aware that this is their interpretation and will provide you with an overview of this topic.

From Advantage Archives:

Copyright

Following the recent announcement of our partnership with the State Historical Society of Iowa, we have outlined our mission to microfilm and provide digital access to more than 12 million pages of Iowa newspapers. This exciting new project has already generated widespread interest and attention, which has inevitably led to inquiries and requests for additional information. We are thrilled at the opportunity to not only take part in this project, but to also engage with the community by answering these questions and further sharing our passion for preservation. One reoccurring question is regarding publisher's rights to their content, and what Advantage Archives will do to ensure it is honoring the publisher's wishes for content outside of the public domain. The short answer is simple: **"The Advantage Companies value their relationships with the publishers. We will respect their copyrights, and will not reuse their copyrighted intellectual property without their written consent."**

What is a copyright?

The copyright laws we refer to apply protection to the works printed in newspapers. Although there is no area of copyright law that applies specifically to newspapers, the publishers own both their newspaper and online content. It is their intellectual property therefore they have copyright protection.

What is Public Domain?

In discussing newspapers, "Public Domain" refers to publisher's works not protected by intellectual property laws. The public owns these works, not an individual author or artist. Anyone can use public domain work without obtaining permission, but no one can ever own it.

What are the key date ranges for newspaper copyrights?

There are two common ways newspapers enter the public domain:

- The copyright has expired (pre 1923 or +95 years from publication)
- The copyright owner failed to follow copyright renewal rules (1923-1989)

Although copyright laws are black and white, there is an area of gray between 1923 and 1977 where some newspapers were published without notice of copyright, or within compliance of the copyright law of the day.

<1923	1923–1963	1964–1977	>1977
Yes	Maybe With Notice & Renewed in the 28th year. Expires 95 years after publication.	Maybe With a compliant copyright notice. Expires 95 years after publication.	No

Even within this "gray area", the rules are still spelled out quite clearly, it just takes some research and due diligence. These efforts are not required if the publisher grants permission to use the content. At Advantage, we do not believe in operating within a "gray area" or providing access to content based on if it is "legal". Rather, we believe in the newspaper publishers' rights to their intellectual property. If the copyright was not maintained after 1923 for failure to comply or renew, we will not research the status to look for ways in which we are "entitled" to use content after 1923. We would much rather collaborate with the publishers.



Newspaper Copyright Law - An Interpretation

At Advantage, things are pretty black and white:

<1923	>1923
Yes	No

Articles published 1978 to 1 March 1989, without notice but with registration. If a newspaper didn't put a copyright notice in the paper but registered for copyright protection within five years, it still has copyright protection. Most articles published in newspapers were written as works for hire (meaning written by an employee of the newspaper). The copyright term for these published articles is 95 years from publication.

Articles published 1 March 1989 to present. These are all covered by copyright for 95 years after publication. Again, we're talking many years before these are public domain — and some won't go into the public domain until the 22nd century!

Here is a summary of the laws as they apply to American newspapers:

- Published Before 1923 it is in the public domain due to copyright expiration
- Published between 1923 -1977 without a copyright notice, it is in the public domain for not complying with the copyright law of the time
- Published between 1923-1963 but copyright was not renewed it is in the public domain due to copyright expiration. If there was notice and the copyright was renewed, the paper is protected for 95 years after the publication date
- Published between 1964 – 1977 with notice, the paper is protected for 95 years after publication date
- Published between 1977 -1989 and published with notice, it is protected for 95 years after the publication date
- Published between 1978-1989 without notice, and without subsequent registration within 5 years, is in the public domain due to failure to comply with the copyright law of the time. However if it was published without notice originally, but registered it within 5 years, it is protected for 95 years from publication.
- Published after 1977 the newspaper is protected for 95 years after the publication date

There are a lot of "if /then" statements between 1923 and today, so Advantage Archives keep it simple: Anything after 1923, we need written permission before we will use any of the publisher's content. Jeff Kiley, Chief Operating Officer of Advantage, was quoted in an article written by Kyle Munson and published on February 17 in the Des Moines Register. He stated:

"There's that gray fine line between what is right and what is legal"

Advantage will always land on the side of what is "right", and not rely on a subjective interpretation of what is "legal". If a publisher did not properly comply with the law, renew notice or maintain any number of other technicalities regarding their copyright status after 1923, we won't look for that "loop hole" to exploit. Additionally newspapers published prior to 1924 that reside in the public domain, we do what is "right" and only place that content online after the publisher is provided advance notice.

Online Newspaper Research Quick Sheet

Nicknames to Use to Find 50% More Ancestor Newspaper Articles

- **What?** - Use a nickname instead of full given name
- **Result?** - Get as much as 50% more pertinent hits

Nicknames Frequently Used

Abraham	Abe, Abra	Abigail, Tabitha	Abbie, Abby
Alexander	Alec, Alex	Alice	Allie
Archibald	Arch, Archie	Elizabeth	Bess, Betsey
Augustus	Augie	Caroline	Callie, Carrie
Bartholomew	Bart, Bat	Clarissa, Clarinda	Clara
Cornelius	Con	Dorothy	Dolly, Dot
Cyrus	Cy	Edith	Edie
Richard	Dick	Alice	Elsie
Phineas	Finney	Henrietta, Louetta	Etta
August	Gus	Frances	Fanny, Frankie
Harold, Henry	Hal	Florence	Flora, Flossie
Hamilton	Ham	Harriet	Hatty
Henry	Hank	Janet, Virginia	Jenny
Henry	Harry	Katherine, Kathleen	Kate, Kay
Hiram	Hy	C/Katherine	Kitty
Isaac	Ike	Charlotte	Lollie, Lottie
Jackson, John	Jack	Margaret, Margery	Madge
Jacob	Jake	Mary	Mamie
Jedediah	Jed	Martha	Mattie
Christopher	Kit	Margaret	Meg, Maggie
Malachi, Malcolm	Mal	Mindwell, Wilhelmina	Mina
Nathaniel	Nat, Nate	Mary, Wilhelmina	Minnie
Edwin, Edward	Ned	Martha, Mary, Amelia	Mollie
Newton	Newt	Eleanor, Ellen, Helen	Nellie
Oliver	Olli	Antoinette, Henrietta	Nettie
Patrick	Paddy	Martha	Patsy
Alexander	Sandy	Martha, Patience	Patty
Josiah, Cyrus	Si	Margaret	Peggy
Thaddeus	Tad	Mary	Polly
Virgil	Virg	Sarah	Sadie, Sally
Wiley, William	Willie	Winifred, Edwina	Winnie

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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.



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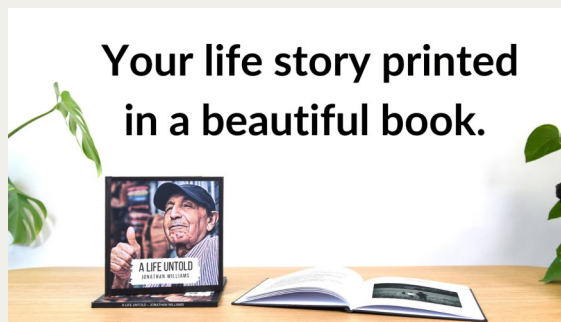
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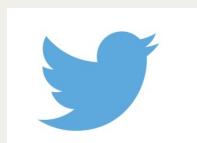
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