

# Bi-Monthly Newsletter May 31, 2021



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## Important Notice for Readers

The Ancestor Hunt has undergone a major redesign and a new host as well. Please email me at [kenmarksology@gmail.com](mailto:kenmarksology@gmail.com) with any problems that you encounter so that I may fix them readily.

## Hit a Brick Wall? Need Help?



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professionals on Earth**

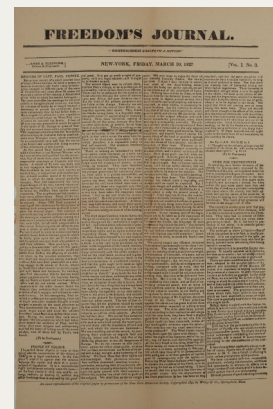
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Sometimes, we need to call in an expert, and yes, we may have to pay a few bucks, but it's worth it.

Check out the 4,000 Pros at

[Trace.com](https://www.trace.com)

Have You Researched African American Newspapers?



Check out 382 Digitized AA Newspapers [HERE](#)

Please Note: Hot Links are in [BLUE](#)



## Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – May 1-31, 2021](#)
- [Free Online Florida Death Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online South Carolina Death Records and Indexes](#)
- [12,000 United States High Schools and Colleges with Free Online Yearbooks](#)
- [Free Illinois High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – May 1-31, 2021](#)
- [Free Online Kentucky Death Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Arizona Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free Virginia High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Online Oklahoma Death Records and Indexes](#)
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- [Free Missouri High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Massachusetts High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Mississippi High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)

## New From The Newspaper Corner

- [14,850 Free Mid West States Online Historical Newspaper Titles Available to Search](#)
- [2,060 Free New England States Online Historical Newspaper Titles Available to Search](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – May, 2021](#)
- [Massachusetts Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – May, 2021](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 56 Titles – May, 2021](#)
- [New Hampshire Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 88 Historical Newspaper Titles - May, 2021](#)
- [Vermont Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [New Jersey Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Delaware Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [North Dakota Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Pennsylvania Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Maryland Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [District of Columbia Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [6,390 Free Mid Atlantic States Online Historical Newspaper Titles Available to Search](#)
- [Nebraska Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Illinois Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Kansas Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Wisconsin Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Michigan Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – May 1-15, 2021](#)
- [Free South Carolina High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free West Virginia High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Maryland High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Online Georgia Death Records and Indexes](#)





## Are You Ready for the 1950 Census?

**CONFIDENTIAL** This inquiry is authorized by Act of Congress (49 Stat. 21; 12 U. S. C. 360-363) which requires that a report be made. The information furnished is accorded confidential treatment. The Census report cannot be used for purposes of taxation, investigation, or regulation.

**FORM P1** **U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS** DE-13401-2

**1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING**

**1. STATE** *Calisota*  
**2. COUNTY** *Duck*  
**3. INCORPORATED PLACE OR TOWNSHIP** *Duckburg*  
**4. E. D. NUMBER** *62-2*

LINE NUMBER	FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD						FOR ALL PERSONS			
	Name of street, avenue, or road	House (and apartment) number	Serial number of dwelling unit	Is this house on a farm (or ranch)?	If No in item 4— Is this house on a place of three or more acres?	Agriculture Questionnaire Number	NAME What is the name of the head of this household? What are the names of all other persons who live here? List in this order: The head His wife Unmarried sons and daughters (in order of age) Married sons and daughters and their families Other relatives Other persons, such as lodgers, roomers, maids or hired hands who live in, and their relatives	RELATIONSHIP Enter relationship of person to head of the household, as: Head Wife Daughter Grandson Mother-in-law Lodger Lodger's wife Maids Hired hand Patient, etc.	RACE White (W) Negro (Neg) American Indian (Ind) Japanese (Jap) Chinese (Chi) Filipino (Fil) Other race—spell out	SEX Male (M) Female (F)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1		<i>1313</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>		<i>Duck, Donald</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>duck</i>	<i>M</i>
2							<i>-----, Daisy</i>	<i>concubine</i>	<i>duck</i>	<i>F</i>
3							<i>-----, Huey</i>	<i>nephew</i>	<i>duck</i>	<i>M</i>
4							<i>-----, Dewey</i>	<i>nephew</i>	<i>duck</i>	<i>M</i>
5							<i>-----, Louie</i>	<i>nephew</i>	<i>duck</i>	<i>M</i>

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**SAMPLE LINE** *4*

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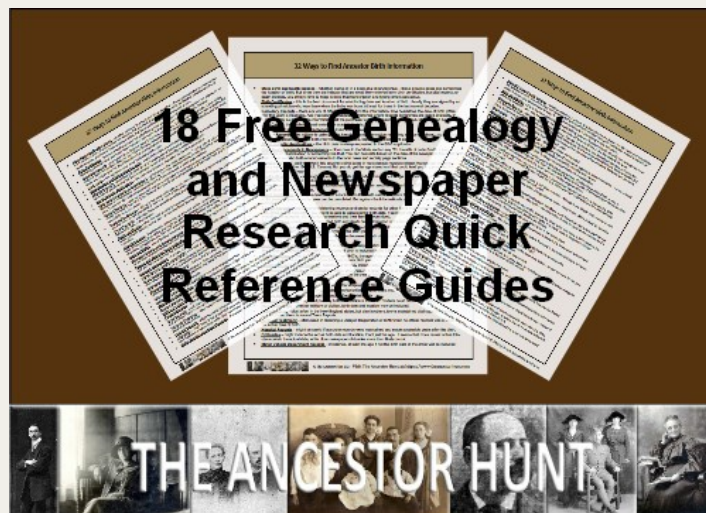
Make sure and check out Steve Morse's website

[Getting Ready for the 1950 Census](#)

Recently, I've been creating Quick Reference Guides (or Quick Sheets as I call them) primarily to help folks with online genealogy and/or newspaper research. In the last month, I have added 10 new Quick Sheets. There are a total of 18 of them in pdf format that you can download (2 have not been published or shared previously).

Include are tips regarding using abbreviations, nicknames, keywords, and changing letter pairs in your search criteria. And also: old diseases and occupations, naturalization laws, draft card rules, lodges, and clubs, etc. And yes, they are free. Download 1, 2, or all 18. Please feel free to share them on Facebook, Twitter or with your local genealogy society.

Download them at <https://bit.ly/2SOgvEz>



## Useful Articles from Other Sources

### Are You a Good Genealogist?

- [20 Traits of a Good Genealogist](#)

### Polish Ancestors?

- [10 Websites for Polish Genealogy Research](#)

### Are You a Cemetery Visitor?

- [5 Photos You Should Take at the Cemetery](#)

### Is 3 Sources Enough?

- [I've Got Three: It Must Be](#)

### Trying to Clean Up Your Tree?

- [How to Find the Stragglers in Your Family Tree](#)

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## New Website Navigation

There are 4 Menu Items

[Home](#) [Resources](#) ▾ [Blog](#) [More](#) ▾

The Resources Menu item includes all 17 Categories of Links (e.g., Newspapers, Yearbooks, Directories, etc.), Plus the By Location Feature

The More Menu Item includes: Recent Articles, Quicksheets, Newsletters, Subscribe, About, Contact, and Tools

In the Footer, there is a Search bar, Access to Blog Posts and Article Archives, and a New Category feature. Every Blog Post will be assigned at least one category.

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## Quirky Old Newspaper Ad

### WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN JUNE

FINISH NEW CATEGORY: CEMETERY AND BURIAL RECORDS

COMPLETE DEATHS UPDATE

COMPLETE SITE REDESIGN AND NEW HOST

START BIRTHS UPDATE



## 8 Reasons You Can't Find Squat About Your Ancestors Online

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Whether you search online, or offline at libraries, courthouses, or archives, many times our ancestors can be elusive.

Sometimes they just cannot be found. Whether it be a birth date, census entry, or death date – or anything else of interest to us – we just can't seem to "score."

There are lots of reasons why we aren't successful, but many are because of our own limitations – and especially because we are just too limited in our thinking, and sometimes either inexperienced, or unwilling to try new things.

Below are just a few reasons why we can't find our 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. She is documented as the daughter of Louis and Caroline Marks, aged 11, born in California. One would think that at age 11, she would have showed up in the 1870 census at age 1, right? Nope – she is not there with the family. Had she not been born yet and the age 11 reference in 1880 was wrong? Was she in a hospital at the time of the census? Unfortunately, there is no 1890 census to help and by that time she could have married and changed her name. Even more worrisome is that since her mother's name was also Carrie – maybe it was a census taker error. Maybe she didn't exist at all. Then again, maybe I just haven't found her yet.
- **Have you expanded your search?** Just searching one or two online sources, such as Ancestry.com or FamilySearch just isn't enough. Yes these are huge resources, but just as everything isn't online, all the online stuff isn't in their collections either. There are tons of other resources. Thousands of online collections not named Ancestry or FamilySearch.
- **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. There are very few if any documents available online that were written by the ancestor themselves. They are generally recorded by someone else from first or second hand (or worse) information. So you need to be creative with your name searching by deliberately searching for names misspelled or using wildcard searches. Yes I said deliberately misspell search terms. You will be surprised at what you will find.
- **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? As an example, since their surname was often mangled, I often searched for husband "Ben" and wife "Jennie" (with a blank surname) in California because that is where they lived. This may have given me quite a few folks who didn't have the correct surname – but all I needed was one! The right one!
- **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? I have found new names of extended family members stated in newspaper obituaries and other articles just as much as finding a family together in a census. Check out the [Newspapers](#) page on this site for much more information regarding searching newspapers. They are a very underrated resource for you to find stuff. Besides you might find out that your great great uncle was an ax murderer! Exciting!



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- **Are you aggressive?** Or do you just give up too easy? Sitting around waiting for shaky leaves or smart matches? Have you uploaded your tree to FamilySearch, WikiTree, Ancestry, My Heritage, etc.? Then are you just waiting around for "cousins" to contact you – or the services themselves to shake a leaf on your screen? Ain't gonna cut it. You have to be an aggressive as well as creative researcher. And get out of the house if you can. Get to libraries, archives, courthouses and genealogical societies. There is a ton of material that can be accessed that is not digitized or is only available at the institution in a binder somewhere.
- **Do you have a research plan?** Or do you just search ad hoc, searching broadly for the same thing again and again? What's the old quote? "The definition of Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." That applies here. Yes collections change and are updated. But gee – get yourself a plan. Here's an [Example of a Template](#) that Caroline Pointer created for Evernote that you can adopt (with or without Evernote) regarding planning for research. Yes it seems like a lot of work when you'd rather be surfing for ancestors. But it is time well spent and I assure you that a research plan will make the difference between finding or not finding some ancestors. Guaranteed!
- **They aren't there – Part 2** Really. They aren't there. Nobody wrote stuff down back then. Records weren't kept of births in many countries or local villages and towns. There were no marriage certificates. Gravestones have been buried due to wars and such over time. Babies weren't born in hospitals and there were no mortuaries. Not every family had a Bible that they recorded information in. Men didn't carry around a draft card and there was no Social Security.

So that's it for now. A few reasons why you haven't found some folks. But you can't give up – with a few exceptions – ancestors who have lived any time in the last 200 years or so should be able to be found somewhere – and you are just the person to find them. Right?

All you need to do is PLAN, BE AGGRESSIVE, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, and BE PERSISTENT.

### Quick Tip - Search Hyphenated Words in Old Newspapers

Hyphenated words were often used to save space and because of fixed width type, not to mention the experience and capability of the typesetter. Hyphens are less utilized today but were a staple years ago. Take that into consideration if you are searching for a surname or other search criteria with many letters in one word. Try splitting the search into two syllables where the hyphen may have been normally used.

I have seen in older newspapers, as much as 20% of a column have hyphenated words. So try splitting up someone's name. For example, MacDonald could have "Mac-" on one line, followed by "Donald" on the second line. Or MacDon-" on one line and "ald" on the second line. I have a surname in my tree "Braunhart". I frequently find as much as a 30% increase in hits by also searching for "Braun" and "hart".

You will get many more positive results if you take hyphenation into consideration when formulating your search string.

*If we don't write our ancestors stories, who will? Honor them and help them to "live" forever.*

## Historical U.S. Draft Registration and Enrollment

Year	Description
Pre-1861	No federal system, state militias, most with different rules
1863	Enrollment Act of 1863; involuntarily called men to service
1917	May 18; Selective Service Act of 1917 passed by Congress
1917	1st registration - June 5; men aged 21 to 31
1918	2nd registration - June 5; men turning 21 after 1 <sup>st</sup> registration; supplemental on August 24 for men turning 21 after June 5
1918	3rd registration - September 12; all men aged 18 to 45
1940	September 16; President Roosevelt signs peacetime Selective Service Act
1940	1st registration - October 16; For men born between 17 October 1904 and 16 October 1919 (ages 21-35) living within the continental United States.
1940	Initial draft - October 29; A man had to be between 21 and 45, at least 5' tall and no taller than 6'6", weigh at least 105 lbs., have vision correctable with glasses, and have at least half his teeth. He had to be able to read and write, and not have been convicted of a crime.
1941	2nd registration - July 1; For men born between 17 October 1919 and 12 July 1920 who had turned 21 since the first registration & men from the first draft who did not register. The prefix "S" preceded the serial #.
1942	3rd registration - February 16; For men born between 17 February 1897 and 31 December 1921 (ages 20-45) who had not previously registered. The prefix "T" preceded the serial #.
1942	4th registration - April 27 (Old Man's Draft); born between 27 April 1877 and 16 February 1890. The prefix "U" preceded the serial number.
1942	5th registration - June 30; For men born between 1 January 1922 and 30 June 1924 (ages 18-20). - The prefix "N" preceded the serial #.
1942	6th registration - December 10-31; For men born between 1 July and 31 December 1924 (men who had turned 18 after 12 November 1942.) The prefix "W" preceded the serial #.
1943	Additional registration - November 16-December 31; For American citizens living abroad between the ages of 18 and 45.
1947-49	Men aged 18 to 26 were required to register.
1950-53	Men aged 18 to 26 were required to register. Deferments were available for students, some fathers, farmers and other occupations which supported the national interest.
1953-71	Men aged 18 to 26 were required to register. Student, fatherhood, occupational and agricultural deferments
1970	Vietnam Lottery; December 1, 1969; applied to year of birth 1944-50
1971	Vietnam Lottery; July 1, 1970; applied to year of birth 1951
1971	Deferments were phased out.
1972	Vietnam Lottery; August 5, 1971; applied to year of birth 1952
1973	Vietnam Lottery; February 2, 1972; applied to year of birth 1953
1974	Vietnam Lottery; March 8, 1973; applied to year of birth 1954
1975	Vietnam Lottery; March 20, 1974; applied to year of birth 1955
1976	Vietnam Lottery; March 12, 1975; applied to year of birth 1956
1975	Registration was suspended April 1, 1975 by Presidential Proclamation
1980-	Men are required to register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of their 18th birthday



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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.



### 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.

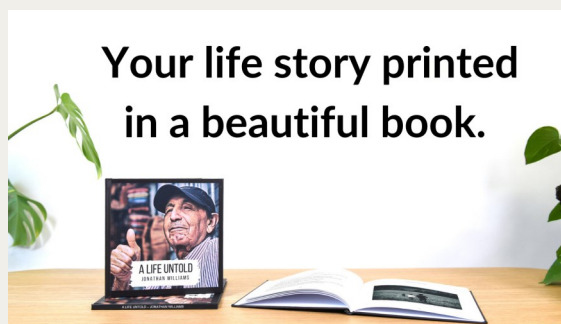
Whoowe is available from the AppStore and Google Play. Info at [whoowe.com](http://whoowe.com) Try it out for free. Discount coupon for readers coming soon.



### StorySpot

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

Available at [www.storystop.com](http://www.storystop.com). Try it out for free. 25% discount available by using "ANCESTOR" as coupon code.



### 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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### Record Your Autobiography With



### AUDIOBIOGRAPHY

### Audiobiography

They say the closest you can feel to someone without touching them, is hearing their voice. Produce an online autobiography or memorial with audio; add photos and coordinate with a book.

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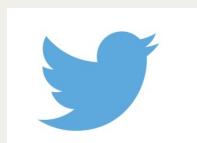
### Free Stuff from the Southern States

- 1,689 Free Online [Tennessee](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 4,450 Free Online [North Carolina](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,449 Free Online [Virginia](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,205 Free Online [Mississippi](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,138 Free Online [Arkansas](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,222 Free Online [Louisiana](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 4,840 Free Online [Texas](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
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- 3,239 Free Online [Georgia](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,504 Free Online [South Carolina](#) Collections Available Now in 16 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,756 Free Online [Florida](#) 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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