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"We spend a lot of our research time trying to find the story of our ancestors lives. It is also important to discover the story of our ancestors deaths".

This is why I research Coroner Reports, even if I already know the date and location of death of an ancestor. What were the circumstances of their death? Does that provide me some information on how they lived? For example, my Great Aunt accidentally killed herself in 1911 due to a self induced abortion, which I only found out through a Coroner Report. I already had her "dates", but I kept searching, trying to understand why she died at age 26. Oh the emotional pain she must have felt.

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 with any problems that you encounter so that I may fix them readily.

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Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – October 1-15, 2021](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – September 1-30, 2021](#)
- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – September 1-30, 2021](#)
- [1,420 Free Online Divorce Record Collections for the United States](#)
- [Free Maine Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [6,270 Free Online Mid West States Birth, Marriage, and Death Record Collections](#)
- [Free Iowa Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Indiana Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Three Very Cool Online Collections from the National Archives](#)
- [Free Montana Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Missouri Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [560 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Links for the Mid-Atlantic States](#)
- [Free Connecticut Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [9,100 Free Online Southern States Birth, Marriage, and Death Record Collections](#)
- [Free Michigan Online Church Records](#)
- [1,195 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Southern States](#)
- [Free Wisconsin Online Church Records](#)
- [3,085 Free Online Mid Atlantic States Birth, Marriage, and Death Record Collections](#)
- [Free Illinois Online Church Records](#)
- [Free Minnesota Online Church Records](#)
- [7,880 Free Online New England States Birth, Marriage, and Death Record Collections](#)
- [2,655 Free Online Western States Birth, Marriage, and Death Record Collections](#)
- [Free New York Online Church Records](#)
- [2,600 Free Mid West States Online Church Records](#)
- [26,800 United States Free Online Birth, Marriage, and Death Collections and Indexes](#)
- [Free New York Obituaries and Obituary Index Links](#)
- [1,555 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Links for the Mid West States](#)
- [325 Obituary and Obituary Index Collections from Canada](#)
- [Free Texas Online Church Records](#)

New From The Newspaper Corner

- [NY State Historical Newspapers Adds/Updates 10 Titles – September, 2021](#)
- [Advantage Archives 1.2 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – September, 2021](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 55 Titles – October, 2021](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 137 Historical Newspaper Titles – September, 2021](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 117 Titles – September, 2021](#)
- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – September, 2021](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – September 2021](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 97 Titles – October 2021](#)

Alumni Directories and Newsletters often document the death of an alumnus, and sometimes even an obituary!

Want a cool way to find info about your ancestors in classified ads? Try searching with a phone number. We certainly don't know the phone numbers from many 20th century ancestors, but if you happen to find it in an old telephone directory, you might find classified ads from your ancestors in newspapers by searching that phone number.

Just because an obituary states that your ancestor was a "native of" Boston, Massachusetts doesn't mean that they were born there. He may have lived there for decades, or maybe his parents moved there when he was 3 months old and everyone assumed he was born there. So just because the obit states the city that he was a "native of" does not mean he was born there.

How to Find Family Obituaries in Newspapers

This article is reprinted with the permission of NewspaperArchive. Make sure you go to the bottom of this page to find the easiest way to find the Obituary Section in old newspapers, just by searching for one or two related words!

Newspapers hold a wealth of information between their pages. This can be especially true if you like to search for tidbits and clues of your ancestors' lives.

Newspapers generally report two types of notices regarding the death of someone. One is a death notice. It is typically a very simple listing stating the death and possibly the funeral rites of a person. The other type is an obituary. An obituary is what most people are familiar with, and it usually includes more detailed information and can sometimes tell a life story all by itself.

Obituaries and death notices can be a great source for the family historian; however, if you only search these two types of death notices, you might be missing out on valuable information.

The Death Announcements of Bygone Days

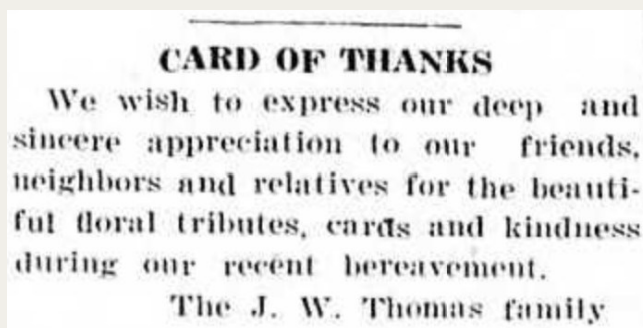
Another type of bereavement announcement you might find in older newspapers is a card of thanks. This was a short note of thanks to people for their cards, flowers, and words of encouragement upon the death of a family member.

In memoriam is a type of notice about a death. These can be very unique. People would sometimes submit poems to the newspaper to remember their loved ones.

Depending on the level of education and community involvement of your ancestor, you might be able to find a necrology report. Colleges, universities, and chapters of community organizations have been known to submit articles to newspapers with the deaths of their alumni and members.

These types of "reports" give a unique insight into the life of your ancestors.

Even though a card of thanks, in memoriam, and necrology reports are not a common practice in present-day newspapers, don't let these antique ways of remembering a death slip through your research.



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From The Ancestor Hunt:

The easiest way to find the obituary section in an old newspaper when researching online newspaper collections, is to search for one or more of these keywords:

- Beloved
- Passed away
- In lieu of flowers
- Dear
- Survived by
- Native of
- Loving
- Died
- Devoted
- Funeral

How to Find Family Obituaries in Newspapers (continued)

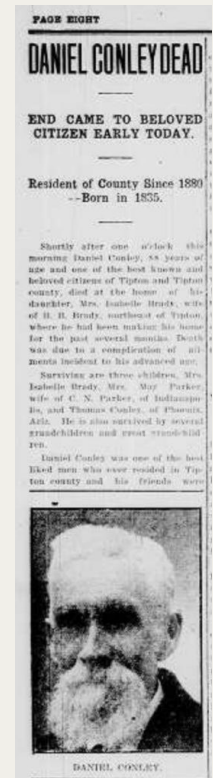
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Keyword Searching – Think Outside the Box

When it comes to searching for the death of your ancestors in newspapers, prepare to get creative. The smallest piece of information could be the ticket to finding that elusive family member.

Here is a list of information you can use to search:

- Alternate name spellings
- Birthdate and location
- Death date and location
- Age
- Marriage date(s)
- The maiden name of women
- Names of family members (spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings)
- Places your ancestor lived
- Education, schools attended, degrees received
- Organization memberships
- Occupation / employment
- Church affiliation
- Cemetery
- Funeral arrangements



Sometimes we all need a little help. If you're searching with the basic personal information and not having any luck, here are some tips and tricks you can use to search for obituaries (and their counterparts) at NewspaperArchive:

Make sure to broaden your search area. I once found an article about my great-great-grandfather in an Oshkosh, Wisconsin newspaper and the Chicago Tribune. He lived in Cincinnati, Ohio! Don't assume your ancestors will only be in the newspapers of their hometown.

Where did your ancestors live? Smaller communities typically had everyone's obituary or death notice listed. Why? The small town newspapers had the space to write about everyone. Plus, the readers of the newspapers thrived on reading about the people of the town and its surrounding areas. Think of it as the social media network of print! Large cities, on the other hand, did not have the newspaper space to include everyone. Only important members of the city or those of high social standing would have an obituary in a large city's newspaper.

Was your ancestor's death big news? Sometimes if there were a story around a death (war, accident, etc.), it might have made front-page news.

Don't stop at the obituary. Reading other parts of the newspaper that includes your ancestor's obituary gives you something very special – a sneak peek into the life and times of your family member. Read articles, classifieds, social happenings, and advertisements. Immerse yourself in their time.

Can't wait to start your obituary search? You've got the tips and tricks. Now go find those ancestors!



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5 Free Online Resources

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#2

CompGen

<http://compgen.de>

#3

Matricula

<http://data.matricula-online.eu/en>

#4

Kartenmeister

<http://kartenmeister.com>

#5

German Roots

<http://germanroots.com>



Genealogy In Action with Julie Cahill Tarr
GenealogyInAction.com

My friend, Julie Cahill Tarr created this list of excellent sites to use if you are doing online German Genealogy Research. I encourage you to visit these sites. Also, I encourage you to check out her website at genealogyinaction.com Very interesting and useful articles.

Getting Bugged Down with Your Research?

Here's a thought!

Stop focusing on the ancestors you don't know and start focusing on the ancestors you do know

- Search for newspaper articles about your ancestors. Not just birth or marriage announcements or obituaries - but stories - about how someone nearly got run over, or committed a crime, or won an award at the county fair for their peaches, or ran for political office, etc. There are tons of stories sitting and waiting for you to discover. Try it out - it's fun.
- Focus on photos for awhile. If they aren't part of your family history website - then write articles about and around them - photos can and do inspire stories. If you aren't sharing them with your relatives - why aren't you? It's easy. Create a free Flickr or Shutterfly online account, tag the photos and upload them. Send the links to your relatives - who knows, one or more of the photos may trigger a memory or a story from your "cousins."
- Focus on writing stories for awhile. Take that interview from Great Aunt Bernice and write a story around it. Or better yet - are there "themes" that run through your ancestors? For example - I have a few ancestors who were inventors with patents, and a collection of entertainers - both in music and movies and TV. Write some themed articles. I even have about a half dozen house painters - I don't know why - but it's interesting. Write about them.

Useful Articles from Other Sources

Looking for a Genealogy Event?

- [Remember to Check Out Conference Keeper!](#)

Are You an Ancestry User?

- [The Best Ancestry.com Tips and Tricks](#)

Need to Get Your Genealogy Organized?

- [Organization Habits for Genealogists](#)

Researching Female Ancestors?

- [You Can Overcome Those Research Roadblocks!](#)

Do You Use Roots Magic?

- [Exploring RootsMagic 8 - #1 - the Main Screens](#)

Was Your Initial Family History Research Given to You?

- [What to Do with Inherited Genealogy](#)



New Website Navigation

There are 4 Menu Items

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

The Resources Menu item includes all 20 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.

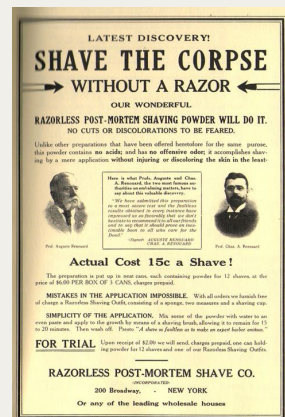
Quirky Old Newspaper Ad

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN OCTOBER

FINISH CEMETERY AND BURIAL RECORDS AND MILITARY RECORDS CATEGORIES

FINISH UPDATE OF OBITUARIES CATEGORY

START UPDATE OF FREE NEWSPAPER LINKS AND PHOTO ARCHIVES



The Family History Hobbyist's Pledge



I have been researching my family history and searching for my ancestors for about 18 or so years. During that time I have made what I consider to be great strides. Along the way I have discovered many of their stories and have been introduced to a lot of dead people who I never knew existed.

I have found pregnant women who have been jilted by their lovers who deserted them in their hour of need. I have uncovered one who went to prison for pimping out his step-daughter, and two for selling stolen fractured silver. A few have committed suicide, and several have registered patents and invented things. Two were in the movies, a few went bankrupt, and several were attorneys. Many of them immigrated to America and three were murdered in the Holocaust. The list and the stories go on and on.

As I have gotten involved in connecting with the genealogy community, I have learned quite a bit. I still am not interested in seeking certification as a professional, as that is not what interests me, but I admire those who do so if their intention is to help others and serve the general public in their quest to find their "family tree." And of course it is a pursuit that for some can provide some financial rewards.

In that recent "connecting" I have noticed that it is easy to be influenced by the "you should do it this way" or "you should do it that way" mentality of those with greater genealogical knowledge and experience. Some of that is just the general tendency of humans as they become more experienced to want the less knowledgeable or less experienced to do things "the right way." Maybe it is the influence of all the crap trees that are on some of the online tree sites put there by the inexperienced; maybe it is ego, who knows? And of course there is the constant drumbeat regarding citing sources. But citing sources is just plain common sense anyway.

But really, none of that "experience conflict" matters, because for the hobbyist to succeed, in my view they need to take a different tack. So, I offer this pledge that helps me. Hopefully it will be helpful to other hobbyists:

Don't take this too seriously. It is supposed to be fun. Remember it is a hobby, not a job.

....and no, the rest of the pledge has not been cut off or deleted. There is really only that one thing to remember.

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 st 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.



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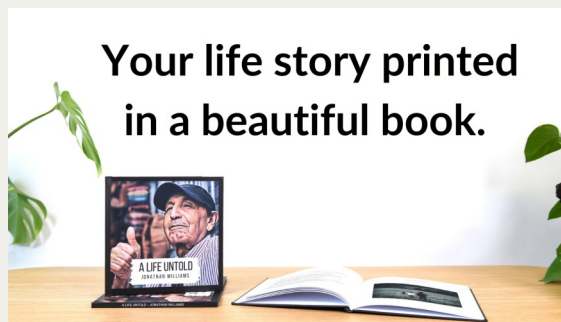
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- [7,885 Free Online New York Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,080 Free Online New Hampshire Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,429 Free Online Vermont Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [893 Free Online South Dakota Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [760 Free Online Rhode Island Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,009 Free Online Washington Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [803 Free Online Wyoming Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [521 Free Online Nevada Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
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