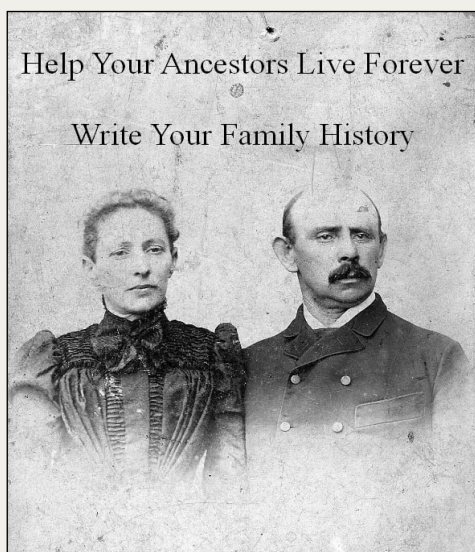


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### Coming in the Next 6 Months:

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- New Category - Tax Records
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- New Category - Lodge, Club, and Society Records
- Email me if you have a desired category that would help you ([kenmarksology@gmail.com](mailto:kenmarksology@gmail.com))
- New Canada Categories? Need help from my Canadian friends to determine what you would like me to add

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- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – October 1-31, 2021](#)
- [26 Things That You Can Find in School Records](#)
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- [Georgia Online Historical Photos Research](#)
- [Did You Know That Ancestry Has 1,175 FREE Collections?](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – October 1-31, 2021](#)
- [430 Free New England States Online Photo Archives Available](#)
- [675 Free Mid Atlantic States Online Photo Archives Available](#)
- [New York Online Historical Photos Research](#)
- [1,155 Free Mid West States Online Photo Archives Available](#)
- [1,280 Free Southern States Online Photo Archives Available](#)
- [495 Free Online Historical Photo Archives from Canada](#)
- [Quebec Online Historical Photos Research](#)
- [4,105 Free Online Historical Photo Archives from the U.S.](#)
- [Ontario Online Historical Photos Research](#)
- [895 Free Western States Online Photo Archives Available](#)
- [Nova Scotia Online Historical Photos Research](#)
- [Massachusetts Online Historical Photos Research](#)
- [Pennsylvania Online Historical Photos Research](#)
- [New Jersey Online Historical Photos Research](#)

## New From The Newspaper Corner

- [Veridian Adds/Updates 55 Titles – October, 2021](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 97 Titles – October 2021](#)
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- [The National Digital Newspaper Program in 2021](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 86 Titles – October, 2021](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 118 Historical Newspaper Titles – October, 2021](#)
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## Veridian's Top Ten Tips for Newspaper Digitization Projects

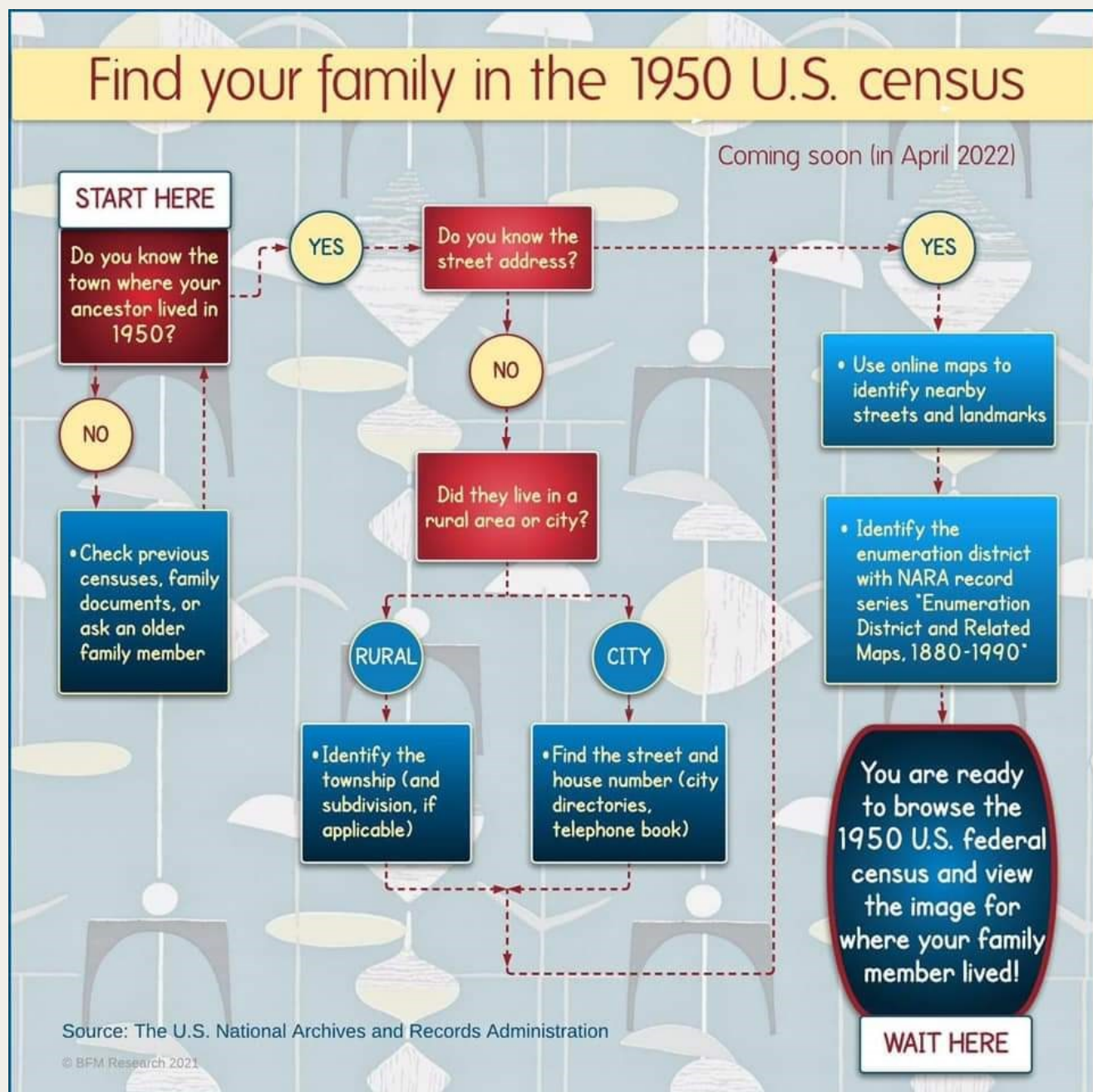
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1. Consider the entire project and all its steps from the outset and talk to all your proposed vendors/suppliers early in the planning process.
2. Sometimes the decisions you make about the platform the finished collection will reside on may affect the type/format of digital objects you need to produce. If possible, make decisions about hosting platforms and long-term preservation prior to starting on the scanning/digitization process.
3. Consider which parts of the project you're able to do yourself and which you might outsource. For example, if the project is not too large you might consider doing the scanning work in-house, if you have suitable equipment. For larger projects though it might make sense to outsource all the scanning and data preparation work.
4. Carefully consider how the project fits with (and differs from) your other digitization projects. Is the platform and/or workflow you've used for previous digitization projects suitable for newspapers? Are there better alternatives?
5. Get advice from those who have worked on large newspaper digitization projects before. Newspaper projects have unique characteristics and are often more complex than other types of digitization projects. You are likely to get good advice from other institutions that have gone through the process. Following a similar approach/workflow to that you've developed for other types of projects may not always be the best option.
6. Produce [digital objects](#) in the METS/ALTO format. If done correctly it should not cost more to produce [METS/ALTO](#) than something simpler like PDF. See [Why choose METS/ALTO?](#) for a full explanation of why this is so important.
7. Evaluate your scanning/digitization options carefully. If your newspapers have already been microfilmed it is easier and less expensive to scan from microfilm than from originals. Scanning from microfilm also gives you a larger choice of vendors, since microfilms are much more easily transported than original newspapers. On the flip side, scanning from originals may produce better digital images.
8. If using different vendors for scanning and OCR, as is often the case for large newspaper projects, or if you're doing the scanning in-house, talk to the people responsible for the OCR process early in the project. If possible, send sample images to the OCR vendor prior to going ahead with large-scale scanning. Filters and image processing algorithms applied after scanning to make images "look nice" can often have a detrimental effect on OCR accuracy.
9. Consider the costs and benefits of [article segmentation](#). Many modern newspaper digitization projects now do this, to allow individual newspaper articles to be identified on the page. Article segmentation is generally considered to provide a nicer user experience, but there is additional cost. Typically, you might expect it to cost \$0.20 – \$0.50 per page to digitize newspapers without article segmentation, or \$0.70 – \$1.00 with it.
10. Consider running a pilot project with a small number of newspaper pages, prior to making any final decisions. Many scanning, OCR, and hosting platform vendors (including us at Veridian!) are willing to process a small number of samples and put them online for evaluation, for little or no cost. Doing so allows you to ensure the entire process works as expected before you commit to it.





## Are You Ready for the 1950 Census?



Are you ready for the 1950 U.S. Census? For the first few months there will be no index, so we must browse the census pages. But all is not lost. Check out the above infographic, created by Beth Finch McCarthy who has graciously allowed me to reprint it here.

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## Useful Articles from Other Sources

Looking for a Genealogy Event?

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

Researching New York Immigration and Naturalization?

- [New York Naturalization Records Online](#)

Eastern European Ancestors?

- [Fantastic Genealogy Resource Directory](#)

Naturalization Questions? This is Excellent

- [How to Find and Use Naturalization Records](#)



## New Website Navigation

There are 4 Menu Items

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

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.

## Important Notice for Readers

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

## Quirky Old Newspaper Ad

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN NOVEMBER

FINISH CEMETERY AND BURIAL RECORDS AND  
MILITARY RECORDS CATEGORIES

START UPDATE OF FREE NEWSPAPER LINKS

UPDATE ALUMNI RECORD LINKS

START TAX RECORDS CATEGORY RESEARCH

EAT A TON OF TURKEY AND CRANBERRY  
SAUCE

### No More Rain-Soaked Cigarettes!

MANY are the inventions devised to insure a dry smoke, but it has remained for a clown appearing with a circus in England to solve the problem. An umbrella over the smoke keeps off water and a spigot drains off excess moisture.



## A Perfect Example Why You Should Search for Photos Online



In the last week, I completed an update to the Free Online Photo Archives and Collections for all the states in the U.S. and all the provinces in Canada:

**4,105 Free Online Historical Photo Archives from the U.S.**

**495 Free Online Historical Photo Archives from Canada**

As genealogy researchers, we aspire to see what our ancestors looked like – what they wore, their surroundings, where they lived, etc. Sometimes the names of the individuals are cited in these photo archives and sometimes not. So as another benefit we may find additional ancestors with the same surnames, even though the photo itself may not indicate the familial relationship.

But isn't that like trying to find a needle in a haystack, you might ask. Yes, it surely can be. Personally, I have found only 3 photos of my relatives in photo archives.

But I want to share with you the text of an email that I received from one of my readers and why it may be worth your while to search these archives for your ancestors.

*".... It is so hard not to get into some of the full story of my research but I do want to tell you one finding that was astounding and it affirms the potential for spending time looking at historical photos.*

*Over time I was able to determine when and why my great-great-grandfather and his son moved to Austin TX in 1867. That made me curious about the city of Austin in the late 1800's so I went to the Lawrence T. Jones III Texas photography collection held by SMU. I was even able to specify Austin in my search. As I skimmed through the thumbnails, I would enlarge photos that seemed interesting. One of the photos was a six man band and I zoomed in to get a better look. Lo and behold, someone had written the names of the 6 men in the photo and one of the guys in the middle was Leslie Price, my great-grandfather! The collection also included a jpg of the back of the photo which was dated December 2, 1867, Austin Texas! **It was the find of a lifetime**, totally unexpected, and discovered simply by looking through the collection. Leslie was 20 years old. He and his father, William B Price, had just moved to Austin because a yellow fever epidemic had killed WB's wife and third child, Clay, and nearly wiped out La Grange Texas ...."*

This was from Clay Price III, and I really appreciate his positive feedback and hopefully, it will inspire you to search these old photo archives as well, so that you can find something astounding, just like Mr. Price.



## 11 Ways That Historical Photos Provide Clues About Our Ancestors

- Professional Photographer – If a professional photographer took the photos, does his name and location or the name of the studio give us a clue as to the ancestor's residence?
- Type of Photo – Daguerreotype? Tintype? Cabinet card? Can provide you with timing information.
- Photo Frame – was it in a cardboard frame that often had the photographer's name and city or address?
- Clothing – the clothing that was worn can give us great clues as to the date of the photograph and therefore clues for our research.
- Hair Style – clues about the timing of the photo.
- Furniture and Props – in a professional photograph – more timing clues.
- Surrounding information – such as landscape, signs, furniture, machinery, automobiles, and even technology, such as radios and televisions. This can give you dating clues as well as the location of the photo; in some cases their residence location or where they went on vacation.
- House Architecture – many photos were taken on the outside of a home. I even have many photos where the house number is included. The architecture of the home can provide some clues as to its location.
- Gravestone Photo – terrific birth and death date information (although not always accurate) and who the person is buried next to or near can provide additional clues.
- Writing on the back – many times the name(s) of the folks in the photo were written on the back. But since you don't know who wrote the names or when they were written, caution should be taken as to their accuracy.
- Postcards – in the first few decades of the 20th century, special postcards with a photo on the back were mailed. Obviously, the writing in the corresponding part of the card can provide great clues.

For the best information regarding dating an old photograph – it would be very helpful to visit Maureen Taylor's [Photo Detective](#) website. And in the U.K., [Jayne Shrimpton](#). Both have numerous articles and books pertinent to photo analysis.



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## What You Can Find by Researching Alumni Records

Maybe it's just me, but I have never heard anyone write or talk about using Alumni Records in their genealogy research. I use them personally, and have discovered mountains of information in these gems.

I contend that alumni records are part directories, part newspapers and magazines, part biographies, part obituaries, part yearbooks, part vital records, etc. You get the idea. If you are seeking genealogy clues, these "records" are full of them. All of the information is derivative, but it can provide leads for you to search for original documents. And if you are documenting a person's family story, well, there's a ton of that kind of information too.

Here's an example of a page from an Alumni Bulletin

**1918**  
The Margaret Bailey Speer Library and Classroom Building at the Shipley School was dedicated in October. An oil painting of Margaret was presented to the school at that time. She was headmistress of Shipley from 1944-1965.  
Margaret writes "Retirement seems chiefly to mean a happy variation in busyness."

**1919**  
JO HAMILTON LEACH is spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona, and will return to Florida in April.  
THELMA MAZEY GAGER and her husband are spending February on a Caribbean cruise, and March at Captain's Island, Fla.  
NADINE SCOVILL YOUNG'S husband is retired, and they have been living in Texas for two years. They like being away from the ice and snow, but miss seeing the seven grandchildren.

**1920**  
PAULA MILLER PATRICK lives alone in Rock Hill, S.C., and in the summer at Edisto Beach, S.C. Her oldest son teaches at Yale, her next son is in Rock Hill, and her daughter is in New York. All visit her at the beach.  
LOUISE ROBINSON and KATHERINE KINNEY HECOX are spending the winter in Sarasota, Fla.  
CHARLOTTE VOSE CLARK writes that her husband retired 3 1/2 years ago, and they are busy having a grand time. They go to Florida each winter, and Maine each summer.  
HELEN WALKER PARSONS writes, "Am just back from 3 months in Europe. October in Vienna was a real treat—lots of operas and concerts. My husband taught at the Institute for Advanced Study. We visited Prague and Warsaw, where the sociologists were much interested in American developments. We also drove and saw quite a bit of Austria, France and Northern Italy."

**1921**  
ELINOR COCHRANE KNIGHT writes, "Second grandchild born in March, 1966, to son, Nick, who is now Assistant Professor of English at Wesleyan University. For myself — active as librarian and Sunday

School in First Church of Christ Scientist in Manchester, Conn."

FRANCES GASSER STOVER writes, "We spent four months in Europe last year, April through August. We visited the continent, and then took a coastal steamer up the coast of Norway, then on to Sweden and Denmark. Visited Phil Hinckley Bishop in London, and saw Jane Allen Kilby, also.

WINIFRED SIMPSON WORGAN is spending the winter months playing golf in Florida. A second grandson arrived last September.

PATTIE THOMPSON HEELY'S portrait hangs in the Lawrenceville School Infirmary near the wing named in her honor. Her husband was the headmaster of the Lawrenceville School from 1934 to 1959.

The class will be sorry to learn that LEONORE WICKERSHAM MILLS' husband is completely helpless from a paralytic stroke. He has been in a hospital in Fletcher N.C. for a year and a half.

**1922**  
Reunion Chairman: Mrs. William H. Vance (Olive Howard), 68 Maple Dell Lane, Holliston, Mass. 01746.  
Reunion time again! Many of you are freer than you were ten—even five years ago, and I do hope that all of our "regulars" who have enthusiastically returned during the past forty-five years (shocking isn't it?)



Susana Welborn Osborn '22, and Florence Matile Bishop '20

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## What You Can Find by Researching Alumni Records

Just look at all the information that tells you about the lives of the people mentioned, not to mention a photo of two of the alumnae!

So what am I including in Alumni Records?

- Alumni directories
- Alumni registers
- Alumni newsletters, bulletins, newspapers, and magazines
- Commencement programs
- Alumni Association records

And what information is available in them?

- Graduation dates and degree(s) received
- Current photos and/or those of their family
- Current address lists
- Where are they now and what are they doing?
- Obituaries and "In Memoriam"
- Marriages
- Children born to the alumnus
- Deaths in their family
- Life achievements and awards
- Interesting stories about the alumnus and their family
- Class reunion memorabilia

The message here is to research these genealogical gold mines. You'll be glad you did!

Check out The Alumni Record Collection links at The Ancestor Hunt, which are presented by state by clicking on [Alumni Records](#)

### Hit a Brick Wall? Need Help?

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

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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.

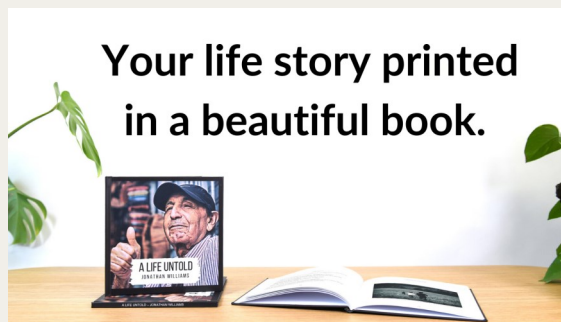
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### A Life Untold

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## Last But Not Least

### Newly Completed States with All Categories Created

- [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](#)
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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
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| • Obituaries                  | • Immigration       |
| • BMD Records                 | • Church Records    |
| • Directories                 | • School Records    |
| • Photos                      | • Voter Lists       |
| • Yearbooks                   | • Coroner Records   |
| • Divorce Records             | • Probate and Wills |
| • Naturalizations             | • Alumni Records    |
| • Cemetery and Burial Records | • Birth Records     |
| • Marriage Records            | • Death Records     |

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