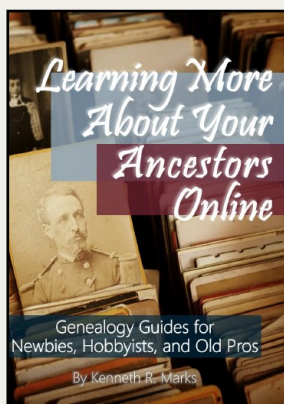


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- [Advantage Archives Adds 400K Historical Newspaper Pages – February 2022](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 51 Titles – March 2022](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 68 Titles – March 2022](#)

Genealogy Facts

If you are searching for an obituary in an online newspaper, you have a much better chance to find one if you include one of these words or phrases in your search criteria along with the name: Beloved; Loving; Passed away; Survived by; Died; Funeral; In lieu of flowers; Native of; or Devoted

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If you search for hyphenated words in online newspapers, you will get at least 10% more pertinent results.

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- [1950 US Census Part 1: What You Need To Know](#)
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A New Interview with “A Life Untold” CEO Josh Kates

I have always wanted to write my autobiography, not to mention writing biographies of some of my favorite ancestors. But I keep procrastinating, which is kinda dumb.

I have come across an Australian company who provides a product/service that makes it really easy to do just that. It is called “A Life Untold” and the founder, Josh Kates was kind enough to provide me with an interview, which follows:

Tell me a little about A Life Untold

A Life Untold's mission is to make it easy, fun and affordable for *absolutely anyone* to turn their life story into a beautifully printed autobiography. Most people that have tried writing their life story never finish. Others would love to help their parents and grandparents pass down their stories, but don't know how. That's where A Life Untold comes in. We help “regular people” who want to capture their life story for their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and beyond!

What prompted you to start A Life Untold?

When my daughter Eve was born my wife and I got into a very sentimental mood and wanted to record our parents' life stories for her (and to be honest, for us too). We wanted these stories to be written down, so they could be retold and remembered for years to come. We couldn't find a good way to do that so decided to interview them and publish their answers into a book. We love the books (and so do our parents), so I took the idea and created A Life Untold.

How does it work?

We have a simple 2 step process. The first step is to answer 101 thought-provoking questions about your life through our online interview. Our interview covers a broad range of “life chapters” like childhood, work, love and more philosophical questions as well, but you can always add your own questions as well to make sure nothing is missed. Alongside your written answers, you can also include photos which we think is an important part of telling your story.

After you've finished the interview, A Life Untold takes over and combines all the questions, answers and photos to create a unique and professionally designed autobiography of your life. After the final draft is approved, we'll print your book in stunning quality and deliver it to your home. We'll also give you a free digital e-book so you can easily share your story with friends and family over email. And of course, there's also the option to order extra printed copies.

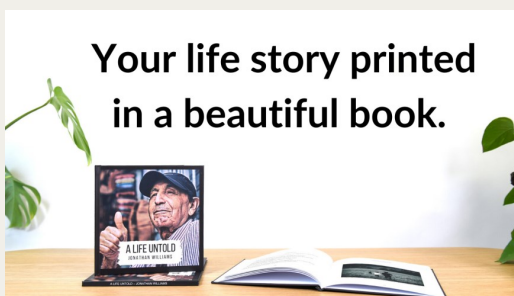
What has been the response to A Life Untold so far?

The response has been truly incredible. The most consistent feedback we get is one of gratitude. We have children and grandchildren write to us saying how much they've learned about their family members. We have people write to us about how simple and therapeutic the writing process has been for them. The feedback has been extremely motivating. We're now helping countless people all over the world capture their life stories in books that will be treasured by their family for generations. It's a privilege to be helping people in such a personal and meaningful way.

How many pages is an average book based on your experience?

This is an interesting question! We've noticed that some people get too caught up in having the right number of pages before their book is “complete”. This is how we look at it. Imagine for a second that you owned a book written by your grandmother. In that book is an interview with her answering questions about her life – everything from her relationship with her parents, to her thoughts on being a mother and even how she met and fell in love with your grandfather. Alongside her interview is a curated collection of photos with her describing what's going on in each. How much would you like to own that book? Would you like to own it any less if it was 100 pages rather than 200 pages? I'm sure you would love that book whatever the length.

The truth is, we've published books that are 50 pages and others that are 300 pages. The average book is probably around 100 pages, which includes both text and photos. At the end of the day, the length of the book is totally up to the author, we don't restrict the number of words, pages or photos.



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Are there many people who sign up, and then drag their feet in responding to all the questions? Or never finish?

This does happen occasionally, but in each case our team will proactively reach out to provide inspiration and assist people in finishing their books. There are a few strategies that we've found most helpful for people. When you get started with A Life Untold, we recommend jotting down your first thoughts for each of our interview questions. By doing this you'll finish answering all our questions in a short amount of time, and at that stage you've "finished" your book. That's a very motivating feeling! After that you can return to the interview as many times as you like to edit the stories you've already written. If you follow this strategy, I guarantee you will end up completing your book.

The other strategy that we know is very effective is to ask one of your friends or family members to use our questions to interview you. In these cases we recommend setting aside at least 3 hours to get through everything. Our questions will spark a wonderful conversation and the interview should be recorded so it can be typed up later either by the author or the interviewer.

Have you changed the set of questions much since you started this?

When my wife and I first created the list of questions to interview our own parents, we did it by writing down every single question we ever wanted to know about our parents. These questions created the foundation of the interview that people see today. As we grew as a company our questions changed based on customer feedback. We also allow people to add their own questions so nothing important in their life story is missed. Our philosophy has always been to have our questions be open-ended so the answers are as diverse as people's lives.

Do many people decide later to buy additional books after they have received their first one?

The first book is included as part of every purchase. Alongside the printed book we also give every customer a digital e-book so they can easily share their story with friends and family over email. And of course, many people like extra printed copies to give to their family and friends which we can print at a discounted rate.

Do you have any new offerings that you have in mind besides the autobiography book?

Yes. We're looking at helping people create "tribute books" which will allow people to celebrate the life of a loved one through the stories of family and friends. One of the things we get asked a lot is if A Life Untold's process will work to capture someone's life story that has already passed away. Our Tribute Book aims to allow you to do just that. Complete information and the roll out of Tribute Books will occur later this year.

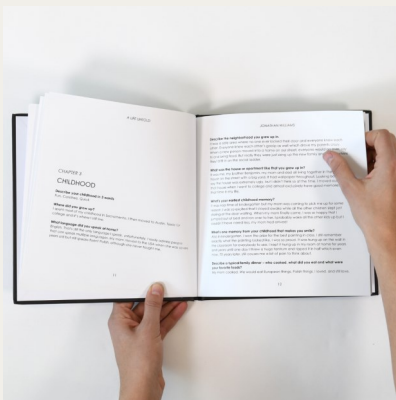
How much does it cost and is there a discount for my readers?

Normally, the price is \$199, but we have an exclusive offer for The Ancestor Hunt readers! You can claim a 10% discount when ordering A Life Untold which brings the price to \$179 (down from \$199). To claim this discount, just apply the coupon code **HUNT** on the checkout screen.

The price includes access to our online interview as well as your life story designed, printed and delivered to your door. You will also receive a digital e-book so you can easily share your story with friends & family over email. And of course, there's also the option to order extra copies at a discounted rate.

Where can I find out more?

You can find all the details on our website by clicking here: www.alifeuntold.com



Using The Internet Archive for Genealogy Research

The Internet Archive has been around since 1996, and has a magnificent assortment of genealogical materials in many different categories of interest to genealogy researchers. It is a major resource; not to be missed.

Per Wikipedia, "As of December 2021, the Internet Archive holds over 34 million books and texts, 7.4 million movies, videos and TV shows, 797,000 software programs, 13,991,923 audio files, 4.1 million images, and 640 billion web pages in the Wayback Machine." If you didn't know, the Wayback Machine is essentially a capture of webpages over time, thus a digital archive of the World Wide Web.

[The Genealogy Project](#) at the Archive includes items from the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Robarts Library at the University of Toronto; the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library; Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah; the National Library of Scotland; the Indianapolis City Library's Indianapolis City Directory and Yearbooks Collection, The Leo Baeck Institute Archives of German-speaking Jewry; and the Boston Public Library, just to name a few.

So what types of information are available at [Archive.org](#) that is of interest to genealogists?

- **Yearbooks**—there are over 69,000 references to yearbooks in the collection. The states of Massachusetts, Virginia, and North Carolina use it as the online archive for high school and college yearbooks.
- **City Directories**—there are about 20,000 city and business directories, not to mention gazetteers and almanacs—another 10,000.
- **Books**—there are over 33,000 genealogy books of all kinds and subjects.
- **Local History**—there are 79,000 references to texts and audio regarding local history. Usually centering on a town, city, or county.
- **Reclaim the Records**—has about 2,000 collections of vital records in the Archive.
- **Town Records**—there are over 52,000 town records (primarily from the New England states). Includes vital record information.
- **Passenger and Crew Lists**—useful in immigration research, there are over 7,500 passenger and crew list documents.
- **Parish Registers**—over 1,500 parish registers are in the Archive; most from the U.K.
- **Church Records**—over 12,200 items in the Archive; including marriages, funerals, baptisms, membership and other church records.
- **Census Records**—not the most ideal way to find census records (we've been spoiled by the large collectors of census records providing us with indexes and search capability). But they are in the Archive.
- **Pension Files**—payment cards and pension applications are included in collections numbering over 2,700.
- **Passport Applications**—over 3,000 in this category.
- **Family Genealogies**—over 3,700 collections of written materials about specific surnames.
- **Probate**—there are over 2,000 references to probate records.
- **Newspapers**—Over 1.3 million references in the newspapers at the Archive. About 700,000 from the U.S., and over 300,000 from China. Many are local titles; also included is a large collection of high school, college and university student newspapers.
- **Audio and Video**—there are old radio shows; newsreels from the past; old music; military radio shows; oral history interviews. Most from the U.S. But there are many from other countries as well.

Is there more? Yes there is. The subjects are only limited by your imagination. FYI, many of the free online links in The Ancestor Hunt collections of links come from the Internet Archive!



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How Many U.S. Historical Newspaper Titles are Available for Free Online?

There are an ever increasing number of free historical newspaper titles that are available for us to search and browse online. The Ancestor Hunt has been curating the links to these important genealogy resources since 2014. Although we can't claim to have them all listed for you, we do keep trying to be as complete as possible, with two updates per year. Currently there are 39,106 titles listed for all 50 states plus DC and Puerto Rico. Here is the breakdown by state with the number of titles. The links are live, so feel free to click on a state to see what is available.

- [Alabama Online Historical Newspapers \(345 Titles\)](#)
- [Alaska Online Historical Newspapers \(113 Titles\)](#)
- [Arizona Online Historical Newspapers \(393 Titles\)](#)
- [Arkansas Online Historical Newspapers \(221 Titles\)](#)
- [California Online Historical Newspapers \(1,200 Titles\)](#)
- [Colorado Online Historical Newspapers \(826 Titles\)](#)
- [Connecticut Online Historical Newspapers \(405 Titles\)](#)
- [Delaware Online Historical Newspapers \(178 Titles\)](#)
- [District of Columbia Online Historical Newspapers \(163 Titles\)](#)
- [Florida Online Historical Newspapers \(788 Titles\)](#)
- [Georgia Online Historical Newspapers \(1,268 Titles\)](#)
- [Hawaii Online Historical Newspapers \(291 Titles\)](#)
- [Idaho Online Historical Newspapers \(383 Titles\)](#)
- [Illinois Online Historical Newspapers \(1,379 Titles\)](#)
- [Indiana Online Historical Newspapers \(908 Titles\)](#)
- [Iowa Online Historical Newspapers \(2,678 Titles\)](#)
- [Kansas Online Historical Newspapers \(2,327 Titles\)](#)
- [Kentucky Online Historical Newspapers \(1,026 Titles\)](#)
- [Louisiana Online Historical Newspapers \(446 Titles\)](#)
- [Maine Online Historical Newspapers \(482 Titles\)](#)
- [Maryland Online Historical Newspapers \(434 Titles\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Online Historical Newspapers \(739 Titles\)](#)
- [Michigan Online Historical Newspapers \(1,674 Titles\)](#)
- [Minnesota Online Historical Newspapers \(1,146 Titles\)](#)
- [Mississippi Online Historical Newspapers \(408 Titles\)](#)
- [Missouri Online Historical Newspapers \(990 Titles\)](#)
- [Montana Online Historical Newspapers \(439 Titles\)](#)
- [Nebraska Online Historical Newspapers \(1,068 Titles\)](#)
- [Nevada Online Historical Newspapers \(127 Titles\)](#)
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7 Time Management Hints for Genealogy Researchers

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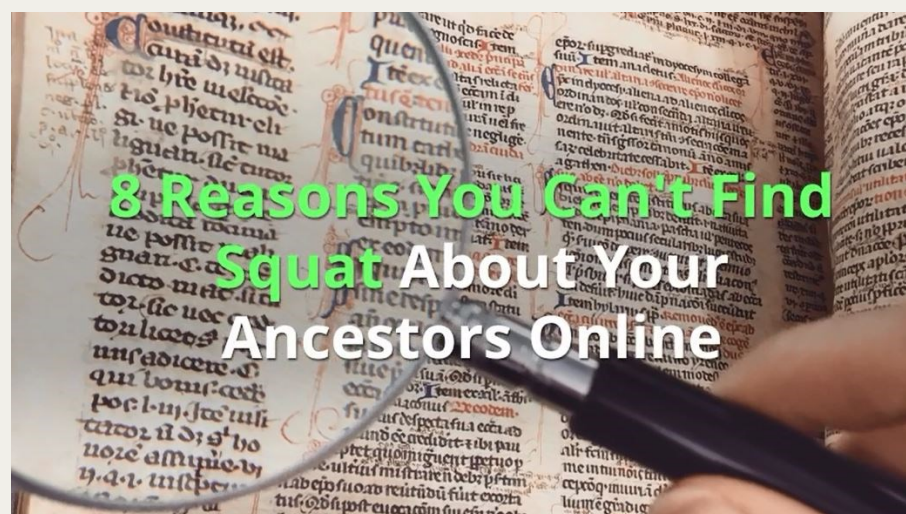


How to More Easily Find Obituaries in Old Newspapers



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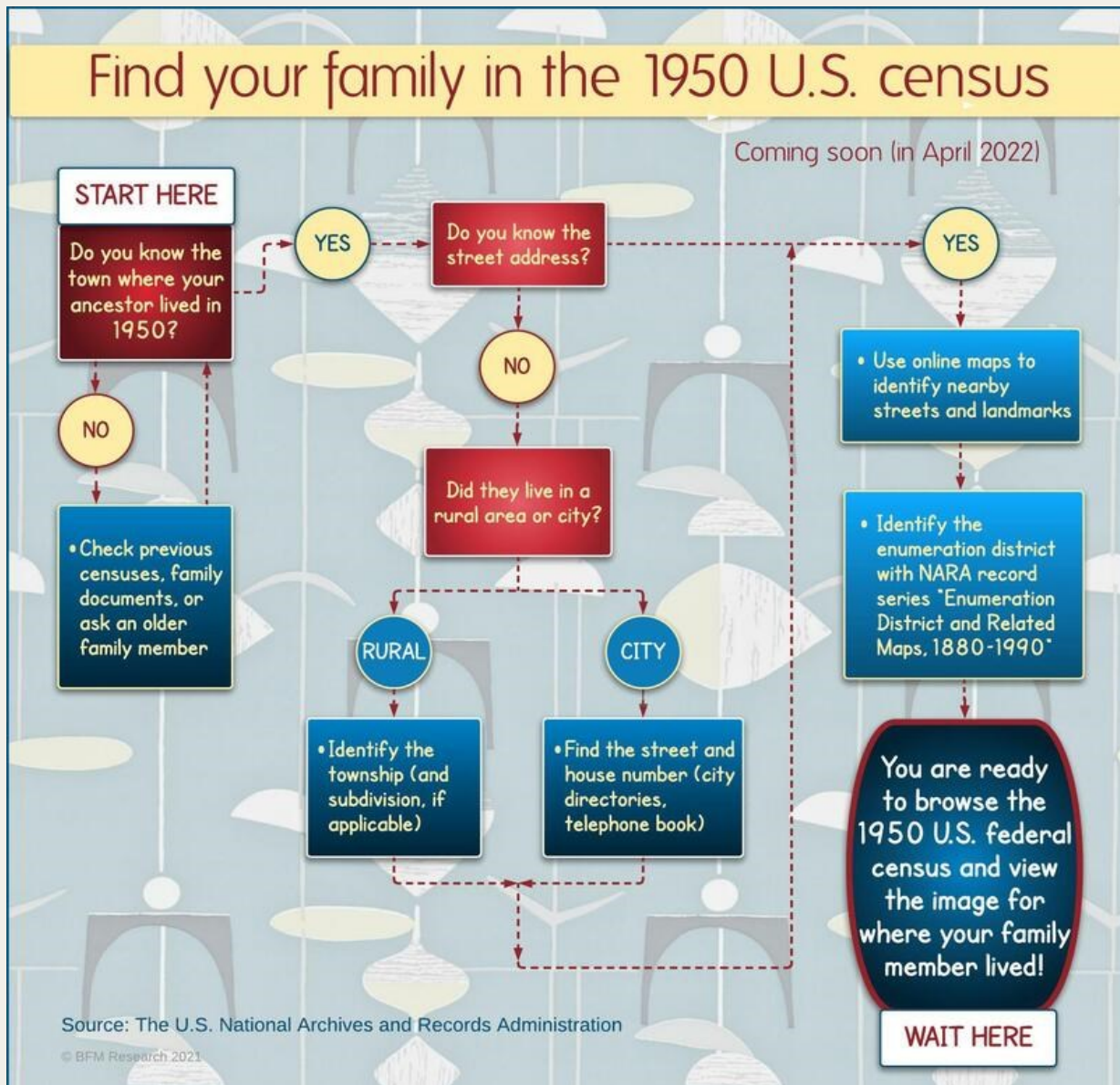


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Learning More About Your Ancestors Online—Chapter Headings

- Chapter 1: Introduction
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- Chapter 7: Miscellaneous records (societies, illnesses)
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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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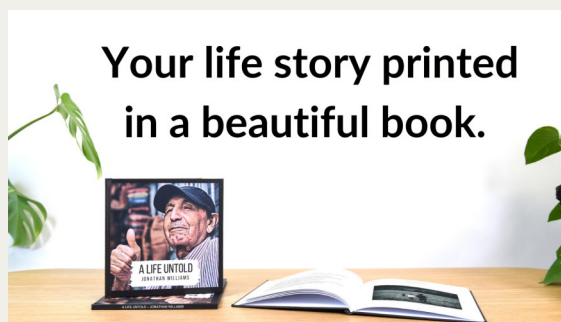
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