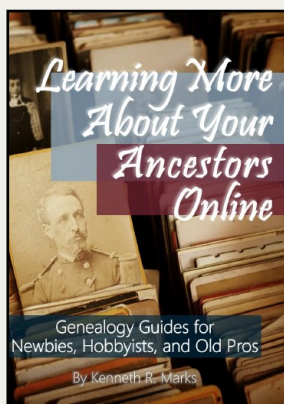


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A person's obituary is likely the first & likely the last written life story of our ancestors and relatives. If you have the opportunity (or sad duty) to write one, then tell as much about them as you can in the space that you have available.

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## Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – April 15, 2022](#)
- [Free Online Ohio Military Records](#)
- [Free Online District of Columbia Military Records](#)
- [Free Online Military Records from the New England States](#)
- [Free Online Massachusetts Military Records](#)
- [Free Online Criminal Records from the United States](#)
- [Free Online Criminal Records from the Western States](#)
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## New From The Newspaper Corner

- [Advantage Archives Adds 1 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – March 2022](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 89 Titles – April 2022](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 50 Titles – April 2022](#)
- [NY State Historical Newspapers Adds/Updates 21 Titles – March, 2022](#)
- [Newspapers dot Com Update – March 2022](#)
- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – March 2022](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – March 2022](#)
- [1,285 Free Southern States Online Historical Newspaper Titles Just Added](#)
- [Minnesota Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Missouri Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Louisiana Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
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- [Mississippi Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
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- [North Carolina Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [Georgia Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [West Virginia Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)

### Quirky Old Newspaper Ad





## Useful Articles from Other Sources

Looking for a Genealogy Event?

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

Looking for NYC Vital Records?

- [New York City Public Digitized Vital Records Now Online for Free!](#)

Want More About the 1950 Census?

- [The 1950 US Census: What You Need To Know](#)

Wondering What The Annotations Mean on Passenger Lists?

- [A Guide to Interpreting Passenger List Annotations](#)

Do You Use Find a Grave—Here's a New Feature

- [Search Using Family Members](#)

Planning a Family Reunion?

- [Online Tools for Planning a Family Reunion](#)

Scanning Family Photos or Documents?

- [Best Resolutions for Scanned Photos and Documents](#)

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### WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN APRIL

- FINISH MILITARY RECORDS CATEGORY
- FINISH NEWSPAPERS UPDATE
- CHECK FOR BROKEN LINKS AND FIX THEM
- EXPLORE INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS CATEGORY



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# Scottish Genealogy

## 5 Free Online Resources

#1

ScotlandsPeople (search is free)

<https://scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

#2

Scottish Indexes

<https://scottishindexes.com>

#3

Scottish Post Office Directories

<https://digital.nls.uk/directories>

#4

Scottish Emigration Database

<https://abdn.ac.uk/emigration>

#5

Histories of Scottish Families (NLS)

<https://digital.nls.uk/histories-of-scottish-families>



Genealogy In Action with Julie Cahill Tarr  
[GenealogyInAction.com](http://GenealogyInAction.com)

### Chapter List for “Learning More About Your Ancestors Online”

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Birth and marriage
- Chapter 3: Death records and information
- Chapter 4: General advice about genealogy research
- Chapter 5: Immigration, naturalization, travel
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- Chapter 8: Newspaper research
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## Why Do You Hunt For Cousins?

In the genealogy or family history or ancestor hunting world, two terms are quite prevalent: "cousin hunting" and "cousin bait"

Basically what they mean, as one is searching for ancestors, is that you are attempting to find living relatives that can provide additional information regarding their ancestry. In my experience, I have been successful in finding many new "cousins" who have provided tons of new information about my ancestors and ancestors' families.

So what techniques can be used to find new "cousins?"

The three most prevalent methods are as follows:

1) By uploading a family tree to a variety of family tree sharing websites - for example - Ancestry Family Tree, provided by ancestry.com; and wikitree.com. There are a number of similar sites where one can upload their family tree and provide a means for like-minded individuals to search and possibly notice a connection. Then you can contact them or them - you if a connection seems possible.

2) By joining a forum where surnames or locations are grouped and one can post a message, such as "Searching for Smith family in Racine, Wisconsin". Again this is a place where you or like-minded individuals can search and possibly notice a possible connection.

3) By creating a blog where you post stories and or facts about your ancestors and through the magic of search engines, provide means for others to find the names in your blog and contact you.

There are newer methods which I have found beneficial - such as Facebook and other Social Media sites where names can be searched.

BUT - the question that I posed in the Title - is why do you search for cousins? These are my observations. In the ancestor hunting world - there are three types of people (and obviously gradations).

1) The first is the researcher who wants to fill in all the dates and find a new person so they can have another set of dates to fill in and often they are most interested in how far back they can go and how many people are in their database.

2) The second is the person who is more interested in the "soft" side - i.e., the person who is more interested in the color - that is the stories of their ancestors' lives.

3) The third is the person who wants to CONNECT with new relatives as a primary benefit of doing the research because they like people.

Of all that is written about genealogy, most of the focus is on the first one which is all about the data. Even less so is the focus on the "color of ancestors' lives - and the stories of our ancestors.

But the REAL benefit for me at least - is the third and that is CONNECTING with known and newly found relatives. I have met cousins who are now life long friends.

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[My Heritage](https://www.myheritage.com)



## Sometimes Being THE Family Historian is Dangerous



Being THE family historian can sometimes be a lonely job, a frustrating hobby, often a very rewarding endeavor, but rarely, if ever, dangerous. Well today I faced danger - not the life threatening kind of danger but the people disappointing or hurting kind.

Leave it to Facebook. Most of the time, for me at least, Facebook has been incredibly helpful in tracking down possible cousins. In fact several of my most rewarding finds of living relatives have been as a result of diligent searching on that site.

But a couple of days ago, I got a "Friend" request from someone I did not know and I had no clue why she requested a "friend" connection. And it wasn't one that was obviously spam.

But I was reviewing my Facebook messages this morning - and lo and behold - there was a message from her. It was a short message, but in it she stated that one of my cousins was her father, and the father never married her mother, etc. etc. They apparently met at a nightclub and the rest was history.

Now the dilemma - If I was truly interested in logging in my database every person that had a known and substantial DNA relationship with myself and my family - I would respond to her, get the facts as she knows them - with dates and mother's full name, etc.

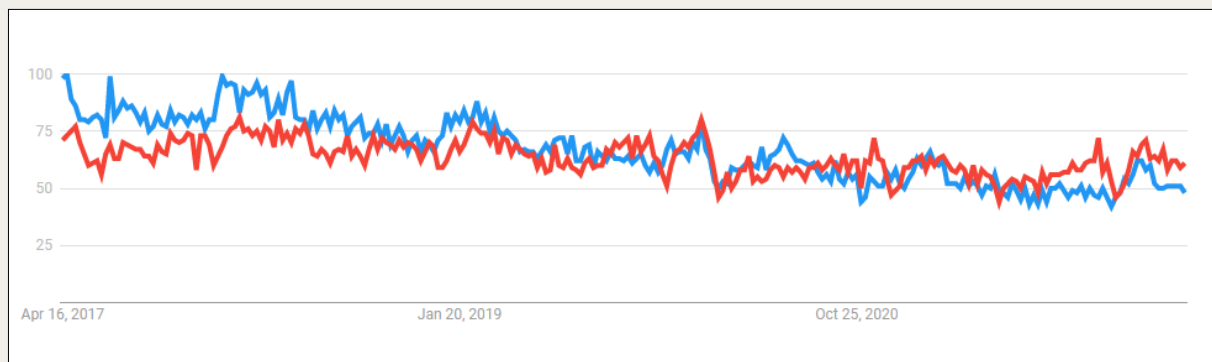
But I am not going to do that. Why - because apparently she had tried to connect with her "father" and was denied the connection. Now my cousin is a fantastic fellow and not one to shirk his "duties" but apparently he does not wish to explore this connection and that is his right. I emailed my cousin, let him know of the attempted connection and left it at that.

So maybe - having every little detail isn't so important. What do you think? What would you do?

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## Genealogy vs Family History Graphed

A lot of genealogy types discuss (argue?) which term is a summary of what we do. A common result is that genealogy is about names and dates, as well as DNA and relationships. And Family History is more about the life stories of our ancestors. What happens when we graph the usage of the terms on the Internet. Using Google Trends I did just that. Here is a five year graph of the terms. Blue is for "Genealogy" and Red is for "Family History". You be the judge.





## 25 Reasons to Research Probate Records and Wills

Does the thought of locating and searching through old probate records and wills turn you off, because you will need to go through some court's smelly basement, where you have to pore through dusty old files of records? Let me tell you, whether you have to find them that way or online, they are incredibly valuable sources of terrific information about the deceased. They are often well documented and provide a ton of details about the deceased's life activities, relationships, relatives, friends and acquaintances.

Here is a list of just some of the information available in Probate Records and Wills:

- **Full Name** - often the middle name is a challenge to find while researching, but it likely is found in either the will or probate documents
- **Date and Location of Death**
- **Name of Spouse** - and likely ex-spouses if they were a parent of your children
- **Children's Names** - and possibly their birth date and location
- **Children's Spouses' Names**
- **Grandchildren's Names**
- **Siblings**
- **Other Heirs** - may be nieces or nephew, but also close friends or associates, and if the deceased had home workers
- **Occupations**
- **Businesses Owned** - if a partnership business arrangement, the names of the partners
- **Citizenship Status** - and possibly naturalization information
- **Residences** - this may include old residences and possibly those of their children
- **Real Estate Property Owned** - including their locations and value
- **Deaths of Other Family Members** - possibly including siblings and children, or parents, depending on the age of the deceased
- **Adoptions and/or Guardianships**
- **Inventory of items Owned by the Deceased**
- **Debts of the Deceased**
- **Household Items**
- **Executor/Trustee for the Estate** - and alternates should the Trustee be deceased
- **Guardianship of Minor Children** - should both parents be deceased
- **Deceased's Signature** - if on a will.
- **Witnesses to the Signing of the Will**
- **Feelings of the Deceased toward Family Members** - this can be deduced if not stated explicitly, by the amount of the estate that is bequeathed in relation to that of others.
- **Specific Requests** - if not to a person specifically; may be to a charity, or church, or other organization. May also specify an amount for care of a minor child.
- **Wills of Slaveholders May Name Slaves Owned**

To research online probate records and wills that are available for free for the U.S. please go to The Ancestor Hunt's Probate and Wills page. A curated list of links to over 8,000 free collections are presented by state. Click on [Probate and Wills](#), and select the state you wish to search.



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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.

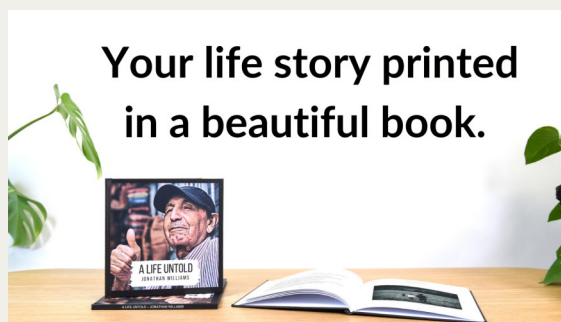
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### StorySpot

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- 5,407 Free Online Georgia Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,296 Free Online West Virginia Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,826 Free Online Tennessee Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,183 Free Online Nebraska Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 1,924 Free Online Arkansas Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,576 Free Online Florida Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
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- 1,879 Free Online Mississippi Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
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- 3,168 Free Online Oklahoma Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 7,814 Free Online North Carolina Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,344 Free Online Alabama Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,339 Free Online New Jersey Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,997 Free Online Maine Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,499 Free Online Vermont Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories

### The Ancestor Hunt Research Link Categories:

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