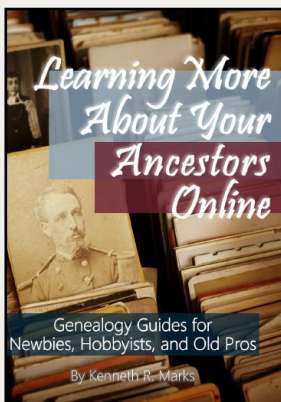


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- [Free Online Tennessee Death Records and Indexes](#)
- [Free Online New York Death Records and Indexes](#)
- [1,125 Free Mid West States Online Photo Archives Available](#)
- [Free Online Kentucky Death Records and Indexes](#)
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- [Virginia Online Historical Photos Research](#)
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- [13,400 United States High Schools and Colleges with Free Online Yearbooks](#)
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- [2,155 Free Mid Atlantic States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
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- [Tennessee Online Historical Photos Research](#)
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- [4,875 Free Mid West States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Ohio High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free New York High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Meanings for 40 Common Terms Found in Probate Records](#)
- [3,800 Free Online Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links from the U.S.](#)
- [695 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Western States](#)

New From The Newspaper Corner

- [Advantage Archives Adds 600 Thousand Historical Newspaper Pages – April 2022](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 134 Titles – May 2022](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 52 Titles – May 2022](#)
- [Newspapers dot Com Update – May 2022](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 205 Titles – May, 2022](#)
- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – May 2022](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 354 Historical Newspaper Titles – May, 2022](#)
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- [16 Tips to Researching Records at a Courthouse](#)

Brick Wall?

- [10 True Genealogy Brick Walls and How to \(Possibly!\) Break Through Them](#)

Sharing Your Tree and Other Genealogy Materials?

- [Who Owns My Content When I Post It on a Genealogy Website?](#)

Like Maps?

- [USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer](#)

German Ancestors?

- [6 Websites for Deciphering Old German Script](#)

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN JUNE

- [FINISH DEATHS AND PROBATE CATEGORY UPDATES](#)
- [CHECK FOR BROKEN LINKS AND FIX THEM](#)
- [EXPLORE INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS CATEGORY](#)

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Births	7,025	Divorces	1,416	BMD	30,728	Photos	4,513
Marriages	11,600	Directories	23,657	Criminal	896	Yearbooks	13,678
Deaths	8,162	Naturalization	3,453	Voter	1,243	Church	7,411
Newspapers	47,577	Immigration	704	Tax	2,703	Military	6,796
Probate	8,484	Mortuary	834	Alumni	1,685	Institutional	0

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Let's Talk About Copyright: Do The Right Thing

When researching newspapers, and downloading either a clipped image, or a pdf of an entire page, one must be mindful of copyright limitations and protections if we are to republish newspaper material in another medium. The following is an article written by Jeff Kiley, the CEO of [Advantage Archives](#) that addresses the subject of Copyright.

When embarking upon a digitization project, careful consideration must be given to how you intend to provide access and what you can and cannot do under U.S. Copyright laws. You need to consider whether the publications are subject to copyright, whether you have permission to use the work, and whether the way you plan to use the materials falls within a copyright exception.

I will preface this like I always do when the topic of copyright arises: **"I am not a lawyer."** Taking legal advice from me is similar to asking WebMD for a diagnosis....you will want to seek a second opinion.

That being said, **you do not need a lawyer** to tell you that copyright holders have rights regarding their intellectual property. You need to respect those rights and not infringe upon them when you provide access to digitized newspapers or other materials protected by copyright law.

Remember, **partnerships matter**. Developing a relationship with the right holder and seeking their permission to use any of their works not in the public domain should be explored. This is their property and remains so until their content enters the public domain. It remains theirs to dictate how, when, and where it can be used.

What is copyright?

United States copyright laws apply protection to the intellectual property of a publisher, individual author, or artist.

What is "public domain"?

In discussing newspapers, "Public Domain" refers to a publisher's works not protected by those intellectual property laws. The public owns these works, and anyone can responsibly use public domain work without obtaining permission, but no one can ever "own it."

It is clearly in the public domain if:

The copyright has expired (before 1927 or more than 95 years from publication)

However, it MIGHT BE in the public domain if:

Although copyright laws are well defined, there is an area of gray between 1924 and 1977. During this period, some publications were printed without notice of copyright or in compliance with the day's copyright laws.

The other way newspaper content has become public domain is if **the copyright owner has failed to comply with copyright renewal rules (1923-1989)**.

If it was published before 1978 and did not have the © copyright symbol printed in the publication, **it could fall within the public domain**. Between 1924 and 1977, many newspapers were published without notice of copyright or did not register with the U.S. Copyright Office. Therefore, you will want to do your due diligence on these titles before providing free digital access to this content.

When Does New Content Enter The Public Domain?

Copyright was "frozen" at 1923 for the last 20 years.

On January 1st, 2019, new content entered the public domain for the first time since 1998, making 1924 content available.

On January 1st, 2020, content from 1925 became public domain, and every year since (and every year going forward), a new year's worth of content is free to use without restriction.

Copyright Exceptions for Libraries, Archives, & Museums



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Are there copyright exceptions for libraries, archives, or museums?

The answer to this question is a little more complicated. However, it is understood that when it comes to providing access to digitized content, there are exemptions for these institutions IF specific and defined guidelines are followed.

First, these exceptions apply only to libraries, museums, and archives that are open to the public or to unaffiliated researchers in a specialized field.

Title 17, section 108 of the U.S. Code permits libraries and archives to use copyrighted material in specific ways. These provisions are called "limitations" or "exceptions" because they limit the exclusive rights of copyright owners. In specified circumstances, they **exempt libraries, archives, and museums** from obtaining permission from copyright holders.

The critical thing to remember about these exemptions is that the digitized content **MUST** be used in the same manner, method, or intent as the original.

To provide access to newspaper content that is not clearly residing in the public domain, the qualifying institution **MUST** ensure that these publications are **currently in the library or museum collections**. This could either be the microfilmed copy in your holdings or hard copies of the papers.

The other important thing to understand is that any copy made in digital format may not be made available to the public in that format outside the library premises. Just like the **microfilm in a library's collection, the newspapers not in the public domain must be restricted to use from within your physical location only**. In practice, a restricted digital archive will be used in the same "manner, method, or intent" as using the physical materials, essentially becoming a "digital" microfilm reader.

Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents
4 grandparents
8 great-grandparents
16 second great-grandparents
32 third great-grandparents
64 fourth great-grandparents
128 fifth great-grandparents
256 sixth great-grandparents
512 seventh great-grandparents
1,024 eighth great-grandparents
2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment – How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...

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
- Chapter 6: Military
- Chapter 7: Miscellaneous records (societies, illnesses)
- Chapter 8: Newspaper research
- Chapter 9: Occupations
- Chapter 10: Photos and physical description
- Chapter 11: Residences and other locations
- Chapter 12: Schools and yearbooks
- Chapter 13: Resources

8 Reasons You Can't Find Squat About Your 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!
- **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?



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Meanings for 40 Common Terms Found in Probate Records

Just the word “Probate” causes people to freak out, primarily because it is a legal process, different in every state; it is combined with the loss of a loved one, and requires cooperation between family members, many who do not wish to cooperate. But for genealogy purposes, 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. They do have a language all their own. Here are some of the most common terms and their meanings:

Administrator	A person who is authorized by the court to manage and settle the estate of a deceased person. In some states, this role is called a personal representative.
Beneficiary	A person or entity who is named in a will or trust to receive assets. In some situations, a beneficiary may be termed a legatee or devisee.
Bond	A form of insurance that protects the assets of the estate.
Claims	Claims are the petitions, registers, accounts, or appeals filed with the court.
Codicil	A document that amends, rather than replaces, a previously executed will.
Conservatorship	A legal proceeding in which a court places the interests of an incapacitated adult in the care and protection of another. In some states, this is called a guardianship.
Creditor claim	A request filed with the court by a person or entity who believes they are owed money by the decedent.
Custodian of the Will	The person who has the Will when the person who wrote the Will dies.
Decedent	The deceased person whose estate is being settled.
Decedent's estate	All the property (real or personal) that a person owned at the time of death.
Distribution	The division of estate funds among those who are entitled to inherit.
Encumbrance	Any claim or restriction on a property's title.
Escheat	The process by which assets revert to the government. This occurs when legal heirs have not been located or have not come forward.
Estate	All the money and property owned by a person at the time of death.
Executor	A person or entity designated in a will and appointed by the court to manage and settle the estate of a deceased person. In some states, this role is called a personal representative.
Fiduciary	A person or entity who holds assets for another.
Final account	A final report to the court that details the finances of an estate or trust.
Guardian Ad Litem	A person the court appoints to protect the interests of another person in a specific court case. Latin for guardian at law.
Heir	A relative determined by the court to be entitled to a share of an estate.
Heirship Hearing	A legal proceeding in which evidence is presented to determine the entitlement of heirs.
Heirship Order	A court decision that declares the entitled heirs and their respective shares in the estate. In some states, this is called a kinship order.



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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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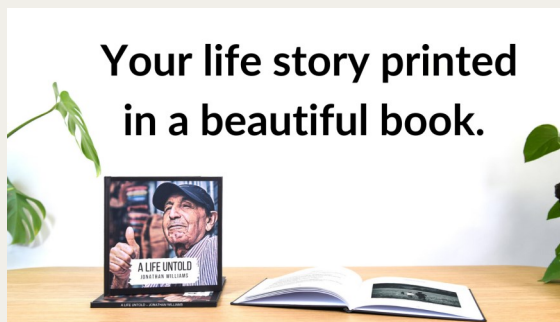
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- 2,826 Free Online Tennessee Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 2,183 Free Online Nebraska Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
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- 1,981 Free Online Louisiana Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
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- 2,339 Free Online New Jersey Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
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