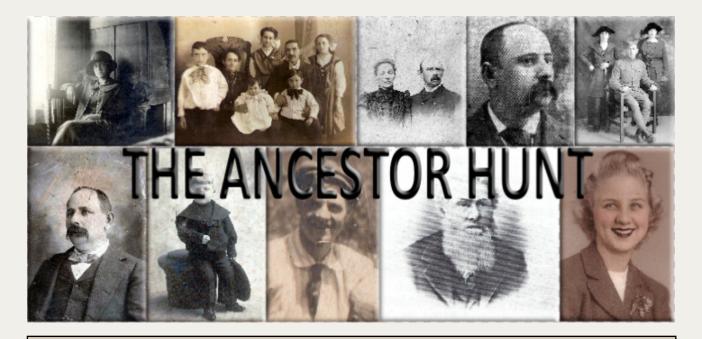
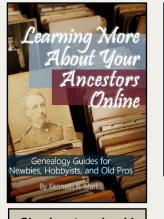
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- FamilySearch New and Updated Collections June 30, 2022
- FamilySearch New and Updated Collections July 15, 2022
- Free Online Ohio Digital Archives
- Ancestry New and Updated Collections June 2022
- How to Use the United States Federal Non-Population
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- How to Get the Most From the Social Security Death Index (SSDI)
- 500 Free Library of Congress Digital Collections
- How to Access Ancestry's 1,174 Free Collections
- 6,930 Free Online United States Birth Records and Indexes
- 11,460 Free Online Marriage Collection and Index Links for the United States
- 1,105 Free Online United States Digital Archives
- Free Online Michigan Digital Archives
- 340 Free Online Southern States Digital Archives
- 950 Free Online Marriage Collection and Index Links for the Western States
- Free Online Minnesota Digital Archives
- Free Online Illinois Digital Archives
- Free Online California Marriage Records and Indexes
- Free Online Indiana Digital Archives
- Free Online Texas Digital Archives
- Free Online Virginia Digital Archives
- Free Online Kentucky Digital Archives
- Free Online Tennessee Digital Archives
- Free Online Pennsylvania Digital Archives
- Free Online New York Digital Archives
- 295 Free Online Mid West States Digital Archives
- Free North Carolina Probate Records and Wills
- Free Indiana Online School Records
- Free Kentucky Probate Records and Wills
- Free Illinois Online School Records
- 965 Free Online School Record Collections from the Southern States
- Free Texas Online School Records
- Free Louisiana Online School Records
- Free Virginia Online School Records
- 2,525 Mid West States Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections for the United States
- Free Ohio Probate Records and Wills
- Free Kansas Probate Records and Wills
- Free Missouri Probate Records and Wills
- Iceland Free Online Historical Newspapers
- 220 Free Online Western States Digital Archives
- Free Online California Digital Archives

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### **New From The Newspaper Corner**

- Austria Online Historical Newspapers
- Alaska Adds 34 Newspaper Titles to Chronicling America
- Netherlands Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Advantage Archives Adds One Million Historical Newspaper Pages – June 2022
- Veridian Adds/Updates 388 Titles July 2022
- Find My Past Provides 154 Free Historical Newspaper
  Titles
- Chronicling America Updates June 2022
- British Newspaper Archive Provides 1 Million Free Historical Newspaper Pages
- Luxembourg Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Liechtenstein Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Belgium Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Switzerland Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Newspapers dot Com Update June 2022
- British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 95 Titles June, 2022
- NewspaperARCHIVE Update June 2022
- Find My Past Adds/Updates 144 Historical Newspaper Titles – June, 2022
- Chronicling America Announces New Interactive Map and Timeline Visualization
- Estonia Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Norway Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Finland Free Online Historical Newspapers
- Denmark Free Online Historical Newspapers
- France Free Online Historical Newspapers

### **<u>Quirky Old Newspaper Ads</u>**



### **Useful Articles from Other Sources**

### Writing Your Family History?

• 5 Family History Writing Tips from Professional Historians

Have You Tried eBay for Your Genealogy Research?

• 5 Top Tips for Using eBay for Family History

#### Are You a Beginner?

• 10 Steps to Start Building Your Family Tree

#### **Revolutionary War Ancestors?**

 Revolutionary War Genealogy and History Websites

### Do You Use Muster Rolls?

 How to Use Muster Rolls to Your Advantage in Genealogy Research

### Are Coats of Arms and Family Crests the Real Deal?

• The Real Truth Behind Coats of Arms and Family Crests

#### Hidden Gems in the 1920 Census?

• Diving Deep into the 1920 Census

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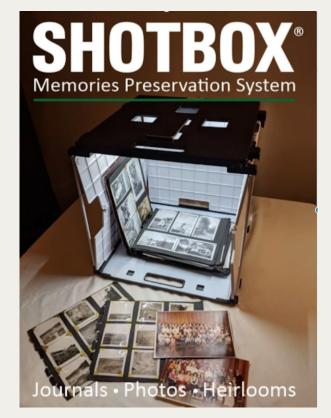
### Are You Telling Your Ancestors Complete History?

• Use Social History in Genealogy Research – Telling Your Ancestors' Stories



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### WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN JULY

- FINISH SCHOOL AND PROBATE CATEGO-RY UPDATES
- CHECK FOR BROKEN LINKS AND FIX THEM
- START INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS CATE-GORY
- ADD MORE EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS
- PUBLISH MORE QUICKSHEETS





## What Are Your Personal Genealogy "Axioms"?

What drives you to research your genealogy or family history? How long have you been at it? What keeps you researching?

If you would like to share your personal research story or journey, please email to me at kenmarksology@gmail,com and I will publish it in a future newsletter!

### My Personal Genealogy Story

In 2002, for a reason long forgotten, I joined ancestry.com as a "free subscriber". Not driven by a passion to "know" my roots, but just interest, I began the search.

When I started, quite honestly, I knew the first and last names of only two of my great grandparents – both on my Mother's side of the family – William Williams – her grandfather, who she never had met, and her other grandfather, John Delano Lutgens, who she did know because he lived with her parents and her brothers and sister as she grew up in West Oakland. I did remember Grandpa Heyman, my father's grandfather, but did not know his first name. He was the only one of my great grandparents who were alive when I was. All five of my remaining great grandparents were a total mystery to me. In fact, I have no memory of anyone in my family even mentioning them .

My Mother passed in July 2003. After her passing, I became more interested, again not a passion but just interest.

And since then, over the past two decades, I have become an obsessed Ancestor Hunter. I have made connections with previously unknown cousins who have collaborated with me to dig out family historical details through photo identification, translations of over a hundred Letters from Germany, and other cooperative endeavors. Most importantly, I have connected with far flung cousins who did not have an extended family, but now do and their life has changed because of it.

### My Genealogy Axioms

- In my personal genealogy pursuits, I am much more interested in the life stories of my ancestors. None of my ancestors were born in the U.S. prior to the 1850s. In fact, I stop researching backwards intentionally. I have very few ancestors who were born in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Why should I research to find their parents? It is highly doubtful that I will discover their life story.
- Our ancestors deserve our attention to their memory. We MUST write about them. If we do not document the stories of our ancestors, who will?
- Our ancestors can "live forever" through this documenting of their life stories, and they deserve our attention to their memory.
- I have never been interested in genealogy academic pursuits or certifications. I follow the rules about FAN research, evidence gathering and analysis, and citations because they make sense, not because they are "havetos". I am not interested in doing other people's genealogy research. Although I highly admire those who study to become more accomplished researchers, it isn't in my plan.
- I have zero interest in DNA research. I cannot explain why not. My first cousins on both sides have done it with no positive reasonably close connections.
- The Ancestor Hunt website exists to "help people find stuff."
- I create these long link lists, Quick Reference Guides, etc., primarily for hobbyists, I think. I have discovered that
  a significant percentage of them do not know how to research, do not know where to start looking, yet really
  want to find out more about their ancestors. Many are just lost and have a tough time building good genealogy
  habits. Hence, they develop the "bad habits" that you and I gripe about (e.g., tree copying without verifying).
- And.... Finally I love newspapers!

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### Speaking of Newspapers - 33 Different Things You Can Find About Your Ancestors By Searching Newspapers

- <u>Politics</u> in older newspapers, precinct captains and precinct workers were named; several of my own ancestors participated in helping people vote.
- <u>Society</u> in smaller towns and even larger cities, thesociety pages listed attendees at parties of all kinds.
- <u>Vacations</u> before the advent of air conditioning, in warmer climes, folks would travel to resorts, springs, andother spots and the names of the travelers were often listed.
- <u>Out of area travelers</u> many older newspapers welcomed temporary residents with their names in the paper,listing the hotels they were staying in, their permanent residence, and the families they were visiting if they were staying in their home.
- <u>Advertisements</u> Local residents were quoted as havingbeen cured by a variety of "interesting" remedies. Often photos and other descriptive information were included.
- **Classified ads** often you can find your ancestors names in the "want ads" as either selling something or ifthey owned a business trying to hire a new employee.
- <u>Sports</u> if an ancestor was an athlete of any kind possibly he would be cited in a baseball box score for college,high school or a local semi-pro team; or in an article regarding many other sports.
- <u>School graduations</u> lists of graduates are often listed for as early as elementary school through high school and college.
- School news lists of honor roll members, and other school events.

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- <u>Military articles</u> did your ancestor join the Army or goto war? Often there are articles about them, as well as where they
  were stationed and promotions they may have received.
- Lodges and clubs announcements of new members, officer lists and upcoming meeting schedules are published.
- <u>Church articles</u> naming new church members or invitations to special services or events.
- <u>Real estate transactions and transfers</u> did your ancestor transfer real estate or buy/sell a property?
- <u>Engagement announcements</u> Often an announcement of an upcoming wedding would be found in the society page and many times a photo of the bride-to-be.
- Legal Notices did your ancestors get divorced or sell ortransfer a business? These are often found in legal notices, including bankruptcy or other legal matters, including wills and estates.
- <u>Divorce proceedings</u> lists of couples who were in various stages of divorce are often listed in the Vital Statistics section.
- <u>Personal notices</u> illnesses, visitors, celebrations of all kinds are often mentioned in the Society section.
- <u>Anniversary celebrations</u> 25 and 50 year anniversaries often were rewarded with an article announcing theaccomplishment, as well as a recounting of the celebration party and the attendees.
- <u>Death notices and obituaries</u> obvious help to re- searchers to name children, siblings, "native of" information, etc.
- <u>Birth announcements</u> although the child is rarely named his parents are and that can be helpful, especially if a child only lived a few years and you have the death announcement.
- <u>Mail</u> list of unclaimed mail can often be found in community newspapers. Can determine if your ancestor had moved.
- <u>Local crime</u> in addition to articles about the more serious or "colorful" crimes, there often are listings of more petty crimes, such as burglaries or home/business break-ins.
- Political cartoons In the 19th century, photographs were rarely included in newspapers so drawings of thelikenesses of
  people were included, especially for politicians. I have several of these for one of my ancestors who was a State Senator.
- Missing persons I the 19th century telephones were not abundant, stories about missing persons were often written.
- <u>State or county fair winners</u> did your ancestor enter food, livestock, plants or crafts at the fair? Lists of winners and their submittals and awards are listed.
- <u>Theater and television</u> lists of actors and actresses invaudeville, other theater as well as early television are often mentioned in articles. These articles add depth to their life stories.
- <u>Union activities</u> lists of trade union officers are often mentioned as well as their activities and scheduled meet-ings.
- Land applications and sales in the legal section these might include notices from the Department of Interior.
- <u>Professional directory</u> was your ancestor a doctor, lawyer, nurse, contractor, or embalmer? They might be found in these directories which are frequently published.
- <u>Marriage licenses and announcements</u> when a license is issued, usually the names and addresses of the couple are mentioned. Also when the wedding occurs, often the event is listed as well, including attendees.
- <u>Taxes owed</u> often lists of taxes owed to the city or county are listed. It is surprising to find an ancestor owing3 dollars to the county for taxes.
- <u>City and county government meetings</u> minutes of meetings are published and names are mentioned of the commissioners or supervisors as well as those who have conducted business during the meeting. If your ancestor had a claim due from the government entity for work per-formed, these lists are also available often.
- <u>Letters to the editor</u> was your ancestor outspoken? Did they often write a letter to the editor of the paper that was published.

## When Were Statewide Death Registrations Required

If you are looking for death certificates, you need to know the timing of each state's requirements. Each state in the U.S. started requiring death registrations in different years. Usually some type of records were created prior to the official state laws, either at the county, city, or town levels. But state records weren't required until a law was passed. Furthermore, even though registrations and certificates were mandated, general compliance was not achieved by all entities for just a few years or even a few decades in some instance. Below is a chart that lists the state and when registration was required.

Alabama	1908	Missouri	1910
Alaska	1913	Montana	1907
Arizona	1909	Nebraska	1904
Arkansas	1914	Nevada	1911
California	1905	New Hampshire	1905
Colorado	1908	New Jersey	1848
Connecticut	1897	New Mexico	1920
Delaware	1913	New York	1880
District of Columbia	1874	North Carolina	1913
Florida	1899	North Dakota	1899
Georgia	1919	Ohio	1908
Hawaii	1896	Oklahoma	1908
Idaho	1911	Oregon	1903
Illinois	1916	Pennsylvania	1906
Indiana	1900	Rhode Island	1853
lowa	1899	South Carolina	1915
Kansas	1911	South Dakota	1905
Kentucky	1911	Tennessee	1914
Louisiana	1914	Texas	1908
Maine	1892	Utah	1904
Maryland	1898	Vermont	1857
Massachusetts	1841	Virginia	1912
Michigan	1897	Washington	1907
Minnesota	1908	West Virginia	1917
Mississippi	1912	Wisconsin	1907
		Wyoming	1909

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## When Were State Birth Records Started and Required

If you are looking for birth records, including certificates, you need to know the timing of each state's requirements. Each state in the U.S. started requiring birth registrations in different years. Generally, some type of records were created prior to the official state laws, either at the county, city, or town levels. But state records weren't required until a law was passed. Some states passed laws that mandated that records be kept at the local level, even though there was not mandated state registration. Furthermore, even though registrations and certificates were mandated, general compliance was not achieved by all entities for just a few years or even a few decades in some instance.

Below is a chart that lists for each state when registration was required, when it started at local jurisdictions, and when general compliance with the state law was achieved. Please note that local level registration and records were not adhered to by all local jurisdictions. If the year is blank, I could not find the information for that entry.

State	Year Mandated	Year Records Started at Local Jurisdiction	Year of General Compliance
Alabama	1908	1881	1927
Alaska	1913	-	-
Arizona	1909	1855	1926
Arkansas	1914	1881	Mid 1930s
California	1905	1800	-
Colorado	1907	1876	1920
Connecticut	1897	1630s	1915
Delaware	1881	1650	1921
District of Columbia	1874	-	-
Florida	1899	1865	1920
Georgia	1919	1875	1928
Hawaii	1842	-	1929
Idaho	1911	1907	1920s
Illinois	1916	1877	1922
Indiana	1907	1881	1920
lowa	1907	1880	1924
Kansas	1911	1885	-
Kentucky	1911	1852	1917
Louisiana	1911	1790	-
Maine	1892	1700	-
Maryland	1898	1649	-
Massachusetts	1841	1600	1850
Michigan	1905	1867	1915
Minnesota	1908	1870	1915
Mississippi	1912	1879	1921

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## When Were State Birth Records Started and Required (Continued)

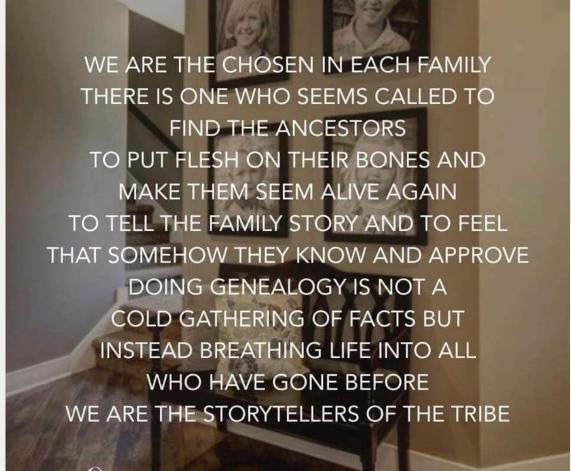
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Missouri	1910	1883	-
Montana	1907	-	1920
Nebraska	1904	1869	1920
Nevada	1911	1887	-
New Hampshire	1866	Early 1600s	1905
New Jersey	1848	1675	-
New Mexico	1920	1907	1930
New York	1880	1847	1913
North Carolina	1913	1890	1920
North Dakota	1893	-	-
Ohio	1908	1867	-
Oklahoma	1908	1891	1930
Oregon	1903	1871	-
Pennsylvania	1906	1852	-
Rhode Island	1853	1636	Early1900s
South Carolina	1914	1877	-
South Dakota	1905	1843	-
Tennessee	1908	1874	1927
Texas	1903	1873	-
Utah	1905	1890	1917
Vermont	1857	1732	1919
Virginia	1912	1853	-
Washington	1907	1869	-
West Virginia	1917	1863	1925
Wisconsin	1907	1852	-
Wyoming	1909	-	1922

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## The By Location Page

The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the **<u>BY LOCATION</u>** page.

This page has a dropdown for each state or province, with a link to the online collections links for every category available.

## **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

## 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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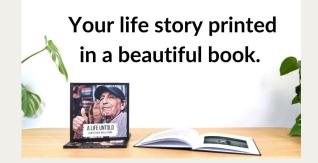
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#### **Newly Completed States with All Categories Created**

- 1,951 Free Online South Carolina Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
- 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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- 718 Free Online Delaware Collections Available Now in 20 Genealogy Record Categories
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- 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:

- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- Military Records
- Directories
- Photos
- Yearbooks
- Divorce Records
- Naturalizations
- Cemetery and Burial Records
- Marriage Records
- Tax Records

- Mortuary Records
- Immigration
- Church Records
- School Records
- Voter Lists
- Coroner Records
- Probate and Wills
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- Birth Records
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