

# Finding Your Ancestors' Obituaries

The Complete Genealogy  
Guide to Obituaries

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# Introduction

## About the Author

My name is Kenneth R Marks, and I reside in Arizona. Below is the story of how I began the journey of finding my family history.



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 interested, I began the search.

When I started, I knew the first and last names of only two of my great grandparents – both on my Mother's side of the family. I did remember Grandpa Heyman, my father's grandfather, but didn't know his first name. 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 – just because no one talked of them.

My dear mother passed in July 2003. After her passing, I became more interested, again not a passion but just interest. You might ask "Did you ask your mother about any family history between 2002 and the date of her passing?" And the answer is NO! My advice is to ask the living before it is too late. Ask about their lives and their stories. And don't just look at their photo books, ask them about the people who are in these albums. And for gosh sake, write down the names and locations of the photos.

Since that time, I have become an obsessed Ancestor Hunter. My favorite part of searching for my ancestors is not adding as many names as possible to my family tree or tracing my ancestry back to someone who is super famous. It is the life stories of my ancestors and relatives that really drive my research. This is why I was so drawn to newspaper research early on in my genealogy "career".

I created The Ancestor Hunt website about a decade ago to "help people find stuff." In a nutshell, we find links to free online collections so that you can use them. What started as 10,000 links to Free Online Newspaper Titles in 2014 has blossomed to over 250,000 links in 24 different Genealogy Record Collection categories. In addition, we also write about tools and techniques that we have discovered over the years that are extremely helpful in genealogy research.

## Why Obituaries?

*"An obituary is a compact life story of the deceased;  
it is likely the only life story of the subject person  
ever to be written."*

Obits are important because their content is so valuable to genealogists. They contain a mini-family tree of the person, in addition to information about what the deceased accomplished in their life.

This book focuses on how to find and obtain obituary information. It includes how to analyze them and how they should be an important part of the genealogist's research repertoire. Hopefully this book can be part of your genealogy reference collection and help you with your research.

I wish you great success and satisfaction in your journey through history, learning more about your personal ancestry and genealogy.

## Content Overview

The majority of this book is a complete discussion of obituaries: their history; what is typically in them, with examples; a thorough discourse of how to find and obtain them; and finally, the future of obituaries, considering that they are moving from newspapers to being published online.

There are several chapters that provide techniques to improve the ability of a researcher to find obituaries in online newspaper databases.

Where possible, white space was made available for you to take notes. I encourage you to write, highlight, and mark up this book for your personal use and future reference.

The Appendix provides links to collections that contain over 10,000 free online obituary databases, and about 50,000 online historical newspaper titles for both the United States and Canada. It also has links to the major newspaper subscription databases, again for the U.S. and Canada.



# Getting Started

## The Moral of the Obituary Story

I have always contended that the death notice and/or obituary is likely the only life story ever written about a person. Others state that it is a mini-family tree.

In either case, it is near the top of the types of documents to acquire about a person when researching your own genealogy. It has facts, clues, evidence, mini-stories, relationships, and more in a very small number of words.

Jade Walker, a veteran journalist, has authorship of many obituaries as part of her resume. She has written something about obituaries that resonates with me, especially when we have the opportunity of almost unlimited space to write these mini-life stories these days:

*"Some people view obituaries as morbid stories,  
but in truth only one line of an obit deals with death.  
The rest of the story focuses on the amazing lives people led."*

In "the old days", famous people got long obituaries and not-so-famous people got short ones. Obituaries are now a little more equal opportunity. No longer is a persons' importance indicated by the length of their obituary or death notice.

## Terminology

An obituary is a written notice that announces the death of a person, typically accompanied by a brief biography that highlights their life achievements, family, and friends. Obituaries are often published in newspapers, online or in other print media, and serve as a means of informing the public about the death of an individual. They are also a way to honor and celebrate the life of the deceased, and provide a

historical record of their accomplishments, family connections, and other details. In addition to biographical information, obituaries may also include details of funeral services, memorials, and other events related to the death of the person.

Let's clarify a couple of definitions. You may not realize this, but what you are calling an obituary, may not be an obituary, technically. And although the words are used interchangeably, there is a difference between an Obituary and a Death Notice. According to the Milwaukee Public Library and other sources, these are the definitions.

- **Death Notice** – a paid notice usually placed by the funeral home with information from family members, or directly to the newspaper by the family members.
- **Obituary** – an article about a person written by a reporter from a variety of sources.

While both an obituary and a death notice are written announcements of someone's death, there are some differences between the two.

- An obituary is a more detailed and comprehensive piece that includes a biography of the deceased person's life, including details such as their accomplishments, family, and contributions to society. It may also include information about the funeral or memorial service and any donations being accepted on behalf of the deceased. An obituary is usually longer and may be published in newspapers, online media, or other print media, and can be written by the family or a professional obituary writer.
- On the other hand, a death notice is a brief announcement that provides basic information about the death, including the name of the deceased person, their age, date and place of death, and any immediate family members. It is typically shorter than an obituary and is often used as a public notification of the death.

Overall, the main difference between an obituary and a death notice is the level of detail and information included in each.

Let's look at two newspaper clippings:

**BERNSTEIN** — Sara, on Jan. 30, beloved mother of Mrs. M. A. Markheim of 20 91st St., Brooklyn, daughter of the late Ritter von Braunhart of Germany and sister of the late Senator Braunhart of California. She is survived by a son and four daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services were held Sunday, Feb. 2, at her home, Oakland, Cal.

### ***Funeral to Be Held For Mrs. Bernstein***

Funeral services will be held today for Mrs. Sara Bernstein, sister of the late State Senator Samuel Braunhart. Mrs. Bernstein died Friday at her home, 1079 Stanford avenue, at the age of 67.

She was a native of Germany and came to California in 1906. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Isadore Heyman, Mrs. Wilhelm Broch, Mrs. Max Markheim and Mrs. William Fried, one brother, Max Bernstein, and 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The services will take place at 12:30 p. m. at the Engel and Stout mortuary parlors, 2307 Telegraph avenue. Interment will be in Home of Peace cemetery, San Francisco.

According to the Milwaukee Public Library definitions, the image at the top is a **Death Notice**, and the image at the bottom is designated as an **Obituary**. I think most of us think of the image at the top as an **Obituary** also. In other words, we use the terms interchangeably. And that's fine with me. Therefore, the examples in this book will always use the term "Obituary" for both types.

## Information Available

We have a tendency as researchers to underappreciate the value of the documents or articles that we already have acquired and spend our time looking for new "stuff." There are so many "facts" and clues that can be retrieved from these artifacts if we just pay attention. And they are just sitting there staring at us.

Here we discuss 32 different pieces of information you can find in an obituary. Start by poring over the ones that you already have. I'll bet you can find some info in them that you didn't know that you had!

So, without further ado – here are an abundance of reasons why we should spend tons of time finding obituaries and discerning the clues buried (no pun intended) in them. Make the most of what is written in an obituary; look for the information below; and by all means, **analyze each and every word carefully.**

- **Age** – This is usually part of an obit – even though it should never be construed as an exact age, even in years.
- **Awards** – Whether occupational or otherwise, it adds depth to the deceased's life story.
- **Birth Date** – Be careful if just the year is mentioned without the exact month and day. It might have been estimated based on someone knowing the age of the deceased.
- **Birth Location** – Be careful with these; although they typically state the actual location, "native of" should not be construed as the actual birth location.
- **Burial Information** – Name of cemetery is likely included. None of course, if cremated. Notice a Neptune Society reference which implies that ashes may have been "buried" at sea.
- **Cause of Death** – This is a more recent phenomenon in current obituaries.

- **Church Membership** – Terrific information if one wants to contact the church for additional information.
- **College Degrees**
- **Death Date** – Based on the publication date of the newspaper, sometimes the exact date is listed or the day of the week so you can calculate the date of death. Example: John D. Shmoe passed away last Wednesday at his home in Petaluma. If the date of the newspaper is October 5, 2002 (which is a Friday), you can conclude that he died on Wednesday, October 3, 2002. Be aware, that whoever wrote the obituary may have had the day wrong (Wednesday) and you should refer to the death certificate for the exact date of death.
- **Death Information of Others** – "...brother of the "late" so and so. Indicates that that person is deceased also, as of that date.
- **Death Location** – This is not always entered in an obit, but generally it is. Be aware that whoever is writing the obituary may not know the exact location and is simply writing the deceased's residence city or town. Again, the death certificate should be consulted for the exact location.
- **Government Service** – A specialized piece of occupational information that may provide clues for additional research
- **Hobbies**
- **Interment Information** – Name of cemetery. Please note that the name of the cemetery in the obit may be different from where the deceased is actually buried. The burial location could have been changed at the last minute. Or the remains may have been moved to another cemetery at a later date.
- **Maiden Name** – May not be written if the deceased is a married woman. But if the obit names her father or her brothers, their surname may be the surname of the deceased woman at birth.

- **Marriage “History” Hints** – Notice a reference to “step-children. That may imply that the deceased had been married before. Helps to clarify whose children were whose.
- **Membership in Lodges, Associations, and Clubs**
- **Military Service** – Might be stated, especially if they served in a war. Notice if a flag is on the obit. That denotes a veteran.
- **Mortuary** – This is useful because mortuary records often have much more information than what is written in the obit. So, a researcher can contact the mortuary for additional records and information.
- **Name of Spouse** – Likely only the current spouse. Ex-spouses are not usually cited.
- **Names and Residences of Children and Grandchildren** – This is especially helpful when census records are not available. Where else are you going to find children’s names?
- **Names of Children and Grandchildren’s Spouses** – This is a fairly recent phenomenon in obituaries, where the name of the spouse of the children/grandchildren is entered. This can help for further cousin finding.
- **Names of Siblings** – Especially helpful if the deceased is a married woman with brothers. Caution: the obituary may not specify if the siblings are half-siblings or step-siblings.
- **Nativity** – Where the deceased immigrated from or where they resided in another part of the country. Be careful not to assume that this is the birth location of the deceased. This may not be the case. Example: George was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his parents moved to Pittsburgh when he was two months old, and he lived there for 60 years until he moved to the state and town where he died. He should not be referred to as a native of Philadelphia. He was a native of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh. That is more accurate.
- **Occupation**

- **Parents and Grandparents Names**
- **Picture of the Deceased**
- **Professional Certifications**
- **Religion** – Generally indicated by which church/temple is handling the funeral service. But it might be specified even if the funeral is handled by another entity.
- **Residences** – Generally states the most recent city of residence. Helpful for finding someone in a prior census or city directory. In older obits you may find the language: "Philadelphia and Baltimore papers, please copy." This provides clues as to the deceased's prior residences.
- **Schools Attended**
- **Sports** – What the deceased participated in or who they rooted for
- **Unions** – Did they belong to a union? If so, union records can become a set of records to search for additional info.

Remember that the obituary may be, for most people, the only life story and/or the only thing ever written about them. Thus, it is to your benefit to retrieve and analyze as much information as you can from the obituary.

## Accuracy of Obituaries

You can't assume that everything in the obituary is 100% accurate. The reason for that is twofold.

- One, it's only as good as you the information provided. Just like on death certificates, they're only as good as the information provided by the informant. The same is true for obituaries.
- Secondly, somebody is on the receiving end of the obituary. If you called someone at a newspaper in the obituary department and gave them the information, what happens if they wrote it down wrong? What happens if they misunderstood?

All of these things create a situation where the obituary may not be 100% accurate. The informant and the recipient of the information can get things wrong.

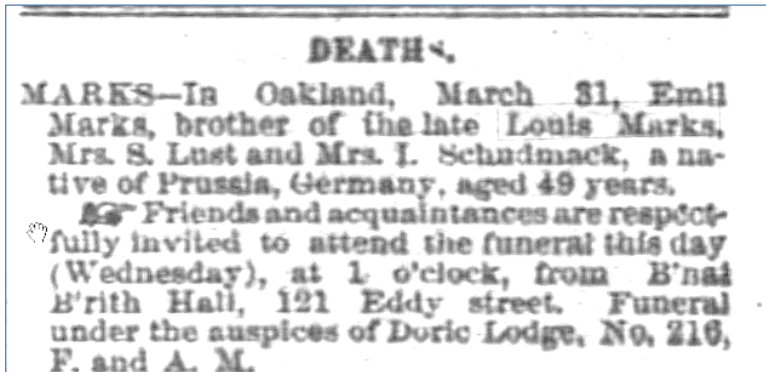
And finally, just like anything else in genealogy documents and evidence, these should be treated as clues, not necessarily facts.



## Content Examples

This chapter follows up the previous chapter with examples of the information contained within an obituary, what the words may mean, and what you might deduce from the obituary's words.

First let's look at an example of a very simple obituary from my family:



What information is included in this 1889 obituary?

- **Death Date** – This is the obvious one. But based on the publication date of the newspaper, sometimes the exact date is listed or the day of the week so you can calculate the date of death.
- **Death Location** – This is not always entered in an obit, but in this case, it was.
- **Names of Siblings** – This is in a word – HUGE! Up until I got the copy of this obituary, the sister, Mrs. S. Lust was not identified anywhere as a sister (even though other documents surmised that she was his sister), but now I knew that she was. And a new sister – Mrs. I Schudmack was identified in this obituary!
- **Maiden Name** – We can assume (but need more evidence) that the maiden names of Mrs. Lust and Mrs. Schudmack were "Marks" since they are referenced as sisters of the deceased.
- **Nativity** – Maybe this does not identify the exact place of birth – but at least where he immigrated from.
- **Age** – This is usually a part of an obit – even though it should never be construed as an exact age, even in years.
- **Religion** – Because the funeral was being held at the B'nai B'rith Hall, one could assume (until further evidence is acquired) that the deceased was Jewish.
- **Death Information of Others** – Did you notice that it says, "...brother of the "late" Louis Marks?" If we did not know that Louis was dead or when he died, we now know that he died before March 31, 1889 (which is Emil's death date based on this article). Caution: the wording could lead one to believe that both Mrs. Lust and Mrs. Schudmack were deceased as well. Does the word "Late" refer to them as well?

Let's look at another example obituary – this one is part of a transcription of a newspaper obituary that was on Find a Grave:

AGNES H. LOWANS Died of natural causes in Pleasanton on April 9, 2002. Age 87. She was born in Oakland on September 27, 1914. Agnes was a Pleasanton resident for 3 years. She lived at Rossmoor for 8 years and Novato for 30 years prior to that. Her daughter Beverly and Robert Downey of Dublin, step-daughters Patricia and Richard Simmons of Santa Rosa and Judy and Rod Enos of Mesa, AZ survive her. She also leaves grandchildren Michael and Linda Puliatch of Hollywood; Kevin Puliatch of Maui, HI; Lisa Puliatch of Walnut Creek; step-grandchildren Jodi and Jon Donald of MO; Wendi and Dan Raatjes of Aliso Viejo, CA and 9 great-grandchildren. Her husband Wallace F. Lowans predeceased her. Agnes retired from the Pacific Maritime Association as Payroll Supervisor, she was active in the Daughters of the Nile Organization, was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and enjoyed traveling. She will be remembered for her work as a craftswoman and the beautiful Christmas Ornaments she crafted by hand for her family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, April 15, 2002 at 1PM at the Unity Church of Walnut Creek, 1871 Geary Road, Walnut Creek (925) 937-2191. Neptune Society of No. CA Castro Valley.

Alameda Times-Star 4/11/02.

Burial:

Cremated, Location of ashes is unknown.

What additional information is included in this 2002 obituary?

- **Cause of Death**

- **Birth Location** – Be careful with these; although this one states the actual location, "native of" should not be construed as the actual birth location.

- **Birth Date**

- **Residences** – This one states her most recent city as well as a few others. Helpful for finding someone in a prior census or city directory. Although this obit does not have it – on older obits you may find the language: "Philadelphia and Baltimore papers, please copy." This provides clues as to the deceased's prior residential cities.
- **Names and Residences of Children and Grandchildren** – This is especially helpful when census records are not available. Where else are you going to find children's names?
- **Marriage "History" Hints** – Notice the reference to "step-daughters? That may imply that her husband had been married before. Helps to clarify whose children were whose.
- **Names of Children and Grandchildren Spouses** – This is a fairly recent phenomenon in obituaries, where the name of the spouse of the children/grandchildren is entered. This can help for further cousin finding.
- **Name of Spouse**
- **Occupation**
- **Membership in Lodges, Associations, and Clubs**
- **Hobbies**
- **Burial information** – In this case she was cremated. Notice the Neptune Society reference which implies that her ashes may have been "buried" at sea.

Let's look at another one; this one from 1975:

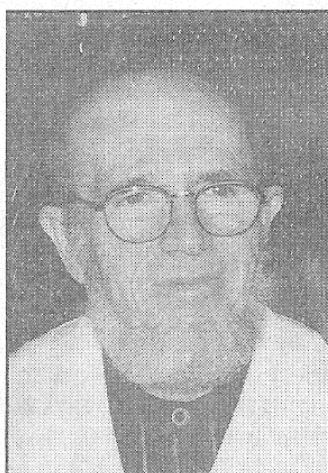


- **Interment Information** – Name of cemetery. Please note that the name of the cemetery in the obit may be different from where the deceased is actually buried. The burial location could have been changed at the last minute. Or the remains may have been moved to another cemetery at a later date – to be buried with a loved one, or if the cemetery was closed down and all remains transferred.
- **Mortuary** – This is useful because mortuary records often have much more information than what is written in the obit. So, a researcher can contact the mortuary for additional records.
- **Military Service** – Notice that the deceased served in World War 1. Also notice the flag on the obit that denotes a veteran. Not in this obit, but I have seen enlistment dates and locations mentioned in obituaries as well.
- **Church Membership** – Terrific information if one wants to contact the church for additional information about the deceased.

And here's another one. This obit falls into the biography category, where the author pretty thoroughly discusses many life experiences of this deceased relative. It is displayed in two parts:

## Dr. Arnold Robert Weber

3/27/26-12/13/09



Husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, family physician, Peace Corps doc, and world traveler who served State Department personnel, Arnold R. Weber, M.D., 83, took a final journey, leaving this world as we know it on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009.

Arnold was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., son of Herman and Wilhelmina (Markheim) Weber and older brother of Charles, who preceded him in death. His grandfather, Max Markheim, was president of the congregation of the Ninth Street synagogue in Brooklyn. His father owned a paint store and paintbrush manufacturing company. Arnold often joked about how much smarter

he would have been if he hadn't been exposed to all that lead-based paint!

Nevertheless, Arnold was academically gifted. He attended the prestigious Townsend Harris Preparatory High School of The City College of New York, graduating at 15. He went on to a degree in chemistry from City College of New York and enlisted at 18 in the U.S. Navy in June 1944. He served as a medic and pharmacist's mate 2nd class in New Orleans and China at the end of World War II. His experience in the Navy piqued his interest in medicine. He attended medical school on the GI Bill at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, teaching himself French along the way. During this time of service and study, he was married to Laurel Press, with whom he had two children, Meri and Jon. He did his medical residency at Orange County (CA) General Hospital, which is where he met the love of his life, Barbara Barnett Baker. Arnold converted to Catholicism and subsequently married Barbara on July 13, 1957 and opened his family practice in Santa Ana, CA. He was a life member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, having joined in 1958.





Never one to rest on his laurels, and feeling the need to spend more time with his family, Arnold felt called to serve again. In 1971, Arnold went to work as a physician for the Peace Corps, plunging his family into the exotic West African culture of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and triggering a grand adventure that took his family around the world for nearly two decades. Arnold later became a Regional Medical Officer for the U. S. Department of State, which took his brood to Dakar, Senegal; Manila, the Philippines; Tunis, Tunisia; London, England; Belgrade, Yugoslavia; and Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic. Along the way, he somehow managed to add a Master of Science from the University of London, and became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in 1979.

Upon retiring from the federal government in 1990, Arnold and Barbara settled in Watsonville, CA. Of course, it was only two weeks before he was out looking for his next job, serving as Medical Director of the Santa Cruz County Watsonville Health Center. He then finished his career doing what he loved most: running a travel and tropical medicine clinic for the county, where many residents got their shots and travel advice from the expert before traveling overseas.

Family was extremely important to Arnold and he took pride in his ever-expanding clan, whom he taught to think unconventionally and take bold chances. He loved to root for the 49ers and played golf religiously with the Baldwin Bangers at Pajaro Golf Course. He also loved to travel and even after retiring, took many trips with Barbara and other family members. Two years ago, he went on a barge trip through the Midi in France – and rode a bicycle for the first time in decades.

Arnold is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Jon and wife Kathy; Meri and partner, Jack; Bob and wife, Rose; Cathy Siegel and husband, Andy; Ann and husband, Karl Pope; and Liz Kellar and husband, Tom; grandchildren Geoffrey Weber and wife Nong, Rebecca Weber and fiancé Arkaitz, Mark David Hosale and wife Lisa, Marie and Stephanie Weber, Christopher and Nathan Siegel, and Spencer Kellar; and great-grandson Dexter Weber.

At his request, no burial or services are planned, however, there will be a celebration of his life for family and friends on Jan. 2, 2010 at the home of his son, Robert, in Corralitos. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Hospice of Santa Cruz County.

What additional information does this one from 2009 provide?

- **Parents and Grandparents' Names**
- **Schools Attended**
- **College Degrees and Professional Certifications**
- **Government Service** – A specialized piece of occupational information that may provide clues for additional research
- **Sports** – What the deceased participated in and who they rooted for
- **Picture of the Deceased**

OK, let's look at one more!

**POUND, Henry B.,** in Burbank, July 20, 1960. Beloved husband of Mynette Pound, loving father of Clyde B. Pound of Oakland. A native of Washington. Mr. Pound was charter president of the 20-30 Club of Vallejo, past president of Vallejo Retail Clerks Union for 15 years, recipient of the National Award for Salesmanship and manager of Watkins Shoe Store in Berkeley.

Friends are invited to attend services at the East Fourteenth Street Chapel of Grant Miller Mortuaries, 2372 E. 14th St., Oakland, Monday, July 25, 1960, at 10 o'clock. Rabbi William Stern officiating. (Ample free parking in adjoining garage.) Interment Home of Eternity Cemetery.

- **Unions** – Did they belong to a union? If so, maybe union records can become an additional set of records to search for additional info.
- **Awards** – Whether occupational or otherwise, it adds depth to the deceased's life story.

I am sure that one can find other obituaries that have additional information, but these are the more common ones.



## History of Obituaries

Obituaries have been around for over 2,000 years, but it only began to be more prevalent after Gutenberg's invention of the Printing Press in the mid-1400s. The next big change came after the invention of the Linotype machine in 1884. Now the number of pages was not limited as much because of the amount of time it used to take to set type.

I would venture to say that the next major change is what has happened in the last twenty years, and that is the use of the Internet to publish online obituaries, and the democratization via the implementation of Memorial websites, many that are free. Now a newspaper company does not need to be involved in the obituary or death notice publication process.

### The First Publication of Obituaries

The first obituaries were published in ancient Rome around 59 B.C.E. on papyrus newspapers called Acta Diurna (Daily Events).

## Pre-Linotype Obituaries

By the mid-19th century, newspapers were regularly publishing death notices submitted by local funeral homes. Before the Linotype machine was invented in 1884, every printed letter in the newspaper had to be set by hand, so papers were short and obituaries were brief.

During the Civil War, as soldiers left their home states to fight in the war, obituaries became more prominent. They would have more biographical details and list genealogical information to help spread the word to as many relatives as possible. They also introduced sentimentality into the notice.

Here are a few examples of my own ancestors with their death notices in the mid to late 1800s. As you can see, they are quite short:

**FALK--In Santa Cruz, May 23, Louis Falk, a native of Prussia, aged 49 years.**

**ARONSON--In this city, February 29, 1895  
Bernard Aronson, a native of Kolmar, Ger-  
many, aged 86 years.**

**WILLIAMS--In this city, August 9, Joseph G.  
Williams, aged 7 years, 4 months and 9 days.**

## Post-Linotype Obituaries

These single- or double-line notices of the pre-Linotype era grew to include funeral information in the late 1800s:

WILLIAMS—In this city, November 26, 1895, Willie Russell, beloved son of Margaret and W. W. Williams, a native of San Francisco, aged 6 years and 2 months.  
Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services THIS DAY (Wednesday), at 2:30 o'clock P. M., at the residence, 115 Buchanan street. Interment private.

At the same time, newspapers regularly published stories about the deaths of well-known public figures, but those stories, written by journalists, were distinct from the shorter death announcements that evolved into the modern obituary.

With the automation of typesetting, newspapers expanded and had more space that could be dedicated to death notices and obituaries. Newspapers began to charge a fee to publish obituaries and publishers quickly recognized that there was good money to be made from obituaries.

## “Common Man” Death Notices and Obituaries

Starting about the 1930s, there began to appear two articles about many deceased, even if they were not celebrities. One was the simple death notice, which more often than not had 2, 3, or all of the following sections:

- The death announcement, including name, date of death, and place of death
- The survivors of the deceased, i.e., close relatives
- A short bio of the deceased
- Information about the time and place of the funeral

Here's an example of a death notice from that time period:

**BERNSTEIN** — Sara, on Jan. 30, beloved mother of Mrs. M. A. Markheim of 20 91st St., Brooklyn, daughter of the late Ritter von Braunhart of Germany and sister of the late Senator Braunhart of California. She is survived by a son and four daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services were held Sunday, Feb. 2, at her home, Oakland, Cal.

And then the obituary, written by the editors at the newspaper looks like this, for the same person:

### ***Funeral to Be Held For Mrs. Bernstein***

Funeral services will be held today for Mrs. Sara Bernstein, sister of the late State Senator Samuel Braunhart. Mrs. Bernstein died Friday at her home, 1079 Stanford avenue, at the age of 87.

She was a native of Germany and came to California in 1906. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Isadore Heyman, Mrs. Wilhelm Broch, Mrs. Max Markheim and Mrs. William Fried, one brother, Max Bernstein, and 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The services will take place at 12:30 p. m. at the Engel and Stout mortuary parlors, 2307 Telegraph avenue. Interment will be in Home of Peace cemetery, San Francisco.

In the late 1900s, obituaries and death notices grew in size and number. As people became less private and more open about their experiences and character, the death notices became wordier and more revealing about the deceased. Whereas it was "Just the facts ma'am" when they started to be popular in the 1800s, now they provided much more about the deceased. Photos were now included in obituaries as well.

## **The Modern Obituary**

The Internet has totally changed the modern obituary, primarily because modern newspapers are now online.

The cost of death notices for relatives in newsprint has become an impediment. Several hundred, if not over a thousand dollars has become the asking price to publish in a standard newspaper.

Since newspapers have had online versions, length no longer became an issue. So, many people have opted to just publish the obituary online only. Some newspapers charge a fee for online obituaries; others do not.

Aggregation websites, such as Legacy.com now get feeds from hundreds of newspaper websites and funeral homes and publish on their own site. The standard obituary or death notice is now online.

Funeral Homes now publish obituaries online.

## Memorials

Furthermore, memorial websites have sprung up, where you can publish your own obituary for your loved one and include anything you want in it. The cost? Zero, unless you wish to add some special features. And comments from friends and family, added photos, plus even videos can be attached to these memorials.

Want to find a person's obituary or memorial these days? Just do a Google search for their name and location, and you are likely to find the info that you seek.

**Popular Online Memorial Sites** – All of these memorial websites have common features plus some that make each of them unique. I won't try to specify each of their individual features, since they will likely change a lot in the next few years as more competition forces them to add more features.

Most provide for adding photos, favorite songs, memorial comments and remembrances, virtual candles, maps, timelines, etc.

I have personally used one of them and found it quite easy to use. And I get an email reminder of the date of the deceased's passing.

Here is a list of some of them with their web address:

- **EverLoved** – [EverLoved.com](http://EverLoved.com)
- **Keeper** – [www.MyKeeper.com](http://www.MyKeeper.com)
- **Kudoboard** – [www.KudoBoard.com/Online-Memorial](http://www.KudoBoard.com/Online-Memorial)
- **Legacy** – [www.Legacy.com](http://www.Legacy.com)
- **Forever Missed** – [www.ForeverMissed.com](http://www.ForeverMissed.com)

# The Future of Obituaries

What is the future of obituaries – in my view, one of the richest pieces of information that a genealogist can make use of in their research. For my personal genealogy research, several breakthroughs came about solely because of newspaper obituaries that I'd found.

Obviously, the methods of preparing and publishing obituaries are changing quickly. A simplistic view might be – “What’s the Big Deal?” Instead of paper, they are now online.

I’m not so sure there is a simple answer. Here are my thoughts:

## Newspaper and Online Newspaper Obituaries

Physical newspaper obituaries are costly. So, besides the burial and funeral expenses, a newspaper obituary just adds to the expense.

*From National Cremation:* “An average obituary can easily be \$200.00-500.00. Costs vary by publication. Newspapers charge by the line and can average \$450 for a complete obituary. The average obituary cost begins at \$200.00 and increases due to the amount of content, including a photograph and the length of the obituary.”

*From Legacy.com:* “A recent study performed shows that most people seeking to publish a newspaper obituary have no clue how much they cost.” See the results of their study – [Obituaries: The Gap Between Newspaper Pricing Trends & Consumer Expectations](#).

The URL is [new.legacy.com/newspaper-pricing-trends](http://new.legacy.com/newspaper-pricing-trends)

*From BeyondTheDash.com:* In their article, they discuss published newspaper obituaries and published online obituaries. The complete article is at: [How Much Does an Obituary Cost?](#) The URL is <https://beyondthedash.com/blog/how-much-does-an-obituary-cost/6092>

The good news about publishing an obituary via an online newspaper is that despite the cost, it can be inexpensive enough that one can author a longer obituary than you might if it was intended for an obituary that would actually be published in the physical newspaper.

So, as genealogy researchers, where does that leave us in the future in order to find obituaries? There will still be published newspaper obituaries, whether in a physical newspaper and/or in the online version of their newspaper.

### **Where Can I Find Published Newspaper Obituaries?**

The old-fashioned way – the primary methods we use now, such as searching old newspapers, specialty obituary web pages, or obituary indexes, often prepared by libraries and genealogical societies.

### **Where Can I Find Online Obituaries?**

This is where it gets interesting. They are all over the place. Here are the options:

- Individual online newspaper websites
- Funeral Home websites
- Free aggregators like Legacy.com, who on their website state that they partner with 1,500 newspaper websites, and 3,500 funeral homes. There are quite a few aggregators.
- Individual Memorial, or Remembrance and other online obituary sites where one can post a recently deceased relative. I have personally made use of one of these. These are typically not aggregated.
- Schlock sites gather up obituaries from a bunch of sources and publish them, but they really are bait and switch because they are simply trying to get you to click on their ads. And their web pages are incredibly ugly and busy and full of ads.



- Aggregators charge a few bucks for one-time or subscription access to their posted obituaries.

So, in the future, where do we find all these online obituaries? The answer seems to be incredibly easy, and the future seems to be bright.

To find an online obituary or memorial, use Google (or your favorite search engine). It works!

I have personally used this technique successfully for recently departed relatives and friends.

The question is – what will happen 30 years from now? These online companies need to stay in business. There is always the Wayback Machine, I guess. And maybe new artificial intelligence (AI) websites will revolutionize obituary and genealogy research.

See? Not so easy.

# The Basics of Obituary Research

Are you trying to find obituaries for a relative, friend, or ancestor? People will tell you that it is easy – just look in old newspapers, or if it is a recent death, just Google the person's name to see if there is an online obituary, tribute, or memorial.

Here are several questions that you might have, with answers that will help you.

## How Do I Find Someone Who Died?

Many current obituaries can be found online via a Google search. These obituaries may be found on obituary archive sites, newspaper websites, or on funeral home websites. You may even find some obituaries by doing a search on social media. If it is someone who died many years ago, you should search newspapers, do a Google search, or look on local library websites.

## How Do I Find the Newspaper with the Obituary?

Unless you visit a library with newspaper originals or who provides access to a microfilm machine for newspapers that have been scanned, the easiest way is to search online newspapers. There are subscription newspaper databases and free historical newspaper collections. For free online collections, you should use The Ancestor Hunt's lists of links to collections from the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Access to links to over 80,000 titles can be achieved, by going to that site's [Newspaper Links Page](https://TheAncestorHunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html) at [TheAncestorHunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html](https://TheAncestorHunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html)

## How Do I Find an Obituary in a Newspaper?

If you are looking at the original local newspaper or a scanned copy, just go to the Obituary section in the few days following the death. If you are searching online, it is more difficult because the newspaper had to be scanned and the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) process had to be applied. Depending on the quality of the original,

you might need to be creative with your search criteria, especially if you do not have the date of death. Make sure that you are looking in the right location as well as making sure that the online newspaper collection has the date range that includes the date of death.

### **What if I Can't Find the Newspaper?**

Fortunately, public libraries, some genealogy sites, and genealogy societies have transcribed millions of newspaper obituaries, and they also have created obituary indexes that specify the deceased's name, the title of the newspaper that contains the obituary, and the date of publication. Using [The Ancestor Hunt's Obituary Page](#) at [TheAncestorHunt.com/obituaries.html](http://TheAncestorHunt.com/obituaries.html) will lead you to obituary and obituary index collections for the U.S. and Canada. It has about 20,000 links to free transcription, index, and clipping collections.

### **Do Libraries Have Obituaries?**

Many libraries and genealogy societies have either transcribed obituaries in their local area or have created obituary indexes that list the deceased's name, the title of the publication, as well as the date that the obituary was published. With this information, you can track down the newspaper that has the obituary in it. Often if you find the deceased in an index in a library and/or the library offers research services and the library has the newspaper, they may be able to send you a copy via email or postal mail for a small fee. Many libraries and genealogical societies have microfilm of several local newspapers, which they can access to get you a scanned copy of an obituary. And their indexes will reflect the date of publication as well as the title for an obituary referenced in the index. The next step is to look through the microfilm for the title, date, and page number of the obituary.

# Getting Obituaries

There are two parts to getting the obituary you are seeking. First is finding it, and the second is obtaining it. But first, let's discuss the various formats for the storage of obituaries and obituary information.

## Obituary Formats

Obituaries come in many different forms. To give yourself the optimal opportunities to find them, you need to know the different formats, and how best to use them to your advantage:

### Original Newsprint

This is of course, the centuries long publishing and storage medium for obituaries. Many libraries and archives still store newsprint in their original form; either loosely by issue or bound.

Originals can be found in libraries, archives, museums, and genealogical and historical societies. Typically, each institution will have information on their website as to which newspapers they hold in their collections. And the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present can guide you to which institutions hold the title(s) that you seek.

You can access the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present via this URL: [ChroniclingAmerica.LOC.gov/search/titles](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles)

### Microfilm Copies of Newspaper Issues

Microfilmed copies of original newspapers can be found in libraries, archives, museums, and genealogical and historical societies. Typically, each institution will have information on their website as to which newspapers they hold in their collections. And the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present can guide you to which institutions hold the title(s) that you seek.

You can access the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present via this URL: [ChroniclingAmerica.LOC.gov/search/titles](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles)

## **Transcribed**

As stated previously, most websites that have obituaries have transcribed copies. Almost all websites that display old obituaries have transcribed the words in a newspaper to text to make it available on a website. This optimizes the number of obituaries that are available. But it introduces the chance of errors occurring in the transcription process.

## **Original Newspaper Clippings**

These are the clippings in your collection that are cut from a newspaper. These have a shelf life, as paper can yellow or deteriorate over time.

There may be libraries or genealogical societies who have taped a newspaper clipping to paper and kept the obituary clippings in a scrapbook.

## **Scanned Newspaper Clippings**

These include a clipping that you create and download from a newspaper online site and store in a digital format, such as .jpg, .png, .gif, or tif. There are also websites that keep a library of scanned clippings of obituaries that can be displayed for the visitors to the website.

Many websites include a “scanned from a newspaper obituary” digital image on their site.

## **Scanned Newspaper Page File**

This is typically the result of browsing through online scanned newspaper pages, or the results of an online search for an obituary.

These are generally in pdf format. These are recommended, even if you have a clipping in a digital image format. These higher resolution PDFs can be zoomed in or out without loss of readability.

## **Indexes**

Many libraries and genealogical societies have created indexes to obituaries, with the name of the deceased, death location, title of publication that has the obituary, and the date of publication of the obituary. Keep in mind that the death date and the obituary publication date are different.

## **Original Digital Format**

Use websites such as Legacy.com, others like it, or an online memorial site. Also include the obituary section of an online newspaper.

# Oddities

## Premature Obituaries

Believe it or not, you might from time to time discover premature obituaries. This is typically for the death of a well-known person in the community. And possibly an over-zealous journalist with some bad information. This example is about my 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Uncle. The Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire was a contributing factor. The first clipping is the premature one. The second is the correction, and the third is the actual obituary.

**FORMER SUPERVISOR  
SAMUEL BRAUNHART  
CLAIMED BY DEATH**

Passes Away at the Adler Hospital  
After an Illness Extending  
Over a Period of Months.

Nervous Reaction Following the Quake  
and Fire is Thought to Have  
Hastened His Demise.

Long a Picturesque Figure in Local  
Politics, He Wielded Considerable  
Power in Councils of Democracy.

Samuel Braunhart, long one of the picturesque figures of San Francisco politics, and a power in the councils of the Democracy, passed away last Sunday morning at the Adler Hospital. He was 55 years old, a native of Prussia. He leaves no family in America. Braunhart had been seriously ill for several months before the earthquake, but was convalescing when the temblor and fire destroyed the city. The shock of the disaster enfeebled the former State Senator and Supervisor, and he steadily became weaker, until death claimed him, last Sunday morning.

Braunhart's appearance in politics dates from the sandlot times of Denis Kearney. A cigar salesman then, he was made a member of the Constitutional Convention, standing as a delegate on the Workingman's ticket. He joined Buckley's and Rainey's forces and they sent him to the State Assembly. He later transferred his allegiance to Sullivan and Dwyer, and was by their influence elevated to the State Senate. Governor Budd made Braunhart a wharfinger when the latter's term in the Senate expired, but Braunhart resigned that office to become a Supervisor by appointment of James D. Phelan, then Mayor of San Francisco. Later, Braunhart was elected a Supervisor on Gavin McNab's ticket. He went down to defeat last year as a nominee for Supervisor on the fusion ticket.

**BRAUNHART DENIES  
STORY THAT HE DIED  
IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL**

Expects to Be on the Street in Short  
Time to Prove That He is  
in Land of the Living.

Action of a Nephew in New York in  
Laying Claim to His Estate  
Makes Him Feel Angry.

Former Supervisor Says He Rather  
Enjoyed the Nice Things Printed  
in His Obituary Notices.

Former Supervisor Samuel Braunhart yesterday in an interview positively denied that he had died at the German Hospital, at the same time saying that he had rather enjoyed the kind things said about him in his obituary notices. While still in a weakened condition as the result of a long siege of illness, Braunhart has strong chances for his ultimate recovery and hopes to demonstrate to his friends by ocular proof that he is still in the land of the living, and hopes to be for some time to come.

Braunhart said he did not mind the reports of his death so much as the action of a nephew of his living in Brooklyn, New York, who sent the following telegram to Ed Brannan of Tiburon:

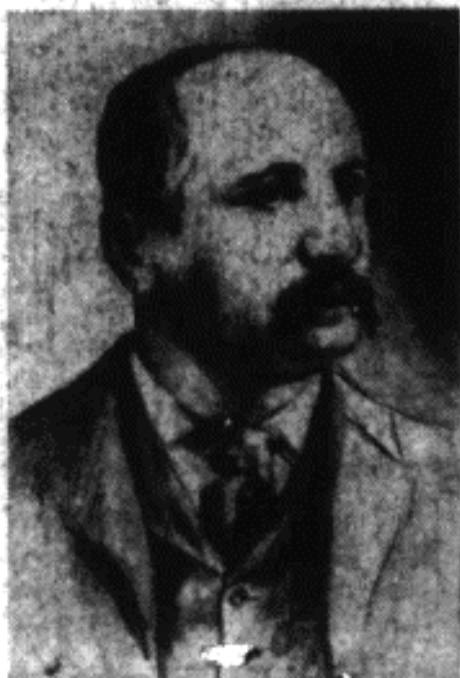
"Take full charge of body of Sam Braunhart. Have cremated and take care of papers. I am his sole executor and will telegraph you money if wanted. Will be out there as soon as possible."  
MAX. BERNSTEIN.

"Braunhart's Nephew."

Braunhart thinks that it is adding insult to injury to kill a man first and then to order him cremated when he is not physically dead. If Max Bernstein carries out his intention to come here to claim Braunhart's effects he will see a lively corpse. No doubt he will hear some warm words of welcome from his quasi-deceased but loving uncle. Braunhart was also amused at the resolutions of regret passed by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on Monday afternoon, a course which rather confirmed the published reports of the ex-Supervisor's reputed death.

And finally, the REAL Obituary:

**Samuel Braunhart, San  
Francisco Politician,  
Is Dead.**



**THE LATE SAMUEL BRAUNHART.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.**—Samuel Braunhart, one of the best known politicians in San Francisco, is dead. He passed away quietly at the German Hospital today.

For the last three years he had been suffering from a lingering complaint of cirrhosis of the liver, which, with a complication of heart disease, caused his death.

The moral of the story is that there will be inaccurate obituaries, not just the contents, but even the fact that the person has not died!



## Obituary Indexes and Death Indexes

Obituary Indexes and Death Indexes are not the same!

The next two definitions are a **Death Index** versus an **Obituary Index**. In this case, we do NOT, under any circumstances, use the two terms interchangeably.

A **Death Index**, at a minimum, includes the name of the deceased and the ACTUAL Date of Death.

An **Obituary Index** on the other hand does not require an actual Date of Death, but it MUST have the name of the newspaper and at least the publication date of that newspaper, and hopefully the page number that the death notice/obituary resides on. With the publication info, you can hunt down the actual newspaper death notice or obituary.

I have seen many indexes that include the death date AND the Publication Date, so in that situation, the index can function as a **Death Index** AND an **Obituary Index**.

The tricky part and it happens often, is to see an **Obituary Index** and have the library or other institution designate it as a **Death Index** which it is not.

Let's look at three examples:

The first is a **Death Index**

LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	DATE of DEATH
Smith	Alberta		03/16/2013
SMITH	ALBERTA	J	00/00/1985
SMITH	ALEX	M.	00/00/1954
Smith	Alfred	A.	00/00/1981
SMITH	ALICE		00/00/1940
Smith	Alice	Louise	08/09/2014
Smith	Alicia	Renae	02/20/2005
SMITH	ALMA		01/17/1969
SMITH	ALONZO (LONZO)		05/10/1976
SMITH	ALPHA	MAE	11/01/1972

Above we have a death date but no newspaper publication info, hence it is a **Death Index**

The next image is an **Obituary Index**

Last Name	First Name	Publication	Published Date
<a href="#">Kolstad-Smith</a>	Audrey	Prescott Courier	24 Aug 2003
<a href="#">Monosmith</a>	Harry	Prescott Courier	28 Mar 2004
<a href="#">Monosmith</a>	Harry	Prescott Courier	30 Mar 2004
<a href="#">Smith</a>	Ada	Prescott Courier	12 Jul 2007
<a href="#">Smith</a>	Ahnawake		
<a href="#">Smith</a>	Alan	Prescott Courier	28 May 2006
<a href="#">Smith</a>	Alfred	Prescott Courier	11 Sep 2004

Above we have a publication date but no ACTUAL date of death info, hence it is an **Obituary Index**.

The danger in these types of indexes is that often there are no header labels, so we won't know if the date is a publication date or an actual death date.

Below is a **Combo Index**, which has the Death Date and the Obituary Publication name and date.

SURNAME	Given (Maiden)	Date of death	Place of Death	Date	Newspaper	Notes
GABBERT	Thomas G.	30-Sep-37	Fillmore	8-Oct-37	Herald	
GABRIELSEN	L. S. Mrs	2-May-60	San Diego	5-May-60	Herald	
GABRIELSEN	Louis S.	1-Sep-60	San Diego	22-Sep-60	Herald	
GAEDE	Dennis Branson (infant)	29-Apr-42	Oxnard	8-May-42	Herald	
GAGE	Harry	19-Oct-37	Bardsdale	22-Oct-37	Herald	two articles
GAGE	Katie C.	19-Nov-62	Los Angeles	29-Nov-62	Herald	
GAGE	Richard H. "Dick"	29-Jul-95	Fillmore	2-Aug-95	Gazette	
GAGE	Richard H. "Dick"	28-Jul-95	Bardsdale	3-Aug-95	Herald	
GAHITO	Paul Quincay	28-Mar-90	Los Angeles	6-Apr-90	Gazette	
GAINES	Chrystal G. (Miss)	22-Jun-50	Ventura	23-Jun-50	Herald	
GAINES	Chrystal G. (Miss)	23-Jun-50	Ventura	5-Jan-51	Herald	
GAITAN	Genaro	15-May-79	Los Angeles	17-May-79	Herald	
GAITAN	Miguel	14-Mar-87	Fillmore	19-Mar-87	Herald	
GALL	Gustave Henry	12-Dec-78	Fillmore	21-Dec-78	Herald	
GALLAGHER	George B.	21-Jun-41	Los Angeles	27-Jun-41	Herald	

The reason why I am pointing all of this out is so that you do not use a Publication Date as the Death Date in your own family tree documentation.

The moral of the story is that if an institution labels the index as an Obituary Index, and there is no header, you must assume that the dates entered are publication dates, not death dates.

## Find the Obituary

There are several ways to find an obituary in a newspaper.

- Browse through original newsprint, page by page, issue by issue.
- Browse through microfilmed newspapers, page by page, issue by issue. You might get lucky if a library, archive, or volunteers have created an article index. This is rare, however.
- Look up the obituary where an obituary index has directed you to the name of the publication, date of publication, and page number. In this case, you can obtain the obituary in different ways.
- Browse through microfilm versions of the newspaper that have been scanned and stored on microfilm. This is done page by page, issue by issue.
- Browse through online versions of the newspaper that have been scanned and made available online. This is done page by page, issue by issue.
- Search through an online version of the newspaper index by entering names and other identifying criteria into the search criteria for the online website that contains the newspaper index. The results should guide you to the name of the publication, date of publication, and page number.
- Search through an online version of the scanned and digitized version of the newspaper collection by entering names and other identifying criteria into the search criteria for the online website that contains the newspapers. The results should guide you to the name of the publication, date of publication, and page number, and display the images online, so that you can view the pages where there is a possible result.
- Ask a library or genealogical society to search through their holdings to find the obituary for you.

- Please note that some of the methods above require that you know which newspaper title the obituary may be in, and where you can locate that title for the dates and geographical location of where the death occurred. If you know the location and online titles are not available for some of those titles, you may need to browse through original newsprint or microfilmed copies.
- To find these titles in a library or other archive, you can use the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present, which is made available by the Library of Congress. You can search the directory via several different methods. The result will be a display of which physical locations/libraries/archives have the title in different formats. You can access the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present via this URL:  
[ChroniclingAmerica.LOC.gov/search/titles/](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/)

For a Tutorial on how to use this Directory, go to **Using the U.S. Newspaper Directory** in the Appendix of this book.

## Obtain the Obituary

There are several ways to obtain the obituary.

### Transcriptions

If the website that has the transcription does not offer the publication title and date of the original newspaper where the obituary was transcribed from, all you will have is the transcription itself.

### Scanned Newspaper Clippings

If the obituary has been clipped and scanned on to a website, you should be able to save the image to your own computer or mobile device.

### Newspaper Clippings in a Scrapbook

If the library or genealogical society has created a physical scrapbook with obituary clippings from the newspaper, you should be able to get a copy of the original from the scrapbook page. If you are a distance from the library or genealogical society, you can request the institution to make you a copy and mail, or scan and email it to you. There might be a small fee charged.

### Indexes

If the institution has an index and you have identified an obituary that you would like a copy of, you can request the institution to make you a copy and mail, or scan and email it to you. There might be a small fee charged.

Also, since you now know the publication and date of the obituary, if you have access to a microfilm version of the newspaper, or if you have access to an online version, you can obtain the obituary by printing the obituary clipping or saving a digital version of the clipping in an image format.

## **Information Obtained After a Requested Search**

If you had requested a search from an institution and there was a successful result, you can request the institution to make you a copy and mail, or scan and email it to you. There might be a small fee charged.

## **After an Online Newspaper Search**

Download the page that the obituary resides in, in PDF format. You can also snip and clip the obituary from the newspaper database and save the image. Be aware that most clippings do not look right when you zoom in to it to make it larger. Hence, it is always good practice to save the newspaper page in PDF format for snipping later.

# Research Methods

## Libraries

Many local libraries and genealogical libraries have used volunteers and other staff to create what I will call "Obituary Collections". These "collections" come in several forms and formats.

### Microfilmed Newspapers

Local newspapers from the community have been scanned and stored in microfilm.

### Online Newspapers

Local newspapers have been scanned and digitized, and via OCR, have created an automatic index. Software has been purchased to provide online access to either scanned PDF versions of each page, and possibly a search engine that allows a library patron to search the index of the newspaper collection.

### Online Article Index

Newspaper articles of many types (may include obituary as a type) have been indexed, so that a patron can search the index and find the publication title, date, and page number in order to look up the article.

### Obituary and/or Death Index

Volunteers may have created an obituary Index by going from page to page, and issue to issue documenting the name of the deceased, the newspaper title that the obituary occurs in, the date of publication, and optionally – the page number and the date of death.



## Newspapers

Researching newspapers online is a popular method for obtaining obituaries.

Newspapers that are available online have one uniting characteristic – they have been scanned. After the scanning is done, the institution may just wish to display a PDF version of each page in each issue. In this case, a user is simply browsing through an issue, page by page.

If you are browsing through scanned pages trying to find an obituary, hopefully you will have a small date range or the date of the obituary itself. Otherwise, you must do a lot of browsing to find what you are looking for. This is where a previously created obituary index that identifies the publication title and the date of publication is very useful.

If the institution has invested in search software and has Optical Character Recognition (OCR) applied to the scanned images, then they can offer to their patrons the ability to electronically search an index created from the OCR process to find the obituary that they seek.

Then the patron simply creates a search criteria, which is applied to the newspaper database's index, and the pages where the search criteria is a match, are then displayed.

The next sections discuss various techniques to augment the search process, resulting in better results for you, the researcher; ultimately ending up with finding the obituary content that you seek.

## Online Newspapers

Obituaries are one of the most sought-after articles that are published in old newspapers. They can be found a multitude of ways. If you are searching newspapers online, there are several methods to get you to the obituary faster and more effectively. There are thousands of indexes to newspaper obituaries that have been created by libraries, genealogical societies, and from volunteers in a multitude of organizations and websites. Online search engines are valuable, especially since most obituaries in the past two decades appear in obituary and tribute websites only.

Here is a summary of nine different ways to get to that elusive obituary and the information contained in it.

## Search Criteria Keywords

In your search criteria, use keywords such as these, which are frequently used in obituaries.

- Beloved
- Dear
- Loving
- Passed away
- Survived by
- Died
- Funeral
- In lieu of flowers
- Native of
- Devoted

## **Continue Searching after Finding the First Obit**

Sometimes obituaries are amended after the first publication, especially in cases of multiple marriages. Often step-children are omitted (either accidentally or intentionally).

## **Published in the Last 20 Years**

Most recent obituaries can generally be found online, so use your favorite search engine to find them. I tend to use Google.com.

## **Location of Death**

They might have died far from home. If they were on a trip when they died, it is likely that their obituary will be published in both places.

## **Online Indexes**

Understand that a Death Index is not an Obituary Index. Death Indexes do not (usually) have the newspaper title & date. Make sure that if you wish to record your ancestor's date of death that you are not recording the date of publication of the obituary in the newspaper.

## **Smart Browse Techniques**

Recognize that the Vital Statistics sections of many old newspapers were on the same page. When browsing from day to day after the known death date, just go to the same page number from issue to issue.

## **Newspapers in Places Previously Lived**

Obituaries are sometimes copied in other locations.

## **Library and Society Indexes**

Find your ancestor in these indexes and then (Hopefully if the newspaper title and date are online) go to the issue and then to the Obituary section to get the obit.

## Searching for Names in Newspapers

Other than making sure that you are searching in the right place geographically and using a date range that fits your ancestors' lives, what follows is the best way to find more ancestor articles when searching online historic newspapers.

If you do newspaper research online as part of your genealogy and family history pursuits, then you have certainly been puzzled by some of the search results (or lack thereof) that you have received.

The creation of newspaper images and the application of the OCR process do not always result in what you might expect in the index which is used to match your search criteria.

There is a simple explanation for this, and it all has to do with quality:

- Quality of the original material – was the newspaper old and brittle when scanned? Was it yellowed? Ripped or torn? Creased? Did it have dirt on it or lots of ink spots?
- Quality of the scanning – Was the scan performed that creates the digital image and the index, from the original paper or from a microfilm of the paper, or worse a copy of the microfilm? Every additional copy or scan degrades the resulting image and when the OCR process is applied, the index suffers.
- Quality of the OCR software – some are more accurate than others.
- Quality of the writing in the original newspaper. Did the author get your ancestor's name spelled correctly?
- Quality of the typesetter – did the typesetter get every word from the author set up correctly?

Thus, what you are searching for probably won't be a perfect digital database that represents what was originally written by the author and newspaper publisher.

What can we do about it? There are lots of things to try and this section deals with changing the letters in your search criteria. For example, if the surname you are searching for is "Wilson" and the letter "n" is often converted to the letter "m" in the index from the OCR process, why not search for "Wilsom"?

I guarantee that changing your search letters will lead to an improvement of at least 5 to 10% in search results. I heard from one reader that changing letters and letter pairs got them a 20% improvement!

My suggestion? Change your search criteria and exchange the letter string you are entering in the search box to include alternative letter and letter pairs and see what happens. In other words – deliberately misspell the name or word. You will be pleasantly surprised!

The following letter and character pairs are often confused.

- , (comma) and l (lowercase L), I (capital i), or 1 (the number one)
- 0 (zero) and O (capital letter O)
- c and e
- Capital B and 8
- Capital D and G
- Capital D and O
- Capital G and 6
- Capital H and B
- Capital K and |<
- Capital R and B
- Capital S and 5
- Capital S and 8
- Capital Z and 2

- d and cl
- e and o
- h and b
- h and k
- h and n
- i, l, 1, /, !, and I (lowercase i, lowercase L, number one, slash, & capital I)
- n and ri (en and ar eye)
- nl and m (en el and em)
- r and n
- rn and m (ar n and em)
- v and y

Deliberately misspell your search criteria using these patterns and you will find hidden articles, getting up to 20% more pertinent hits.

## Searching for Nicknames in Newspapers

Obviously, the name of the person who died is in the obituary. But what if he or she had a prominent nickname and people did not know their “real” name? Solution? Search for nicknames. Here is a list of popular first names and nicknames:

- Abigail, Tabitha..... Abbie, Abby
- Abraham..... Abe, Abra
- Alexander ..... Alec, Alex
- Alexander ..... Sandy
- Alice..... Allie
- Alice..... Elsie
- Antoinette, Henrietta..... Nettie
- Archibald ..... Arch, Archie
- August..... Gus
- Augustus ..... Augie
- Bartholomew ..... Bart, Bat
- C/Katherine ..... Kitty
- Caroline..... Callie, Carrie
- Charlotte..... Lollie, Lottie
- Christopher..... Kit
- Clarissa, Clarinda ..... Clara
- Cornelius ..... Con
- Cyrus ..... Cy
- Dorothy..... Dolly, Dot
- Edith ..... Edie
- Edwin, Edward ..... Ned

- Eleanor, Ellen, Helen ..... Nellie
- Elizabeth ..... Bess, Betsey
- Florence ..... Flora, Flossie
- Frances ..... Fanny, Frankie
- Hamilton..... Ham
- Harold, Henry ..... Hal
- Harriet ..... Hatty
- Henrietta, Louetta ..... Etta
- Henry ..... Hank
- Henry ..... Harry
- Hiram ..... Hy
- Isaac ..... Ike
- Jackson, John..... Jack
- Jacob..... Jake
- Janet, Virginia ..... Jenny
- Jedidiah ..... Jed
- Josiah, Cyrus..... Si, Cy
- Katherine, Kathleen ..... Kate, Kay
- Malachi, Malcolm..... Mal
- Margaret..... Meg, Maggie
- Margaret..... Peggy
- Margaret, Margery ..... Madge
- Martha..... Mattie
- Martha..... Patsy
- Martha, Mary, Amelia ..... Mollie



- Martha, Patience..... Patty
- Mary ..... Mamie
- Mary ..... Polly
- Mary, Wilhelmina ..... Minnie
- Mindwell, Wilhelmina ..... Mina
- Nathaniel..... Nat, Nate
- Newton ..... Newt
- Oliver ..... Ollie
- Patrick..... Paddy
- Phineas..... Finney
- Richard ..... Dick
- Sarah..... Sadie, Sally
- Thaddeus..... Tad
- Virgil..... Virg
- Wiley, William..... Willie, Bill
- Winifred, Edwina ..... Winnie

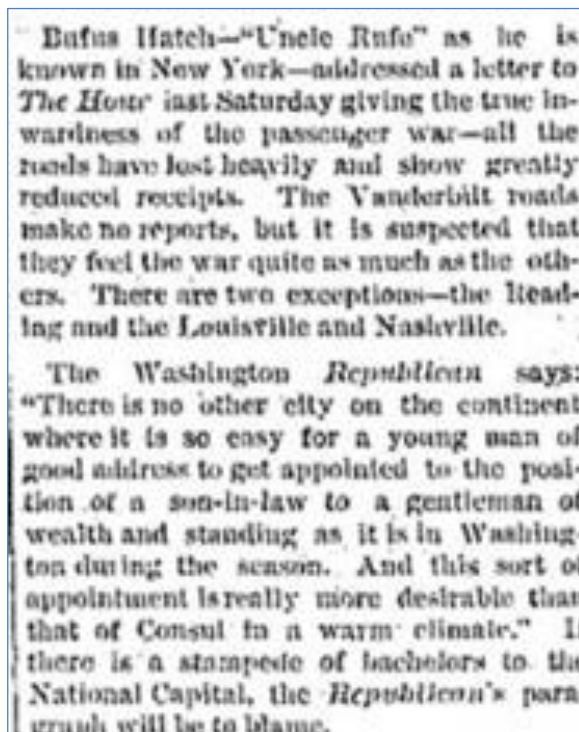
## Searching for Hyphenated Words in Newspapers

Finding your ancestors in newspaper articles is, in my opinion, an art and not just a science. You must be clever and resourceful to get around the quality limitations in old newspapers.

A "feature" of older newspapers is the use of the hyphen. Hyphenated words were often used heavily to save space and due to the limitations of fixed-width type.

Here is an example of how often hyphens have been used. In this case, six times in two short paragraphs!

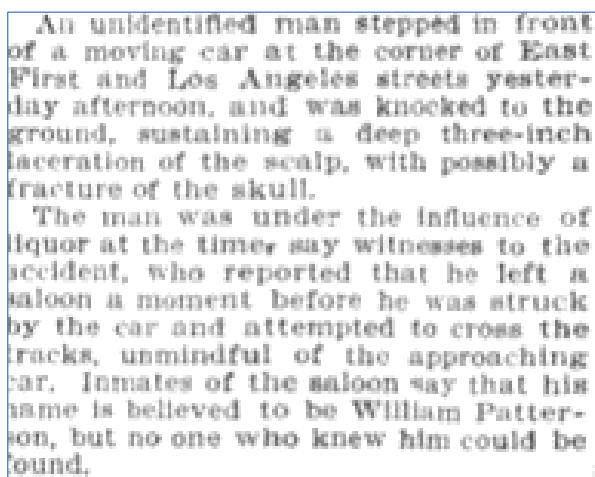
That's over 30% of the lines! So, if you don't search for the hyphenated words, you could lose up to 30% of the potential results.



The bottom line is that if you search for a portion of your ancestor's surname (or any other word, not necessarily a name), rather than the entire word, you may get additional results. For example, if your ancestor's name was "Jorgenson" try searching for "Jorgen." The

typesetter may have split the word so that at the end of one line are the letters "Jorgen-" with the hyphen, and the next line may start with "son". I have an ancestral line with the surname "Braunhart". Many times, an article may have a line that ends with "Braun-" and the next line starts with "hart". This creates some additional challenges, just like "Williamson" may be split up as "William" and "son". The first and second set of letters end up being a very common set of syllables so your results may be too numerous to be of much help.

Here are three examples that show the different uses of the hyphen. And always consider that the "break" may not always be in the logical place in the word.



An unidentified man stepped in front of a moving car at the corner of East First and Los Angeles streets yesterday afternoon, and was knocked to the ground, sustaining a deep three-inch laceration of the scalp, with possibly a fracture of the skull.

The man was under the influence of liquor at the time, say witnesses to the accident, who reported that he left a saloon a moment before he was struck by the car and attempted to cross the tracks, unmindful of the approaching car. Inmates of the saloon say that his name is believed to be William Patterson, but no one who knew him could be found.

In the first case above, you could search for "Patter" when your target name was "Patterson"

At Hotel Hollywood Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Letts gave a large dinner party last evening. Christmas bells and red satin ribbon were arranged in canopy effect over the table and holly and ferns decorated the table. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Philp, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Aldritt, Rev. and Mrs. A. Hardie, Mrs. Richard Letts, Misses Ethel Hardie, Ada, Edna and Gladys Letts, Lila and Dorothy Weaver, Dr. W. S. Philp, Masters Harland Weaver, Cyril Aldrit and Arthur Letts, jr.

In the second case above, even a short word like "Hardie" is split up, so you would search for "Har". This may lead to too many results but is worth a try.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Because of the prisoner's previous good military record the president has issued a pardon in the case of Paul H. McDonald, formerly first lieutenant of the Tenth Infantry. He was convicted about a year ago on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and sentenced to be dismissed from the army and to serve two years in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Be open-minded about where the split may occur. In the third case above, I wouldn't think that the name would be split this way but searching for "McDon" and "ald" may lead to many more results.

Don't give up and remember that hyphenated words give you additional opportunities and additional searches.

## Searching for Abbreviations in Newspapers

Also consider using an abbreviation instead of a full word when formulating your online newspaper search criteria. The reason is that in very old newspapers, where limiting space was necessary to save costs, abbreviations were frequently used. It was not unusual for someone named William Wilson to be referred to in the newspaper as Wm. Wilson more often than spelling out his complete first name. Therefore, it is to your benefit to search using the abbreviation. The result will be finding as many as 50% more articles, including obituaries.

Thus, consider using these common abbreviations (with or without punctuation) – some of which may be titles or other words that you might use in your search criteria to find a person who recently died, or possibly someone related to the deceased.

- Assn – Association
- Ave – Avenue
- B&O – Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
- Benj – Benjamin
- Bldg – Building
- Capt – Captain
- Chas – Charles
- Co – Company
- Col – Colonel
- Corp – Corporation
- Cpl – Corporal
- Cty – County
- Dept – Department
- Dr – Doctor

- Ed – Editor, Editorial, Edition
- Eliz – Elizabeth
- Est – Established
- Est – Estate
- Exr – Executor
- Gen – General
- Genl – General
- Geo – George
- Gov – Governor
- Govt – Government
- Inc – Incorporated
- Inst – Institute
- Jas – James
- Jno – John
- Jos – Joseph
- Jr – Junior
- Ln – Lane
- Margt – Margaret
- Mfg – Manufacturing
- Mgr – Manager
- Mr – Mister
- Mrs – Mistress
- No – Number
- NYC – New York City
- Pl – Place

- Pres – President
- Prof – Professor
- Robt – Robert
- Saml – Samuel
- Sgt – Sergeant
- Sr – Senior
- St – Street
- Thos – Thomas
- Univ – University
- Wm – William

Include these abbreviations in your search criteria and you will find additional pertinent results.

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## Using the U.S. Newspaper Directory

Not all old newspapers published in the United States are online. In fact, much fewer than you might think.

What is your guess of the percentage? 10%? 20%? 5%? No, the answer (at least with respect to Chronicling America) is that there are approximately 3,500 online titles and there have been over 156,000 titles ever published in the U.S. That yields just a tad over 2.2%. That's not much, is it?

Of course, Chronicling America doesn't represent all of the online titles and digitized pages available. My research results in about 44,000 free online links for the U.S. So, 44,000 (online) in comparison to 156,000 (published) – that's about 28% of the titles. What about some of the paid sites, such as GenealogyBank, Newspaper.com, etc.?

GenealogyBank on their website claims over 13,000 titles and Newspapers.com states 23,000. And that doesn't count Newspaper Archive, MyHeritage, or FindMyPast's collections. And there is considerable overlap.

So, if we are being generous, let's add another 15% for the paid sites. That says that 30% have been digitized. That's titles, NOT pages. A single title that has one page from one issue in our math example counts the same as a title published daily for every year for a hundred years. The moral of the story is that with all the date gaps that we newspaper researchers run into – it is almost impossible to figure out how much indeed has been digitized.

So, let's just say for now that 15 to 30% of all U.S. newspaper pages have been digitized. Personally, I think that's a very high number, but.....

That leaves about 70-85% that are NOT online! Now, what the heck do we do? Offline research – that's what. And the Library of Congress helps us out with the US Newspaper Directory from 1690 to Present so

we can do offline research ([ChroniclingAmerica.LOC.gov/search/titles](http://ChroniclingAmerica.LOC.gov/search/titles)). This handy directory provides not just multiple ways to find newspapers published, but tons of facts about those newspapers. Just do your choice of searches from the main US Newspaper Directory from 1690 to Present page. Here's an example of a "fact" page".

<p><b>About The villager. (New York [N.Y.] 1933-current</b>  New York [N.Y.] (1933-current)</p> <hr/> <p><a href="#">About</a>   <a href="#">Libraries that Have It</a>   <a href="#">MARC Record</a></p>
<p><b>Title:</b>  The villager. : (New York [N.Y.] 1933-current)</p> <p><b>Place of publication:</b>  New York [N.Y.]</p> <p><b>Geographic coverage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brooklyn, Kings, New York   View more titles from this: <a href="#">City</a>, <a href="#">County</a>, <a href="#">State</a></li> <li>▪ Greenwich Village, New York, New York   View more titles from this: <a href="#">City</a>, <a href="#">County</a>, <a href="#">State</a></li> <li>▪ New York, New York, New York   View more titles from this: <a href="#">City</a>, <a href="#">County</a>, <a href="#">State</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Publisher:</b>  W.G. Bryan and Associates</p> <p><b>Dates of publication:</b>  1933-current</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vol. 1, no. 1 (Apr. 13, 1933)-</li> </ul> <p><b>Frequency:</b>  Weekly</p> <p><b>Language:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English</li> </ul> <p><b>Subjects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)--Newspapers.</li> <li>▪ Greenwich Village (New York, N.Y.)--Newspapers.</li> <li>▪ Kings County (N.Y.)--Newspapers.</li> <li>▪ New York (N.Y.)--Newspapers.</li> <li>▪ New York (State)--Kings County.--fast--(OCoLC)fst01220099</li> <li>▪ New York (State)--New York County.--fast--(OCoLC)fst01234953</li> <li>▪ New York (State)--New York--Brooklyn.--fast--(OCoLC)fst01312516</li> <li>▪ New York (State)--New York--Greenwich Village.--fast--(OCoLC)fst01322891</li> <li>▪ New York (State)--New York.--fast--(OCoLC)fst01204333</li> <li>▪ New York County (N.Y.)--Newspapers.</li> </ul>

**Notes:**

- "A weekly newspaper reflecting the finest traditions of Washington Square and Greenwich Village."
- Available on microfilm from New York Public Library (1933-1985).
- Latest issue consulted: Vol. 70, no. 22 (Sept. 20, 2000).
- Published at: New York, N.Y., <1933>; Greenwich Village, N.Y. <1947>; Brooklyn, N.Y., <Dec. 14, 1989->; New York, N.Y., <1999->.
- Publishers: W.G. Bryan and Associates, <1933>; Bryan Publications, <1947>; Serif Press, <Dec. 14, 1989->; Community Media LLC, <Sept. 1999->

**LCCN:**

sn 83030608

**OCLC:**

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**ISSN:**

0042-6202

**Related Links:**

- <http://www.thevillager.com/>

**Holdings:**

 [View complete holdings information](#)

See all the interesting information about the paper? If you had an ancestor from the area that you think might be mentioned in this paper, and the paper was not online, maybe you could find it at an archive or library in original form or microfilm. From this "facts" page, you can actually find out where the newspaper is held. Just click on the "View complete holdings information" link at the bottom.

Here are some of the results for this newspaper:

Libraries that Have It: The villager. (New York [N.Y.] 1933-current
New York [N.Y.] (1933-current)
<a href="#">About</a>   <a href="#">Libraries that Have It</a>   <a href="#">MARC Record</a>
<b>HOLDING: Cornell Univ, Ithaca, NY</b> <a href="#">View more titles from this institution</a> <b>Available as: Unspecified</b> Last updated: 03/2014
<b>HOLDING: Franklin D Roosevelt Libr, Hyde Park, NY</b> <a href="#">View more titles from this institution</a> <b>Available as: Microfilm Service Copy</b> Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• s=&lt;1945:4:19&gt;</li></ul> Last updated: 05/1991
<b>HOLDING: New York Hist Soc, Newsp Proj, New York, NY</b> <a href="#">View more titles from this institution</a> <b>Available as: Original</b> Scattered issues wanting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• &lt;1933:4:13, 5:25-1934:5:3,17-6:14,28-8:16,30-9:27&gt;</li><li>• &lt;1934:10:11-25, 11:8-12:6,20-1935:7:11&gt;</li><li>• &lt;1935:8:1-11:21, 12:5-1936:2:20, 3:5-7:16, 8:6, 9:24-10:22&gt;</li><li>• &lt;1936:12:17-1937:4:15&gt;</li><li>• &lt;1937:5:6-1961:6:8,28-7:20, 8:3-24, 9:28-10:12-26, 11:9&gt;</li><li>• &lt;1961:11:23-1963:1:24, 2:7-5:16,30-7:25, 8:8-1964:9:17&gt;</li></ul> Last updated: 09/1992

So, you can see that it is available for your browsing pleasure at several libraries and archives—both in original and in microfilm form. Don't give up if your paper of interest is not online. Visit the US Newspaper Directory from 1690 to Present from the Library of Congress. Good Luck: persistence will win out.

## Obituary and Newspaper Resources

This section provides a list of links to Obituary Resources as well as Newspaper Resources for both the United States and Canada. They are organized by state and by province.

For both types of resources, there are three prominent large websites that provide links and other information.

### The FamilySearch Wiki

The FamilySearch Research Wiki ([www.FamilySearch.org/en/about](http://www.FamilySearch.org/en/about)) is a free, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch, a non-profit organization. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites, other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for your ancestors. The articles included are locality pages for countries around the world and topic pages that include pertinent genealogy record types explaining how to use the record, what it contains, and how to find it. It currently has about 100,000 articles.

Specifically, for obituaries and newspapers, the information and links are provided by state or province.

### Cyndi's List

Start at [CyndisList.com](http://CyndisList.com).

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

- Cyndi's List currently has over 315,000 links in about 230 categories and sub-categories

Specifically, for obituaries and newspapers, the information and links are provided by state or province.

## **The Ancestor Hunt**

The Ancestor Hunt ([www.TheAncestorHunt.com](http://www.TheAncestorHunt.com)) provides a list of links to free online record collections in 26 different major genealogy categories. Unlike the FamilySearch Wiki and Cyndi's List, The Ancestor Hunt does not have subcategories. The Ancestor Hunt also has articles about genealogy research and tools and techniques to enhance one's ability to be successful in their research.

Currently it has over 240,000 links to Free Online Record Collections in the U.S. and Canada.

Specifically, for obituaries and newspapers, the information and links are provided by state or province. There are over 10,000 collections listed. The majority are either transcriptions or indexes.

USGenWebArchives, USGenWeb, and Genealogy Trails represent a significant percentage of the collections. The remainder are library or genealogical society obituary indexes for their local area.

For newspapers, three prominent subscription databases are also included. The newspaper links are presented by state or province.



## Obituary Resources – United States

### Alabama

#### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alabama\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alabama_Obituaries)

#### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AL/obituaries>

#### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-alabama-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

### Alaska

#### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alaska\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alaska_Obituaries)

#### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AK/obituaries>

#### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-alaska-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

### Arizona

#### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arizona\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arizona_Obituaries)

#### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AZ/obituaries>

#### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-arizona-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

### Arkansas

#### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arkansas\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arkansas_Obituaries)

#### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AR/obituaries>

#### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-arkansas-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## California

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/California\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/California_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/CA/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-california-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Colorado

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Colorado\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Colorado_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/CO/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-colorado-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Connecticut

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Connecticut\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Connecticut_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/CT/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-connecticut-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Delaware

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Delaware\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Delaware_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/DE/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-delaware-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## District of Columbia

### FamilySearch – Wiki

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### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/DC/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-district-of-columbia-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Florida

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Florida\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Florida_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/FL/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-florida-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Georgia

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Georgia\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Georgia_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/GA/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-georgia-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Hawaii

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hawaii\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hawaii_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/HI/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-hawaii-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Idaho

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Idaho\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Idaho_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/ID/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-idaho-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Illinois

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Illinois\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Illinois_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/IL/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-illinois-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Indiana

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Indiana\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Indiana_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/IN/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-indiana-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Iowa

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Iowa\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Iowa_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/IA/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-iowa-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Kansas

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kansas\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kansas_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/KS/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-kansas-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Kentucky

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kentucky\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kentucky_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/KY/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-kentucky-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Louisiana

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Louisiana\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Louisiana_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/LA/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-louisiana-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Maine

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maine\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maine_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/ME/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-maine-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Maryland

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maryland\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maryland_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MD/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-maryland-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Massachusetts

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Massachusetts\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Massachusetts_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MA/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-massachusetts-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Michigan

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Michigan\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Michigan_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MI/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-michigan-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Minnesota

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Minnesota\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Minnesota_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MN/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-minnesota-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Mississippi

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Mississippi\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Mississippi_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MS/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-mississippi-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Missouri

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Missouri\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Missouri_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MO/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-missouri-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Montana

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Montana\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Montana_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MT/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-montana-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Nebraska

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nebraska\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nebraska_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NE/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-nebraska-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## **Nevada**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nevada\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nevada_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NV/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-nevada-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## **New Hampshire**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Hampshire\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Hampshire_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NH/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-new-hampshire-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## **New Jersey**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Jersey\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Jersey_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NJ/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-new-jersey-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## **New Mexico**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Mexico\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Mexico_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NM/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**



<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-new-mexico-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## New York

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_York\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_York_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NY/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-new-york-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## North Carolina

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North\\_Carolina\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North_Carolina_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NC/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-north-carolina-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## North Dakota

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North\\_Dakota\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North_Dakota_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/ND/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-north-dakota-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Ohio

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ohio\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ohio_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/OH/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-ohio-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Oklahoma

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oklahoma\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oklahoma_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/OK/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-oklahoma-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Oregon

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oregon\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oregon_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/OR/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-oregon-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Pennsylvania

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/PA/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-pennsylvania-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Rhode Island

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Rhode\\_Island\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Rhode_Island_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/RI/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-rhode-island-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## South Carolina

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South Carolina Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South_Carolina_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/SC/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-south-carolina-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## South Dakota

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South Dakota Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South_Dakota_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/SD/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-south-dakota-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Tennessee

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Tennessee Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Tennessee_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/TN/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-tennessee-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Texas

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Texas Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Texas_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/TX/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-texas-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Utah

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Utah\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Utah_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/UT/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-utah-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Vermont

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Vermont\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Vermont_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/VT/obituaries>

### **\*\*\*The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-vermont-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Virginia

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Virginia\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Virginia_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/VA/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-virginia-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Washington

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Washington\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Washington_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WA/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-washington-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## West Virginia

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/West Virginia Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/West_Virginia_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WV/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-west-virginia-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Wisconsin

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wisconsin Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wisconsin_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WI/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-wisconsin-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Wyoming

### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wyoming Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wyoming_Obituaries)

### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WY/obituaries>

### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-wyoming-obituaries-and-obituary-index-links>

## Obituary Resources – Canada

### Alberta

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alberta Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alberta_Obituaries)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/ab/obituaries>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-alberta-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/>

### British Columbia

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/British Columbia Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/British_Columbia_Obituaries)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/bc/obituaries>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-british-columbia-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/>

### Manitoba

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/ManitobaObituaries>

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/mb/obituaries>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-manitoba-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/>

### New Brunswick

**FamilySearch – Wiki** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New Brunswick Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Brunswick_Obituaries)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/nb/obituaries>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

[https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-new-brunswick-  
obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/](https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-new-brunswick-<br/>obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/)

## **Newfoundland and Labrador**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Newfoundland and Labrador  
Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Newfoundland_and_Labrador_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/nl/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

[https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-newfoundland-and-  
labrador-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/](https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-newfoundland-and-<br/>labrador-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/)

## **Nova Scotia**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nova Scotia Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nova_Scotia_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/ns/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

[https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-nova-scotia-obituaries-  
and-obituary-indexes/](https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-nova-scotia-obituaries-<br/>and-obituary-indexes/)

## **Ontario**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ontario Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ontario_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/on/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

[https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-ontario-obituaries-and-  
obituary-indexes/](https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-ontario-obituaries-and-<br/>obituary-indexes/)

## **Prince Edward Island**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Prince Edward Island Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Prince_Edward_Island_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/pe/obituaries>

## **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-prince-edward-island-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/>

## **Quebec**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Quebec\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Quebec_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/qc/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-quebec-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/>

## **Saskatchewan**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Saskatchewan\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Saskatchewan_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/sk/obituaries>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-saskatchewan-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/>

## **Territories**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Yukon\\_Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Yukon_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

[\(none\)](#)

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-territories-obituaries-and-obituary-indexes/>



## Newspaper Resources – United States

### Alabama

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alabama Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alabama_Newspapers)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AL/newspapers/>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/alabama-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

#### GenealogyBank (\$)

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/al>

#### NewspaperArchive (\$)

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/al/>

#### Newspapers.com (\$)

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=AL](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=AL)

### Alaska

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alaska Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alaska_Newspapers)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AK/newspapers/>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/alaska-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

#### GenealogyBank (\$)

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ak>

#### NewspaperArchive (\$)

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ak/>

#### Newspapers.com (\$)

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=AK](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=AK)

### Arizona

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arizona Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arizona_Newspapers)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AZ/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/arizona-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/az>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/az/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=AZ](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=AZ)

## **Arkansas**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arkansas Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Arkansas_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/AR/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/arkansas-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ar>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ar/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=AR](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=AR)

## **California**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/California Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/California_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/CA/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/california-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ca>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ca/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=CA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=CA)

## Colorado

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Colorado Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Colorado_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/CO/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/colorado-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/co>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/co/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=CO](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=CO)

## Connecticut

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Connecticut Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Connecticut_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/CT/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/connecticut-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ct>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ct/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=CT](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=CT)

## Delaware

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Delaware Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Delaware_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/DE/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/delaware-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/de>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/de/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=DE](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=DE)

## **District of Columbia**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/District of Columbia Newspapers and Obituaries](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/District_of_Columbia_Newspapers_and_Obituaries)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/DC/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/district-of-columbia-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/dc>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/dc/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=DC](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=DC)

## **Florida**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Florida Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Florida_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/FL/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/florida-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/fl>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/fl/>

## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=FL](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=FL)

## **Georgia**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Georgia Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Georgia_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/GA/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/georgia-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ga>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ga/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=GA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=GA)

## **Hawaii**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hawaii Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hawaii_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/HI/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/hawaii-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/hi>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/hi/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=HI](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=HI)

## **Idaho**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Idaho Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Idaho_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/ID/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/idaho-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/id>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/id/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=ID](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=ID)

## Illinois

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Illinois Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Illinois_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/IL/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/illinois-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/il>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/il/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=IL](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=IL)

## Indiana

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Indiana Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Indiana_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/IN/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/indiana-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/in>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/in/>

## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=IN](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=IN)

## **Iowa**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Iowa Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Iowa_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/IA/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/iowa-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ia>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ia/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=IA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=IA)

## **Kansas**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kansas Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kansas_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/KS/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/kansas-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ks>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ks/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=KS](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=KS)

## **Kentucky**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kentucky Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kentucky_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/KY/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/kentucky-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ky>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ky/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=KY](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=KY)

## Louisiana

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Louisiana Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Louisiana_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/LA/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/louisiana-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/la>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/la/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=LA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=LA)

## Maine

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maine Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maine_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/ME/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/maine-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/me>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/me/>



## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=ME](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=ME)

## **Maryland**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maryland Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maryland_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MD/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/maryland-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/md>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/md/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=MD](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=MD)

## **Massachusetts**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Massachusetts Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Massachusetts_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MA/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/massachusetts-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ma>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ma/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=MA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=MA)

## **Michigan**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Michigan Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Michigan_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MI/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/michigan-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/mi>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/mi/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=MI](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=MI)

## Minnesota

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Minnesota Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Minnesota_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MN/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/minnesota-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/mn>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/mn/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=MN](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=MN)

## Mississippi

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Mississippi Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Mississippi_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MS/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/mississippi-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ms>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ms/>

## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=MS](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=MS)

## **Missouri**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Missouri Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Missouri_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MO/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/missouri-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/mo>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/mo/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=MO](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=MO)

## **Montana**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Montana Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Montana_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/MT/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/montana-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/mt>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/mt/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=MT](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=MT)

## **Nebraska**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nebraska Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nebraska_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NE/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/nebraska-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ne>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ne/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=NE](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=NE)

## **Nevada**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nevada Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nevada_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NV/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/nevada-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/nv>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/nv/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=NV](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=NV)

## **New Hampshire**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New Hampshire Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Hampshire_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NH/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/new-hampshire-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/nh>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/nh/>

## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=NH](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=NH)

## **New Jersey**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Jersey\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Jersey_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NJ/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/new-jersey-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/nj>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/nj/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=NJ](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=NJ)

## **New Mexico**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Mexico\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Mexico_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NM/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/new-mexico-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/nm>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/nm/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=NM](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=NM)

## **New York**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_York\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_York_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NY/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/new-york-online-historical-newspapers-summary1>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ny>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ny/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=NY](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=NY)

## North Carolina

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North\\_Carolina\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North_Carolina_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/NC/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/north-carolina-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/nc>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/nc/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=NC](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=NC)

## North Dakota

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North\\_Dakota\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North_Dakota_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/ND/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/north-dakota-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/nd>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/nd/>

## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=ND](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=ND)

## **Ohio**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ohio Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ohio_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/OH/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/ohio-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/oh>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/oh/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=OH](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=OH)

## **Oklahoma**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oklahoma Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oklahoma_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/OK/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/oklahoma-online-historical-newspapers-summery>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ok>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ok/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=OK](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=OK)

## **Oregon**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oregon Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Oregon_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/OR/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/oregon-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/or>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/or/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=OR](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=OR)

## **Pennsylvania**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/PA/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/pennsylvania-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/pa>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/pa/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=PA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=PA)

## **Rhode Island**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Rhode Island Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Rhode_Island_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/RI/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/rhode-island-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ri>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ri/>



## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=RI](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=RI)

## **South Carolina**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South Carolina Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South_Carolina_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/SC/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/south-carolina-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/sc>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/sc/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=SC](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=SC)

## **South Dakota**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South Dakota Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/South_Dakota_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/SD/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/south-dakota-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/sd>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/sd/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=SD](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=SD)

## **Tennessee**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Tennessee Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Tennessee_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/TN/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/tennessee-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/tn>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/tn/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=TN](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=TN)

## Texas

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Texas Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Texas_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/TX/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/texas-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/tx>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/tx/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=TX](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=TX)

## Utah

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Utah Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Utah_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/UT/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/utah-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/ut>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/ut/>

## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=UT](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=UT)

## **Vermont**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Vermont Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Vermont_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/VT/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/vermont-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/vt>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/vt/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=VT](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=VT)

## **Virginia**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Virginia Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Virginia_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/VA/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/virginia-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/va>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/va/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=VA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=VA)

## **Washington**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Washington Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Washington_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WA/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/washington-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/wa>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/wa/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=WA](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=WA)

## West Virginia

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/West\\_Virginia\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/West_Virginia_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WV/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/west-virginia-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/wv>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/wv/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=WV](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=WV)

## Wisconsin

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wisconsin\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wisconsin_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WI/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/wisconsin-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/wi>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/wi/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=WI](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=WI)

**Wyoming****FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wyoming Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wyoming_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/us/WY/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/wyoming>

**GenealogyBank (\$)**

<https://www.genealogybank.com/newspapers/sourcelist/wy>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/us/wy/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=WY](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=WY)

## Newspaper Resources – Canada

### Alberta

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alberta Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alberta_Newspapers)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/ab/newspapers/>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/alberta-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

#### NewspaperArchive (\$)

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/ab/>

#### Newspapers.com (\$)

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

### British Columbia

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/British Columbia Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/British_Columbia_Newspapers)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/bc/newspapers/>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/british-columbia-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

#### NewspaperArchive (\$)

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/bc/>

#### Newspapers.com (\$)

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

### Manitoba

#### FamilySearch – Wiki

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Manitoba Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Manitoba_Newspapers)

#### Cyndi's List

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/mb/newspapers/>

#### The Ancestor Hunt

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/manitoba-online-historical-newspapers-summy>

#### NewspaperArchive (\$)

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/mb/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## **New Brunswick**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New Brunswick Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Brunswick_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/nb/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/new-brunswick-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/nb/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## **Newfoundland and Labrador**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Newfoundland and Labrador Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Newfoundland_and_Labrador_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/nl/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/newfoundland-and-labrador-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/nl/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## **Nova Scotia**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nova Scotia Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nova_Scotia_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/ns/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/nova-scotia-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/sn/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## Ontario

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ontario Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ontario_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/on/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/ontario-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/on/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## Prince Edward Island

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Prince Edward Island Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Prince_Edward_Island_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/pe/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/prince-edward-island-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/pe/>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## Quebec

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Quebec Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Quebec_Newspapers)



## **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/qc/newspapers/>

## **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/quebec-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

## **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/qc/>

## **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## **Saskatchewan**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Saskatchewan\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Saskatchewan_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/sk/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/saskatchewan-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **NewspaperArchive (\$)**

<https://newspaperarchive.com/search/location/ca/sk/>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## **Northwest Territories**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Northwest\\_Territories\\_Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Northwest_Territories_Newspapers)

### **Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/nt/newspapers/>

### **The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/canadian-territories-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

### **Newspapers.com (\$)**

[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## **Nunavut**

### **FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nunavut Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Nunavut_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/nt/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/canadian-territories-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**Yukon**

**FamilySearch – Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Yukon Newspapers](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Yukon_Newspapers)

**Cyndi's List**

<https://cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/nt/newspapers/>

**The Ancestor Hunt**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/canadian-territories-online-historical-newspapers-summary>

**Newspapers.com (\$)**

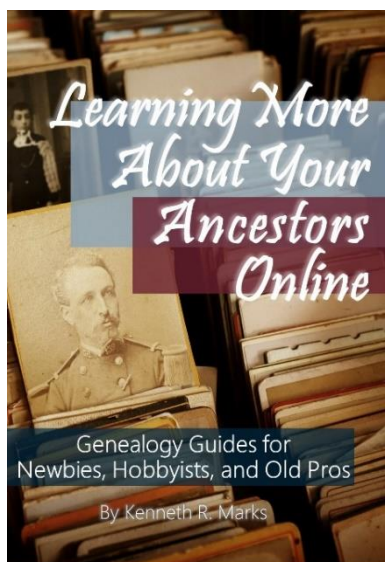
[https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p\\_place=Canada](https://www.newspapers.com/papers/#p_place=Canada)

## By the Author

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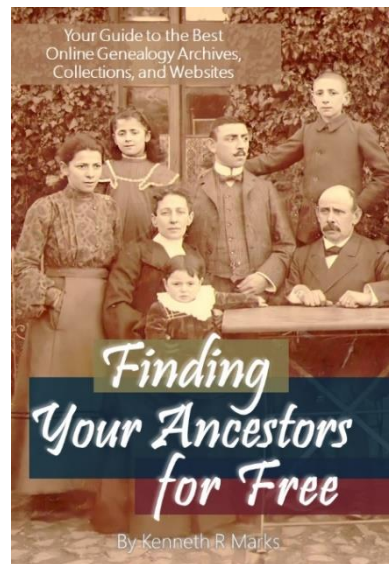
My journey to discover my personal family history led me to document what I discovered about my ancestors. In addition, I documented how I found the information. This led to a 'learning' website TheAncestorHunt.com. For years, TheAncestorHunt.com has provided links to tens of thousands of free online collections intended to help you through your research journey. Along the way, many articles were published about the different types of genealogical records and how best to



find, acquire, and analyze these records. More recently, dozens of **Quick Reference Guides** or **Quicksheets** have been written to guide you on your genealogy research journey. Now, many of these helpful resources have been compiled here as a convenient, enhanced, and updated collection for researchers to find greater success and pleasure in their genealogy endeavors. The easy-to-use guides in this book, Learning More About Your Ancestors Online, enable you to become a master researcher in all kinds of genealogical record categories. Whether it be a list of links to free online collections, or what types of documents you should research in a certain genealogical category, our one goal is: Make it easier for you to find stuff. I sincerely hope that this book helps to achieve that goal.

The second book, "**Finding Your Ancestors for Free**" is available at Amazon.com in Paperback and Kindle: [Amzn.to/3GPcbf1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B003GPFbf1)

Most current genealogy researchers, when starting their quest to find their ancestors and begin filling out their family tree, start by searching online. There are thousands of websites that contain genealogy-related collections that can be helpful in that quest—some are easy to find while many are not. Everyone who has a television has seen commercials promising to help subscribers find records that help determine who should be in their family tree. However, not everyone has the means to subscribe to websites that only offer genealogy databases for a price. The goal of this book is to provide you with the major online databases, libraries, archives, and websites that are free for you to use. This book includes over 2,500 links to free online genealogy websites.



The information in this book is presented in three parts:

- Section 1 discusses nationwide U.S. databases, archives, and libraries.
- Section 2 presents the largest websites in each of the 50 states.
- The Appendix contains techniques for using websites in this book.

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