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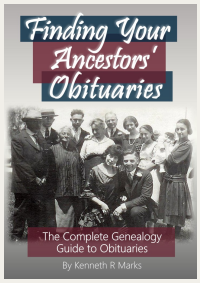

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- *Ancestry New and Updated Collections – March 1-15, 2023*
- *FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – March 1-15, 2023*
- *17 Things You Can Find in Criminal Records*
- *Free Online Criminal Records from the Mid Atlantic States*
- *Free Online Pennsylvania Criminal Records*
- *DNA Inheritance and Genetic Genealogy*
- *Probate Records Glossary*
- *Free Online Criminal Records from the Mid West States*
- *Genealogy Information In Criminal Records*
- *Free Online Criminal Records from the Southern States*
- *Genealogy Information in Passport Applications*
- *5,370 Free Mid West States High School and College Yearbooks Online*
- *Free Online New York Criminal Records*
- *805 Free New England States High School and College Yearbooks Online*
- *2,415 Free Mid Atlantic States High School and College Yearbooks Online*
- *Genealogy Information in School Records*
- *50 Genealogy Items in Immigration Records*
- *Genealogy Information in Church Records*
- *What To Do About The Missing 1890 Census?*
- *5,980 Free Southern States High School and College Yearbooks Online*
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- *Free Online Georgia Criminal Records*
- *Free Pennsylvania High School and College Yearbooks Online*
- *26,960 Free United States Online Cemetery and Burial Records*
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- *Free Texas High School and College Yearbooks Online*
- *2,895 Free Online Southern States Death Record and Index Collections*
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- *Colorado Cities and Counties Finder*
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New From The Newspaper Corner

- *Advantage Archives Adds 1.2 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – February 2023*
- *GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 46 Titles – March 2023*
- *Newspapers dot Com Update – February 2023*
- *Veridian Adds/Updates 371 Titles – March 2023*
- *NewspaperARCHIVE Update – February 2023*
- *Find My Past Adds/Updates 72 Historical Newspaper Titles – February, 2023*
- *Chronicling America Updates – February 2023*
- *British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 122 Titles – February, 2023*
- *Historical American Labor and Union Newspapers Online*
- *Historical Italian American Newspapers Online*
- *Historical Irish American Newspapers Online*
- *Historical U.S. Free Online Protestant Newspapers*
- *Historical American Farming Newspapers Online*
- *Historical Indigenous and Native American Newspapers Online*

Quirky Old Newspaper Ads

Useful Articles from Other Sources

Trying to Save Old handwritten Documents?

- 6 Steps to Preserve Handwritten Documents

Need Some Online Genealogy Tricks?

- 16 Genealogy Hacks That Will Save You Time And Money

Do You Believe These?

- 13 Genealogy Myths and Misconceptions

Are You Interviewing Your Oldest Relatives?

- Interview Questions and Prompts for Family History Interviews

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- Best Resolutions for Scanned Photos and Documents

Female Ancestors?

- Top 10 Sources for Locating Maiden Names
- Female Ancestors: Finding Women in Local History and Genealogy
- Can't Find Great-Great-Grandma? Pro Tips for Researching the Women in Your Tree

UK Ancestors?

- How to Find Your Ancestors in the 1921 UK Census

Make Your Scanning Easy Peasy

Check out Shotbox HERE

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN MARCH

- *COMPLETE PLACE FINDERS*
- *FINISH CHURCH RECORDS UPDATE*
- *FINISH FREE RECORDS FOR EACH STATE AND PROVINCE*
- *UPDATE DEATH COLLECTION LINKS*
- *UPDATE BIRTH COLLECTION LINKS*
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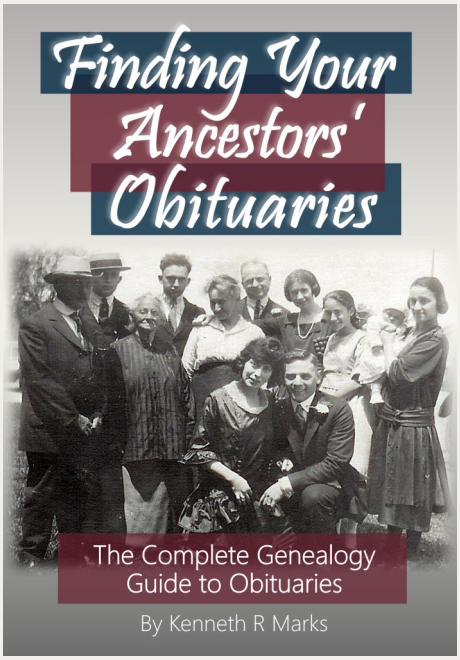
Did you know that The Ancestor Hunt has over 235,000 Free Online Historical Collections in 26 Genealogy Categories?

- Alumni Records
- Births
- Cemetery Records
- Church Records
- City & County Finders
- Coroner Records
- Criminal Records
- Deaths
- Digital Archives
- Directories
- Divorce Records
- Immigration Records
- Institutional Records
- Marriages
- Military Records
- Mortuary Records
- Naturalization Records
- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- Photos
- Probate and Wills
- Research Toolkits
- School Records
- Tax Records
- Voter Records
- Yearbooks

Research Your Family History With Help From The Ancestor Hunt at www.theancestorhunt.com

New Genealogy Book Details



Just Published - March 6th

"Finding Your Ancestors' Obituaries: The Complete Genealogy Guide to Obituaries"

Available via Amazon at **https://amzn.to/3JxiiWB**

In paperback, eBook, and you get a free PDF as a bonus.

Delve into the fascinating history of obituaries and discover what crucial information they contain, with real-life examples to help you understand their importance. You'll also learn expert techniques for finding and obtaining obituaries in both obituary databases and online newspaper archives, making your research easier than ever before.

But that's not all! With over 10,000 free online obituary databases and 50,000 historical newspaper titles for the United States and Canada in the Appendix, you'll have access to an incredible wealth of resources to aid your research.

This book isn't just about finding obituaries—it's about using them to gain a deeper understanding of your family's story. With helpful tips on analyzing obituaries and incorporating them into your genealogy research, "Finding Your Ancestors' Obituaries" is an essential part of any genealogy reference collection.

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Find School Yearbooks Online

School yearbooks, immortalize how we looked and what we did in high school or college. Whether we looked goofy or cool, that photo is there forever. And they document what clubs, sports, or other activities we were involved in. And for our ancestors, too! There is a significant amount of genealogy information that can be found in school yearbooks. For a detailed list of information that you can find in old yearbooks, go to **Genealogy in Yearbooks**. Below is a list of the major providers of online school yearbooks.

Ancestry.com has a nice school yearbook collection to search for. I would encourage you to check out the schools and years available in the "Browse This Collection" section on the right side of the page in order to look for a specific yearbook. Ancestry requires a subscription. They have over 500,000 yearbooks – that's yearbooks, not schools.

My Heritage has a huge collection of yearbooks that can be searched. They have over 250,000 yearbooks, again yearbooks, not schools. They also have the Alumni Lists originally provided by Distant Cousin. Some are transcribed and some are scanned page images. My Heritage requires a subscription. WorldVitalRecords (now owned by My Heritage); school yearbooks are included as well.

The last "big player" is **Classmates.com** which has a collection of over 470,000 yearbooks where a reprint can be purchased. I will leave it up to you to figure out how to save an image or two. It can be accomplished. You can view the yearbooks by browsing. You do not need to have a subscription, but you are limited as to how many pages you can view.

The Ancestor Hunt has yearbook links from 15,300 schools in the U.S. and Canada. It is free.

The **Internet Archive** has over 74,000 results if you search for the keyword "yearbooks". Definitely worth searching if you know the school or association. By and large, the Internet Archive yearbooks are included in The Ancestor Hunt's list of links.

E-Yearbook.com has a sizable collection available by subscription. You can view it by registering. They don't advertise the number of yearbooks, but it is sizable. They also have a nice collection of Military Yearbooks and Navy Cruise books.

Skalooza is interesting. It has a good number of yearbooks available; it is easy to register, and the interface is easy to use. Quite honestly, I have had difficulty finding things on this site.

Old Yearbooks collection was a combination of scanned and transcribed. It is a combination of class lists, random class pictures, and a list of links, many of which are in Classmates. It is now defunct.

Dead Fred has a collection of photos from old yearbooks that you might want to browse.

Don's List has a nice collection of old yearbooks and alumni association directories, many from Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania. There are over 100 schools.

Ebay and **Amazon** have a lot of old yearbooks for sale.

GenealogyToday has over 1.700 yearbooks and is a subscription-only service. Recent attempts at accessing this site have been unsuccessful.

There are a few link-only sites, such as **Cyndi's List**, **Linkpendium**, and **Access Genealogy** The number of links is in the low hundreds, although it is difficult to know Linkpendium's.

Google Books has a wide variety of yearbooks available. Many are from an association and are not related to schools. Worth a search. Unfortunately. most are not viewable.

Hathitrust has a couple of hundred full-view school yearbooks. Usually, there are only a couple of years available, and many are in the early 1900s.

8 Reasons You Can't Find Squat About Your Ancestors Online

Whether you search online, or offline at libraries, courthouses, or archives, many times our ancestors can be elusive.

Sometimes they just cannot be found. Whether it be a birth date, census entry, or death date – or anything else of interest to us – we just can't seem to "score."

There are lots of reasons why we aren't successful, but many are because of our own limitations – and especially because we are just too limited in our thinking, and sometimes either inexperienced, or unwilling to try new things.

Below are just a few reasons why we can't find our ancestors online:

- **They aren't there!** Yes this is a possibility. I have a great great aunt, Carrie Marks, who shows up only in one record – the 1880 U.S. Census. She is documented as the daughter of Louis and Caroline Marks, aged 11, born in California. One would think that at age 11, she would have showed up in the 1870 census at age 1, right? Nope – she is not there with the family. Had she not been born yet and the age 11 reference in 1880 was wrong? Was she in a hospital at the time of the census? Unfortunately, there is no 1890 census to help and by that time she could have married and changed her name. Even more worrisome is that since her mother's name was also Carrie – maybe it was a census taker error. Maybe she didn't exist at all. Then again, maybe I just haven't found her yet.

- **Have you expanded your search?** Just searching one or two online sources, such as Ancestry.com or FamilySearch just isn't enough. Yes these are huge resources, but just as everything isn't online, all the online stuff isn't in their collections either. There are tons of other resources. Thousands of online collections not named Ancestry or FamilySearch.

- **Do you do only exact searches?** People who write down others names often write them wrong. And then if there is an index created, they can be mis-transcribed or mis-typed. There are very few if any documents available online that were written by the ancestor themselves. They are generally recorded by someone else from first or second hand (or worse) information. So you need to be creative with your name searching by deliberately searching for names misspelled or using wildcard searches. Yes I said deliberately misspell search terms. You will be surprised at what you will find.

- **Do you combine searches and omit surnames?** For example – if you can't find the surname in a collection – do you search for the husband's first name and the wife's first name also, in a specific geographic area? As an example, since their surname was often mangled, I often searched for husband "Ben" and wife "Jennie" (with a blank surname) in California because that is where they lived. This may have given me quite a few folks who didn't have the correct surname – but all I needed was one! The right one!

- **Have you looked beyond document collections?** Sure census records are popular, and draft cards and naturalization, land and immigration records too. But how about newspapers? I have found new names of extended family members stated in newspaper obituaries and other articles just as much as finding a family together in a census. Check out the **Newspapers** page on this site for much more information regarding searching newspapers. They are a very underrated resource for you to find stuff. Besides you might find out that your great great uncle was an ax murderer! Exciting!

- **Are you aggressive?** Or do you just give up too easy? Sitting around waiting for shaky leaves or smart matches? Have you uploaded your tree to FamilySearch, WikiTree, Ancestry, MyHeritage,etc.? Then are you just waiting around for "cousins" to contact you – or the services themselves to shake a leaf on your screen? Ain't gonna cut it. You have to be an aggressive as well as creative researcher. And get out of the house if you can. Get to libraries, archives, courthouses and genealogical societies. There is a ton of material that can be accessed that is not digitized or is only available at the institution in a binder somewhere.

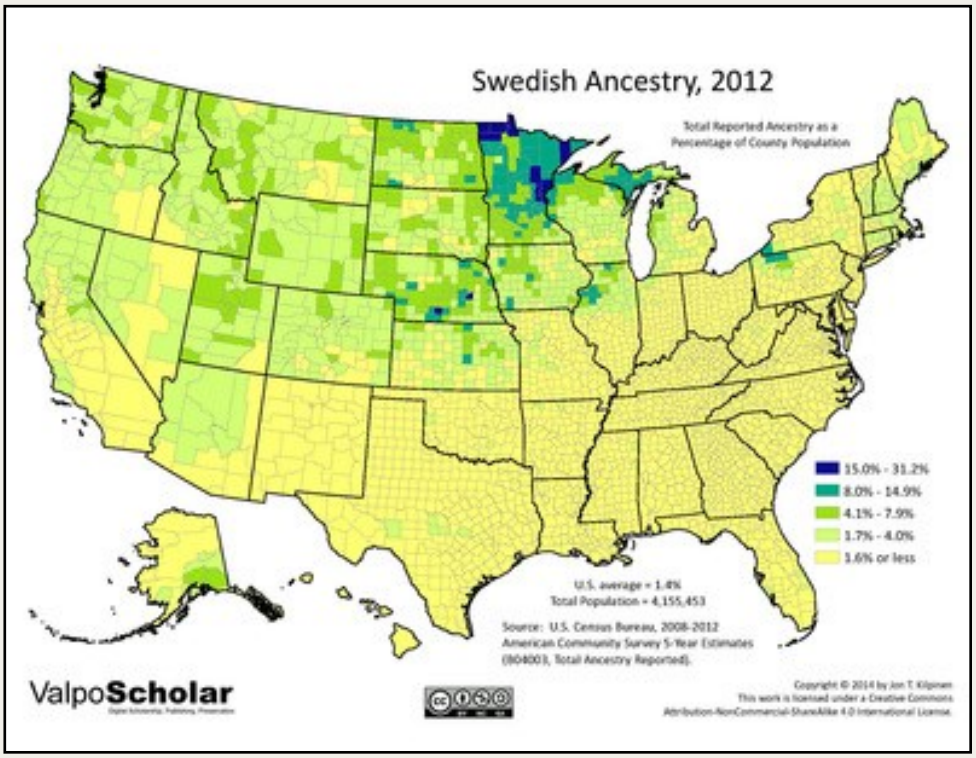
- **Do you have a research plan?** Or do you just search ad hoc, searching broadly for the same thing again and again? What's the old quote? "The definition of Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." That applies here. Yes collections change and are updated. But gee – get yourself a plan. Here's an **Example of a Template** that Caroline Pointer created for Evernote that you can adopt (with or without Evernote) regarding planning for research. Yes it seems like a lot of work when you'd rather be surfing for ancestors. But it is time well spent and I assure you that a research plan will make the difference between finding or not finding some ancestors. Guaranteed!

- **They aren't there – Part 2** Really. They aren't there. Nobody wrote stuff down back then. Records weren't kept of births in many countries or local villages and towns. There were no marriage certificates. Gravestones have been buried due to wars and such over time. Babies weren't born in hospitals and there were no mortuaries. Not every family had a Bible that they recorded information in. Men didn't carry around a draft card and there was no Social Security.

So that's it for now. A few reasons why you haven't found some folks. But you can't give up – with a few exceptions – ancestors who have lived any time in the last 200 years or so should be able to be found somewhere – and you are just the person to find them. Right?

All you need to do is PLAN, BE AGGRESSIVE, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, and BE PERSISTENT.

Swedish Ancestors in the U.S.



Researching Women Ancestors?

DNA Academy - Last Chance

TRACE is offering a 20% discount for The Ancestor Hunt subscribers for an outstanding detailed webinar training course all about DNA and Genealogy. Just click on THIS LINK and enter the Coupon Code: **AHSPRING23**. The coupon will be valid 3/1 - 3/20 and you must use the code to get the discount.

We will help you unlock your potential in the field of genetic genealogy research. Whether you're looking to overcome a research brick wall or ultimately become a DNA researcher, this course will help. Learn to use all the relevant tools, practice the methodologies and learn alongside professionals each step of the way.

- Over 1,400 hours spent writing course, researching and learning design
- 29 learning modules
- Over 100 lessons/chapters
- Over 20 handouts/guides/worksheets
- Over 20 skills practice applications
- Private cohort Facebook group
- Expert Q&A during cohort
- Cohort seats are limited for Spring 2023

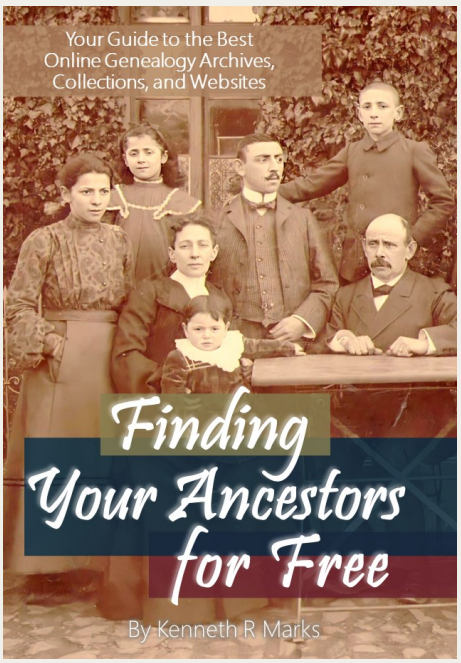
First Batch of Massachusetts Newspapers Now Available

From Chronicling America: We are excited to announce that we have uploaded the first batches of Massachusetts newspapers from our partner, Boston Public Library, to **Chronicling America**! With these contributions, Chronicling America now extends back to 1770. We will continue to add more content in the coming months.

Titles and date ranges currently available:

- Lancaster gazette (Lancaster, MA): March 4, 1828 to April 13, 1830
- The Massachusetts spy (Boston, MA): August 23, 1770 to September 24, 1772
- The Massachusetts spy, or, Thomas's Boston journal (Boston, MA): October 8, 1772 to December 29, 1774
- Thomas's Massachusetts spy, or, Worcester gazette (Worcester, MA): March 7, 1821 to May 16, 1821
- The Massachusetts spy (Worcester, MA): May 23, 1821 to September 3, 1823
- The Daily spy (Worcester, MA): June 28, 1848 to September 18, 1850
- Worcester daily spy (Worcester, MA): September 19, 1850 to December 31, 1853; January 1, 1858 to December 31, 1863
- The guardian (Boston, MA): January 3, 1948 to April 20, 1957

Previous Genealogy Book Details



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"Finding Your Ancestors For Free - Your Guide to the Best Online Archives, Collections, and Websites"

Available via Amazon at **https://amzn.to/3GPcbf1**

In paperback, eBook, and you get a free PDF as a bonus.

Introduction

- About the Author
- Getting Started
- The History of Free
- Not All Records are Online
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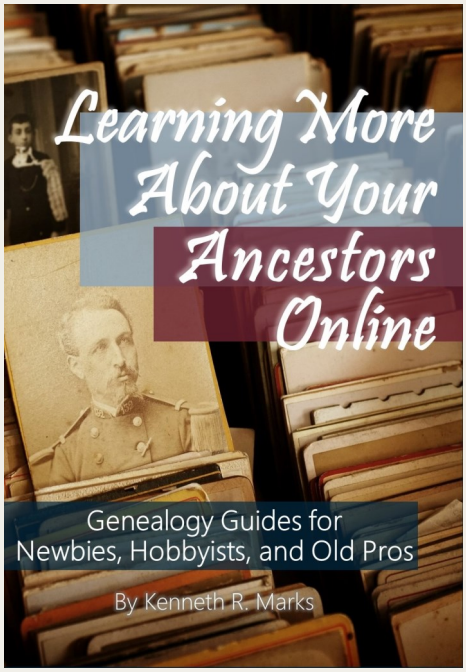

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"Learning More About Your Ancestors Online - Genealogy Guides for Newbies, Hobbyists, and Old Pros"

Available via Amazon at **https://amzn.to/3kUrebJ**

- Introduction
- Birth and marriage
- Death records and information
- General advice about genealogy research
- Immigration, naturalization, travel
- Military
- Miscellaneous records (societies, illnesses)
- Newspaper research
- Occupations
- Photos and physical description
- Residences and other locations
- Schools and yearbooks
- Resources

...and stay tuned for more in 2023. Am writing a book about Researching Historical Newspapers.

And 2024, there are plans for yet another two…...

Major Key to FamilySearch Catalog Research Success

FamilySearch

Did you know that if you are trying to find records and collections in the **FamilySearch Catalog**, that if you are not logged in, that you might miss thousands of collections that you otherwise could browse and search at home? Especially if the collection is intended to be available everywhere.

If you ARE NOT logged in, the collection might only be available at a Family History Center and the icon will look like this

If you ARE logged in the collection might be available anywhere (if that was the intention) and the icon will look like this

Stay Logged In to the FamilySearch Catalog to get optimal results!

Why Aren't You Searching Obituary Records?

Who Publishes Obituaries?

⇒ Newspaper scanning entities

⇒ Online Newspapers

⇒ Public and Academic Libraries

⇒ Nursing Homes

⇒ Churches

⇒ Coroners

⇒ Mortuaries and Funeral Homes

⇒ Genealogical and Historical Societies

⇒ Museums

⇒ Fraternal organizations

⇒ School & Alumni Associations

Bitonal vs Grayscale Newspaper Scanning

For years I have been obsessed with newspaper research, especially online. My personal genealogy research has centered around discovering the stories of my ancestors lives, which would not have been possible without newspaper stories.

When searching old newspapers one discovers rather quickly, that the quality of the original newsprint and the quality of the scan is paramount in not only the searchability of a page, but also the quality of the resultant image.

This brings us to today's topic—bitonal versus grayscale newspaper scanning. This article is provided by Advantage Archives, and it is highly suggested that you read and understand the difference. It may explain why you can't sometimes find newspaper articles, or why images often don't look very good after they are scanned.

From Advantage Archives:

The questions can range from technical to legal to philosophical, but the most common question in nearly every one of these discussions remains:

Should newspapers be scanned in bitonal or grayscale?

- Bi-tonal – Scanning process that uses black or white (bi-tonal) as the two-tone values for each pixel.
- Grayscale – Scanning process that uses 256 (Gray) tones as the value for each pixel.

Then, before we answer the question of "bitonal or grayscale? ", we must first ask another question:

What is the goal of this project, and what is the best approach for these images to meet that goal?

If the goal of the project is to provide a photorealistic representation of the page, grayscale is a more accurate fit for the project. If the size of each file image does not matter and the client has time/server space to index each file, grayscale may be the best bet. If the project requires images to meet library of congress standards for imaging grayscale may be the best fit. However this quality comes at a cost both in terms of production, and in maintaining the collection.

Depending on how many images are to be included in the archive,, simply due to the file size of grayscale images may not possible without investing significant capital into hardware and software.

However, If the goal of the digitization project is to develop a fully key word searchable database with a high return rate on keywords, a browse-able index, and , reduced load times for the end user, and at a per image cost that allows for a greater volume of images can be made accessible…. then bitonal may be the best fit.

Bitonal images require almost half the server storage space of grayscale images and provides a more satisfying user experience, as both search and image load times are significantly shorter than the same newspaper page represented in a grayscale format. Most importantly, Scanning a newspaper page bitonially, creates a very clean, very high quality "text first" approach to image capture due to the elimination of "background noise" found in the inexpensive paper stock of newspapers.

At Advantage Archives, we view digitization as an important part of the preservation process, supplementing microfilm as a more practical method for providing access, outreach and education.

Our position is that a digital copy of a newspaper does not replace the microfilm in terms of preservation, but it is a valuable resource to compliment the microfilm with advantages in ease of use and ability to search terms.

Typically we find our partners are interested in striking a balance between quantity, quality and budget. More specifically, the best balance of quality and quantity that can stretch the budget available for a project. If any one of these three factors is given more priority than the other two, decisions must be made as where to make concessions.

Bitonal vs Grayscale Newspaper Scanning

IOWA NEWS.

The photorealistic quality of a greyscale newspaper page, comes at a premium cost, therefore the number of images (volume) will be limited by available budget.

Many of the libraries and historical societies we work with already rely on grants for important scanning projects. Price is a factor and that is why we take this into consideration along with the quality of the product.

The Advantage Companies solution is budget friendly to our partners and allows for entire collections to be done effectively and affordably.

For our digital archives, we recommend and encourage our partners to use bi-tonal scanning which produces quality results for printed text on newspapers at a price that isn't cost prohibitive.. Bi-tonal scanning also keeps the file sizes smaller and the search times shorter than other methods. We find Bi-tonal to be our most commonly used method of scanning, but each project is different and can require a variation of different scanning methods to produce the best results.

Content is key and we consider the most important aspect of scanning to be capturing the words on the page. That's why we don't have a "one size fits all" solution. Grayscale has a place in our arsenal, and we find it invaluable in some situations in which bitonal scanning simply is not the best choice, For instance, Greyscale can produce much better results in handwritten or older, damaged documents. With the 256 tones available, Grayscale is able to display finer details than bi-tonal.

Saturday Evening Journal.

We also receive questions from our clients who are interested in following the technical guidelines set forth by the Library of Congress for their National Digital Newspaper Program.

NDNP technical specifications require a 400 dpi 8-bit grayscale archival image, production image, printable image and structural metadata to the standards of the Library of Congress.

We find that the costs associated with NDNP type projects to be prohibitive, and counterproductive when considered by smaller institutions. It greatly limits the amount of content a library can make available to its community. To put it into perspective, for every newspaper page digitized to NDNP standards, a local library could make nearly 13 pages available to the community using a more sot effective solution like bitonal.

In other words, the to digitize a single 100' roll of microfilm (lets use 900 images as an example) to NDNP standards, would cost more than 10,000 images using the methods employed by Advantage and our over 500 library partners.

We work to keep the digitization project metrics for our clients in balance at all times: Keeping costs as low as possible and quality as high as possible that allow for as much volume as possible to maximize the budget allocated to the project.

Our methods, business model, and driving mission all converge on the singular theme: Ensure the content is preserved for the future and accessible today.

Advantage Archives

The By Location Page

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

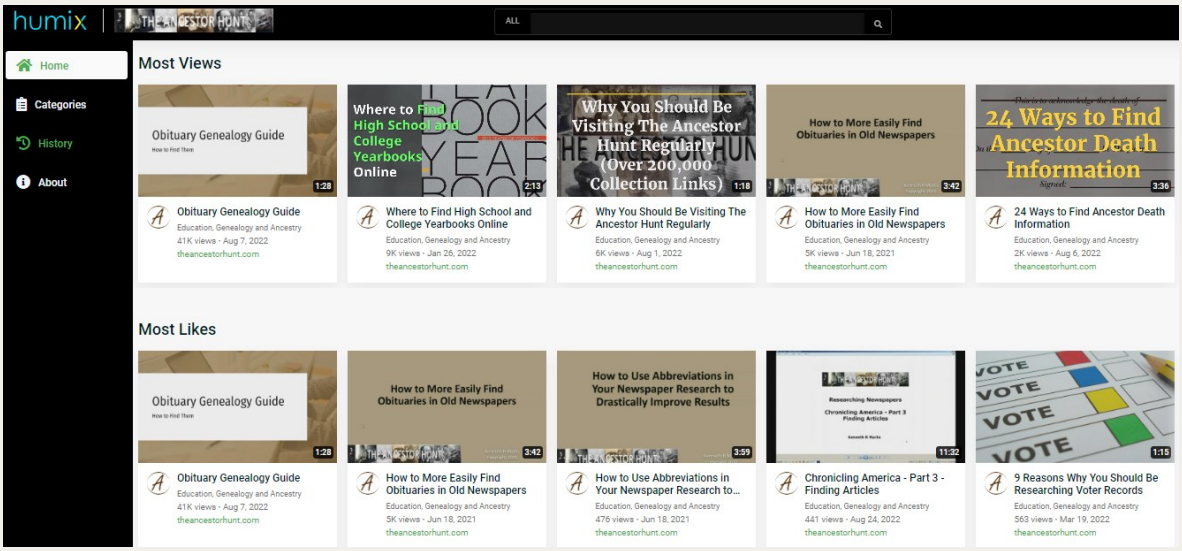
This page has a dropdown for each state or province, with a link to the online collections links for every category available.

New Video Channel

I have changed my Video platform from YouTube. It just wasn't providing what I needed from a modern Video platform. It also was getting too "junked-up" with a lot of superfluous "stuff". Enter Humix.

There are now over 50 videos. Check them all out at

The Ancestor Hunt Video Channel



Place Finders

Do you often find yourself wanting or needing to know what county a city is located in or what places might be found in a specific county?

You could do a Google search but what if you had a handy list that included a list of all the cities, other places, and ghost towns that identified their corresponding county along with a list of the counties in a state that listed all of the places in that county?

What is a place? Besides cities and towns, you will find that the names of other places may vary from state to state. Most states have Census Designated Places, Unincorporated communities, Indian Reservations, and ghost towns. Other places may be known as villages, hamlets, historic districts, townships, boroughs, municipalities, and more.

Each state has a list of all the places in the state and their corresponding county. Each place has a link to a page that includes information about that place. The page may include geographical information, historical information, current information about the place and its surroundings, and much more.

Included also for each state, is a Downloadable PDF with two lists:

- A list of places and their corresponding county
- A list of counties with the places that are in that county

Check out **Place Finders**

Newly Completed States and Provinces with All Categories Created and Updated

- *6,749 Free Online Massachusetts Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
- *631 Free Online District of Columbia Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
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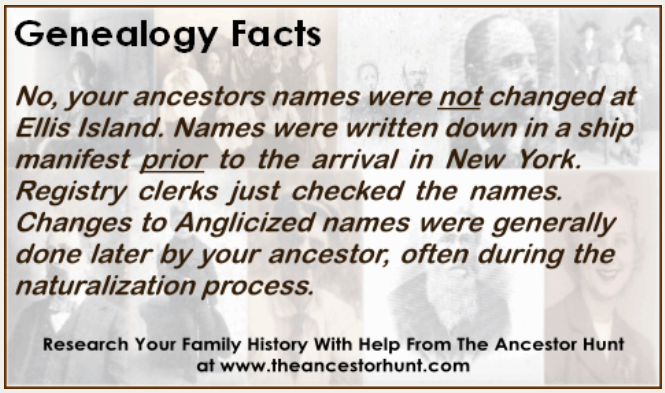

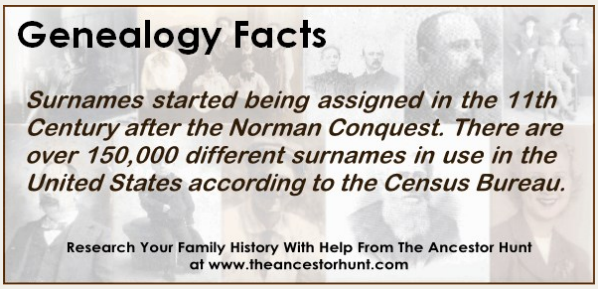

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Help Your Ancestors Live Forever - Write Your Family History And Write Your Own History While You're At It

One of my goals in my personal genealogy is to make sure that my ancestors are remembered. Many had no descendants, so absolutely no one alive remembers them. That's sad to me, which is why I created a couple of family history websites. But recently I have been seeking even better ways to memorialize their lives. Their stories are important to be documented, which might explain why I am such a fan of newspaper research.

In any case, here are a few tools that I have discovered that provide a unique means to memorialize our ancestors.

And guess what? We need to produce our own autobiographies. We aren't getting any younger and memories do fade.

WhooWe

Produce an online history easily with text, video, and audio from online questions on your phone. You can contribute content in minute or several minute increments.

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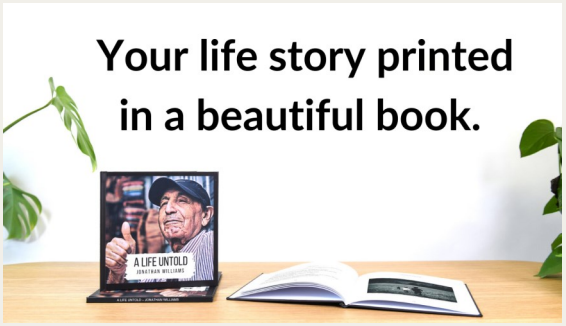

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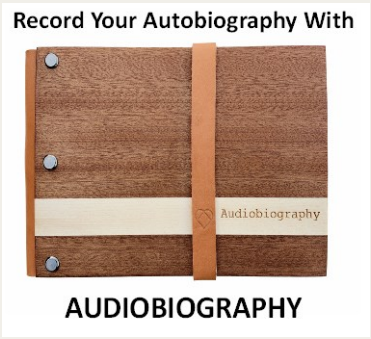

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They say the closest you can feel to someone without touching them, is hearing their voice. Produce an online autobiography or memorial with audio; add photos and coordinate with a book.

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