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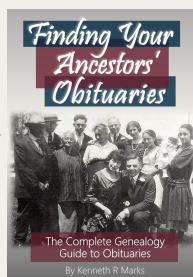

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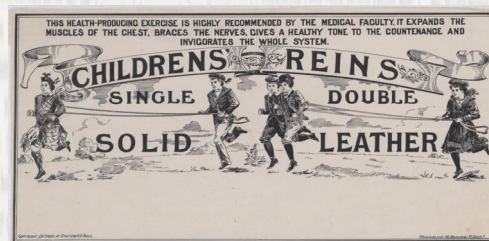
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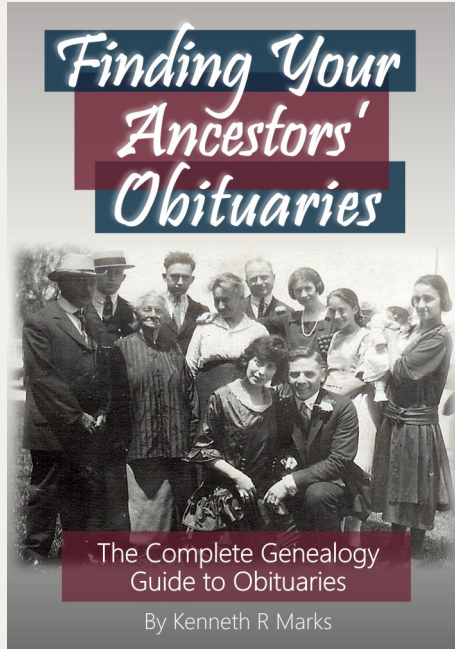
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WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN APRIL

- *COMPLETE PLACE FINDERS*
- *FINISH CHURCH RECORDS UPDATE*
- *UPDATE BIRTH COLLECTION LINKS*
- *UPDATE PHOTO LINKS*
- *UPDATE PROBATE AND WILLS LINKS*

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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Genealogy Information in Alumni Records

Maybe it's just me, but I have never heard anyone write or talk about using Alumni Records in their genealogy research. I use them personally and have discovered mountains of information in these gems.

I contend that alumni records are part directories, part newspapers, and magazines, part biographies, part obituaries, part yearbooks, part vital records, etc. You get the idea. If you are seeking genealogy clues, these "records' are full of them. All of the information is derivative, but it can provide leads for you to search for original documents. And if you are documenting a person's family story, well, there's a ton of that kind of information too.

And what information is available in them?

- Graduation dates and diplomas or degree(s) received

- Current photos and/or those of their family

- Current address lists

- Where are they now and what are they doing?

- Obituaries and "In Memoriam"

- Marriages

- Children born to the alumnus

- Deaths in their family

- Life achievements and awards

- Interesting stories about the alumnus and their family

- Class reunion memorabilia

Here are the types of documents that contain this important information:

- Alumni directories

- Alumni registers

- Alumni newsletters, bulletins, newspapers, and magazines

- Commencement programs

- Alumni Association records

The message here is to research these genealogical gold mines. You'll be glad you did!

Check out The Alumni Record Collection links at The Ancestor Hunt, which are presented by state by clicking on **Alumni Records**

Dutch Ancestors in the U.S.

Dutch Ancestry, 2012

Total Reported Ancestry as a
Percentage of County Population

- 15.2% - 48.5%
- 7.6% - 15.1%
- 3.5% - 7.5%
- 1.7% - 3.4%
- 1.6% or less

U.S. average = 1.5%
Total Population = 4,666,346

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012
American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
(B04003, Total Ancestry Reported).

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Researching Scottish Ancestors?

24 Reasons to Research Institutional Records and Where to Find Them

Institutional records are a record set that are sometimes overlooked and a record set that can be difficult to locate and acquire.

Many people don't think to look for institutional records as part of their genealogy research as in the past people who spent time in institutions were not always talked about out of misguided shame or fear due to the social norms of the times, misunderstanding of many physical and mental medical conditions and the controversies that have arisen from the policies and practices of institutions. Others don't think of looking for collections labeled as institutions because they don't know what they are and what is included in them.

Additionally, records can be difficult to find or to acquire due to records being missing, especially if the records weren't acquired by a governmental entity or other source when an institution was closed, or due to privacy or other laws that dictate who can gain access to the records and how long they are closed to the public.

When we speak of institutional records it is important to understand the types of institutions that have existed and still exist and the terms that were used in records that help identify who was in an institution. It can also help to locate the names of institutions in the areas where your family lived and the history of those institutions.

What are some of the types of institutions where records for our ancestors and family may be found?

- Poor House (County Farm, Poor Farm, Almshouse, Infirmary)
- Orphan (Orphanage, Orphan Train, Children's Home, Foundlings Home)
- Asylum (Mental Hospital, Mental Institution, State Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, Insane Hospital)
- Institutional School (Reform School, Training School, Industrial School. School for Deaf, Blind or Dumb)
- Homes (Soldiers and Sailors Home, Disabled Veterans Home, Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home, Home for the Friendless)
- Sanitarium (Sanatorium)
- Correctional institutions (Penitentiary, Prison, Jail)

What are some of the terms you might find in institutional records and in other records that may indicate your ancestor/family member was in an institution?

- Poor
- Indigent
- Infirm
- Orphan
- Foundling
- Insane
- Lunatic
- Feeble minded
- Idiot
- Imbecile
- Deaf/Blind/Dumb
- Prisoner
- Inmate
- Tuberculosis
- Reform
- Incorrigible
- Delinquent

24 Reasons to Research Institutional Records and Where to Find Them

What are the types of records to look for that may indicate a family member was in an institution and the types of institutional records that will tell you more about when, where and why hey were admitted, how long they were there, and when they were discharged or died.

- Census Records
- Admissions registers/records
- Patient Records
- School Records
- Court Records
- Books
- Reports to government offices by the board of directors or institution staff
- Newspapers
- Medical Records
- Passenger Records
- Death Records
- Inmate Records
- Cemetery Records

Where can we look for Institutional Records and additional information about the history of the institution?

- The home/hospital/school/correctional department/institution where they were admitted
- State and County Archives
- State and County Historical Society
- State and County Genealogy Society
- County and State Library
- Court Archives
- Correctional Department
- Family Search/Ancestry/MyHeritage/FindMyPast
- Internet Archives
- Digital Public Library of America
- World Cat
- Google Books
- Asylum Project

Another great resource is the free online collections curated by The Ancestor Hunt. Links to over 3,200 collections can be found at **Institutional Records**

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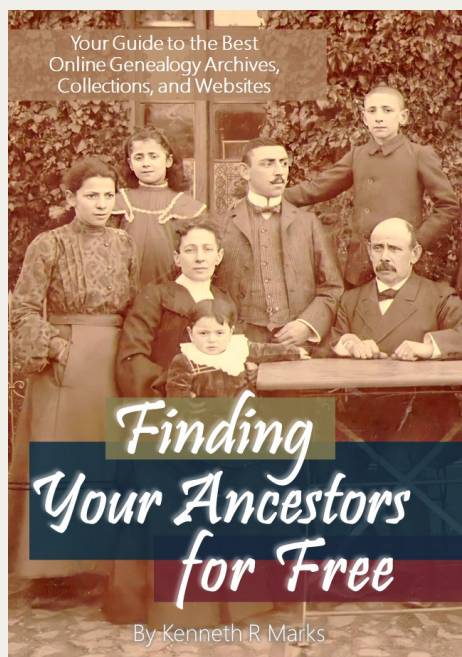
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"Finding Your Ancestors For Free - Your Guide to the Best Online Archives, Collections, and Websites"

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Introduction

- About the Author
- Getting Started
- The History of Free
- Not All Records are Online
- Free Access to Subscription Databases
- Access to Free Collections for Residents
- Why Isn't Genealogy Always Free?

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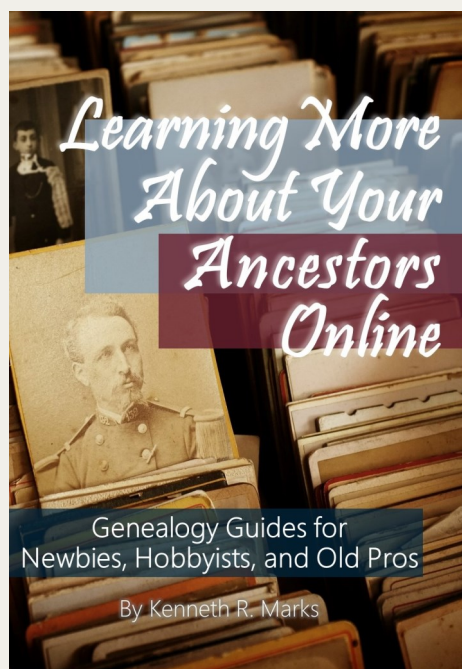
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"Learning More About Your Ancestors Online - Genealogy Guides for Newbies, Hobbyists, and Old Pros"

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…...

Making Old Newspapers Searchable: The History of Printing

To be a successful online newspaper researcher, it is beyond helpful to understand the basics of newspaper printing, especially its history. The limitations and quality of old newspaper print as well as OCR are the largest contributing factors in our inability to find what we are looking for when searching digitized newspapers (discounting our skill and experience, of course). Our friends at Advantage Archives have allowed me to reprint this article, which begins to explain these limitations.

From Advantage Archives:

Until the first part of the 19th century, the composition and typesetting were accomplished by painstakingly placing each individual letter into a "galley" by hand. The galleys were then placed into a "chase" that was the size of the final page. Since each letter was placed individually, there was no method for standardization or uniformity. If there was a picture or a drawing in the newspaper, it was created primarily by using woodcuts or engravings. This was a very time-consuming and expensive process.

The actual print quality varied not only from paper to paper, but also in each edition. The type and consistency of the ink used, coupled with quality of the rag or cotton paper, contributed to "word bleed", splatter and other imperfections. Composing sticks were later used, allowing the length of the lines and consequent width of the page or column to be set, with spaces and quadrants of different sizes being used to make up the exact width. This added uniformity and consistency to the page.

Around 1815, one of the first significant advances in composition emerged: the development of stereotyping. This method of pre-press production allowed for a whole page of type to be cast in a single mold so that a printing plate could be made from it. Until the invention of stereotype printing, type had to be reset if a second printing was to be made

The invention of the stereotype led to the mass production of printing plates. Multiple copies could now be sent to other printers and newspapers, which allowed for the reproduction of larger numbers of identical images. Paper was in high demand and costly at the time, which ultimately influenced the design and layout of this era. Newspapers were dense and dark, as publishers shrank type and eliminated illustration in an effort to get as much information as possible into a limited space. The denseness of the typesetting of this era created yet another OCR challenge. Due to the tight fit, many words were combined into a single line of text without spacing to separate the words. Columns were not detected properly in many cases due to their proximity to one another. In addition to the gothic fonts commonly used, there was no way to adjust the spacing between characters in a proportional font, especially in relation to height. For instance, the S/F challenge still existed, but for new reasons. The "f "was now occasionally truncated at the top, creating a "t". Tops of an "A" could be cut off, creating an "H" in the OCR process. A capital "R" could easily become either a "K" or a "H"". These are just a few examples.
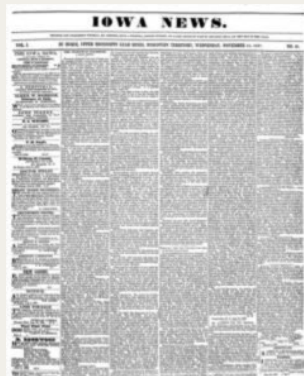
This page of the Iowa News, published on June 3, 1837, was selected for testing due to its image clarity. Again, this is a testament to the quality of the paper stock used, and the condition in which this title was kept. The paper was carefully preserved to microfilm and the microfilm was stored properly. When this image was scanned to create the digital image, over 175 years had passed since it came off of the printing press.

In total, 6,214 "words" were captured on this page; however the "words counted" include strings like this:

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If we striped out the extra spaces and "non-words", this would remain:

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Although this OCR text output is an extreme example, it illustrates the difference in what is captured by the OCR software and what is legible.

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A better demonstration is derived from the following article on the same page:

America* Statu.uiy Marble.—We have authority for stating that Mr. Fcn-therstonhaugh, U. Slates Geologist, lms nsccitaincd the existence of sjine important dnposites of whito statury marble, tu tlio Cheioltce country, lie lias followed an ob-icuro ridge in the mountains six miles, consisting entirely of that v iluablo bubitance, hitherto only soon in tlio United Slates in thin beds, not exceed-ini' u few Indies, lie reports ono of these dopu-siios ns equal to thnt of Masna-Carrara, In Italy, ivith which he is familinr. Marble of this kind lias been hitherto brought, nt a groat expense, from Italy. We trust this additional development of our mineral resourcos will be highly advantageous m tho linn arts, in tlio hands of our men ofgenlus. (Jreecc and Italy owe much of their celebrity in sculpture to tho iibundanco of statuary marble in thoso coantrics. We imagino that if Phidias and f'raxilcins had boenobligild lo import tlieir material fiom foreign countries, posterity would never iavo possessed the noblest examples of art, which their genius has boqucnlod to mankind.-[Nat.Int.

There are 172 "words" that are counted in this very short article. If we were to clean the OCR to only include real words, we would be left with 126 words. That is less than a 30 percent loss on a newspaper page that is over 180 years old. The newspaper is also in remarkably good shape with a high-quality image. The majority of the OCR text is legible; most importantly, the names, no matter how unusual, were captured

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Newspapers were originally printed on wood presses that were operated by turning a crank by hand. In 1814, the first mechanized printing press was introduced. This steam-powered machine could produce more than 1000 pages per hour. The production potential was more than tripled in 1832 with the introduction of the first cylinder press. Cylinder presses were much faster than platen and hand presses and could print between 3,000 and 4,000 impressions per hour

The rate at which a newspaper page were printed doubled again in 1844. The first rotary press was invented and could print up to 8,000 copies per hour. Photographs of this era could be reproduced on rotary presses via halftones, providing a higher resolution at a significantly lower cost compared to previous methods of illustration.

Larger rotary presses, containing multiple machines, made printing large newspaper runs possible. The age of mass production of newspapers had begun, and it coincided with the development of a new paper-making technique based on pulping wood. By 1870, wood pulp had completely replaced rags as the main ingredient in producing paper. This innovation allowed paper production to finally keep pace with the increased rate at which newspapers were printed.

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.

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
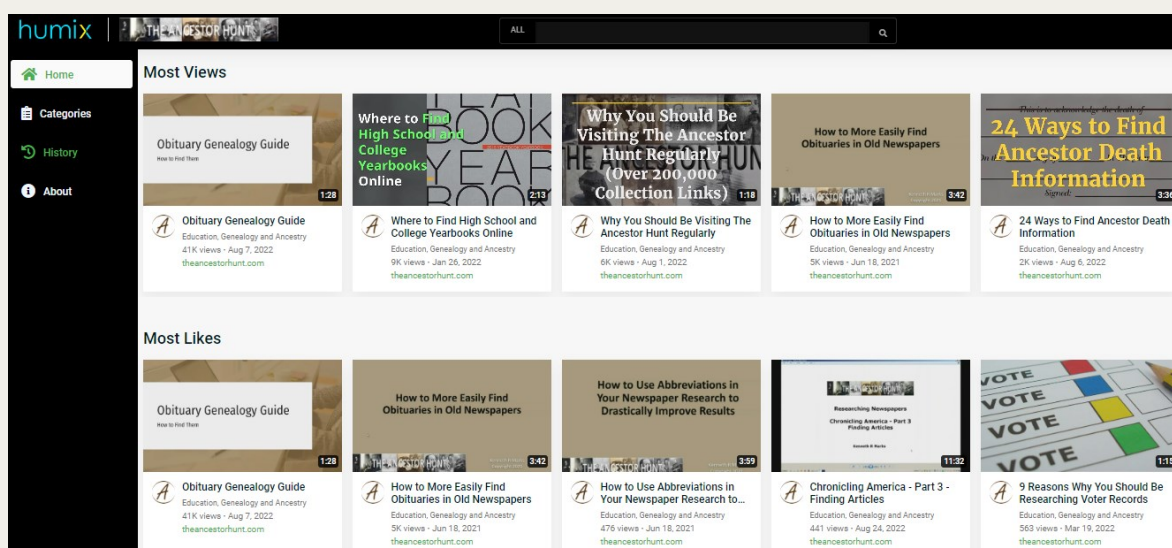
Place Finders

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*
- *5,931 Free Online Pennsylvania Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
- *2,624 Free Online Vermont Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
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- *389 Free Online New Brunswick Collections Available in 6 Genealogy Record Categories*
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- *2,227 Free Online Alberta Collections Available in 6 Genealogy Record Categories*
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- *5,393 Free Online Virginia Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
- *2,224 Free Online Mississippi Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
- *566 Free Online Saskatchewan Collections Available in 6 Genealogy Record Categories*
- *9,056 Free Online Texas Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
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- *2,010 Free Online Utah Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
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- *715 Free Online Hawaii Collections Available in 24 Genealogy Record Categories*
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Useful Tools From Genealogy In Time Magazine

–**First Name Abbreviations**

–**City Directory Abbreviations**

–**Occupation Abbreviations**

–**Genealogy Word Dictionary**

Genealogy Facts

What percentage of your family tree that you have recorded is fact? Is it totally based on evidence?

How much is based on the memory of a family member?

And finally, what percentage is folklore?

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at www.theancestorhunt.com

Genealogy Facts

If you are searching for an obituary in an online newspaper, you have a much better chance to find one if you include one of these words or phrases in your search criteria along with the name: Beloved; Loving; Passed away; Survived by; Died; Funeral; In lieu of flowers; Native of; or Devoted

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Obituaries	**Immigration**
Military Records	**Church Records**
Directories	**School Records**
Photos	**Voter Lists**
Yearbooks	**Coroner Records**
Divorce Records	**Probate and Wills**
Naturalizations	**Alumni Records**
Cemetery and Burial Records	**Birth Records**
Marriage Records	**Death Records**
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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.

Whoowe is available from the AppStore and Google Play. Info at whoowe.com Try it out for free. Discount coupon for readers coming soon.

StorySpot
Produce an online memorial with text, video, timelines, photos, favorite songs, and audio, and produce an optional book. Great for family reunions also

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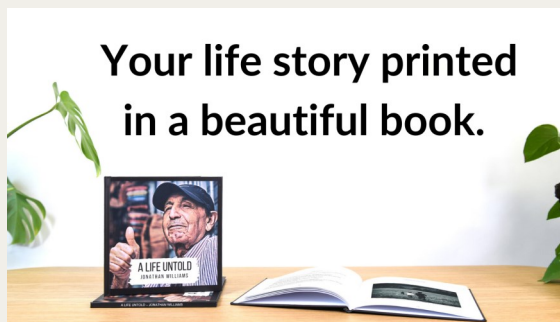
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