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The Complete Genealogy Guide to Obituaries

By Kenneth R Marks

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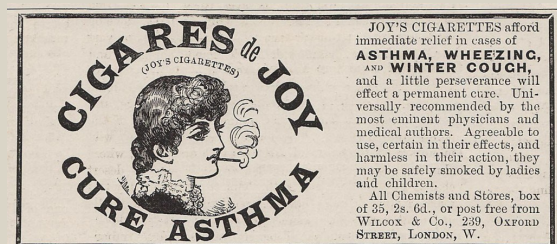
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- *FINISH CITY DIRECTORIES UPDATE*

- *COMPLETE SPECIALTY NEWSPAPERS UPDATE*

- *START ALUMNI RECORDS UPDATE*

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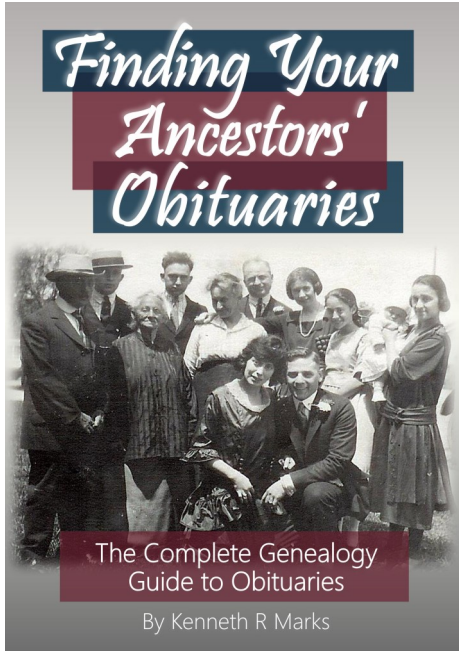
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Just Published - March 6th

"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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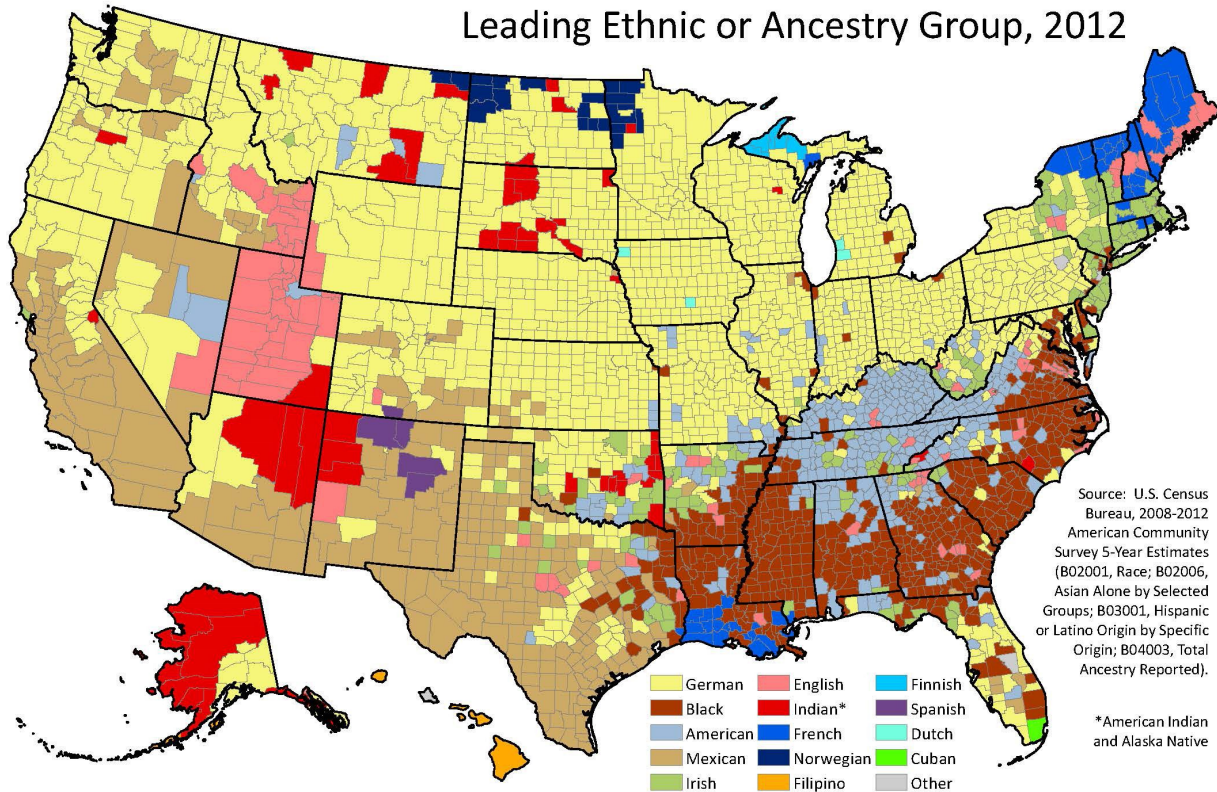
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Legend:
- German
- Black
- American
- Mexican
- Irish
- English
- Indian*
- French
- Norwegian
- Filipino
- Finnish
- Spanish
- Dutch
- Cuban
- Other

*American Indian and Alaska Native

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How Does Veridian Implement Multilingual Newspaper Collections?

Veridian is the name of the software package made available by DL Consulting, a company headquartered in Hamilton, New Zealand. Their software powers the California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming state newspaper collections as well as country-wide collections, such as Estonia, Israel, New Zealand, Singapore, and Switzerland. This article is reprinted with permission. One of the things that I have always been curious about, is how Veridian handles different alphabets, such as Hebrew, Arabic, Cyrillic, Japanese, etc. They make it appear quite simple. Maybe it is!

When implementing a multilingual collection, there are a number of aspects that are needed to consider:

Unicode support

Veridian is natively designed to support multilingual collections, and uses **Unicode** throughout; for our user interface, the digitized content, and all search-related systems. This allows support of collection **content** in any language, and also means the user **interface** is easily translated to any language. When utilizing Veridian's native Unicode support we take special care to ensure Unicode characters and strings are considered and properly handled at all times.

The usage of string macros

Our software uses macros, where each interface text string (snippet of text) is represented by a 'macro', which can have modifiers, such as a language modifier. These macros allow the interface text display to be locked to a specific language, and in this way the interface text can be specified in multiple languages as required. For example, Veridian can represent the interface string for 'Search' in separate languages as follows:

```
_textsearch_ [l=en]  {Search}   # English
_textsearch_ [l=de]  {Suchen}   # German
_textsearch_ [l=es]  {Busca}    # Spanish
_textsearch_ [l=et]  {Otsing}   # Estonian
_textsearch_ [l=fr]  {Chercher} # French
_textsearch_ [l=ja]  {検索}      # Japanese
_textsearch_ [l=haw] {Huli}     # Hawaiian
_textsearch_ [l=it]  {Cercare}  # Italian
_textsearch_ [l=ru]  {Поиск}    # Russian
_textsearch_ [l=vi]  {Tìm kiếm} # Vietnamese
_textsearch_ [l=zh]  {搜索}      # Chinese
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Display of directional text and bi-directional characters

For Hebrew and Arabic interfaces, it is even more challenging as we are often working with bi-directional text. So we may have a left-to-right (LTR) or right-to-left (RTL) **interface** displaying LTR or RTL **content**. The complexity increases again in some instances when we have text in a single paragraph changing direction multiple times.

Translating the interface language

Having the system capable of handling multiple languages is important, but getting the languages perfectly translated on the interface is another challenge, especially with languages that none of our engineers speak. To accomplish this, we work collaboratively with our clients and their translation team to fine-tune the interface language to get it just right.

Collections where Veridian software is used with different alphabets

The National Library of Israel's **NLI Newspaper collection** was launched in November of 2020 and includes newspapers in 16 different languages. This special project required a tri-lingual interface that users could choose to interact with in either English, Arabic or Hebrew. The gains from upgrading the NLI collection interface with multilingual capabilities have been clear.

The **Global Press Archive** is an initiative of East View Information Services in conjunction with Stanford Libraries and the Hoover Institution Library & Archives. The Veridian platform was selected to display a hugely geographically diverse portfolio of news publications, including those in German, Japanese and Arabic. Over time, GPA will present thousands of global newspapers as searchable online archives, covering approximately 30 languages and 80 countries.

For the Swiss National Library's digital newspaper collection **www.e-newspaperarchives.ch**, we optimized the Veridian platform to deliver the best user experience in four different languages - German, French, Italian and English.

60 Free Online Genealogy Websites You Should Be Using

Everyone has their "go to" websites that they use often to find genealogy resources and information. Here is a list of my favorites; and everyone is Free!

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Access Genealogy	Transcribed U.S. genealogy records
Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center	Genealogy collections and records
American History & Genealogy Project	Transcribed U.S. genealogy records
Ancestry Free Index Collections	Genealogy collections and records
Automated Genealogy	Indices to Canadian Censuses
CanGenealogy	Links to Canadian Genealogy websites
Castle Garden	Immigration records
Chronicling America	Digitized U.S. newspapers
Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database	Civil War veteran records
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	Commemoration of war dead from World War I and II
Cyndi's List	List of links to genealogy related resources
David Rumsey's Historical Maps	120,000 world-wide maps
Dead Fred	Miscellaneous searchable photo database
Death Indexes	Links to death, cemetery, and obituary collections
DP.LA	Search facility for genealogical collections and records
Ellis Island	Immigration records
FamilySearch	Search facility for genealogical records
FamilySearch Catalog	Genealogical materials; mostly browsing
FamilySearch Wiki	Links and information for collections and records
FindAGrave	Cemetery and Burial records and tombstone photos
Free BMD	England and Wales birth, marriage, and death records
FreeCEN	UK Census Records
Freedmen's Bureau Online	African-American Collections
FreeREG	UK records from Parish Registers
Fulton History	Over 50 million digitized newspaper pages
Genealogy Trails	Transcribed U.S. genealogy records
GENUKI	United Kingdom and Ireland collection links
German Genealogy Group	Mostly New York records
Google	Genealogy resources search
Google Books	Digitized books

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Guild of One Name Studies	Worldwide Surname Research
Hathitrust	Digitized books and other printed materials
I Dream of Genealogy	List of links to genealogy related resources
Interment.net	Cemetery and Burial records
Internet Archive	Genealogy records, newspapers and related collections
Irish Genealogy	Variety of church & civil records including vital records
Italian Genealogical Group	New York City records
Jewish Gen	Jewish genealogy records
LDS Genealogy	List of links to genealogy related resources
Library and Archives Canada	Canadian Genealogy records
Library of Congress Digital Collections	Genealogy collections and records
Linkpendium	List of links to genealogy related resources
Lowcountry Africana	African American Genealogy in SC, GA and FL
Midwest Genealogy Center	Regional genealogy plus railroad pension records
National Archives and Records Administration	Genealogy collections and records
National Archives Resources for Genealogists	Links to genealogical records and collections
National Cemetery Administration	Veterans cemetery records
New Horizons Genealogy	Transcribed U.S. genealogy records, New England
New York Public Library Digital Collections	Over 900,000 digitized items
Olive Tree Genealogy	Ship passenger lists and other genealogy records
One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse	Links to search genealogical records and collections
Patriot and Grave Registry	Revolutionary War grave and patriot information
Reclaim the Records	Genealogy collections and records
RootsWeb.com	Huge genealogy community
Sanborn Maps	Fire Insurance maps that show building details
The Ancestor Hunt	Links to genealogical records and collections
The Official Land Records Site	Federal land title records from 1788
US GenWeb	Transcribed U.S. genealogy records
US GenWeb Archives	Transcribed U.S. genealogy records
WorldGenWeb	World-wide genealogy records

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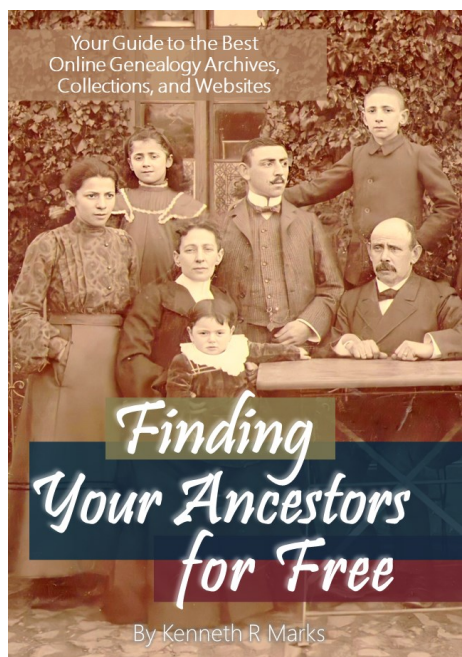
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"Finding Your Ancestors For Free - Your Guide to the Best Online Archives, Collections, and Websites"

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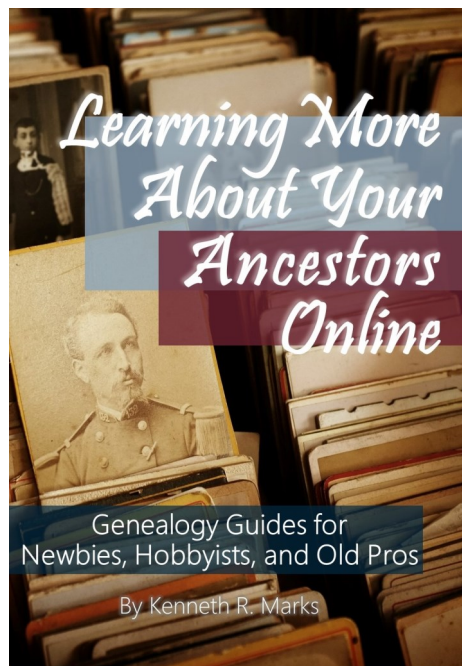
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Appendix

Published in November, 2021

"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…...

How to Find Genealogy Information in Yearbooks

People think yearbooks from high school or college are just for fun. And they are fun! They provide you with a ton of story-like information about your ancestor's life. What their interests were, what sports and clubs they participated in, and often some goofy snapshots of them before they became an adult.

But is there useful genealogical information that you can derive from old yearbooks? Heck, yes. Check out this list of very useful info you can get from them:

Note that the first yearbooks published were by colleges and high schools. In the last several decades, middle schools and even elementary schools have been publishing yearbooks. Many yearbooks have name indexes in the back of the book. Make sure that you look at the index to find additional photos and other information, beyond the headshot.

Residential Location

The specific address and city are not presented, but typically the school is within 5 to 10 miles from their actual residence. Some smaller area schools may include their residential address. Some colleges may include their city of residence.

Interests

The clubs and other interests may provide a clue as to their future occupation, for example, 4-H Club. Were they in ROTC? Maybe this provides a clue as to which future military service they were a part of.

Signatures

Although autographs and the few words that are written may seem silly, there may be mention of what your person may do in the future. And who knows, if their siblings or cousins went to the same school and are also in the yearbook, mention of their relationship may be included. Maybe, just maybe, girlfriends and boyfriends in high school end up being spouses in the future. Don't underestimate the clues that may be in autographs.

Age

You will know the year of the yearbook and based on their class, e.g., senior, sophomore, etc. you can roughly estimate within a year their birth year. Of course, if they skipped a grade or were held back a year, that may make your estimate off a year or so. But again, it is a great clue.

Non-student information

Faculty and other employees are generally included in yearbooks. Maybe your ancestor/relative worked at a school for 30 years. This might provide you with a photo of them for multiple years!

Photos

This is the holy grail of yearbooks. But not only will you get "headshots", but also your ancestor/relative in sports, clubs, and other interesting scenes that help you fill out their life story.

Rural Schools

Might include younger students in a combined school that includes elementary or middle school grades. In the late 1800s and early to middle 1900s, many students didn't stay in school past the 6th or 8th grade.

"FAN" Club

Friends and acquaintances can be determined not just by the appearance of other students in the yearbook, but who autographed your ancestor/relative's yearbook may provide other research targets that might indicate a longer relationship into the adult years. Again, don't underestimate the clues that may be in autographs. They may be invaluable to your research.

Advertisements

May not necessarily provide direct information about your ancestor/relative, but may give you a sense of the community where they went to school.

Nicknames

Generally, via autographs or other notations about your ancestor/relative, nicknames can be critical information to use when searching old newspapers and other genealogy databases. Maybe Richard Johnson was a left-handed baseball player nick-named "Lefty". In newspapers, he might have been found as "Lefty Johnson"

Middle Names

Middle names are not generally found in yearbooks, but possibly. However, many students "went by" their middle name rather than their first name, so this might be helpful in future genealogy research about the individual.

Maiden Names

You've found the woman; you know what her married name is; and you know where she lived in her high school years. Check out the yearbooks in the area. If you know what she looked like, you might find her in a yearbook. Tedious yes, but a possibility. Maybe she married her high school sweetheart. Check out their yearbook.

Military Service

During World War 1 and World War 2, there might be separate lists in the yearbooks for students who were in the military.

Storied – The Next Chapter in Family History

Have you checked out **Storied**? It is the rebrand of World Archives, which is the provider of NewspaperArchive. But it is much more than a rebrand. Personally, the ability to add non-family and other types of relationships is a fascinating feature. Also, the ability to collaborate with others on your ancestor stories is exciting.

I recommend highly that you take a look at **Storied**. Here is a summary of Storied, as provided by Brandon Camp, the CMO of Storied.

1. Why Storied? What was the impetus for the creation of this product/service?

The reason for Storied is threefold.

First, many of us caught the family history bug when we worked at Ancestry. One of the aspects of family history that really speaks to us is the stories about people. The names, dates, and places that we gather from historical records are an important way to build out a tree, but they don't do a great job of helping us come to know our ancestors. We set out to build a platform with historical records and trees as a foundation for capturing stories about people to allow us to understand them, and ourselves, a little better.

The second is affordability and collaboration. There are millions of people who are interested in family history and are priced out of the hobby. The other players in the market have done a phenomenal job at digitizing historical records and providing an invaluable resource to family historians. With the investments they have made, they charge higher prices. Unfortunately, there are many family history hobbyists who would love to participate but are priced out. They have photos, heirlooms, diaries, and, perhaps most importantly, memories that aren't in the family history ecosystem. We feel it is vital to get those folks off the sidelines and into the game, because everyone benefits.

The third is around relationships. The family history category has been focused squarely on blood-relationship families, which makes sense because everyone fits the model of two biological parents. However, our history is much more than just family. Every person we interact with leaves a mark or impression. Many of those relationships are very meaningful (in some cases more meaningful than family). Unfortunately, there isn't a family history platform today that makes capturing those relationships easy. Our goal is to go beyond the family tree and pull friends, neighbors, coworkers, pets, and communities into our family trees. The technology behind Storied was built with these relationships in mind, and it opens up a lot of fascinating opportunities.

2. What are the main features?

We bucket the features of Storied into four different categories.

Affordability

We have a robust free tier that allows for tree-building and storytelling. You can upload a GEDCOM or start a tree on the service for free. There are story prompts, a media gallery, people data sheet, etc to help people get started and involved.

We are compiling a catalog of core family history sets (like census, military records, BMDs, passenger lists, etc) including some additional product features (like sponsoring a group) that we are excited to offer for $4.99/mo.

Relationships

As articulated above, we have built features into the platform that allow people to capture friends, family, coworkers, high school classmates, fellow congregants, pets, or any other relationship you can think of. We have a new view we are currently working on that lets you visualize how these groups and communities come together.

Collaboration

Ironically, one of the biggest challenges in family history is finding an easy way to share all the discoveries that are made. Many of us are sitting on research, photos, and stories that would be of interest to others. To get around these limitations, some families are creating Facebook groups or PDFs and books to share at the next family reunion. Those are workarounds because most of the current platforms haven't made collaboration a priority.

On Storied, members can create a private group that is a dedicated space where all group members can contribute memories, photos, comments, reactions, and comments. The site encourages short and engaging stories that make it easier for folks to consume and respond.

Storied – The Next Chapter in Family History

Storytelling

Historical records with names, dates, and places are great, but they are a means to an end. They help build out the tree. The truth is, most of us want to learn about the memories, stories, and experiences that bring those people in the tree to life. With that in mind, we have created a storytelling platform with text message prompts, online story suggestions, an easy-to-use drag-and-drop interface, and a personal story feed that shows when new stories and content come online. The story feed is the central experience, where you can see recent stories published by you, people you follow, and by group members, for groups, you are in.

3. There are a lot of what I will call "Story" products out there. Many have an online database for a person's ancestors and others create a physical book, and others incorporate audio and video. How is Storied different?

There are a couple of things that sets Storied apart. First, there is value in pulling historical records, family trees, and stories into a single platform. There are many specialized platforms that focus on one or the other, but there is value in the confluence of all three. Organizing stories by an ancestor, story category, or relationship type provides an easy way to find and consume the stories that exist for the people you care about.

Another is the collaborative nature of Storied. The ability to create a private group and "crowdsource" many of the stories and memories from family members and friends is compelling. We've learned that many of the current storytelling platforms make the recipient feel like they have received a homework assignment. Additionally, many platforms are working towards a finished product that takes months to produce. Storied allows people to share stories immediately as they are captured, giving family members and friends the opportunity to not only consume but also react to and comment on those stories in real time as they are captured.

4. Why should I, as the family historian in my family, invest hundreds of hours to create my ancestors' stories in Storied? How does Storied make it easier for me to accomplish that?

Part of the Storied value is it puts stories at the heart of the experience. The group and sharing functionality makes it very easy to get validation for all of the work and effort family historians put into their research. In many ways, it can help further the research as different family members and friends may have the needed content to flesh out the research.

Another key component is the multiple relationship types. We will be able to provide a much broader view of family history as users start to pull in friends, coworkers, classmates, etc. A story told by an army buddy that served with Grandpa could help users better understand what Grandpa's experience was in the war.

The product is geared towards creating rich, bite-sized stories built upon a family tree that pulls people together.

5. What can we expect in the future from Storied, beyond the initial features?

Users can expect to see us continue to invest in historical content for those interested in research. We have some more robust storytelling tools on the horizon that uplevel what is currently available. Adding additional functionality around these non-familiar relationships is key to what we are hoping to accomplish. Most importantly, we want to hear from early users on Storied on what features are important to them to ensure the investments we make in the product are solving real pain points people are experiencing.
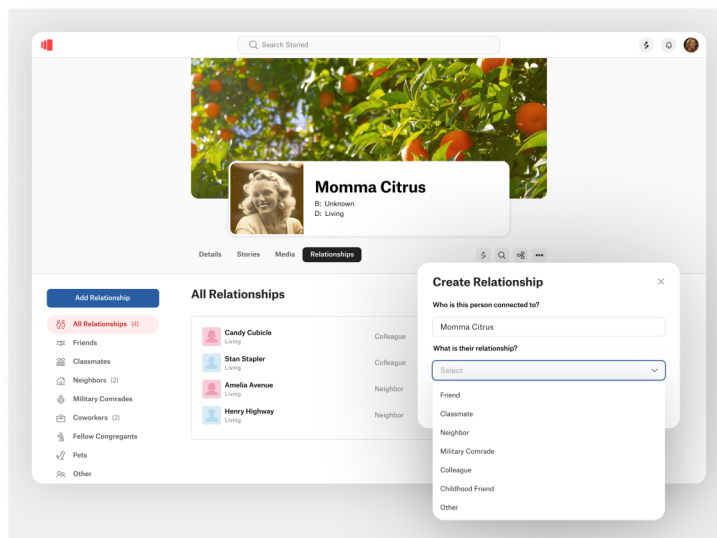
Check it al out at **Storied**

16 Places Where You Can Find Genealogy and Family History Books

One resource that should be used more by family history researchers are books. There are hundreds of thousands of local history, family history, and genealogy books that have been published. A large percentage have been digitized, and even more are on library shelves and can be borrowed - either from a local library, a university library, or a genealogical or historical society library. Many can be made available via inter-library loan as well. And even more are made available by subscription genealogy databases.

Free Online Genealogy and History Books

- **The Digital Public Library of America**—a free national digital library with online contents from over 4,000 libraries.

- **FamilySearch Digital Library**—over 500,000 books and other digitized items are available online.

- **Google Books** has over 10 million titles available. There are two basic types—books that have been digitized and all pages are available to view; and titles where only a snippet preview is available.

- **Hathitrust** is a collaboration between academic and research libraries. It has over 17 million digitized items. There are two types of results—"Full View" and "Limited (search only)"

- **HeritageQuest Online**—available only via libraries; a library card is required to use this resource. It has a sizable book collection of family histories, plus a number of varying categories of genealogy records. A detailed description of its contents can be found **HERE**

- **The Internet Archive**—similar to the collections above, the Archive has over 20 million books and texts available. It also has a sizable number that can be borrowed for a short time.

Subscription Required Sources of Genealogy Books

- **American Ancestors**—the Research Library has a sizable collection of Local History and Family History Books.

- **Ancestry**—the Stories, Memories, and Histories section has over 23,000 entries.

- **FindMyPast**—has a section of their database entitled "Directories and Social History" that contains a number of different types of publications, including directories, family histories, almanacs and social history.

- **MyHeritage**—available are books and publications; biographies, family histories, and local and general history publications. Also available is a **Compilation of Published Sources**

Library Sources of Genealogy Books

- Genealogy Libraries—specialty libraries, such as the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Over 100,000 books are available on the **Allen County Library Page** on the Internet Archive, for example.

- Genealogical and Historical Societies—local, county, and state societies all have a library full of books, many of course pertaining to the local area.

- College and University Libraries—collections relating to the local area as well as the state are worth looking in to.

- **WorldCat**—in essence, connects thousands of libraries catalogs together in one searchable database.

- Interlibrary Loan—most libraries have an Interlibrary Loan Program, where you can borrow the book from a distant library for a short time.

Curated County Histories

- **Empty Branches on the Family Tree**—has a curated a list of free, out-of-copyright books about local and state histories. These links will save you a lot of time searching many different collections and databases.
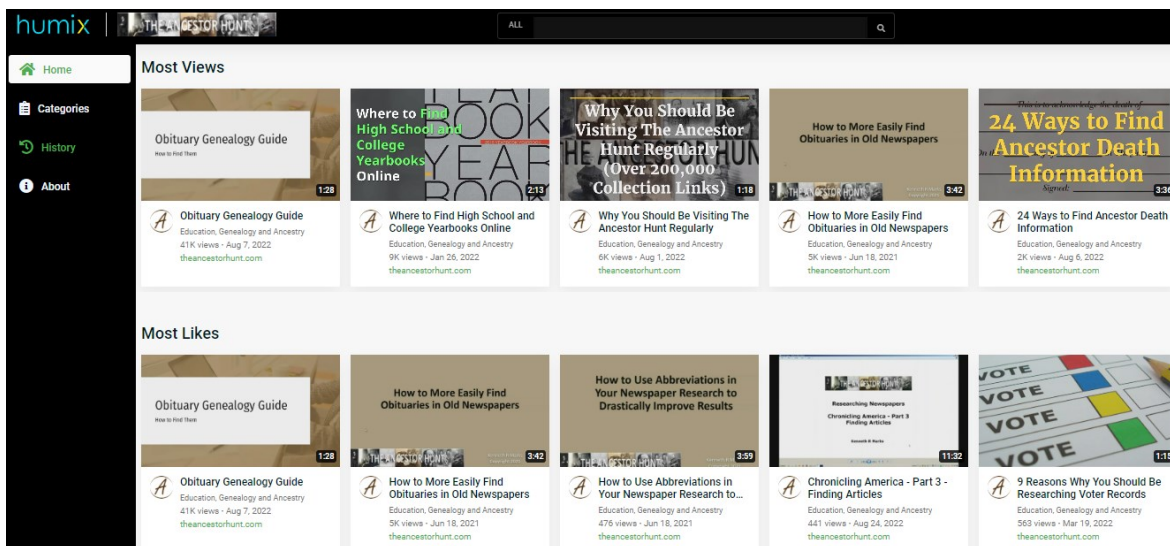
The By Location Page

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

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, and; A list of counties with the places that are in that county.

Check out **Place Finders**

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

*Available at **www.storyspot.com**. Try it out for free. 25% discount available by using "ANCESTOR" as coupon code.*
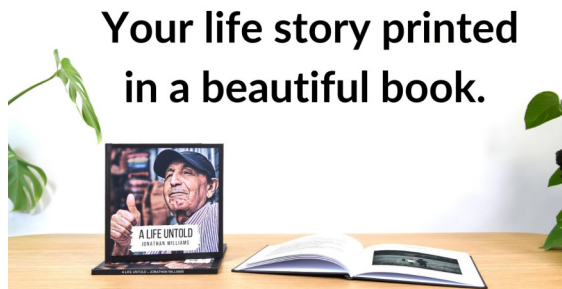
A Life Untold
Produce an online history easily with text, video, and audio from online questions. Proceed at your own pace, and add questions if you like. Very easy to use.

*Available at **A Life Untold**. Try it out. 10% discount available by using "HUNT as coupon code.*

Audiobiography
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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