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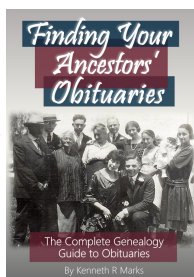
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Sorry for the small size of this newsletter. I unfortunately was in the hospital for a week. But now I'm good.

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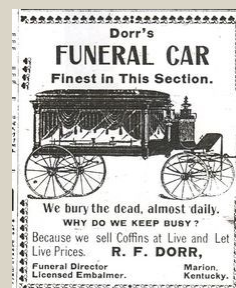
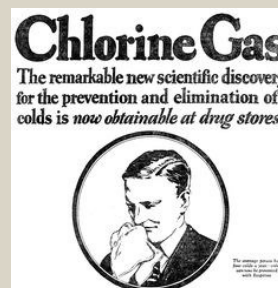
Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – September 1-15, 2023](#)
- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – September 1-15, 2023](#)
- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – August 1-31, 2023](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – August 1-31, 2023](#)
- [930 Free Mid West States Online Tax Records](#)
- [Free New York High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [6,456 Free Southern States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [28,000 Free Online City Directories from the United States](#)
- [5,650 Free Online City Directories from the Western States](#)
- [Free North Carolina High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Online California City Directories](#)
- [Free Texas High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [3,740 Free Online City Directories from the New England States](#)
- [Free Online Massachusetts City Directories](#)
- [1,265 Free Online Immigration Record Collections from the United States](#)
- [Free Online California Immigration Records](#)
- [Free Georgia High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [140 Free Online Immigration Collections from the New England States](#)
- [Free Illinois Online Tax Records](#)
- [335 Free Online Immigration Collections from the Southern States](#)
- [165 Free Online Immigration Collections from the Mid West States](#)
- [330 Free Online Immigration Collections from the Mid Atlantic States](#)
- [Free Maine High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [2,105 Free Southern States Online Tax Records](#)
- [Free Illinois High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Indiana High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free Illinois Online Alumni Records](#)
- [2,725 Free Mid Atlantic States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
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- [Free Pennsylvania High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [930 Free Mid West States Online Tax Records](#)
- [Free New York High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [Free New Jersey High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)

New From The Newspaper Corner

- [Advantage Archives Adds 1.6 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – August 2023](#)
- [Georgia Historic Newspapers Summer 2023 Update Adds 28 Titles](#)
- [Free Georgia Online Tax Records](#)
- [NY State Historical Newspapers Changes to Veridian Platform](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 1,278 Titles – September 2023](#)
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- [Historical Indigenous and Native American Newspapers Online](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 238 Titles – September 2023](#)

Quirky Old Newspaper Ads



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Useful Articles from Other Sources

Looking for Old Photos?

- [22 Online Historical Photo Databases](#)

Did Your Ancestor Take a Miracle Cure?

- [Lotions and Potions in the Papers](#)

Hard to Read Writing?

- [5 Strategies for Deciphering Old Handwriting on Documents](#)

Filipino Ancestors?

- [The Origins of Filipino Surnames](#)

Native American Ancestors?

- [Dawes Rolls: Find Your Native American Ancestors \(3 Quick Tips\)](#)

French Ancestors?

- [Free Glossary of French Genealogy Terms](#)

Native American Ancestors?

- [Identifying Native Americans](#)

Hard to Find Ancestor?

- [Is Ancestry Missing Your Ancestors?](#)

Surname Questions?

- [How to Research What Your Last Name Means](#)

Prussian Ancestors?

- [What is Prussia? Understanding Prussian History](#)

Proof of Ancestor Issues?

- [6 Tips for Proving Your Ancestor's Identity \(+ Common Errors\)](#)

Are You Prepared?

- [11 Ways to Protect Your Genealogy Research From Disaster](#)

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN SEPTEMBER

- COMPLETE TAX RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH YEARBOOKS UPDATE
- DO ALUMNI RECORDS UPDATE
- UPDATE STATE RESEARCH TOOLKITS
- DO MORTUARY AND FUNERAL HOMES UPDATE



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Chronicling America – NEH Announces 2023 Awards to 12 States in the National Digital Newspaper Program

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced the 2023 grants for the National Digital Newspaper Program to 12 states. The complete details for all the NEH grants can be found in [this pdf](#)

Here are the states and their award:

Arkansas

Arkansas State Archives Outright: \$324,095

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 to 110,000 pages of Arkansas newspapers published from 1819 to the mid-1930s, with a focus on the Arkansas Gazette and on the evolving relationship between the economy and the environment.

California

University of California, Riverside Outright: \$321,382

Project Description: Digitization of a collection of mid-twentieth century African American newspapers from Los Angeles and the Bay Area, as part of the state's participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

Connecticut

Connecticut State Library Outright: \$259,644

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Connecticut newspapers published prior to 1963, as part of the state's continuing participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). This phase would focus on papers from the early nineteenth century, a Polish newspaper, and papers covering Hartford during the 1940s and '50s

Florida

University of Florida Outright: \$275,743

Project Description: The digitization of 100,000 historical and multilingual newspapers from diverse ethnic and religious groups, as well as geographic locations in Florida for participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

Georgia

University of Georgia Outright: \$302,070

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Georgia newspapers published prior to 1963, as part of the state's continuing participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). This phase would focus on papers published during the Jim Crow and early civil rights eras.

Kentucky

University of Kentucky Research Foundation Outright: \$322,526

Project Description: The digitization of 100,000 pages of historical Kentucky newspapers with a focus on African American, emancipationist, Civil War-era, and German-language papers, which would resume the University of Kentucky Libraries' participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)

Maryland

University of Maryland, College Park Outright: \$322,532

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Maryland newspapers, published prior to 1963, as part of the state's continuing participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). This phase would focus on papers from the colonial period and early nineteenth century, the Jewish Times, and titles covering Prince George's County in the 1940s and '50s.

Massachusetts

Boston Public Library Foundation, Inc. Outright: \$152,803

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Massachusetts newspapers published prior to 1963, as part of the state's continuing participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). This phase would continue to focus on papers of record in the state, as well as eighteenth-century newspapers.



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Ohio

Ohio Historical Society Outright: \$319,511

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Ohio newspapers published prior to 1963, as part of the state's sixth round of participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). This phase would focus on three themes: community building, democracy, and transportation.

Rhode Island

Providence Public Library Outright: \$285,979

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Rhode Island newspapers published before 1923, as part of the state's participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

Texas

University of North Texas Outright: \$203,140

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Texas newspapers dating from 1908 to 1945, as part of the state's participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

Wyoming

University of Wyoming Outright: \$263,100

Project Description: Digitization of 100,000 pages of Wyoming's microfilmed newspapers as part of the state's continuing participation in the National Digital Newspaper Project.

Extra! Extra! NDNP Extras!

The following sites showcase content in Chronicling America and provide examples of reusing digitized historic newspapers and associated metadata records in unique ways. Some utilize data mining techniques, harvesting, or individual newspaper pages.

- [Tips for Searching Chronicling America](#)
- [Teaching Resources](#)
- [Using Chronicling America to Advance Research and Scholarship](#)
- [chronam \(LC Newspaper Viewer Software\)](#)
- [State Newspaper Project Blogs \(NDNP Awardees\)](#)
- [Videos](#)



11 Things You Can Find by Researching 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.

So what am I including in Alumni Records?

- Alumni directories
- Alumni registers
- Alumni newsletters, bulletins, newspapers, and magazines
- Commencement programs
- Alumni Association records

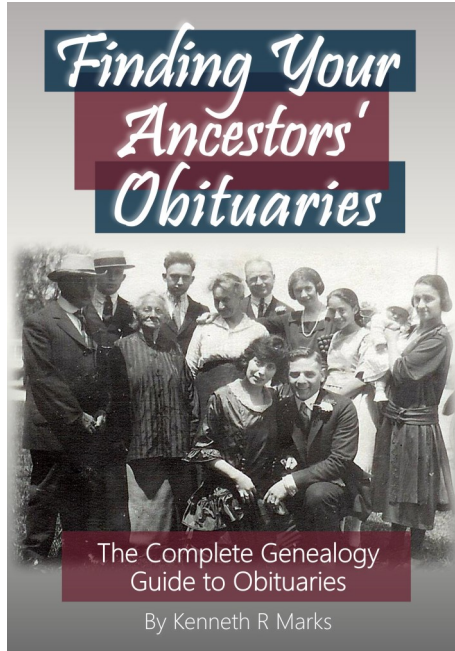
And what information is available in them?

- Graduation dates and 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

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](#)

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.

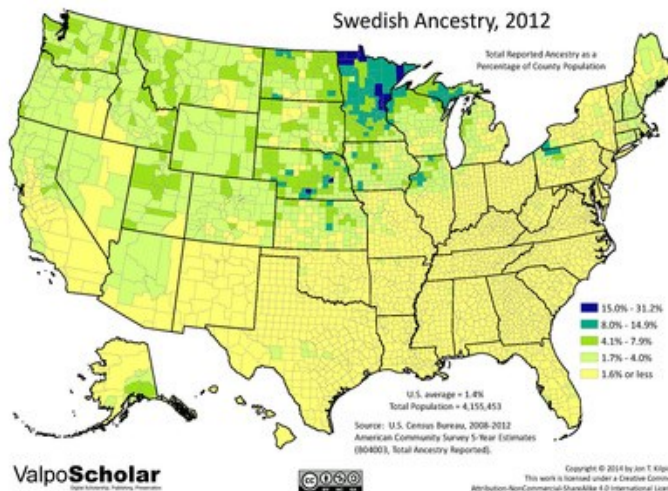
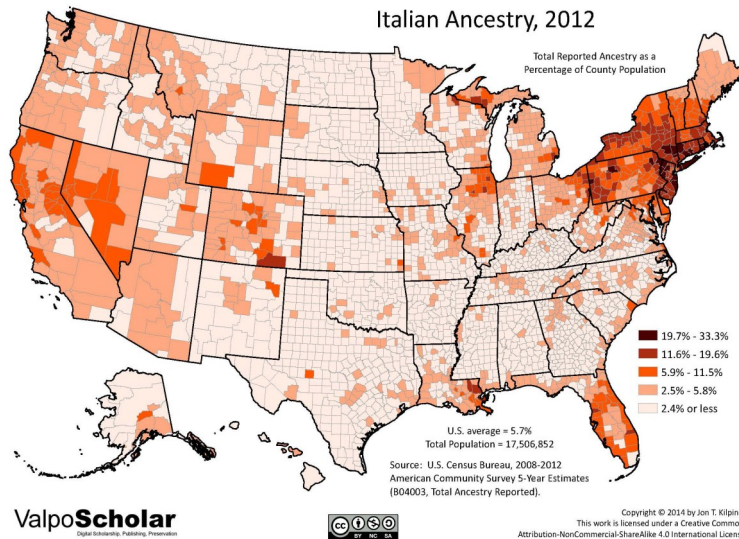
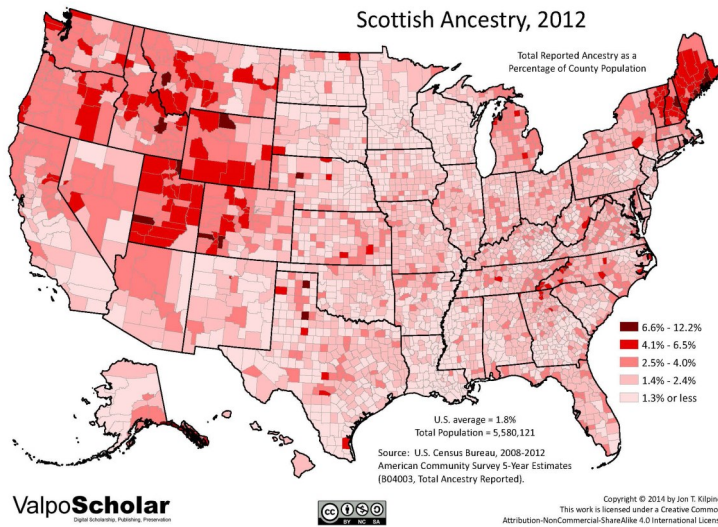
This book isn't just about finding obituaries—it's about using them to gain a deeper understanding of your family's story. With helpful tips on analyzing obituaries and incorporating them into your genealogy research, "Finding Your Ancestors' Obituaries" is an essential part of any genealogy reference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

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Ethnic Groups in the U.S. Mapped



7 Reasons You Need the Reimagine App

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In May 2023, we launched **Reimagine**: a photo app that allows you to harness the power of MyHeritage's AI photo features and scan multiple photos in seconds right from your mobile device. This innovative app has really resonated with our users, who have already scanned, colorized, enhanced, restored, and animated hundreds of thousands of photos using the app.

If you haven't gotten in on the action yet — you're missing out. Here are 7 reasons why you need the Reimagine app in your life:

1. To futureproof your photos (and beat procrastination)

In 2021, the Association of British Insurers conducted a [survey](#) asking people what items they would choose to save if their house caught on fire. 35% of people responded that they'd save their family photographs. There's no surprise there: family photographs capture precious memories, and older photographs taken on film are irreplaceable.

With wildfires, floods, and extreme weather becoming more frequent due to climate change, it's especially important to make sure your most valuable possessions are easily portable. Digitizing your photos is a must — but many people feel too overwhelmed to take on the task. Reimagine's photo scanner is the solution: it's so easy and quick to use. A few taps and you're done!

If you have piles and piles of photos but just haven't found the time to digitize them, download Reimagine and set yourself a goal to scan just 5 or 10 pages per day. It takes literally seconds. Trust us, we tried: we took a photo album with 4 photos per two-page spread, put on a timer for one minute, and scanned as many as photos we could. The results? 22 taps, 44 pages. That's **88 photos scanned in 60 seconds**. At that rate, you could scan an entire 100-page album in **less than 2.5 minutes**.

Still think you don't have time?

More tips on scanning photos and getting great results in this Knowledge Base article: [6 Tips for Scanning Photo Albums Quickly & Getting Great Results with the Reimagine app](#)

2. To revisit your favorite memories and see them in a new way

When's the last time you've had a chance to take out one of those old childhood albums and take a stroll down memory lane?

Digitizing your photos with Reimagine gives you an excuse to take that stroll — and a chance to experience your old photos in a whole new way. Restore yellowed, faded photos to their original glory, repair scratches and creases, find out what old black and white photos look like in full color, and see fuzzy or blurry photos in striking clarity. Even better, enjoy a chance to see long-lost loved ones look around and smile again.

Basking in the warm glow of sweet nostalgia gives you a chance to step back from your day-to-day concerns and appreciate what truly matters in life — and there's nothing like rediscovering some old photos to get you reminiscing.

3. To seize every opportunity to collect photos from your childhood

Have you ever visited the home of an older relative and found some photo albums there that you wished you could take home, but didn't want to deprive your relative of their beloved mementos?

With the Reimagine app in your pocket, you can have it both ways. Take a few minutes to scan the album, put it right back on the shelf, and carry a digital version of it home with you to enjoy whenever you like.

Having a digital version of the albums also means you can easily share them with other family members who might be interested — and that takes us to reason #4:

4. To share your memories and improved photos with family and friends

Sharing happy memories with the people you love amplifies your enjoyment of those memories several times over! Using Reimagine, you can save and share your photos with whoever you like in just a few taps.

Have you dug up a hilarious photo of you and your sibling scowling at the camera on the first day of school, or "helping" your grandma bake cookies? Scan it, enhance it, restore the colors, send it to your sibling, and share a laugh over it.

Found a lovely photo of your late great-aunt on her wedding day? Animate it and show it to your great-uncle.

Photos are a powerful way to connect to the people we love.

5. To declutter your living space without getting rid of important mementos

Minimalism has become extremely popular in recent years, with many people following the advice of experts like Marie Kondo, Joshua Becker, Peter Walsh, and the Flylady to clear their homes of clutter and make their living spaces more neat and welcoming.

While we would never recommend disposing of a family photo album, digitizing your photos gives you a lot more flexibility regarding storage, because you won't need the originals to be as easily accessible.



7 Reasons You Need the Reimagine App

6. To organize your photos into customized albums and collections

Chances are, even if you discover a photo album full of photos you want to keep forever, some of them are going to be more important to you than others.

Digitizing your photos allows you to move them around and reconfigure them in new ways. Aside from curating your own customized albums or photo books to print, you can even recreate a photo album using the colorized and enhanced versions of the original photos.

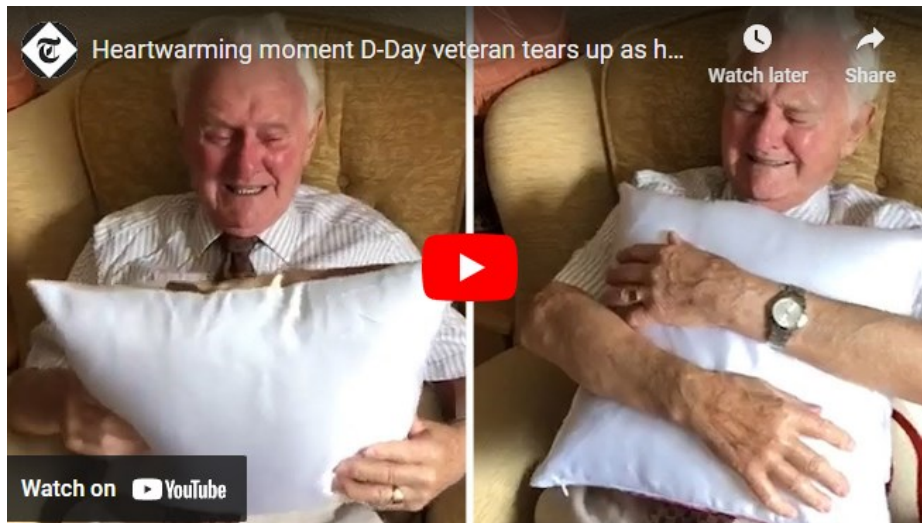
That's exactly what Terry Reynolds did to celebrate his parents' sapphire wedding anniversary. "They said the album was the best present they had ever received — including the letter they received from the Queen!" he told us.



And that brings us to our final item:

7. To create unique and powerful gifts for loved ones

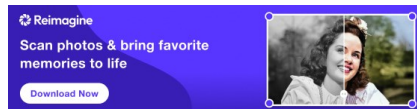
Have you seen this viral video of a D-Day veteran receiving a pillow with a photo of his late wife printed on it?



With Reimagine, creating a heartfelt gift like this takes just a few taps: scan the photo, improve it, and share it with your print service of choice.

Still not sure you need Reimagine in your life? Try it out for free and see for yourself. Download it now on iOS or Android and start discovering the power of AI photo technology to bring your favorite memories to life.

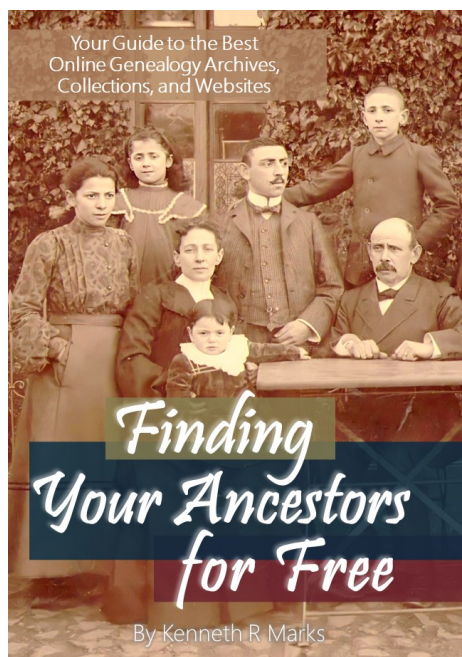
Find out even more about Reimagine



by clicking on the Reimagine image



Previous Genealogy Books Details



Published in November, 2022

“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.

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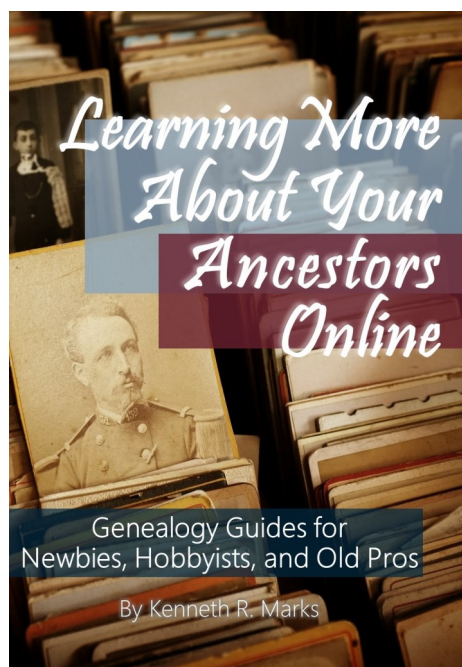
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Nationwide Websites

- Aggregation Sites
- Link Sites
- Library Sites
- Cemetery Sites
- Newspaper Sites
- Miscellaneous Sites

State Websites

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.....

The By Location Page

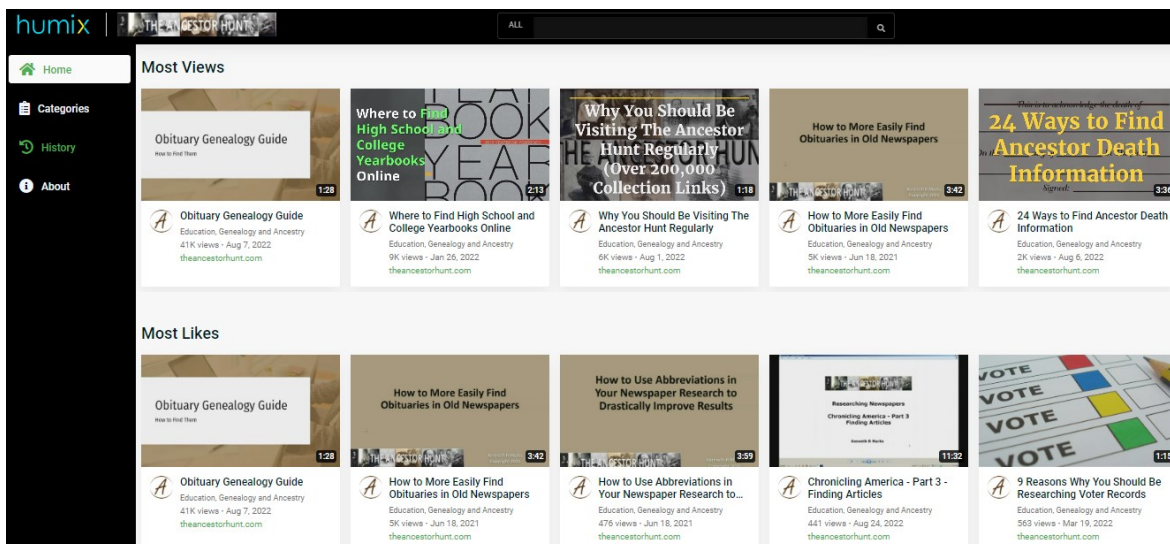
The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the [BY LOCATION](#) page.

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.

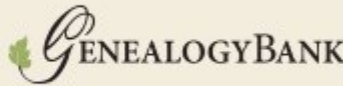
Included also for each state, is a Downloadable PDF with two lists: A list of places and their corresponding county, and; A list of counties with the places that are in that county.

Check out [Place Finders](#)

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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.

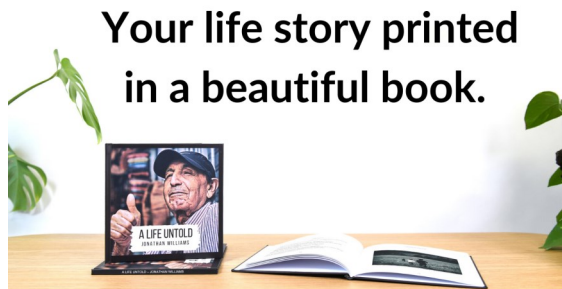
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