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## Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – December 1-15, 2023](#)
- [MyHeritage New and Updated Collections – December 1-15, 2023](#)
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- [Genealogy Information in Alumni Records](#)
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- [Genealogy Information in Passport Applications](#)
- [Genealogy Information in Probate Records and Wills](#)
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- [Genealogy Information in Tax Records](#)
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- [16 Hidden Genealogy Clues](#)
- [Find Better Genealogy Results With Abbreviations](#)
- [Find Your Inventor Ancestor's Patents](#)
- [24 Reasons to Research Institutional Records and Where to Find Them](#)
- [815 Free Online School Record Collections from the Mid West States](#)
- [64 Genealogy Items to Collect From Home](#)
- [505 New England States Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections](#)
- [1,410 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Mid Atlantic States](#)
- [2,210 Free Online Southern States Birth Record and Index Collections](#)

## New From The Newspaper Corner

- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – November 2023](#)
- [Newspapers dot Com Update – November 2023](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 19 Titles – December 2023](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 348 Titles – December 2023](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 38 Historical Newspaper Titles – November, 2023](#)
- [Advantage Archives Adds 1.2 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – November 2023](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 31 Titles – November, 2023](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – November 2023](#)
- [Use Nicknames in Genealogy Search](#)
- [Genealogy Information in Obituaries](#)

### Old Newspaper Ads

### 7 Day Free Trial



## Useful Articles from Other Sources

### Looking for Cousins?

- [10 Ways to Connect With Distant Cousins](#)

### German Ancestors?

- [5 Common German Genealogy Research Problems](#)

### Need Help With Your Research?

- [20 Timeless Genealogy Research Tips](#)

### Do You Make Mistakes?

- [5 Common Genealogy Errors \(and How to Avoid Them\)](#)

### You're Using Your Library's Resources, Aren't You?

- [Using Local Libraries for Genealogy Research](#)

### Looking for Photos?

- [22 Online Historical Photo Databases](#)

### Do You Use a Research Log?

- [Why You Need a Genealogy Research Log \(and How to Create One\)](#)

### How Do You Keep Your Photos?

- [6 Steps to Organizing and Managing Your Digital Photos](#)

### Are You Considering Local and Social History in Your Research?

- [How to Use Social History in Genealogy](#)

### Do You Use the GPS?

- [The Genealogical Proof Standard: An Expert Explanation for Guiding Your Research](#)

### Do You Use Online Family Tree Websites to Store Your Tree?

- [The Best Family Tree Websites Compared: Where to Build Your Tree](#)

### What are Those Symbols on Tombstones?

- [Gravestone Symbols and Their Hidden Meanings](#)

### Researching Native Americans?

- [5 Clues You May Have Native American Ancestry](#)

### WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN DECEMBER

- FINISH PROBATE RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH CHURCH RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH SCHOOL RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH CEMETERY RECORDS UPDATE



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## Read and Search Over 800 eBooks

Would you be interested in accessing over 800 Genealogy eBooks? How about the capability to search by topic and more importantly search for your ancestor in all of the eBooks at once? Earlier this year, Genealogical Publishing made a substantial upgrade to their My GPC Library service. Here are some details:

### The My GPC Library

#### Here's what you'll be getting:

#### The Absolute Best Content:

- Time tested titles from our 70 years of publishing
- Books from the leading authorities like Elizabeth Shown Mills, Val Greenwood, Drew Smith and others
- The very best quick reference guides from our At a Glance series

#### Tools to Find what you are looking for:

- Global searching of all our eBooks – what a time saver!
- Set Book marks, make Notes, and find Citations in every book!
- Work online or remotely – and they stay in sync!

#### Breakdown of the major categories:

- Industry leading how to books and manuals – an unsurpassed collection of more than 140 of our best titles that you cannot find anywhere else
- More than 375 genealogy books on colonial American families
- Over 239 books on New England or Mayflower genealogy
- Nearly 200 immigration titles covering Colonial America to about 1865
- Native American guides and records
- The best collection of titles on Royal and Noble genealogy
- More than 90 titles on Irish and Scottish genealogy
- Guidebooks for African American genealogy and records of families prior to 1870
- Nearly 800 titles in all, and growing

#### FAQs

I can search all 800 books at one time and even search for a name?

- Yes, the great advantage of the new site is the ability to do global searches. You will see the titles that contain the search terms along with the number of hits. When you highlight a title, you will see the hits along with a few words to add context.

Can I copy, paste, and print?

- Of course, you can do those things. To respect our authors, we have placed limits on how much of any book you can print before asking us for permission.



## Read and Search Over 800 eBooks

### More FAQs

Can you bookmark pages, highlight portions, and add notes?

- Yes, and it is easy. The site will guide you along the way

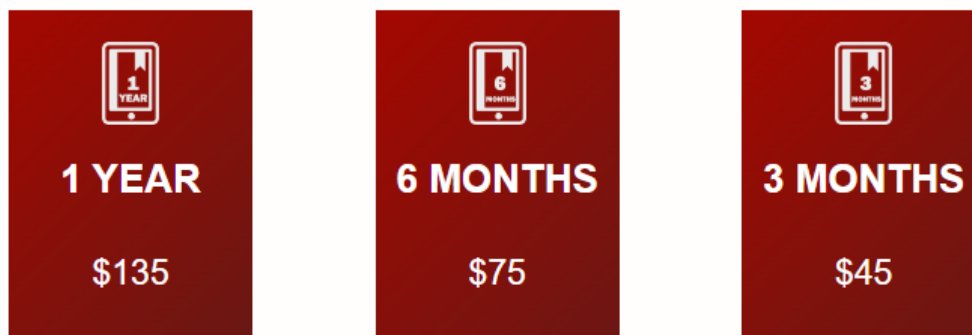
Does the platform provides citations?

- Yes. You can find citations in more than one place. Perhaps the easiest way to add the citation is when you have the book open and click on More book options.

Can I download the books and work remotely?

- Yes, you can work remotely on a computer, laptop, tablet, Kindle or phone— any device on which the Bookshelf app can be loaded.

What is the cost of a subscription?



How do I find out more?

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## Would You Like to Chat with an Ancestor?



Before you throw something at me for asking such a dumb question, because the ancestors you would wish to chat with have been deceased for over 100 years, please read the following interview. I have discovered some new exciting technology that blends audio, video, text and Artificial Intelligence that provides Avatars that you can chat with. I have tried it myself and it is astounding.

The company and its products are called Almaya and EmulateMe. The links to the website are at the end of the article. There is a free version where you can try out the product and build your own Avatars. I interviewed the CEO, and the information is below.

### 1. What prompted you and your team to create Almaya and EmulateMe?

*When a person passes away, an entire world of stories, life lessons, humor, and wisdom disappears with them. We are on a mission to ensure that the human experience is securely preserved for current and future generations.*

*Our team is composed of history and genealogy enthusiasts, aiming to create amazing experiences that make it easier to understand who we are, where we come from, and to pass on our life story and lessons to future generations. We strongly believe that with technology, we can help our community live better by making information about our ancestors more accessible and preserving our own in an interactive way.*

### 2. What are the differences between Almaya and EmulateMe?

*Almaya is an autobiography builder app that empowers users to easily record their life's story and engage in a game-like experience by answering questions and prompts about their lives. While completing the suggested chapters, users receive beautiful Video-books to share with their family. Almaya also includes an AI-powered chat (ALMA) that guides friends and family members to interact with the storyteller by asking questions and receiving their answers.*

*EmulateMe is a tool to create a Smart Avatar that reflects how a person looks, sounds, and responds to almost any question. It's used by people to interact with their ancestors, for whom there is information available. By uploading digital assets and connecting different sources of information, you can chat with the Smart Avatar and engage in a realistic conversation.*

### 3. Since EmulateMe allows the user to Chat with an ancestor, what can be done for ancestors where you do not have an audio file of their voice?

*EmulateMe provides a variety of voice samples for users to choose from, allowing them to select the one that closely resembles the accent and nationality of their ancestors. Additionally, users have the option to record their own voice or someone else's to clone and use it to represent their ancestors.*

### 4. Since many ancestors possibly immigrated to their current country, would it be possible to add accents and dialects? For example, my favorite ancestor died over 110 years ago, so I never met him and do not have an audio file of his voice. He immigrated to the U.S. from Germany at age 15 from Germany, He spoke English with a strong German accent I suspect. Could that kind of feature be added?

*In case you don't have a voice clip of your ancestor, in the current version, the best way to create a realistic accent is to upload a similar one, such as a German Old Man Voice clip. Then, you can chat with your Avatar in English, and their voice response will be in English with a German accent.*

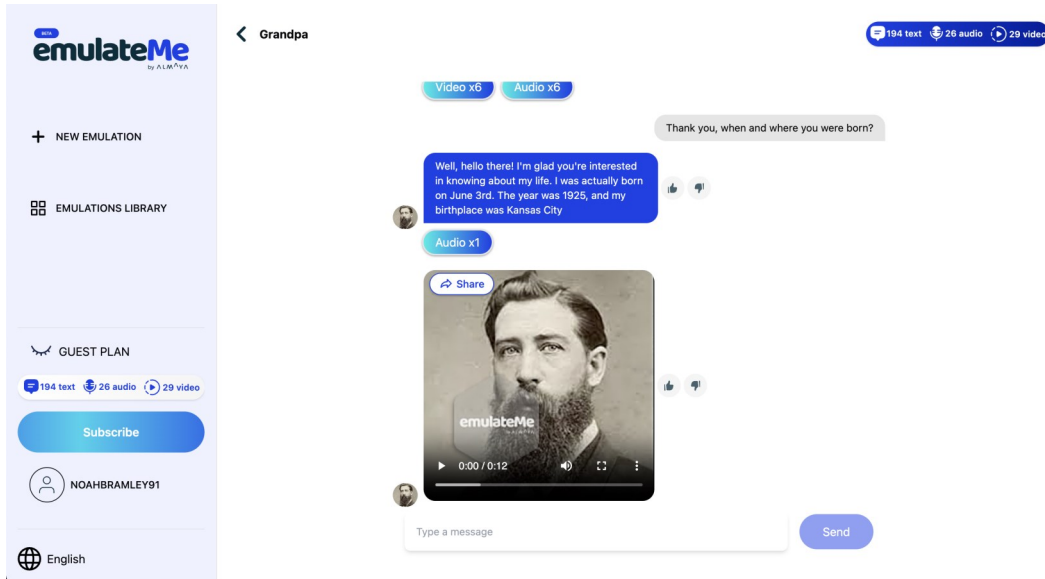
*The EmulateMe team is currently working on adding this feature to the platform.*

### 5. What is a smart avatar?

*A Smart Avatar is a digital representation of a person. It is not the person per se, but it mimics what the person would say, their tone, and their face, depending on the information uploaded. At EmulateMe, our belief is that new technologies should be embraced and optimized, but not without ethical considerations. Our development process involves taking necessary precautions to reduce the possibility of harmful exploitation. We are fully dedicated to upholding intellectual property rights and taking action against any misuse.*



## Would You Like to Chat with an Ancestor?



### 6. What kind of information do Amaya and Emulate.me need from me to populate the life story of the person I am working on?

To create a realistic video of the Smart Avatar, you need at least one photo, one voice clip, and a script detailing what you want the Avatar to say.

For chatting, you'll need to train it using one of two options:

- a) Answer questions about the person in EmulateMe
- b) Upload any text document related to the person, such as a biography, letter, etc.

If you're connected to your FamilySearch account, the Avatar will automatically be trained with basic information, such as facts, when importing a family member. Users can also choose to import other text documents uploaded in the family member's account.

### 7. You are connected with FamilySearch. How does that work? What information can be downloaded from FamilySearch?

EmulateMe is an affiliated organization of FamilySearch, which means that we are part of their Solutions Gallery.

While creating your EmulateMe account using your FamilySearch account, you can bring your family tree to life. The user can select any family member or search for a person using their FamilySearch ID to import information such as photos, voice clips, and documents.

In just a few simple steps, you can easily engage in a conversation with an ancestor and inquire about anything, like 'Where were you born?' You will not only receive their answers in text but also in a voice note or video, depending on the imported information.

This offers a completely new experience to connect with our family roots, interact with information in a family tree, and ultimately, gain a better understanding of who we are.

### 8. What are the advantages of a subscription?

When creating your account on EmulateMe, you receive free trial credits to try out the platform. In case you run out of credits, the user can subscribe to a plan starting at \$5/month to get a bulk of credits for scripting and/or chatting with an Avatar.

To access these two products and try out the Free version, go to [EmulateMe](#) or [Almaya](#)

If you choose to subscribe after checking these two exciting products out, do yourself a favor and save 10% on the subscription fee by entering TAH10 when paying for the subscription.



## Yay! 1928 Newspapers Will Soon be Available

What does that mean? It means that as of January 1, 2024, digitized newspapers from 1928 and earlier are no longer covered by copyright and many digital newspaper databases will make them available online!

Don't understand copyright, public domain and what all that means? Just read this article from [Advantage Archives](#) that discusses the copyright laws and how it affects accessibility. They graciously have allowed me to publish their article in this newsletter.

### Let's Talk About Copyright: Do The Right Thing



In discussing newspapers, "Public Domain" refers to a publisher's works not protected by those intellectual property laws. The public owns these works, and anyone can responsibly use public domain work without obtaining permission, but no one can ever "own it."



When embarking upon a digitization project, careful consideration must be given to how you intend to provide access and what you can and cannot do under U.S. Copyright laws. You need to consider whether the publications are subject to copyright, whether you have permission to use the work, and whether the way you plan to use the materials falls within a copyright exception.

I will preface this like I always do when the topic of copyright arises: "I am not a lawyer." Taking legal advice from me is similar to asking WebMD for a diagnosis....you will want to seek a second opinion.

That being said, you do not need a lawyer to tell you that copyright holders have rights regarding their intellectual property. You need to respect those rights and not infringe upon them when you provide access to digitized newspapers or other materials protected by copyright law.

Remember, partnerships matter. Developing a relationship with the right holder and seeking their permission to use any of their works not in the public domain should be explored. This is their property and remains so until their content enters the public domain. It remains theirs to dictate how, when, and where it can be used.

#### What is copyright?

United States copyright laws apply protection to the intellectual property of a publisher, individual author, or artist.

#### What is "public domain"?

In discussing newspapers, "Public Domain" refers to a publisher's works not protected by those intellectual property laws. The public owns these works, and anyone can responsibly use public domain work without obtaining permission, but no one can ever "own it."

#### It is clearly in the public domain if:

The copyright has expired (before 1929 or more than 95 years from publication)





## Let's Talk About Copyright: Do The Right Thing (continued)

### However, it **MIGHT BE** in the public domain if:

Although copyright laws are well defined, there is an area of gray between 1924 and 1977. During this period, some publications were printed without notice of copyright or in compliance with the day's copyright laws.

The other way newspaper content has become public domain is if **the copyright owner has failed to comply with copyright renewal rules (1923-1989)**.

If it was published before 1978 and did not have the © copyright symbol printed in the publication, **it could fall within the public domain**. Between 1924 and 1977, many newspapers were published without notice of copyright or did not register with the U.S. Copyright Office. Therefore, you will want to do your due diligence on these titles before providing free digital access to this content.

### When Does New Content Enter The Public Domain?

Copyright was "frozen" at 1923 for the last 20 years.

On January 1st, 2019, new content entered the public domain for the first time since 1998, making 1924 content available.

On January 1st, 2020, content from 1925 became public domain, and every year since (and every year going forward), a new year's worth of content is free to use without restriction.

### Are there copyright exceptions for libraries, archives, or museums?

The answer to this question is a little more complicated. However, it is understood that when it comes to providing access to digitized content, there are exemptions for these institutions IF specific and defined guidelines are followed.

First, these exceptions apply only to libraries, museums, and archives that are open to the public or to unaffiliated researchers in a specialized field.

### Title 17, section 108 of the U.S. Code permits libraries and archives to use copyrighted material in specific ways.

These provisions are called "limitations" or "exceptions" because they limit the exclusive rights of copyright owners. In specified circumstances, they **exempt libraries, archives, and museums** from obtaining permission from copyright holders.

The critical thing to remember about these exemptions is that the digitized content **MUST** be used in the same manner, method, or intent as the original.

To provide access to newspaper content that is not clearly residing in the public domain, the qualifying institution **MUST** ensure that these publications are currently in the library or museum collections. This could either be the microfilmed copy in your holdings or hard copies of the papers.

The other important thing to understand is that any copy made in digital format may not be made available to the public in that format outside the library premises. Just like the microfilm in a library's collection, the newspapers not in the public domain must be restricted to use from within your physical location only. In practice, a restricted digital archive will be used in the same "manner, method, or intent" as using the physical materials, essentially becoming a "digital" microfilm reader.

Click on the image below to be redirected to Advantage Archive's "Read All About It" section of their website, where there are dozens of articles about digitizing newspapers, microfilm and other important technologies. For libraries, archives, museums, and genealogy and historical societies.



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## Over 150,000 Collection Links Added in 2023

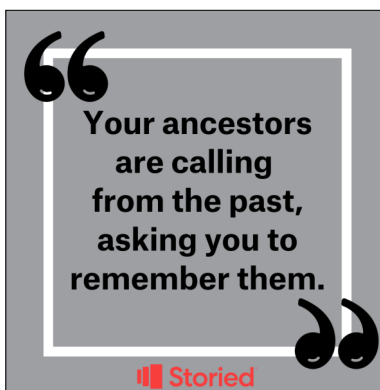
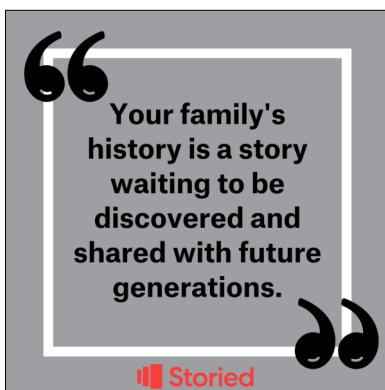
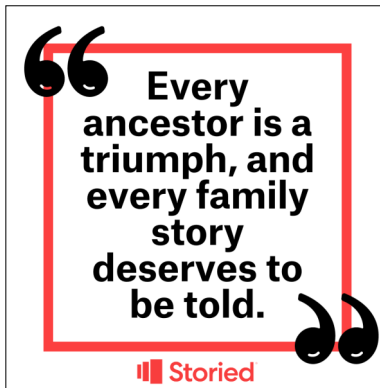
There are 24 genealogy categories for which The Ancestor Hunt researches, curates, captures and publishes collections and their links. Over 150,000 collections have been added to the link lists for each U.S. State (and DC). Below is a list of each state and the link to each of the categories for that state, along with the total number of collection links. Just click on the state name to see all the category links.

|                                      |       |                                |        |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|--------|
| <a href="#">Alabama</a>              | 3,375 | <a href="#">Montana</a>        | 2,120  |
| <a href="#">Alaska</a>               | 1,150 | <a href="#">Nebraska</a>       | 2,830  |
| <a href="#">Arizona</a>              | 2,275 | <a href="#">Nevada</a>         | 1,020  |
| <a href="#">Arkansas</a>             | 2,860 | <a href="#">New Hampshire</a>  | 2,435  |
| <a href="#">California</a>           | 7,905 | <a href="#">New Jersey</a>     | 3,070  |
| <a href="#">Colorado</a>             | 3,315 | <a href="#">New Mexico</a>     | 1,335  |
| <a href="#">Connecticut</a>          | 3,450 | <a href="#">New York</a>       | 10,660 |
| <a href="#">Delaware</a>             | 965   | <a href="#">North Carolina</a> | 11,665 |
| <a href="#">District of Columbia</a> | 780   | <a href="#">North Dakota</a>   | 1,800  |
| <a href="#">Florida</a>              | 4,185 | <a href="#">Ohio</a>           | 9,600  |
| <a href="#">Georgia</a>              | 7,345 | <a href="#">Oklahoma</a>       | 4,200  |
| <a href="#">Hawaii</a>               | 820   | <a href="#">Oregon</a>         | 2,670  |
| <a href="#">Idaho</a>                | 2,115 | <a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>   | 7,140  |
| <a href="#">Illinois</a>             | 8,295 | <a href="#">Rhode Island</a>   | 1,120  |
| <a href="#">Indiana</a>              | 6,435 | <a href="#">South Carolina</a> | 2,495  |
| <a href="#">Iowa</a>                 | 7,340 | <a href="#">South Dakota</a>   | 1,545  |
| <a href="#">Kansas</a>               | 8,780 | <a href="#">Tennessee</a>      | 4,580  |
| <a href="#">Kentucky</a>             | 6,165 | <a href="#">Texas</a>          | 10,200 |
| <a href="#">Louisiana</a>            | 2,505 | <a href="#">Utah</a>           | 2,290  |
| <a href="#">Maine</a>                | 3,870 | <a href="#">Vermont</a>        | 2,965  |
| <a href="#">Maryland</a>             | 2,745 | <a href="#">Virginia</a>       | 6,360  |
| <a href="#">Massachusetts</a>        | 8,055 | <a href="#">Washington</a>     | 2,885  |
| <a href="#">Michigan</a>             | 5,880 | <a href="#">West Virginia</a>  | 2,830  |
| <a href="#">Minnesota</a>            | 3,990 | <a href="#">Wisconsin</a>      | 4,130  |
| <a href="#">Mississippi</a>          | 2,490 | <a href="#">Wyoming</a>        | 1,195  |
| <a href="#">Missouri</a>             | 6,195 |                                |        |

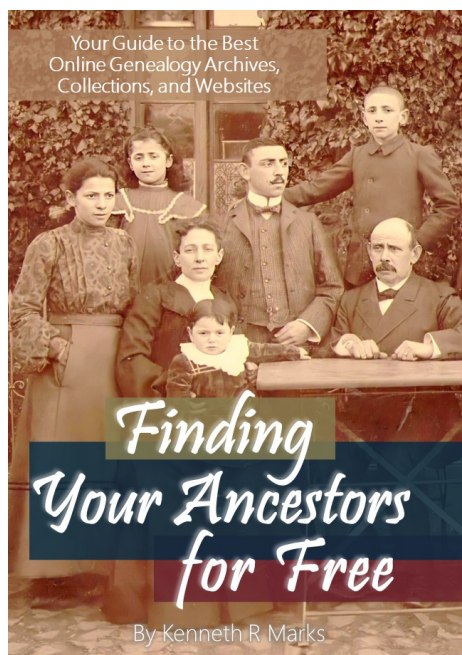
## Words of Family History Wisdom



These Words of Wisdom are from the folks at Storied. Check out their site at [Storied](https://www.storied.com)



## 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.

### Introduction

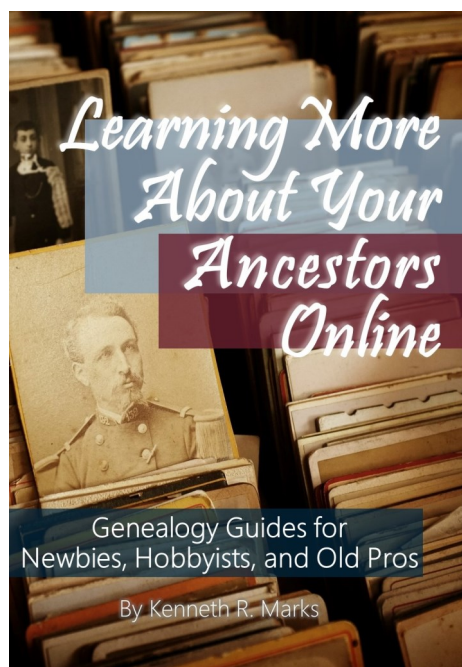
- About the Author
- Getting Started
- The History of Free
- Not All Records are Online
- Free Access to Subscription Databases
- Access to Free Collections for Residents
- Why Isn't Genealogy Always Free?

### 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.....



## Use Nicknames in Genealogy Search

In many genealogically related documents (especially newspapers and census records), nicknames were frequently used, as those names were more often used than the “formal” given name of the person.

Your search index database is not smart enough, for example, to interpret ‘Sadie’ for the formal given name of “Sarah”. Thus, you will need to use both names separately in your search criteria.

So when developing your search criteria for both genealogy and newspaper searches, you need to include nicknames in your repertoire.

Here are some articles that list common and old-time nicknames that you should employ in your search criteria:

- [A Listing of Some Nicknames Used in the 18th & 19th Centuries](#)
- [Traditional Nicknames in Old Documents](#)
- [Vintage Nicknames for Girls](#)
- [64 of the Best Old-Fashioned Boy Names](#)

Below is a list of about 60 common names and nicknames.

| Name                  | Nickname       | Name                 | Nickname     |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Abigail, Tabitha      | Abbie, Abby    | Hiram                | Hy           |
| Abraham               | Abe, Abra      | Isaac                | Ike          |
| Alexander             | Alec, Alex     | Jackson, John        | Jack         |
| Alexander             | Sandy          | Jacob                | Jake         |
| Alice                 | Allie          | Janet, Virginia      | Jenny        |
| Alice                 | Elsie          | Jedidiah             | Jed          |
| Antoinette, Henrietta | Nettie         | Josiah, Cyrus        | Si, Cy       |
| Archibald             | Arch, Archie   | Katherine, Kathleen  | Kate, Kay    |
| August                | Gus            | Malachi, Malcolm     | Mal          |
| Augustus              | Augie          | Margaret             | Meg, Maggie  |
| Bartholomew           | Bart, Bat      | Margaret             | Peggy        |
| C/Katherine           | Kitty          | Margaret, Margery    | Madge        |
| Caroline              | Callie, Carrie | Martha               | Mattie       |
| Charlotte             | Lollie, Lottie | Martha               | Patsy        |
| Christopher           | Kit            | Martha, Mary, Amelia | Mollie       |
| Clarissa, Clarinda    | Clara          | Martha, Patience     | Patty        |
| Cornelius             | Con            | Mary                 | Mamie        |
| Cyrus                 | Cy             | Mary                 | Polly        |
| Dorothy               | Dolly, Dot     | Mary, Wilhelmina     | Minnie       |
| Edith                 | Edie           | Mindwell, Wilhelmina | Mina         |
| Edwin, Edward         | Ned            | Nathaniel            | Nat, Nate    |
| Eleanor, Ellen, Helen | Nellie         | Newton               | Newt         |
| Elizabeth             | Bess, Betsey   | Oliver               | Ollie        |
| Florence              | Flora, Flossie | Patrick              | Paddy        |
| Frances               | Fanny, Frankie | Phineas              | Finney       |
| Hamilton              | Ham            | Richard              | Dick         |
| Harold, Henry         | Hal            | Sarah                | Sadie, Sally |
| Harriet               | Hatty          | Thaddeus             | Tad          |
| Henrietta, Louetta    | Etta           | Virgil               | Virg         |
| Henry                 | Hank           | Wiley, William       | Willie, Bill |
| Henry                 | Harry          | Winifred, Edwina     | Winnie       |

## The By Location Page

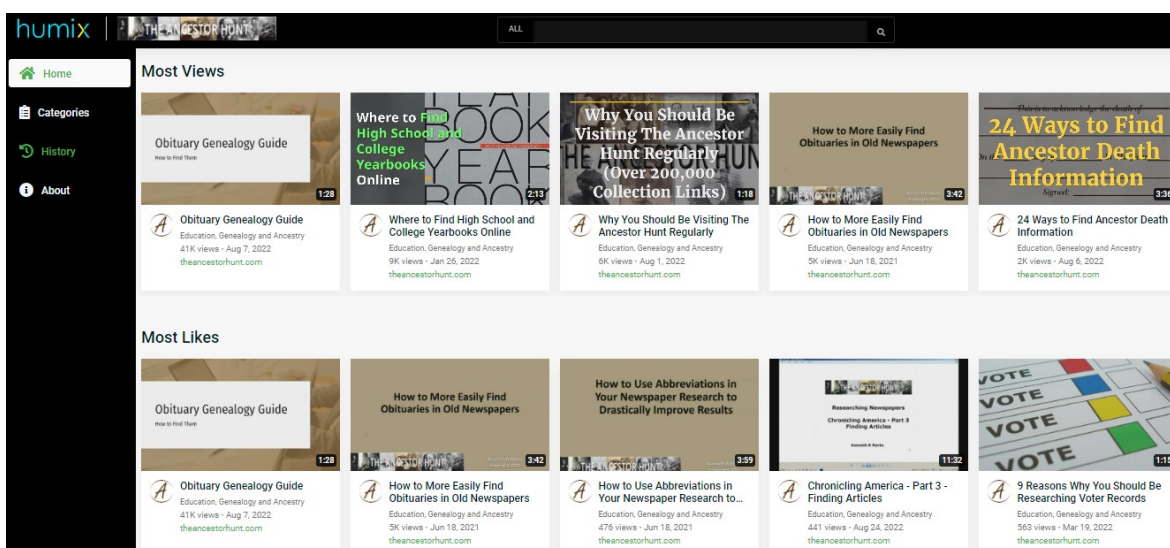
The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the [BY LOCATION](#) page.

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

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## 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.

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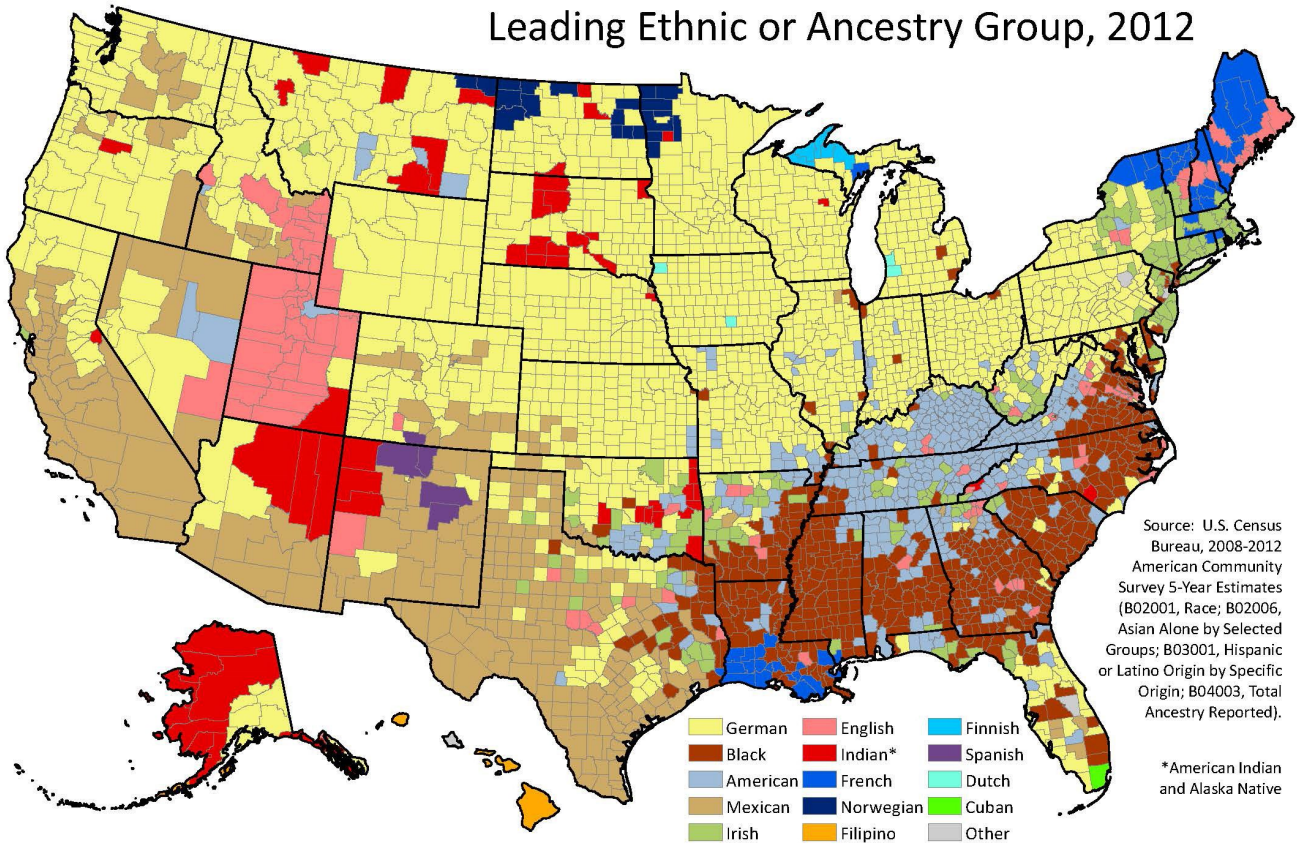
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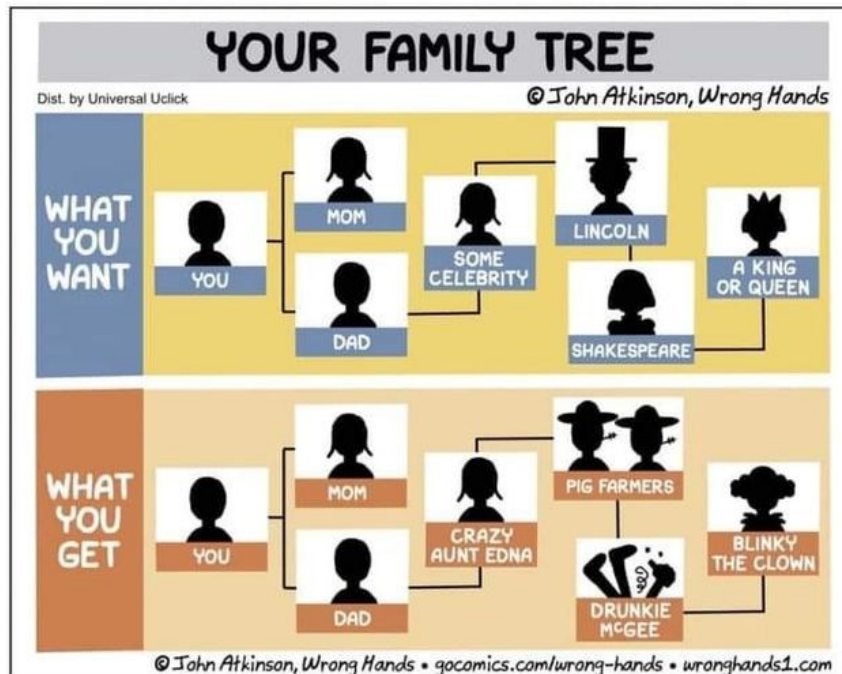
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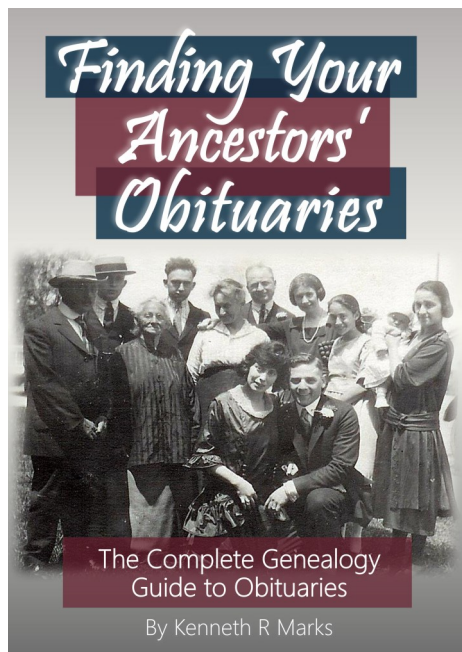
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## Help Your Ancestors Live Forever - Write Your Family History And Write Your Own History While You're At It

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.

Whoowe is available from the AppStore and Google Play. Info at [whoowe.com](http://whoowe.com) Try it out for free. Discount coupon for readers coming soon.

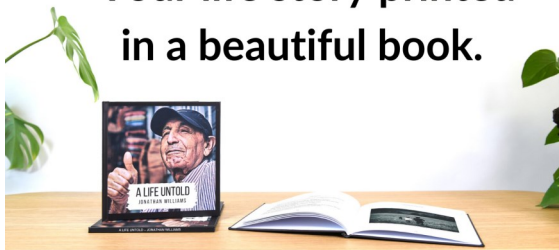


### StorySpot

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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