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- [1,275 Free Online Immigration Record Collections from the United States](#)
- [140 Free Online Immigration Collections from the New England States](#)
- [175 Free New England States Online Tax Records](#)
- [2,110 Free Southern States Online Tax Records](#)
- [240 Free Western States Online Tax Records](#)
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- [3,595 Free United States Online Tax Records](#)
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- [Free Online Kentucky Death Records and Indexes](#)
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New From The Newspaper Corner

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- [Newspapers dot Com Update – February 2024](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 318 Titles – March 2024](#)
- [Advantage Archives Adds 1.1 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – February 2024](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 121 Titles – February, 2024](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – February 2024](#)
- [10 Clever Ways to Find More Ancestor Newspaper Articles](#)
- [20,360 Free Mid West States Online Historical Newspaper Titles Now Available](#)
- [21 Online Newspaper Research Do's and Don'ts](#)
- [MyHeritage Launches OldNews.com – An Initial Review](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 83 Historical Newspaper Titles – February 2024](#)
- [Free Online Arab American Historical Newspapers](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 72 Titles – March 2024](#)
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- [Historical American Labor and Union Newspapers Online](#)
- [Historical Civilian Conservation Corps \(CCC\) Newspapers Online](#)
- [Historical French American Newspapers Online](#)
- [Historical German American Newspapers Online](#)
- [Historical Italian American Newspapers Online](#)
- [Historical Jewish American Newspapers Online](#)
- [Historical Nordic American Newspapers Online](#)
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- [Historical U.S. and Canada Free Online Catholic Newspapers](#)
- [Historical U.S. College and High School Student Newspapers Online](#)
- [Mastering Chronicling America's Advanced Search](#)
- [Search Hyphenated Words in Historical Newspapers to Get Up To 30% More Results](#)
- [The Easiest Way to Find Every Historical Newspaper in America](#)
- [Use Abbreviations in Your Newspaper Searches to Find 50% More Ancestor Articles](#)
- [Why You Should Be Using a Newspaper Research Log](#)
- [Digital NC Adds 13 Newspaper Titles from UNC's Collection](#)



Useful Articles from Other Sources

Having Trouble with Census Records?

- [4 Ways US Census Records Can Fool You](#)

Difficulty Finding Female Genealogy Records?

- [5 Ideas to Get to Know the Females in Your Family Tree](#)

Do You Use the Library for Research?

- [A Guide to Libraries for Genealogy Research](#)

Do You Use Dead Fred?

- [How to Navigate Dead Fred's Genealogy Photo Archive](#)

Have You Visited These Libraries?

- [The Best Libraries for Genealogy Research](#)

Eastern European Ancestors?

- [5 Overlooked Resources for Eastern European Genealogy Research](#)

British Ancestors?

- [The Top British Genealogy Websites](#)

Scottish Ancestors?

- [Finding Your Ancestors in Scotland – An Introduction to the Main Records and Archives](#)



Happiness is having
cousins who find boxes of
old photos in their garage
and SHARE THEM!

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN MARCH AND APRIL

- FINISH PROBATE RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH SPECIAL NEWSPAPERS UPDATE
- FINISH CITY DIRECTORIES UPDATE
- FINISH YEARBOOKS UPDATE
- FINISH DEATH RECORDS UPDATE

Women's History

5 Free Online Resources



- #1 Discovering American Women's History Online
<http://digital.mtsu.edu/digital/collection/women>
- #2 National Women's History Museum
<http://womenshistory.org>
- #3 Women Working, 1800-1930 (Harvard)
<http://tinyurl.com/974hv52y>
- #4 American Women: Gateway to LOC Resources
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhhtml>
- #5 Women's History at the Library of Congress
<http://tinyurl.com/458d2nr8>

Genealogy In Action with Julie Cahill Tarr
GenealogyInAction.com



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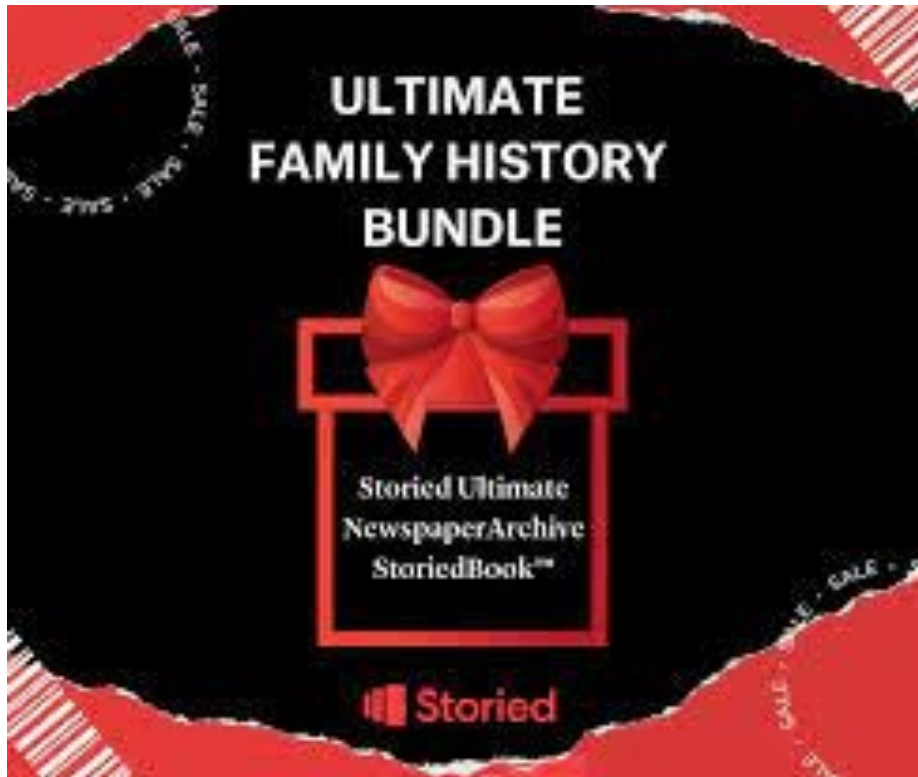


Monthly Raffle

This past month (February 15th through March 14th), I offered a raffle for all subscribers.

The winner of the raffle is Liz DuBois of Washington state. Congratulations, Liz!

And what did she win?



Yes. A full year of Storied Ultimate—for free. Includes a full year of Storied, a full year of NewspaperArchive, and also the publication of your very own StoriedBook!

I have been a user of NewspaperArchive for over a decade, and have found hundreds of articles about my ancestors and relatives. I started using Storied over the last year to capture written stories, clippings, and photos of my ancestors (and myself). And I really like it. It is so easy.

So I wanted to share these tools, and with the cooperation of the folks at Storied we are doing this.

To get an idea of what the winner is receiving and the details of all the options, please go to [STORIED](#)

BUT—There is more!

Next month's raffle will be for the same Storied Prize and will include Existing Subscribers as well as new subscribers

51 New Quicksheets - Free Online Genealogy Research Websites – Listed By State

Since you follow The Ancestor Hunt, you know that we specialize in curating and presenting links to Free Online Genealogy Records, Collections, and Indexes by genealogical category. You can always get to these links by selecting the Resources tab and then the [By Locations](#) page, selecting a state, and then a category. Not all genealogy-related material fits into a category that can be curated easily, such as scrapbooks, diaries, letters, old manuscripts, local histories, etc. Included are genealogy websites, college and university archives, state and local libraries, as well as state archives.

Hence, this list of all types of genealogy websites that is customized for each State. Try searching these sites. You will likely find some very interesting results.

Alabama Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Montana Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Alaska Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Nebraska Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Arizona Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Nevada Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Arkansas Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	New Hampshire Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
California Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	New Jersey Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Colorado Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	New Mexico Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Connecticut Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	New York Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Delaware Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	North Carolina Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
District of Columbia Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	North Dakota Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Florida Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Ohio Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Georgia Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Oklahoma Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Hawaii Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Oregon Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Idaho Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Pennsylvania Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Illinois Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Rhode Island Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Indiana Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	South Carolina Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Iowa Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	South Dakota Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Kansas Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Tennessee Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Kentucky Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Texas Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Louisiana Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Utah Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Maine Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Vermont Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Maryland Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Virginia Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Massachusetts Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Washington Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Michigan Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	West Virginia Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Minnesota Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Wisconsin Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Mississippi Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	Wyoming Free Online Genealogy Research Websites
Missouri Free Online Genealogy Research Websites	

Each of these lists are presented in Quicksheet format, so that you can print them, download to a special folder on your PC or mobile device, or place them anywhere for easy access. They are all one or two-page PDFs, with as few as 50 or so websites listed for smaller states and over 120 websites for larger states with more institutions and websites available to search and browse.



Want Better Newspaper Search Results? Get an Attitude

If you've read any prior articles or tips regarding online newspaper research, then you know that the quality of the scanned newspaper as well as the OCR process dictate the quality of the search index. You need to realize that you are searching for combinations of letters, not words. And when you are using those letter combinations as your search criteria, you essentially are trying to match that search criteria against that index.

Here's a news flash – the search index for older newspapers especially, may not be very good.

Here's an example of a 115-year-old newspaper, with the original first, next to the search index: on the right

THE OLD YEAR GONE.

Dr. Talmage Speaks of the Arrival of the New.

Words of Encouragement to All the
Timid and Doubting—January
in History—A Time of
Sadness.

[Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.]
Washington, Jan. 5.

In this, Dr. Talmage's first dis-
course for the new year, he speaks
words of encouragement to all the
timid and doubting. The text is Exo-
dus 12:2: "This month shall be unto
you the beginning of months; it shall
be the first month of the year 'to
you.'"

MONTICELLO EXPRESS

January 9th, 1902

Dr Talmage Speaks of the Arrival of the of to All the Timid nml In Time of 1901, by Louis N
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12 2 month shall be unto the beginning of it shall lkj the first month of the year to The last
month of the old ye

Monticello Express Monticello Iowa

Thursday, January 9th, 1902 Page : 2

There are words missing and several of the words are "misspelled." It is charitable to assign a "50% correct" value to this representation of the original to the search index.

The thing that many newspaper researchers forget and why they get frustrated is that they think that they are searching against an index that is an EXACT (or near exact) replica of the original newspaper article. Many researchers quit or get discouraged searching newspapers primarily because of three reasons:

- This feeling they have that the search index is an exact replica or near an exact replica (say 90% of words represented correctly) is so stuck in their brain, that when the index is say only 50% or less of the exact words in the original, that they just can't handle this difference. It just becomes "too hard for them to deal with."
- The search criteria that they create is not very detailed and is simplified, such as searching for just a person's surname. They may get too many results in the case of a common surname, or not enough or none for a more complex surname. And they don't put in a date range or a first name, or other distinguishing words that would help. So, in this case, their lack of training or lack of desire to learn, results in failure.
- They can't find what they are looking for because the information is not available because the dates for an event or a person are not available in the newspaper collection. For example, if you are looking for an event or an event in a person's life that happened say between 1915 and 1935, and the newspaper collection that is online does not have any newspapers for that date range, guess what the search results will be? Not very many if any.

Want Better Newspaper Search Results? Get an Attitude

Let's look at this from an emotional or attitudinal perspective. Some of these emotions or attitudes are as follows:

- This stuff is in a database so it should be easy to find.
- Why should I spend time learning how to search newspapers – it can't be that hard.
- Everything is online isn't it, so how come I can't find anything?
- Why can't I just put a name of the person or event in the box and have the system give me the results I want?

Here's the deal and you may not like what I am going to say, but here goes:

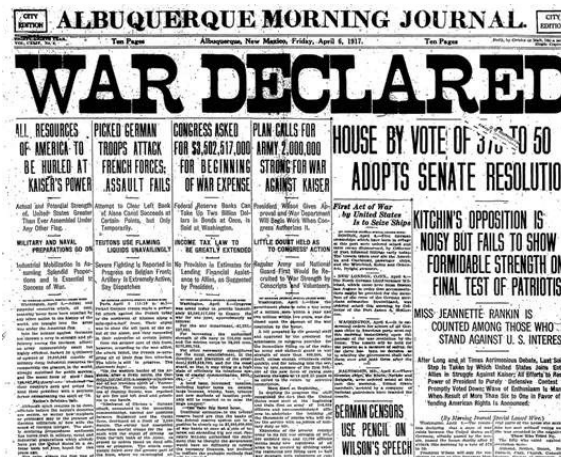
If you can't find what you are looking for, then ask yourself these questions – “Have I really tried to learn about successful search techniques, or am I just winging it? Do I have unreal expectations of the software vendor? Am I searching really old newspapers where the quality is most assuredly sub-optimal? Have I really tried to overcome the likely less than optimal search index by trying the many search tips that are available for me to learn about?”

You see the problem is more than likely ATTITUDE. To be successful as a newspaper researcher, you must be DETERMINED. You must LEARN and apply what you have learned to create better search criteria.

You know why this ATTITUDE is important? Because more than likely the SEARCH INDEX is sub-optimal and what I mean by that is it likely does not fit your expectations. And that more than likely is NOT the software vendor's fault.

So, what do you do? Get determined to OUTSMART the search index. Read about different search techniques and tips and view tutorials. Apply what you have learned with vigor. Then and only then will you have as much success as you can get when searching old newspapers.

Researching old newspapers online is a battle of wits. Calling it a war would be hyperbolic, but positive results are found when you outwit the index.



Change your attitude and you can win the battle and the war.

7 Day Free Trial



Elephind is Gone - For Now



In early March, DL Consulting made the official announcement of the shutting down of Elephind.com. For those unaware, Elephind provided a federated search of multiple online historical newspaper databases, including those that were running their Veridian Software, plus others, such as Chronicling America. In essence, you could search all of these databases, all at one time.

Below is their announcement on their Facebook Page. Let's hope that a redesign and redeployment is cost effective enough to deploy in the future.

Dear Elephind Community,

We've made the difficult decision to take Elephind offline. Over the past few years, the platform has been running on outdated technology, as it was first developed in 2012. This has led to security risks and increased hosting costs. Despite our efforts to maintain it, the time has come for a significant update.

We are currently exploring options for a complete redesign and rebuild of Elephind. While we are not sure if this is even a viable option, we believe it is necessary to ensure Elephind's future security obligations and overall success. This process will take time and resources, and we appreciate your understanding and support.

Thank you for being a part of the Elephind community.

New Chronicling America Interface

Chronicling America has new software! Here is their announcement, dated March 1, 2024:

The Library of Congress has transitioned the longstanding Chronicling America website to a new digital environment alongside other Library of Congress digital collections. Read previous updates on this page for more information. While we are maintaining access to both sites into Spring 2024, **after March 1, 2024, we will cease data updates to the legacy site.** Please visit the [Chronicling America website](#) for the most recent newspaper additions. To assist in identifying newly added content, please consult the [Recent Additions to Chronicling America](#) guide.

Exploring the Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries

The Directory of American Newspapers has changed as well. The announcement:

[Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries](#) is derived from the library catalog records primarily created by state institutions during the [United States Newspaper Program \(USNP\) \(1982-2011\)](#). This directory of newspapers published in the United States since 1690 can help identify what titles exist for a specific place and time and how to access them. **The Library of Congress does not hold all titles included in this Directory.** They are held by libraries, archives, and other institutions across the country.

The [Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries](#), previously known as the [United States Newspaper Directory](#), is available in both the legacy and new interfaces. In the new interface, it is available as a separate collection. The Directory is linked from several Chronicling America resources pages, as well as from the list of [collections with newspapers](#).



Evidence Explained - 4th Edition



NOW AVAILABLE!

Evidence Explained 4th Edition Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace

Elizabeth Shown Mill's renowned book "Evidence Explained" is now available in its updated 4th Edition.

In the six years since the last edition was published, changes at major repositories and online information providers—as well as the ever-evolving electronic world—have generated new citation and analysis challenges for researchers. As a consequence, Mrs. Mills has once again updated her citation models and added descriptions and evaluations of numerous contemporary materials not included in the Third Edition Revised.

Evidence Explained's new fourth edition significantly *reexamines* historical resources and *simplifies* long-standing practices.

Highlights of the Fourth Edition include:

- Updated Chapters One and Two ("Fundamentals of Analysis" and "Fundamentals of Citation"), continue to lay the foundations for successful research.
- An entirely new Chapter Three, "Building a Citation," provides a tutorial for the construction of citations. Here, you learn to work with seven basic building blocks that can be mixed and matched to create a citation for any kind of source.
- Chapter Three's 14 streamlined templates replace the previous 170 QuickChek Models, assembling the *basic building blocks* as needed to create citations for every type of material—whether accessed as an unpublished manuscript, print publication, database, or online image delivered at a specific URL or through a complex path and its waypoints.
- All examples in the twelve "Records" chapters (Chapters Four through Fifteen) are keyed to the specific templates that work best for each source or situation.
- Hundreds of new citation examples emphasize modern modes of access, particularly the layered citations that modern media require.

[CHECK OUT MORE DETAILS](#)



Easy Cousin Relationship Chart

Determining a “Cousin” Relationship between two people is quite easy if you have a proper chart. Many of the charts can be confusing. The one below is quite easy. All you have to do is follow 3 steps:

1. Determine the common ancestor between two people.
2. For the first person, select the common ancestor’s relationship to them across the top row.
3. For the second person, select the common ancestor’s relationship to them down the left column.

Where those two selections intersect is their relationship.

See? Easy Peasy!

Common Ancestor	Grandparent	Great Grandparent	2nd Great Grandparent	3rd Great Grandparent	4th Great Grandparent	5th Great Grandparent
Grandparent	1st Cousin	1st Cousin Once Removed	1st Cousin 2X Removed	1st Cousin 3X Removed	1st Cousin 4X Removed	1st Cousin 5X Removed
Great Grandparent	1st Cousin Once Removed	2nd Cousin	2nd Cousin Once Removed	2nd Cousin 2X Removed	2nd Cousin 3X Removed	2nd Cousin 4X Removed
2nd Great Grandparent	1st Cousin 2X Removed	2nd Cousin Once Removed	3rd Cousin	3rd Cousin Once Removed	3rd Cousin 2X Removed	3rd Cousin 3X Removed
3rd Great Grandparent	1st Cousin 3X Removed	2nd Cousin 2X Removed	3rd Cousin Once Removed	4th Cousin	4th Cousin Once Removed	4th Cousin 2X Removed
4th Great Grandparent	1st Cousin 4X Removed	2nd Cousin 3X Removed	3rd Cousin 2X Removed	4th Cousin Once Removed	5th Cousin	5th Cousin Once Removed
5th Great Grandparent	1st Cousin 5X Removed	2nd Cousin 4X Removed	3rd Cousin 3X Removed	4th Cousin 2X Removed	5th Cousin Once Removed	6th Cousin

6 Best Ways to NOT FIND Your Ancestors

Genealogy researching is hard; nobody cooperates; the database you want to research is the next county over; you have names that have thousands of duplicates; the online family trees are all over the place, etc. So you continue to not find your ancestors. In the interests of keeping this losing streak alive, here are 6 ways to continue to not find your ancestors:

- **Don't interview your older relatives** – I have 2 of them left and what a pain they are. They can't hear you. They suffer from CRS disease (Can't Remember Squat). If you bring a bunch of technology, like voice recorders, smartphones, iPads, laptops – they freak out. Don't bother showing them your old photos because most of the answers will be "I don't remember" or "I don't know." And that is if you can get them to stop crying over all their old friends and close relatives who have died. And make sure you argue with them when they tell you something about somebody that you know is not true. They are probably wrong anyway. They were "there" but their memory is failing so they are probably making stuff up. Make sure you ask them about all the "skeletons in the closet" stories that you heard about them and others. That will really get them to cooperate, because at their age they like nothing better than to tell embarrassing stories about themselves that they forgot about 40 years ago. Yeah – older relatives – what a waste of time. And they will be mad at you afterwards for dredging up old crappy memories.
- **Always do exact searches** – When you are searching online, like FamilySearch or that not free one – Ancestry? Or any other – make sure that you always do exact searches because those are the best. If you have written down that they lived in Georgia, why would you search in South Carolina – that's dumb. And oh yeah – regarding last name spelling – Imagine the census taker in the early 1900's. They show up at the door and ask your great grandmother a bunch of questions. He says – "What's your last name? And she says "Mankiewicz". He says "Huh?" She says "Mankiewicz" and knowing that most people have no clue how to spell it – she starts "M..A..N..." and he writes down the letters one by one. So no mistakes made there. And even if she didn't spell it out for him, he was smart enough to know how to spell it. They paid those census takers a lot of money – so they were smart and also had to have exceptional penmanship to get the job. So you say – what about the data entry of documents into an index? Ever heard of two pass verification or double data entry – problem solved – 99.5% success is pretty darn good. So you say – what about the changing of names at Ellis Island? Don't even get me started on that hocus pocus baloney. Of course they were all changed – nobody could speak English, Duh!
- **Only search online** – Everybody knows that everything is online, so why would you want to go to a library or an archive? You can't take pictures; you have to wear gloves, and forget going to a courthouse – all that dust and crabby people that work there? Not for me. And besides you have to get out of your pajamas, get dressed – shave or put makeup on – no way. And it takes too damn long looking for things one boring page at a time. You can't read half the stuff anyway. Don't get me started with microfilm readers. So 20th century!
- **Don't write down where you got stuff** – all the experts tell you to write down where you found stuff – you know documents and things. Why? You already found it – so why would you write down where you found it? That's dumb. If you were walking down the street and found a twenty dollar bill would you rush home and write down the address of where you found it? Heck no – you'd spend it. Look – I found it – you didn't. if you want to prove me wrong – go find it yourself. That's your problem, not mine. Why? Cause I already found it. That's another "Duh". So you say – for future generations!. Again that's their problem – you'll be dead anyway – what do you care?
- **Copy from every tree you can find** – this is my favorite because it makes it so easy to not find any of the right ancestors. There are tons of already perfect family trees out there – on Ancestry, FamilySearch, WikiTree, My Heritage, and many more. I have always felt that if it is written down and/or published then it has to be correct. So you want to join all these sites and copy all of the trees and merge them with your tree. Then you will have tons of possible ancestors all in one place. What a goldmine of ancestors – most of whom aren't yours.
- **Don't try to find living relatives** – Okay – you have been at this "not finding ancestors" thing for quite awhile. Everybody says that you should try to find "cousins" – not necessarily first cousins, but 2nd, 3rd, removed ones, etc. Have you met my cousins? I don't need more cousins like them. But I digress. Here's the deal – if these so-called cousins were interested in genealogy wouldn't they have already contacted you? And if they haven't, then it means that they don't care. And let me tell you – some of these cousins make this "not finding ancestors" thing an art form. They hide old boxes of ancestor documents and photos in their garages and attics and claim to have no time to look through them. So don't even bother trying to find them and contact them. Keep your not finding ancestors streak alive.

FULL DISCLOSURE – everything written above is intended to be a joke. PLEASE do NOT do any of these things like I said. Meet with your older relatives NOW; don't rely on exact searches; get out of the house and to libraries and archives – that is where you will find some really great stuff; please write down your sources – if not for future generations but for yourself – so you don't have to ask yourself where you found it; be very careful with existing online family trees – use them as clues only and VERIFY!; and yes – try to find other "cousins" – not only will you expand your tree but you will meet some great people who may indeed help you.



The By Location Page

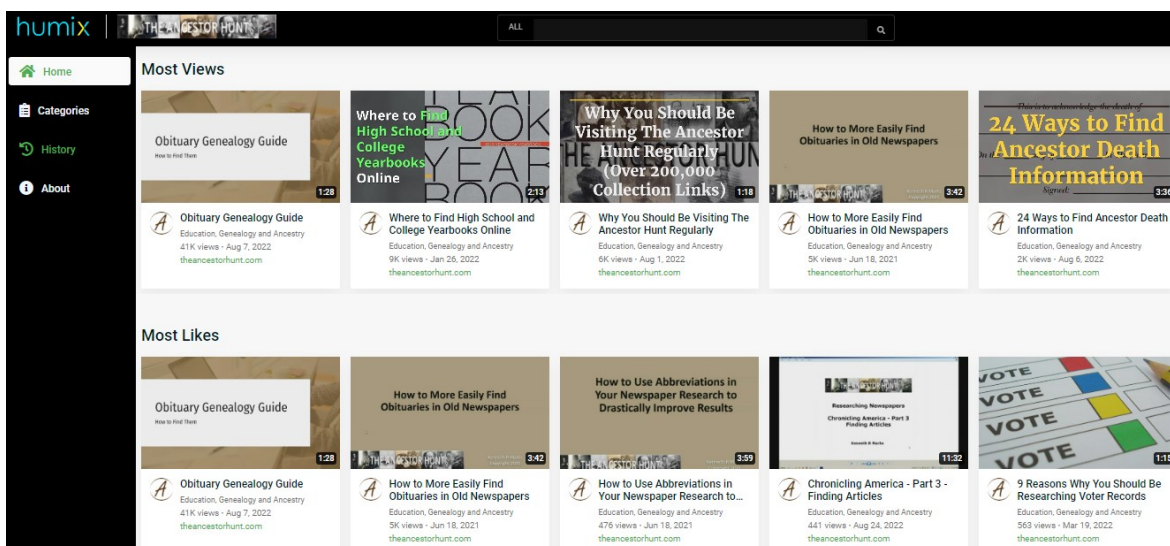
The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the [BY LOCATION](#) page.

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.

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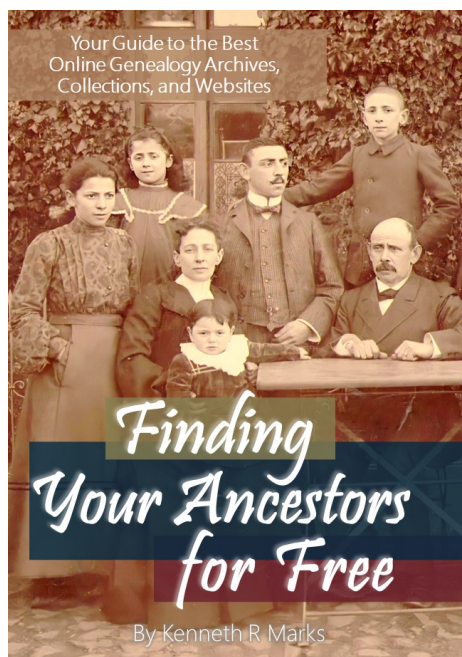


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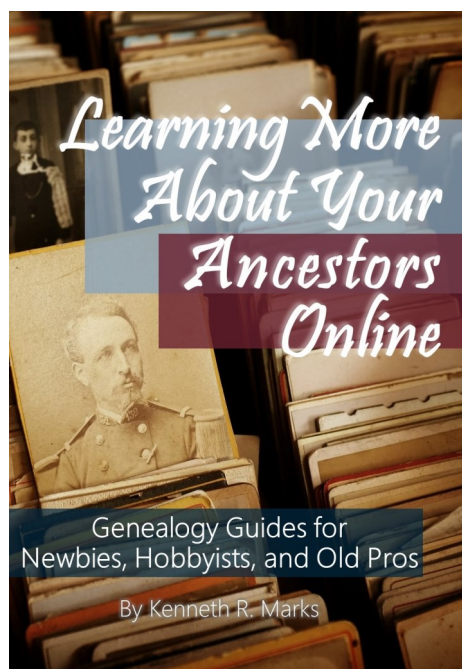
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- Birth and marriage
- Death records and information
- General advice about genealogy research
- Immigration, naturalization, travel
- Military
- Miscellaneous records (societies, illnesses)
- Newspaper research
- Occupations
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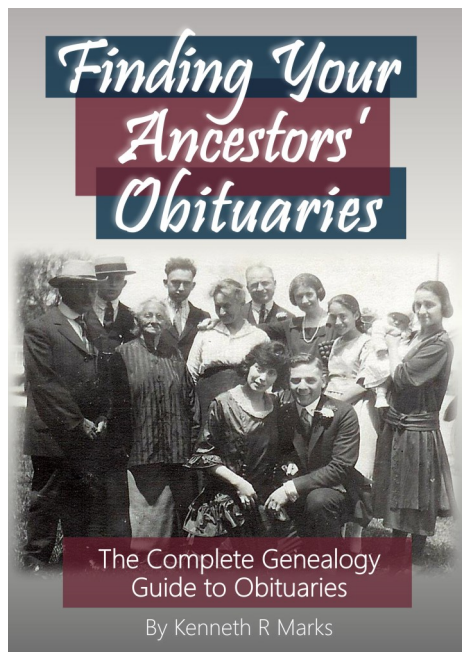
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Beyond the Search Engine: Using Google Databases for Genealogy Research
Did Your Ancestor Complete an Alien Registration Affidavit?
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Ethnic, National and International Genealogy Societies
Free Online Archives and Digital Collections for Historians and Genealogists
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What Is Online in the National Archives Archival Databases
When Were State Birth Records Started and Required
When Were Statewide Death Registrations Required
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Why You Should Research Coroner Records and Where to Find Them



Newest Genealogy Book Details



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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.

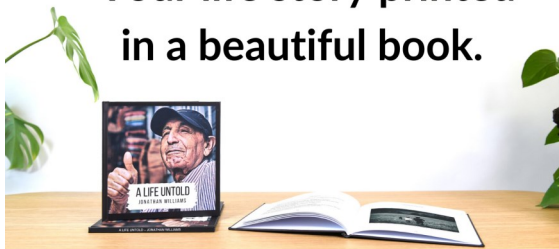


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