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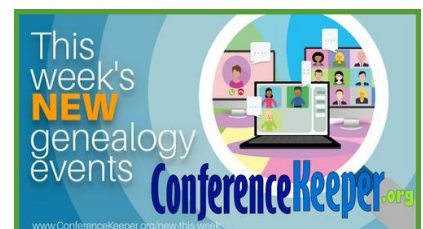


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We Have a Winner!!!

Check out Page 4 for the Raffle Winner and their prize. Also about next months raffle



Please Note: Hot Links are in [BLUE](#)



Useful Articles from Other Sources

Looking for a Maiden Name?

- [What Is My Ancestor's Maiden Name? 5 Tips for Finding Out](#)

Are You Researching Far and Wide?

- [Collateral Relatives: Who They Are & Why They Matter to Genealogy](#)

Do You Believe Any of These?

- [13 Genealogy Myths and Misconceptions](#)

Are You Researching Draft Cards?

- [Using World War II Draft Registrations for Genealogy Research](#)

Researching Immigration Ancestors?

- [Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Origin](#)

French Ancestors?

- [6 Valuable Resources for Tracing French Ancestors](#)

Do You Make Mistakes?

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

Need to Translate Given Names?

- [Name Translation Chart: Compare Names Across Languages](#)

Irish Ancestors?

- [9 Ways to Break Down Irish Genealogy Brick Walls](#)

Using Pro Tools?

- [How to Master Ancestry Pro Tools to Improve Your Family Tree](#)

Working with Old Photos?

- [10 Things You Should Never Do With An Old Photo + What To Do Instead](#)

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN APRIL AND MAY

- FINISH YEARBOOKS UPDATE
- DO CEMETERY RECORDS UPDATE
- DO ALUMNI RECORDS UPDATE
- START OBITUARIES UPDATE
- START PHOTOS UPDATE

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



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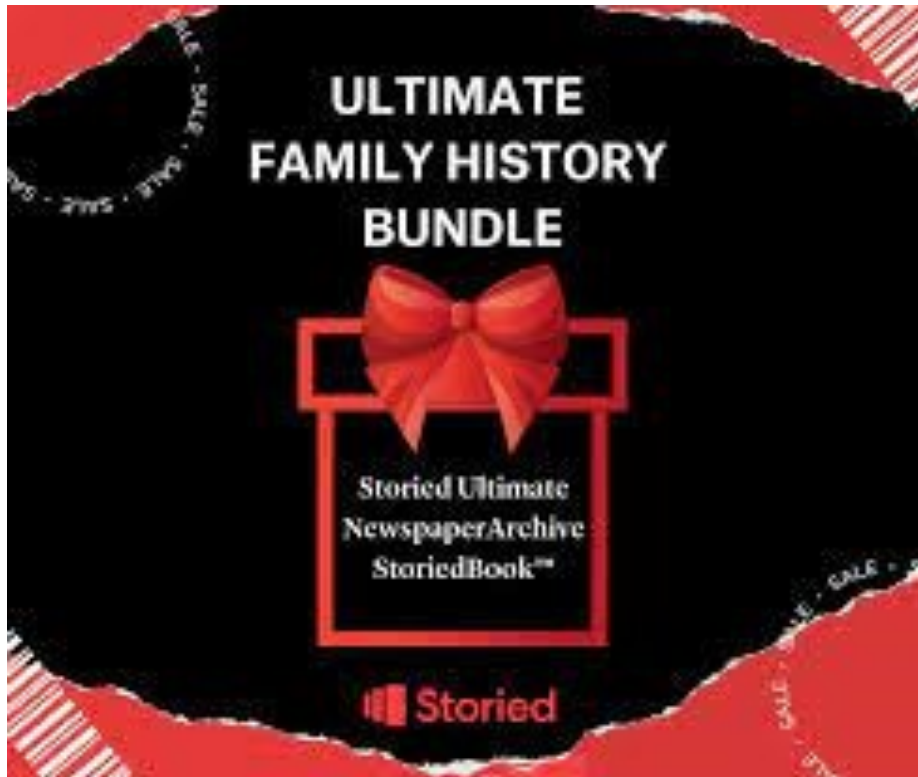


Monthly Raffle

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

The winner of the raffle is L J Mack of California. Congratulations!

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

Free Genealogy Website of the Month - Reclaim the Records



Reclaim the Records is a non-profit organization that strives to obtain genealogical record collections that “ought to be” in the public domain but are restricted by government organizations. They file FOIA and Open Data requests to obtain the records and if that fails to succeed, they go to court.

Once records are obtained, the organization digitizes the records and makes them available on repositories such as the Internet Archive for public use by genealogy researchers and anyone else who has an interest.

Here is a list of all their projects, many of which are completed and now available:

- [All Already-Digitized New York City Historical Records And Their Associated Text Metadata. \(Yes, All.\)](#)
- [Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem \(Birls\) Death File](#)
- [Billions Of Digital Images And Associated Text Metadata Created Through The United States National Archives And Records Administration’s Digitization Partnership Program](#)
- [Brooklyn \(Kings County\) “Old Town” Records](#)
- [Geographic Index To New York City Births, Late 19Th To Early 20Th Centuries](#)
- [Index To Deaths In Albany, New York, 1880-1915](#)
- [Index To Deaths In Buffalo, New York, 1852-1944](#)
- [Index To Deaths In Yonkers, New York, C. 1870-1915](#)
- [Index To New York City Domestic Partnership Records, 1993-2017](#)
- [Index To New York City Marriage Licenses, 1908-1929](#)
- [Index To New York City Marriage Licenses, 1930-1995](#)
- [Index To New York City Marriage Licenses, 1996-2017](#)
- [Index To New York State Births \(Outside Of New York City\), 1881-1942](#)
- [Index To New York State Deaths \(Outside Of New York City\), 1880-1956](#)
- [Index To New York State Marriages \(Outside Of New York City\), 1881-2017](#)
- [List Of Registered Voters In New York City For 1924](#)
- [Missouri Birth Index, 1920\(ish\)-2015](#)
- [Missouri Death Index, 1968-2015](#)
- [New Jersey Birth, Marriage, And Death Indices, 1901-1903 And 1901-1914](#)
- [New Jersey Death Index, 1904-2017](#)
- [New Jersey Marriage Index, 1901-2016](#)
- [New York City Birth Certificates, 1910-1917](#)
- [New York City Death Certificates 1949-1968 And Nullification Of Nyc Doh Records Access Rules](#)
- [Social Security Applications And Claims Index](#)
- [The Mississippi State Death Index \(1912-1943\)](#)
- [The Nebraska Death Index \(1904-1968\)](#)
- [The New Jersey Geographic Birth Index And Delayed Birth Index, 1901-1929](#)
- [Washington State Marriage, Divorce, And Death Indices, C. 1907-2017](#)
- [Wyoming Marriage, Death, And Divorce Indices, 1900-1965](#)

To access the site and get more details as well as other collections and projects in process, go to <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>



Newspaper Research Tip of the Month - 10 Clever Ways to Find More Ancestor Newspaper Articles

Deliberately Misspell When Searching Online

OCR is not perfect and scanning 100 year old newsprint creates errors. Change your search criteria and replace letters that have a similar shape, such as "b" and "h"

Try Abbreviations

for given names, such as "Wm" for William, or "Eliz" for Elizabeth, or "Jos" for Joseph, and "Robt" for Robert. Also "Ave" for Avenue, "Col" for Colonel, etc.

Remember to Search Hyphenated Words

In the old days, many words were hyphenated so search portions of names. Try beginning syllables and ending syllables as your keyword.

Search for an Address Rather than a Name

or combine address or just street name with surname

When Searching for Obituaries

add "beloved" or "dear" or "loving" in your online search criteria. Also try "devoted", "In lieu of flowers", etc. This will get you to the Obituary section of the paper.

Married Women went by the Husband's Name

So you are likely to find "Mildred Jones" as "Mrs. Samuel Jones". Only if they were unmarried, a child, or a widow will their given name appear in the paper. This started to change in the 1960s.

Browse for Cause of Death

for up to 2 weeks prior to death date from obituary for an article about an illness or accident.

Combine Names

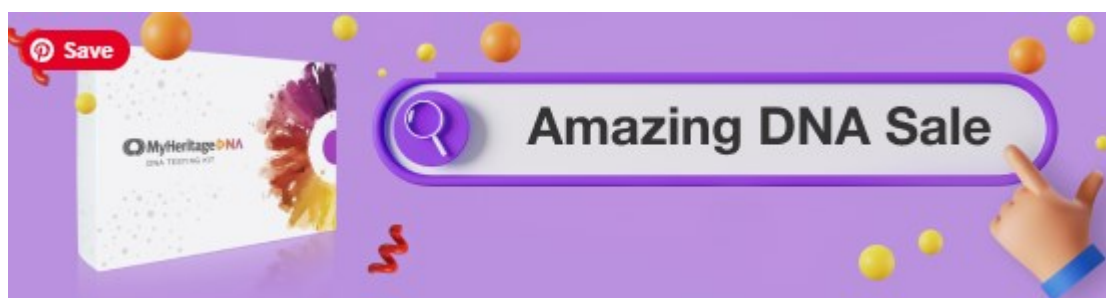
with occupations, business names, clubs, churches, etc. in your search criteria

Searching for Birth Announcement?

Then add "born to" or "born to the wife of" to surname

Visit The Ancestor Hunt

at the [Newspapers Page](#) to get hundreds of articles and links to help you become a master newspaper researcher



Quicksheet of the Month

Alternatives for the Missing 1890 U. S. Federal Census

A person who starts researching their family history very quickly runs into the question - "What Happened to the 1890 Census?"

The Census Bureau explains it best in this link:

[U.S. Census Bureau History: 1890 Census Fire, January 10, 1921](#)

In summary, there was a fire at the U.S. Commerce building in Washington DC, which destroyed a very large percentage of the population schedules from the 1890 federal census. Either fire or water damage eliminated this valuable resource. All that is left is a mere fraction of the population schedules. From these states, only a partial of one or two counties were saved : Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas.

One major item that was saved was the **United States Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890**. FamilySearch has this available at this [LINK](#)

Ancestry, MyHeritage, and FamilySearch have made available the 1890 Census "Fragments":

- Ancestry's version <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=5445>
- FamilySearch version <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1610551>
- MyHeritage version www.myheritage.com/research/collection-10130/1890-united-states-federal-census

But, what do we do for those people we are researching where information between 1880 and 1900 is essential?

Try these alternate collections:

- **State Census Collections** - here are several available for free online at FamilySearch and other sites:
 - [Colorado State Census, 1885](#)
 - [Florida State Census, 1885](#)
 - [Iowa State Census, 1885](#)
 - [Iowa State Census, 1895](#)
 - [Kansas State Census, 1885](#)
 - [Kansas State Census, 1895](#)
 - [Michigan State Census, 1894](#)
 - [Minnesota State Census, 1885](#)
 - [Minnesota State Census, 1895](#)
 - [Missouri State and Territorial Census Records, 1732-1933](#)
 - [Nebraska State Census, 1885](#)
 - [New Jersey State Census, 1885](#)
 - [New Jersey State Census, 1895](#)
 - [New York State Census, 1892](#)
 - [New York City Police Census, 1890](#)
 - [Oklahoma Territorial Census, 1890](#)
 - [Rhode Island State Census, 1885](#)
 - [South Carolina, State and Territorial Censuses, 1829-1920](#)
 - [Wisconsin State Census, 1885](#)
 - [Wisconsin State Census, 1895](#)
- **City Directories** - generally annually; they will list an adult's name, including their spouse
- **Voting Registers** - by virtue of being included in these lists, it establishes their residence for that particular year
- **Tax Lists and Records** - similar to Voting Registers, they establish their residence for that particular year.
- **Newspapers** - as always, newspapers can provide a great deal of information about an ancestor by virtue of their inclusion in an article. The location of the published title can tell you where your target ancestor may have resided.

The moral of the story is: "Don't Give Up". There are alternatives available to you.



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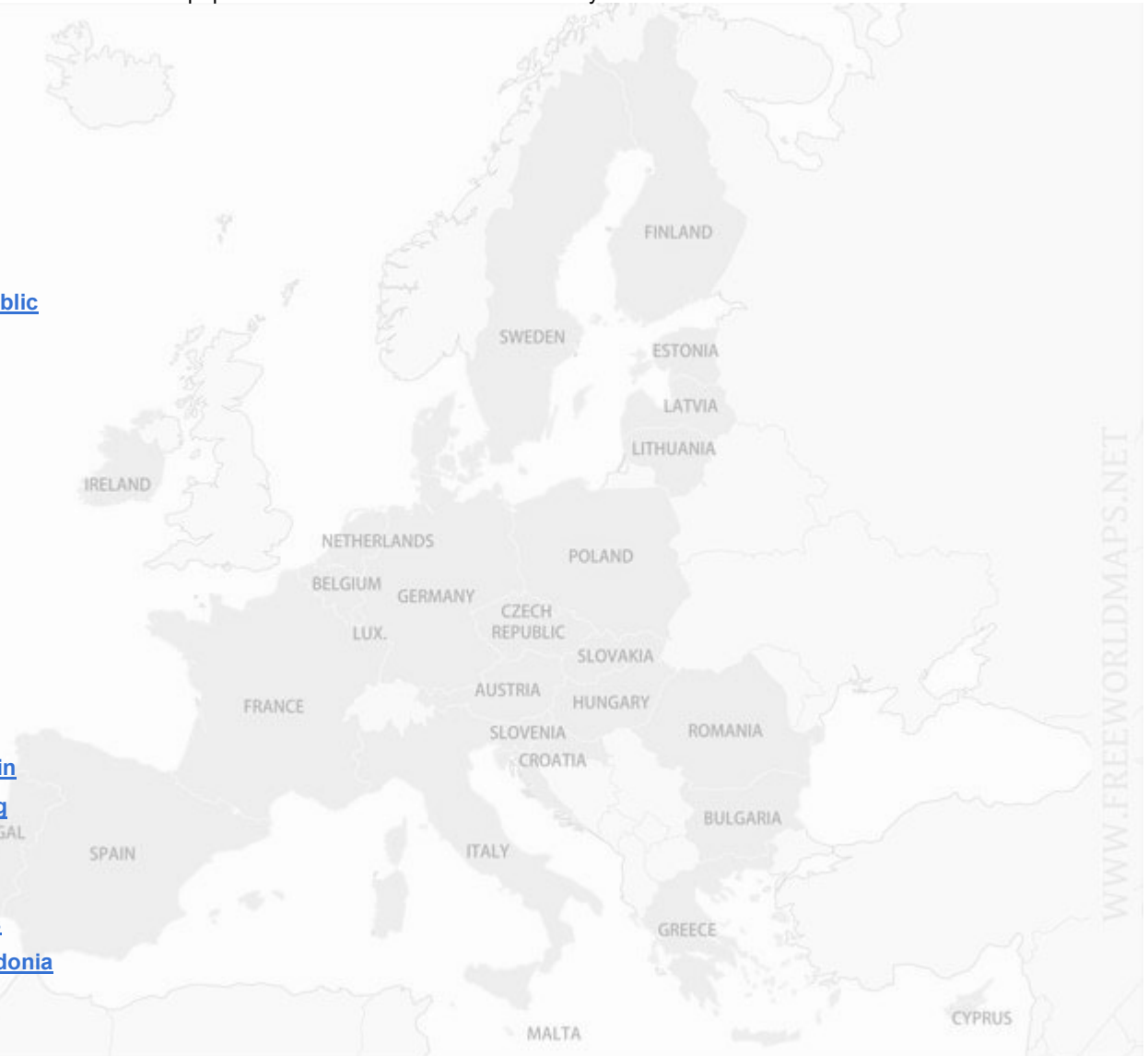
Get the Quicksheet PDF (with clickable links) by Downloading [HERE](#)



Free Online European Newspapers

Did you know that The Ancestor Hunt has curated over 31,000 Free Online Historical newspaper titles from almost all of the countries in Europe? It is worth your while if you have ancestors from Europe to search these source county newspaper databases for your ancestors. I have and have found many articles about them. Just click on the country below to take you to a detailed list of the free online newspaper databases available for that country:

- [Albania](#)
- [Austria](#)
- [Belarus](#)
- [Belgium](#)
- [Bulgaria](#)
- [Croatia](#)
- [Czech Republic](#)
- [Denmark](#)
- [Estonia](#)
- [Finland](#)
- [France](#)
- [Germany](#)
- [Greece](#)
- [Hungary](#)
- [Iceland](#)
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- [Spain](#)
- [Sweden](#)
- [Switzerland](#)
- [Ukraine](#)
- [United Kingdom](#)



Saying 'I Do' to Genealogy: Finding Marriages in Online Newspapers

This article which will help you find marriage info in online newspapers is reprinted with permission from NewspaperArchive.

Online newspaper archives are treasure troves for uncovering fascinating family stories hidden within marriage announcements. From the elegance of your great aunt Edith's 1932 lace and pearls to the enigma surrounding your grandpa Gus's best man, these snippets offer glimpses into your ancestors' lives, waiting to be explored. Delve into the details, where a single unfamiliar name or a "bride from out east" can unravel new family connections and enrich your family tree.

1. Core Research: Use marriage announcements for essential details like names, dates, and locations to build your family history, especially when marriage certificates are elusive.
2. Unraveling Connections: These announcements often reveal family ties, offering clues to a more complete family narrative.
3. Ceremony Insights: Descriptions provide a window into the era's customs and the ambiance of ancestral weddings.
4. Era Trends through Advertisements: Wedding ads reflect the popular trends and choices of the time, from attire to venues.
5. Cultural Etiquette and Advice: Newspapers also captured the prevailing wedding etiquettes and advice, reflecting societal norms.
6. Understanding Traditions: Articles on wedding customs and traditions offer insights into the cultural backdrop of your ancestors' marriages.
7. Local Marriage Trends: Look for articles highlighting local wedding trends, which can add context to your ancestors' choices.
8. Fashion Over Time: Bridal fashion features trace the evolution of wedding attire, providing a stylistic history relevant to your ancestors.
9. Legal Changes: Coverage on marriage laws can illuminate the legal landscape your ancestors navigated to wed.
10. Cultural Celebrations: For immigrant and ethnic community celebrations, specialized newspapers offer unique perspectives, albeit with language barriers.

Guide to Marriages

Each discovery, from venue descriptions to bridal fashion commentary, not only adds color to your family history but also offers a deeper understanding of the societal, cultural, and legal contexts that shaped your ancestors' lives.

Want to learn even more tips and strategies for finding marriage announcements in online newspaper archives? [I highly recommend checking out the NewspaperArchive resource page dedicated specifically to mining marriages in old newspapers.](#)

With all this practical guidance and insightful commentary in one place, this newspaper marriage page will become your go-to reference for harnessing the full research potential of online newspaper archives. And the best part? The ability to search for marriages in NewspaperArchive's collection is built in to the Storied site! Spend some time digging into the materials - I bet you'll uncover rewarding gems for your own ancestral excavation.

Conclusion

Exploring marriage announcements and related articles in online newspaper archives is a journey that takes us through time, offering insights into the past that are both captivating and enlightening. By understanding the historical significance of these announcements, leveraging the advantages of online resources, mastering search strategies, and analyzing the stories they tell, you can unlock the secrets of history and preserve them for future generations. As you embark on this fascinating quest, remember that each marriage announcement and related article is a thread in the rich tapestry of human experience, connecting us to the lives and loves of those who came before us. Happy researching!

A promotional banner for Newspaper Archive. On the left, the logo "NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE" is displayed in white and red text. To the right, the text "Explore billions of newspaper articles from all over the world." is written in white. A red button with white text says "Start Free Trial". The background shows a collage of newspaper pages.

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](#)



Advantage Archives Community History Archives Version 2.0

Advantage Archives customers, at over 115 million pages, are the largest free set of online newspaper databases available in the U.S. In the last few months they have been rolling out what they are calling Version 2.0 of their software. If you use any of their sites, you may have seen this new version. Published with permission, here are Frequently Asked Questions about the new version.

- **What are the key differences in the update?** Some key new features include: customizable colors and images for more on-brand archives, a multi-select browse feature, PWA (Progressive Web App) interface, redesigned clipping tool, thumbnail previews, general performance upgrades, and much more!
- **What is a PWA?** The all-new Community History Archives Platform was built on a Progressive Web Application. That sounds cool and all, but you may not know exactly what that is. What a PWA allows you to do is access your community's history on a phone or tablet. The platform now works like an app that you download from the Appstore, but still is in the web browser.

In 2011 only 7% of all internet traffic was from mobile devices...in 2021, that number is now nearly 55%. We knew we would have to focus on making the platform "mobile-friendly." Thanks to the new Progressive Web App (PWA) architecture, when you explore the archive on your phone, or an iPad (my new favorite way to browse content), you will find that it behaves more like an app downloaded from Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store.

When you first visit the site, you will be asked if you would like to add it to your home screen. It can reside right alongside your other native apps so that you can access your community's archive with one click. This also works on your computer, and you can add the icon right on your desktop to launch the archive, which, when opened, will feel like "software" as it does not need to rely on your browser to display content. Your in-browser experience will be identical to your PWA experience.

- **Does Community History Archives 2.0 work on mobile?** The All-New Community History Archives platform works on ALL devices. From iPhone and Android Phones to tablets and computers we have you covered.
- **When will this update be taking place?** We are planning to roll out the new platform during the week of July 11th.
- **Do we need to update this or will it automatically update?** The Community History Archives will update automatically.
- **Is there a guided tour that we can use to help learn the platform?** Yes! There will be an interactive guided tour coming soon.
- **Do you have a demo video or walk through of the new platform?** Yes. Please follow the link to our guided tour at:
<https://youtu.be/5mJhMhijapl>
- **Will this work on all computers and browsers?** Yes! We designed the Community History Archives to work on all computers and all browsers!
- **Where can I find a list of other Community History Archives?** Please follow the link below to see our directory.
<https://directory.historyarchives.online/sitedirectory>



The By Location Page

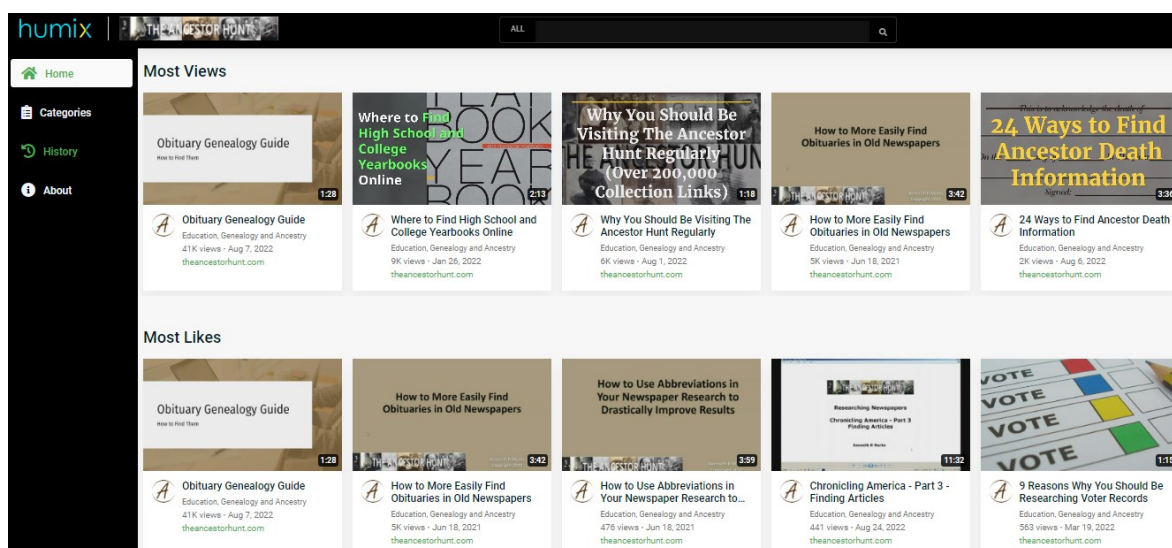
The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the [BY LOCATION](#) page.

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.

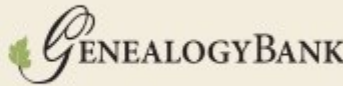
Each state has a list of all the places in the state and their corresponding county. Each place has a link to a page that includes information about that place. The page may include geographical information, historical information, current information about the place and its surroundings, and much more.

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](#)

FIND *your* ANCESTORS
Newspapers and more
(1690 to today)

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GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY



"SPELLING DUSN'T COWNT"

1 Back in the day folks couldn't spell and many could barely write, so how a name sounds is more



important than how it's spelled. Use wild card or Soundex searches to help find variant spellings of names.

ASSUME NOTHING

2 Check all your facts, don't assume that any particular document is right or wrong, and always try to find other independent sources to corroborate your facts as much as possible. Verify, verify, verify. For instance, don't assume that:

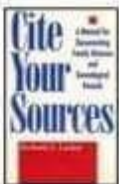
- your ancestors were married
- census information is accurate
- vital (or other) records were correct
- your ancestor's life events were recorded
- ancestors had the same name as their enslaver

USE DISCRETION

3 **Never lie** in your genealogy reports, but use discretion when reporting family information, especially when it involves living relatives.

ALWAYS DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH

4 **THEY CONTRADICT ONE ANOTHER**
Over time, you will compile more data and those once seemingly contradictory pieces of evidence may prove to be just the pieces of the puzzle you need to prove or disprove your theory. Be consistent as you cite your sources. There are standard citation formats, but



even if you just make up your own format for listing your sources, be consistent with it. You want your descendants to be able to retrace your steps, so you always cite your sources.

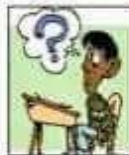
MOST DATES ARE APPROXIMATE

5 It's okay to state that someone was born "abt. 1845," or died "May 1915" if you don't have an exact date or where various documents have different dates. Which date is "correct?" They all are.



IF UNSURE, SAY SO

6 Future researchers will thank you for being honest if you simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact, yet you "suspect" such and such is true. Don't fudge the facts. Ever.



YOU CANNOT DO IT ALL ONLINE

7 Yes, we love doing research online and there's nothing better than using the computer to find new sources, view digital images of original documents and even connect with relatives. For genealogists, the internet will never replace the wonderful work of libraries, county courthouses, archives, and historical societies. Do as much as you can online, then turn off your computer and hit the bricks!



JUST BECAUSE IT'S ONLINE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE

8 The internet is a wonderful thing but it's filled with oodles of bad information. Don't make the mistake of believing anything you find online at face value. Verify against other sources, even if you paid for the information you found online. Consult the original source whenever possible.

PASS ALONG YOUR RESEARCH

9 No matter how many decades you spend researching your family, your research will never be done. Plan on passing along your research to the next generation's



researchers. Leave excellent notes, cite all your sources, explain your shorthand ... in essence, leave your research the way you'd have liked to have found it.

DON'T DIE WITH YOUR STORIES STILL IN YOU

10 Giving credit to Dr. Wayne Dyer for his "Don't die with your music still in you," we want to remind you to tell the stories as completely and as accurately as possible. Genealogy isn't about just doing research. Genealogy is about telling the stories and ensuring that your ancestor's legacies live on for generations to come. Without the stories, the research won't do anyone much good. The legacy of your ancestors rests in your capable hands. Doing the research is fine, but always remember that you have been chosen to **tell their stories**.



DNA IS NOT A TRUMP CARD

11 DNA is just one of **many** possible sources of information you can use to verify or deny a relationship. Human error occurs when the results are transcribed, thereby providing false information. DNA results should **always** be used in concert with other sources.

ANYTHING YOU POST ONLINE WILL BE "BORROWED"

12 You need to accept the fact that any family information you post online will be "borrowed" or outright stolen, and you will probably not get credit for all your hard work. This is the nature of the beast... the internet. Get over it.

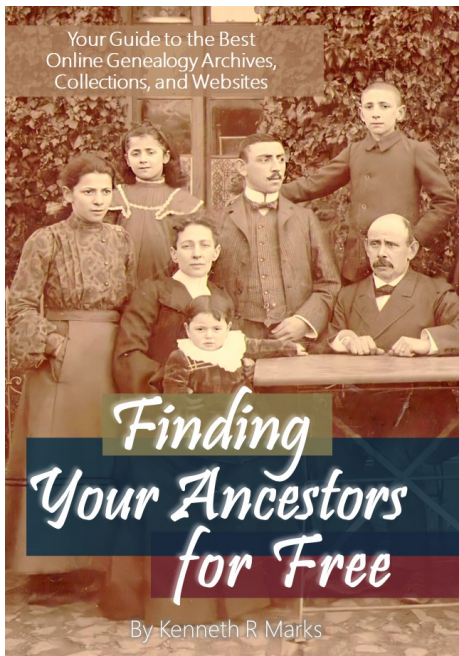
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Genealogy Books Details



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“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

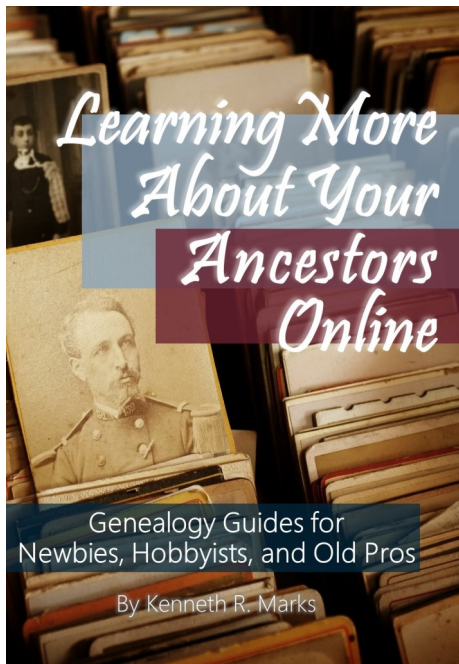
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- Not All Records are Online
- Free Access to Subscription Databases
- Access to Free Collections for Residents
- Why Isn't Genealogy Always Free?

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 2024. Am writing a book about Researching Historical Newspapers.

And there are plans for maybe another two.....

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

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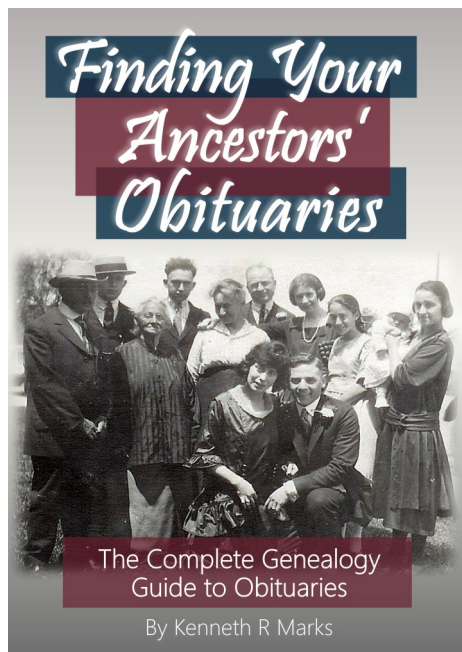
20 Google Search Techniques Ideal for Genealogy

- **Basic Search** – A basic search in Google requires us to enter search criteria in the Search box. This can be something simple such as a full name or surname. Or a much more complicated entry. When using multiple words in the criteria it is assumed to be a Boolean AND. For example, *Word1 Word2 Word3* as your search criteria means that all words must appear in order to provide a positive search result.
- **Phrase Search** – If you are searching for a multi-word phrase that must appear as the phrase, simply, put double quotes before and after the phrase. For example, “*Word1 Word2 Word3*”
- **Exclude Words** – If you wish to exclude a word from your search, simply put a minus sign before the word that you wish to exclude. For example, *John Dulles –Foster*
- **Synonyms** – Want to include synonyms in your search? Just place a tilde symbol in front of the word that you are looking for a synonym, for example, *Word1 ~Word2*
- **Site Search** – To search within a specific site, enter the word *site:* in front of the URL of the site. For example *site:youtube.com*
- **Exclude Site Search Results** – To exclude results from a specific site because you have already searched it or it dominates the results and you don’t wish to see results from that site, just put a minus sign in front of the site term. In our previous example where you want to exclude results from YouTube, just enter – *site:youtube.com*
- **Include Multiple Words** – Use the OR operator to include multiple words or phrases in a search. For example *Lincoln OR “Emancipation Proclamation”*
- **Search Multiple Words** – Although Google’s searches with multiple words assume an AND operation, you can use the AND operator. This is useful when you have more complicated criteria combining OR and AND processes in your search criteria.
- **Wildcards** – Wildcard searches can be performed by entering an asterisk (*) in your search criteria.
- **Find an Older Website Version** – To return to a prior version of a web page enter *cache:xyz.com*. It is different from the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine. Google presents just the most recent version of a web page, whereas the Wayback Machine presents multiple versions.
- **Restrict to Specific File Types** – To restrict results to specific filetypes, enter your criteria as follows: *searchword filetype pdf*
- **Search Related Websites** – To find results from related websites enter *related:website1.com*
- **Search Within a Title** – To find results for a search for a word within the title, enter *intitle:cemetery*
- **Search Multiple Words in a Title** – To find results for multiple words that appear within the title, enter *allintitle:cemetery burial*
- **Search Within a URL** – To find results for a word (or text string) that appears in a URL, enter *allinurl:textstring*
- **Proximity Searches** – To perform a proximity search, i.e. finding words within a specified number of words from one another, use the AROUND function. For example, *Word1 AROUND(5) Word2* finds occurrences where Word1 is within 5 words from Word2
- **Restrict Results to Year Range** – To restrict results to a range of years, enter *[year1]...[year2]* in your search criteria
- **Translate a Word to Another Language** – Just enter *Word in Language* in the search bar. E.g., “Cemetery in German”
- **Perform a Country-Specific Search** – Use the *site* search operator plus the Top Level Domain for that country. For example, if you’re looking for cemetery websites and only want cemetery websites in Germany, the search term would be *cemeteries site:.de*

Google Advanced Search Page – useful when you don’t remember many of the techniques described above. Just go to https://www.google.com/advanced_search



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.

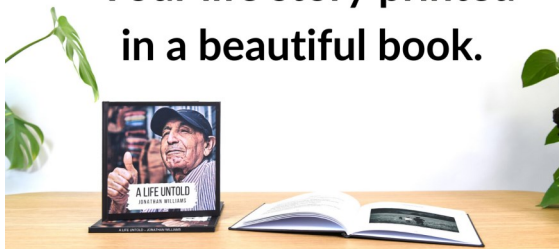


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