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## We Have a Winner!!!

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

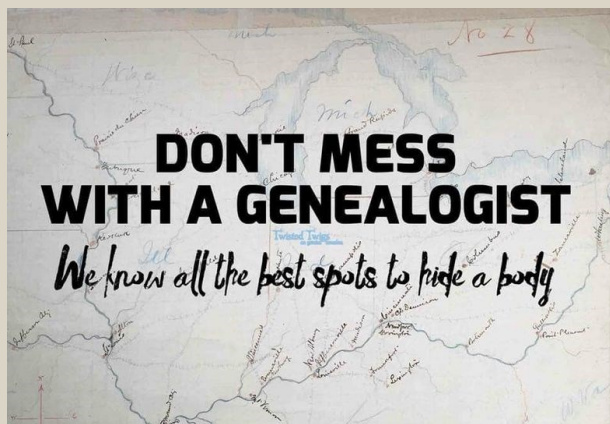


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## Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – June 1-15, 2024](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – June 1-15 2024](#)
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- [725 Free Online School Record Collections from the Mid Atlantic States](#)
- [815 Free Online School Record Collections from the Mid West States](#)
- [925 Free Online Western States Digital Archives](#)
- [980 Free Online School Record Collections from the Southern States](#)
- [MyHeritage New and Updated Collections – May 1-31, 2024](#)



## New From The Newspaper Corner

- [Veridian Adds/Updates 247 Titles – May 2024](#)
- [Advantage Archives Adds 1.2 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – May 2024](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 101 Titles – May, 2024](#)
- [California Digital Newspaper Collection Adds/Updates 6 Titles – June 2024](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – May 2024](#)
- [Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection Adds/Updates 27 Titles – June 2024](#)
- [Digital Michigan Newspapers Adds/Updates 8 Titles – June 2024](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 144 Historical Newspaper Titles – May 2024](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 13 Titles – June 2024](#)
- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – May 2024](#)
- [Newspapers dot Com Update – May 2024](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 303 Titles – June 2024](#)

## Quirky Old Newspaper Ads

**\$483 BRINGS YOU THIS 5-ROOM HOUSE**

**SAVE 25% Lumber Waste Labor Cost**

Buy all the materials direct from the Aladdin Mills and make big savings. Price includes all lumber cut to fit, millwork, hardware, glass, nails, paints, roofing and complete instructions. Build it yourself!

**Homes – Summer Cottages – Garages**

Aladdin's latest 1930 Catalog shows 100 plans of homes, summer cottages, and garages, at money-saving prices. Write nearest office today for your FREE copy. Ask for Catalog No. 401. No obligation.

**The ALADDIN CO.** Buy Directly from the Source  
The Biggest Home Values You'll Ever Find  
Wilmington, N. C. Portland, Ore. in Aladdin's Latest Catalog

## Woman Invents Dimple Machine



**DIMPLES** are now made to order! These aids to beauty can be produced as the result of a new invention by Isabella Gilbert of Rochester, N. Y. The device consists of a face-fitting spring carrying two tiny knobs which press into the cheeks.

This is the dimple invention. When worn over the cheeks two knobs soon make a fine set of dimples.

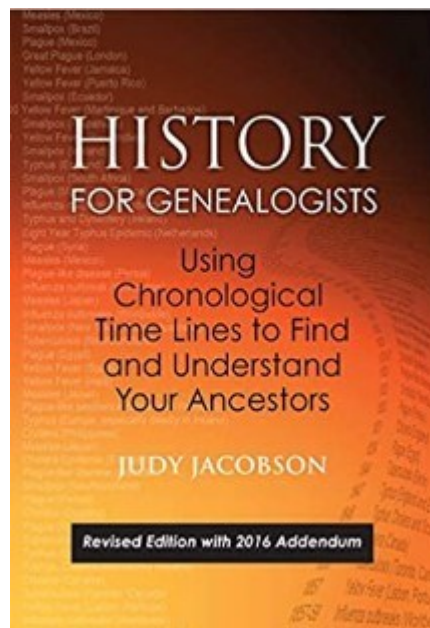
## Useful Articles from Other Sources

- [10 Best Websites for Italian Genealogy Research](#)
- [10 Free Online Resources for Cemetery Records](#)
- [10 Historic Weather Events and How They Impacted Your Ancestors](#)
- [10 Websites for Polish Genealogy Research](#)
- [12 Genealogy Sites You Must Search If You Have UK Ancestors](#)
- [21 Genealogy and Family Tree Apps for Research On-the-Go](#)
- [6 Tips for Organizing Your Digital Genealogy Files](#)
- [7 Strategies for Researching the Right Ancestor and Avoiding Mixups](#)
- [Dawes Rolls: Find Your Native American Ancestors \(3 Quick Tips\)](#)
- [Enhanced Search Capabilities Added to Old-News.com](#)
- [Fact or Science Fiction? Putting DNA Rumors to the Test](#)
- [Family Tree Validator: A Way to Check Information in FamilySearch Family Tree](#)
- [Finding Unknown Burial Locations](#)
- [Free Online Resources for Tracing House Histories](#)
- [Gravestone Symbols and Their Hidden Meanings](#)
- [How To Accurately Use Diaries of Ancestors in Genealogy Research](#)
- [How to Digitally Preserve Old Media in 7 Steps](#)
- [How to Find and Use Naturalization Records](#)
- [How to Read WWI Draft Registration Cards](#)
- [How To Use Your Ancestor's Birth Year To Find The Best U.S. Records](#)
- [Minnesota Historical Society Digital Newspaper Hub adds more old newspapers](#)
- [Preserving Our Ancestor's Military Medals and Ribbons](#)
- [The 15 Best Genealogy Books According to Readers](#)
- [Things to Do in Berlin: A Heritage Travel Guide](#)
- [Tips for Building a Flawless Family Tree](#)
- [US Time Zones: A History Timeline](#)
- [World War II Genealogy Research in The UK](#)

### WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN JUNE AND JULY

- FINISH ALUMNI RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH PHOTOS UPDATE
- UPDATE NATURALIZATIONS UPDATE
- UPDATE DIVORCES UPDATE
- START NEWSPAPERS UPDATE
- CONDUCT WEBINARS WITH INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

### Book of the Month



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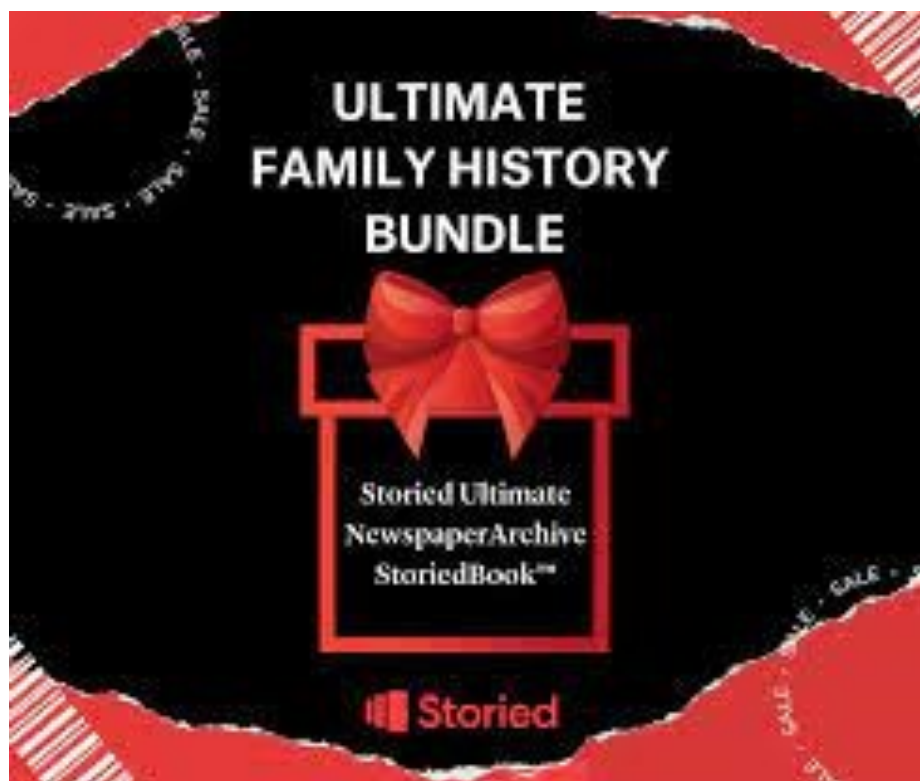
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## Monthly Raffle

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

The winner of the raffle is unknown since I have not heard back from her/him. Their email address starts with th4un Congratulations! And please email me back so I can get you started with your prize

And what did he/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 - Google Databases for Genealogy

Google has several search engines and databases that are very useful for genealogy researchers. Here is an overview of some of these databases and functions.

**Google Books** has a seemingly never-ending supply of digitized books. And there is an ample number of old books that can be used in your genealogy research. Generally, there are two types of entries: books that are digitized and full text of the entire book is available online, and books where only partial sections or pages are available, and only snippets of your resultant search results provide useful information.

The URL is [books.google.com](https://books.google.com)

**Google Patents** presents a search engine to find old patents from around the world. Personally, I found that five of my ancestors held patents, much to my surprise, and several of them were from the 1800s!

The URL is [patents.google.com](https://patents.google.com)

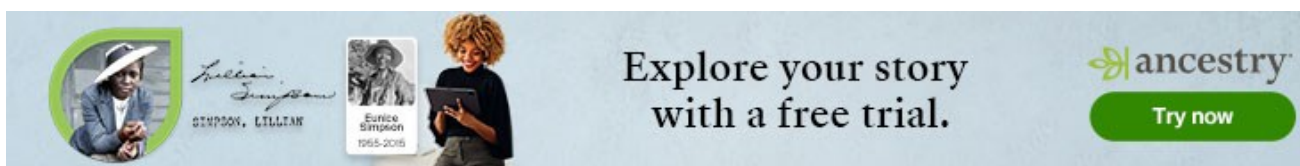
**Google Cache** provides the ability to see a previous version of a web page. This is particularly useful when you get a 404 Error or a "File Not Found" page when going to a website. Just enter "cache:" in front (do not enter the quotes) of the desired webpages URL, and it will take you to a previous version of the page.

**Google Scholar** provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts, and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities, and other web sites.

The URL is [scholar.google.com](https://scholar.google.com)

**Google Images** has over 28 billion images in its database. Similar search functions as in generic Google Search are available. There also is a reverse image search. This is particularly useful for genealogists as it may find other researchers who have the same or similar photo as that of your ancestor that you are performing the reverse image search for or even an image base somewhere with pertinent photos. This can also be used to find larger or better quality versions of the same image.

The URL is [images.google.com](https://images.google.com)



The advertisement banner features a light blue background. On the left, there is a circular portrait of a woman in a hat, a handwritten signature of Lillian Simpson, and a small portrait of a woman with the text "Eufree Simpson 1965-2018". In the center, a woman with curly hair is looking at a tablet. To the right, the text reads "Explore your story with a free trial." and the Ancestry logo is displayed. A green button with the text "Try now" is located at the bottom right.

## Free Genealogy Website of the Month - Google Databases for Genealogy

**Google Maps** and **Google Earth** are particularly useful for genealogists as we can see visually what a house, business, or other property looks like. Also creating custom maps of our ancestors' residences can also provide us with genealogical clues.

The URLs are [www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps) and [earth.google.com/web](http://earth.google.com/web)

**Google Translate** is very useful when attempting to convert written documents, letters, or other material from the language of the "old country" to current language. There are over 100 languages available.

The URL is [translate.google.com](http://translate.google.com)

**Google Alerts** is an excellent resource for genealogy researchers. It is like having a constant search running all the time. It won't necessarily search inside databases or their records, but if a mention of a person, surname, or whatever else you set the Alert up for occurs in a new resource or news article, you will be sent an email. It can be your secret weapon!

The URL is [www.google.com/alerts](http://www.google.com/alerts)

**Google News Archive** provides search and browsing capabilities for over 2,300 newspaper titles, primarily from the U.S. and Canada. It is no longer updated as of several years ago. The search capability can be hit and miss for older newspapers published prior to 1970, but it is worth the effort.

The URL is <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

**Google Search** is the ubiquitous search engine that we all use, have used, or are familiar with. There are several tricks to optimize one's results, especially when searching for ancestors. A description of 20 different Google search techniques can be found at [Mastering Google Search for Genealogy](#)

The URL is <https://www.google.com/>



**NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE**

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## Newspaper Research Tip of the Month - 4 Big Challenges in Downloading Historical Newspaper Articles

I have been researching online historical newspaper sites for several years, both the free ones as well as the subscription-based sites. Their software capabilities, independent of the size and quality of their scanned collections, break down into two parts:

1. How do you search the site and find “stuff”
2. How do you download and save the articles that you find

This post is all about the second part – how do you download and save materials.

If you remember only ONE thing about this Research Tip it is this:

**“Make sure you plan ahead before you download an article.”**

Many of these sites use different underlying base software and they all are quite different in their approach to providing a download capability.

Among the varying features that I have found will require you to do one or a combination of the items below:

- Download a .pdf of the page that contains your desired article
- Download a .jpg of the page that contains your desired article
- Use a software snipping tool such as the Windows “Snipping Tool” or some commercial offerings, such as SnagIt, Shutter, Jing, etc. There are many of these tools. So you just snip the article with this tool.
- The newspaper library software will snip the article for you and present it as a “whole” article.
- The newspaper library software will snip the article for you and present it in several pieces that comprise the entire article, such as the headline, and each paragraph as an independent .jpg file

The concern with all of these methods is

**“How do you end up with a complete article that is large enough to read or is zoomable?”**

“Zoomability” is one of the biggest complaints that I hear from my fellow online historical newspaper researchers after they download an article.

The 4 challenges regarding downloading an article and ending up with what you want and need are presented below

**Highlights** – almost every online site presents the selected article after a search with highlighted search terms.

So, depending on the capabilities provided by the site software, make sure that if you do NOT want to download the article with the highlighted text, that you download the article the way that you want it. There is always a way to get the article without the highlights. Experiment with the software or just download the whole page and crop your article later.

**Chopped Up Articles** – A few of the sites will present the article in a “chopped up” format, depending on the length of the article. Usually the title or headline is separated from the text, and if it is a long article, there may be several parts.

So just like your need to concern yourself with downloading highlighted text, you will need to be careful with downloading articles that are broken up. It is safest to download the article (or entire page) in .pdf format and crop to your liking later. With .pdf formats you can generally zoom to the size you desire and then crop or snip the article in one piece.

**The Article is Too Small** – this is the challenge that requires the most forethought when saving the article for later use. Much of the time, the repository software will allow you to download or snip articles in several different ways. Unfortunately, if you do not check your downloaded image before you leave the site, you might be disappointed in the size or the quality of said download. Make sure that it is either zoomable after the download or if not, that the article is zoomed to a readable size prior to downloading. Also, if it is too small when downloaded, depending on how the site prepares the clipping, zooming later may degrade the quality so that when zoomed, it is so fuzzy that you can’t read it.

Just like the other challenges, forethought will lead to the best results. It is always safest to download the article (or entire page) in .pdf format and crop to your liking later.

**Oops, I Forgot the Citation** – This is easily the biggest mistake one can make and creates many “smack your head” moments. When I first started searching newspapers, I got so excited when I found an interesting article that I just downloaded the article and did not record the details about the newspaper that I found it in. In order for me to find the article again for those that I discovered online – I will have to perform all those searches again. Many of the repositories have a function or a link where the source details are presented. What I do is include the publication title, publication date and page number as part of the file name of the downloaded .pdf or image file.

The moral of the story is that online newspaper collections can be an incredibly valuable tool for your research. Fortunately, much of what is written above and the challenges presented are not huge to overcome. Just think ahead and make sure that the articles that you download are readable and in a format and size that pleases you and your future readers. And make sure you document where the articles came from!

**The easiest way is to save the entire page as a pdf and include the citation info in the file name.**



# Quicksheet of the Month

## 16 Places Where You Can Find Genealogy and Family History Books

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

### Free Online Genealogy and History Books

- [The Digital Public Library of America](#)—a free national digital library with online contents from over 4,000 libraries.
- [FamilySearch Digital Library](#)—over 500,000 books and other digitized items are available online.
- [Google Books](#) has over 10 million titles available. There are two basic types—books that have been digitized and all pages are available to view; and titles where only a snippet preview is available.
- [HathiTrust](#) is a collaboration between academic and research libraries. It has over 17 million digitized items. There are two types of results—"Full View" and "Limited (search only)"
- [HeritageQuest Online](#)—available only via libraries; a library card is required to use this resource. It has a sizable book collection of family histories, plus a number of varying categories of genealogy records. A detailed description of its contents can be found [HERE](#)
- [The Internet Archive](#)—similar to the collections above, the Archive has over 20 million books and texts available. It also has a sizable number that can be borrowed for a short time.

### Subscription Required Sources of Genealogy Books

- [American Ancestors](#)—the Research Library has a sizable collection of Local History and Family History Books.
- [Ancestry](#)—the Stories, Memories, and Histories section has over 23,000 entries.
- [FindMyPast](#)—has a section of their database entitled "Directories and Social History" that contains a number of different types of publications, including directories, family histories, almanacs and social history.
- [MyHeritage](#)—available are books and publications; biographies, family histories, and local and general history publications. Also available is a [Compilation of Published Sources](#)

### Library Sources of Genealogy Books

- Genealogy Libraries—specialty libraries, such as the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Over 100,000 books are available on the [Allen County Library Page](#) on the Internet Archive, for example.
- Genealogical and Historical Societies—local, county, and state societies all have a library full of books, many of course pertaining to the local area.
- College and University Libraries—collections relating to the local area as well as the state are worth looking in to.
- [WorldCat](#)—in essence, connects thousands of libraries catalogs together in one searchable database.
- Interlibrary Loan—most libraries have an Interlibrary Loan Program, where you can borrow the book from a distant library for a short time.

### Curated County Histories

- [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#)—has a curated list of free, out-of-copyright books about local and state histories. These links will save you a lot of time searching many different collections and databases.



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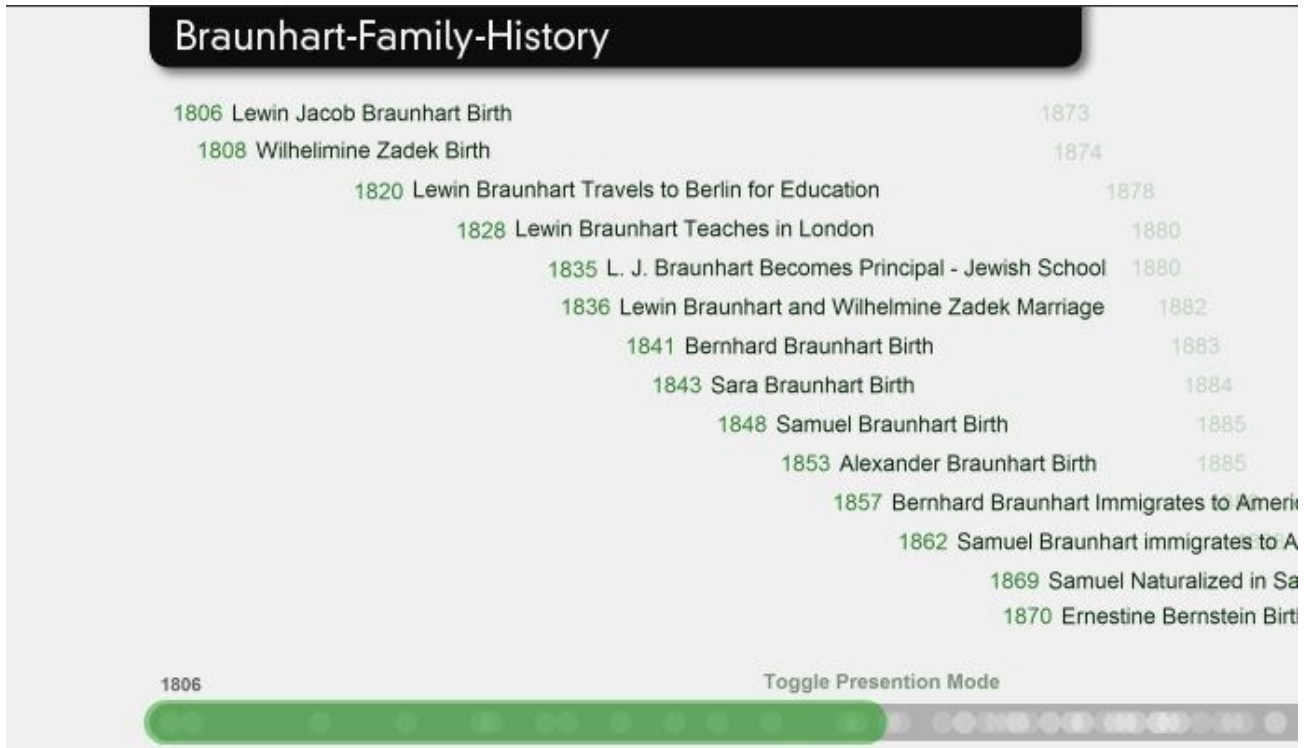
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## A Really Easy, Free Way to Make a Genealogy Timeline



Laying out your ancestors' important events in a visual way is a great way to analyze their lives and compare them to others in your family tree.

Personally, I like using timeline software applications as a way to display these events for some branches of my family tree. If you like, it is a visual way to share important events with your own relatives about their ancestors.

I have used many different timeline tools and for me, the one that is the easiest to use and has the most flexibility for the future is [Timeline JS from Northwestern University](#).

Most timeline software tools are either an app, a software program that you download, or a web application. These are terrific and often have a wide variety of features that Timeline JS does not have.

Why do I recommend Timeline JS? Because it is Open Source and not a proprietary program. Other timeline tools may have more features but are susceptible to the underlying software that they rely on. For example, many used to use Flash technology which created problems on smartphones. My first timeline software was proprietary. They went out of business and the software was not usable after a short time. So I had to start over.

On the next page is a sample from my own tree. It is fairly simple but does have text, photos and videos included. Not multi-color like many timeline "makers" but does the job. Scroll through and see its display and features.



## A Really Easy, Free Way to Make a Genealogy Timeline

1843  
**SARA BRAUNHART BIRTH**  
Sara Braunhart, Wilhelmine and Lewin's only daughter, was born in Schubin, Germany on May 17, 1843

The screenshot shows a digital timeline interface. At the top, the year '1843' is displayed. Below it, the event title 'SARA BRAUNHART BIRTH' is in bold. A descriptive text follows: 'Sara Braunhart, Wilhelmine and Lewin's only daughter, was born in Schubin, Germany on May 17, 1843'. A central image shows a portrait of an elderly woman with glasses and a dark, high-collared dress. To the right of the image is a vertical scrollbar. Below the image, there is a search bar and a list of names: 'Frieda Braunh...', 'Heinz Brau...', 'Moritz and Wi...', and 'Sara Braun...'. On the left side of the image area, there are navigation arrows and a magnifying glass icon.

So, is Timeline JS the coolest timeline creator out there? Nope – it is pretty basic. But it is really easy to implement and gets the job done. As stated earlier, being open-source protects it somewhat in the future.

Try it out – you might like it. If you still want something “fancy-schmancy” you won’t have invested a ton of time with Timeline JS.

And, it is FREE!

I’m still using Timeline JS after almost 10 years!

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I am not promoting any of these timeline software packages, but they might be worth a look if you want to invest a few \$\$\$

- [Genelines](#)
- [History Timeline](#)
- [Genially](#)
- [Venngage](#)

## Webinars

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**June 19 – 1:00 PM EDT**

### **Using the New Chronicling America Version 2.0 – It is Different and It Is Better**

This webinar discusses and demonstrates the new Version 2.0 of Chronicling America (CA). The most recent version of Chronicling America has been in use since 2011. This new version being deployed this year has some exciting new features that will make your search experience more beneficial and more enjoyable.

Here are the highlights;

There are three parts to CA. This webinar features how to use all of the three:

- **Collection Items** – Where you can perform a Basic and Advanced Search
- **All Digitized Titles** – Where you can discover which Newspaper Titles and Date Ranges are available in the CA Database
- **Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries** – Where you can discover where non-digitized titles are held

Some of the new features include results filtering, auto fill-in of counties, cities, titles, and ethnicities after selecting a state, and several more.

The majority of the session will be demonstrations on how to use these new features as well as how to navigate the new software.

Please go to the [Webinars](#) page to get detailed info and register.



## Webinars

**NOW AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION**



**June 27 – 4:00 PM EDT**

### **How to Develop Online Newspaper Research Skills**

This webinar is intended to build newspaper research skills for genealogy and history researchers. Online newspaper research can be a frustrating endeavor for several reasons. The goal is for the audience to understand why it can be difficult and to learn some skills that will drastically improve search results. There are four sections in the webinar:

- Why search old newspapers?
- The challenges in searching old newspapers online
- 7 critical skills and techniques to successfully search newspapers online
- A detailed demonstration of these skills and techniques

Please go to the [Webinars](#) page to get detailed info and register.

I have been doing these newspaper research webinars for genealogy societies for a couple of years. I have just invested in the mechanisms to make them available virtually (live) for individuals. I still schedule genealogical societies and other institutions for group webinars.

Upcoming webinars in the next few months:

- 75 Techniques to Research Historic Newspapers A to Z
- How to Find and Analyze More Newspaper Obituaries
- Find Hidden Vital Records in Newspapers
- A 3 Hour Master Class in Online Newspaper Research

## Evidence Explained - 4th Edition



**NOW AVAILABLE AS eBook ALSO!**

### **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.

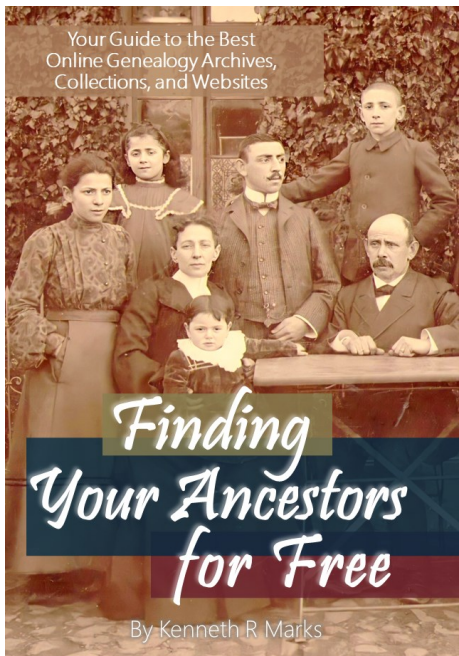
*Evidence Explained's* new fourth edition significantly *reexamines* historical resources and *simplifies* long-standing practices.

**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](#)

## 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

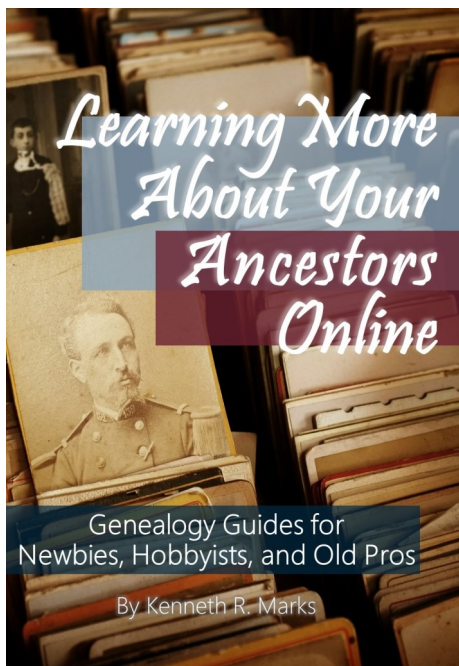
- About the Author
- Getting Started
- The History of Free
- Not All Records are Online
- Free Access to Subscription Databases
- Access to Free Collections for Residents
- Why Isn't Genealogy Always Free?

### 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 2024. Am writing a book about Researching Historical Newspapers.

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

## The By Location Page

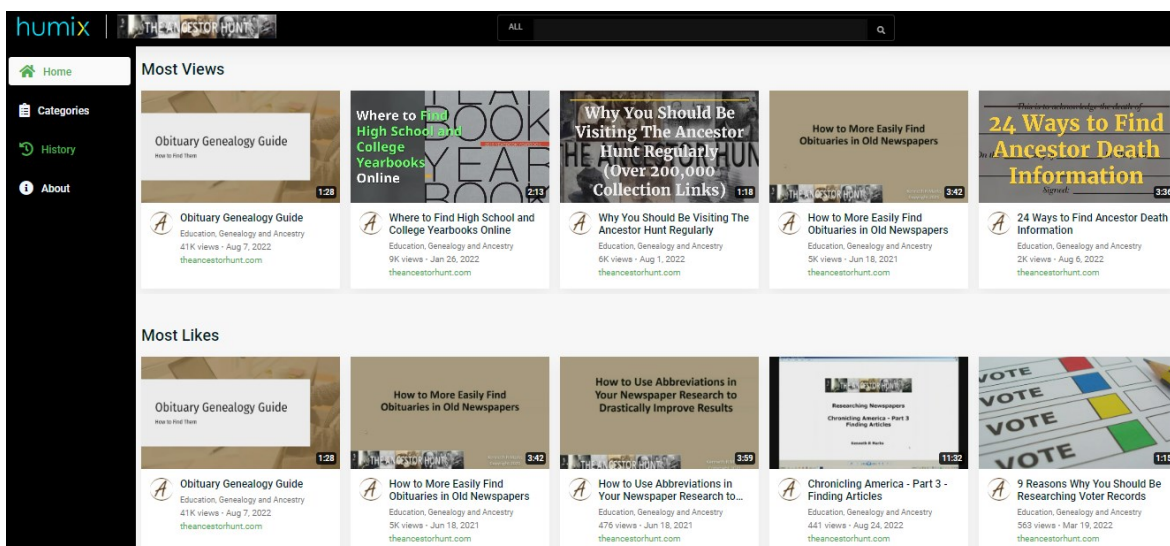
The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the [BY LOCATION](#) page.

This page has a dropdown for each state or province, with a link to the online collections links for every category available.

## Video Channel

There are now over 60 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?

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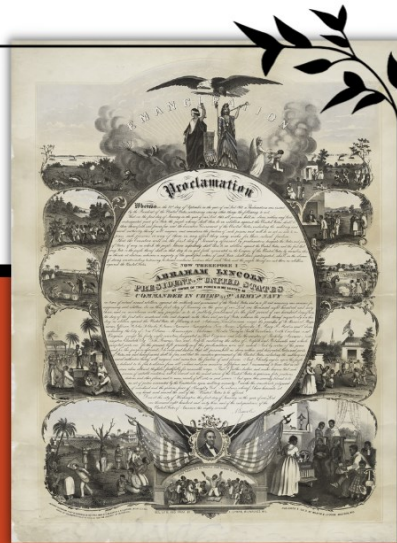


# Juneteenth

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***“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free ...”***

— Major General, Gordon Granger. General Orders, No. 3. Headquarters District of Texas, Galveston, June 19, 1865


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# Honoring Enslaved Ancestors and How to Find Them

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Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is a significant holiday celebrated on June 19th each year. It commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, officially proclaiming the end of slavery in Texas, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. Juneteenth serves as a symbolic milestone in the ongoing struggle for freedom and equality. It is a time to reflect on the hardships endured by enslaved individuals and to celebrate their resilience, cultural heritage, and contributions to American society.

While attending the National Genealogical Society's annual conference in Richmond, Virginia, earlier this month, I managed to take a break from our Storied booth to sit in on several sessions. One of my favorites was "Researching Enslaved Persons in Virginia Records" by Melanie McComb, one of the genealogists at the New England Historic Genealogical Society and American Ancestors. It got me thinking about how to utilize NewspaperArchive. While finding detailed information about enslaved ancestors can be challenging due to the nature of slavery and limited records, using newspapers to search for enslaved ancestors can be a valuable resource in your genealogical research.

Here are some tips to help you navigate newspapers effectively:

- 1. Be Mindful of Historical Context:** Recognize the inherent biases and dehumanizing language prevalent in newspapers of the time. Approach the information with sensitivity and critical analysis, understanding the social and cultural climate of the era.
- 2. Research Relevant Newspaper Collections:** Identify publications from the geographic area where your ancestors were enslaved. Look for publications that cover the time period when slavery existed. NewspaperArchive has more than 2,500 publications from 1736-1866.
- 3. Utilize Advanced Search Options:** Take advantage of advanced search features such as keyword search, date range filters, and the ability to search within specific newspapers or regions. The NewspaperArchive collection includes more than 500 newspapers from southern states prior to 1867.
- 4. Employ Specific Keywords:** Use keywords related to slavery, such as "slave," "enslaved," "slavery," "plantation," "negro," or "runaway slave." Combine these keywords with names, locations, or other relevant details to narrow down your search.

**\$65 REWARD.**

**RUNAWAY** from the subscriber, on Sunday, the 5th inst, my Negro Boy JOHN (sometimes terms himself John Smith,) of very dark complexion, full face; about five feet, four or five inches high; weighs about 140 pounds; had a rising in the palm of the left hand. He may probably attempt to make his way back to Virginia, from whence he was brought by Drumright & Nixon, of whom I purchased him on the 16th of November last. The boy has a large nose, and has rather a down look; speaks slow and easy when spoken to. When said boy left, he took all his clothing, sewed up in a large duffle blanket. I propose paying \$15 for the delivery or lodging of said boy in some jail where I may get him, and \$50 for the apprehension of any white man who may have decoyed said boy off, with sufficient proof to convict him.

HENRY P. MATTOX.  
Elberton, Elbert co., Ga. ja14-w3  
\* \* \* The Columbia Carolinian will publish weekly 3 times, and forward bill to this office.

**RUNAWAY**

**FROM** the subscriber, on the morning of the 12th inst., Two Negroes—MOSES, a man of dark complexion, speaks quick when spoken to, and lisps in his speech, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, has a small scar or two about his face, one tooth out in front, about 24 years of age, weighs about 160 pounds. HANNAH, a negro woman of black complexion, rather slow to speak when spoken to. She is large in size, and weighs 175 pounds, has large white eyes, and is the wife of Moses. A liberal reward will be given for their delivery to me, or confined in any jail so I can get them. Address me at Double Branches, Lincoln county, Georgia. ja15-w2\* THOMAS SEALES, Sr.

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5. **Explore Classified Ads and Notices:** Pay attention to classified advertisements, estate sales, probate notices, or runaway slave ads. These may provide information about enslaved individuals, such as names, physical descriptions, skills, or rewards offered for their capture.

6. **Investigate Local News and Events:** Look for local news articles, social events, or community happenings that may mention enslaved individuals. This can include reports on slave auctions, emancipation events, court cases, or criminal proceedings involving enslaved individuals.

7. **Analyze Community News and Church Announcements:** Check community news sections, church announcements, or newsletters that may contain information about enslaved individuals, such as births, marriages, deaths, or membership records.

8. **Consider Alternative Terminology:** Be aware that newspapers of the time may have used alternative terminology or euphemisms to refer to enslaved individuals. Familiarize yourself with terms like “servants,” “property,” “negro,” or “colored” that may appear in newspaper articles.

**Runaway in Jail.**  
DEPOT NEGRO.  
Was brought to the Jail of this parish a runaway negro man who calls his name **JAMES**, and who says that he is the property of Mr. Wilson, of New Orleans. The said negro is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, and a black, stout built, with no visible marks. The owner will please come forward, pay charges and take him away.  
dec5 HENRY SULLIVAN, Jailor.

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**Marron en Prison.**  
DEPOT ESCLAVE.  
Il été amené à la geole de Plaquemine, un nègre arrêté comme marron, qui se nomme **JAMES**, et dit appartenir à Mr. Wilson, résidant à Nlle. Orleans. Le dit nègre est âgé d'environ 28 ans, et 5 peids 8 pouces de taille.  
dec5 HENRY SULLIVAN, Geolier.

Trying to find information about enslaved ancestors is no easy task, but with persistence and these tips to guide you, you never know what you might discover.

**Runaway Negro.**  
**W**AS Committed to the jail of this county on the 18th day of August last, a negro man by the name of  
**R A L P H**  
about 23 or 24 years old, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, has a scar on his throat or neck, and two of his fore teeth out; his clothing is a tow shirt and trowsers, old (washed-down) jacket, old wool hat, two pair striped cotton trowsers and an old linen shirt, says he belongs to James Wyate near the Red House Prince William county state of Virginia. His owner is desired to come, prove property pay charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be sold for his prison fees according to law on the 20th day of November next.  
L. HILLEARY, Sheriff, Allegany county, Maryland.  
Cumberland, Sept 11 1830

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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 is my favorite tool 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.



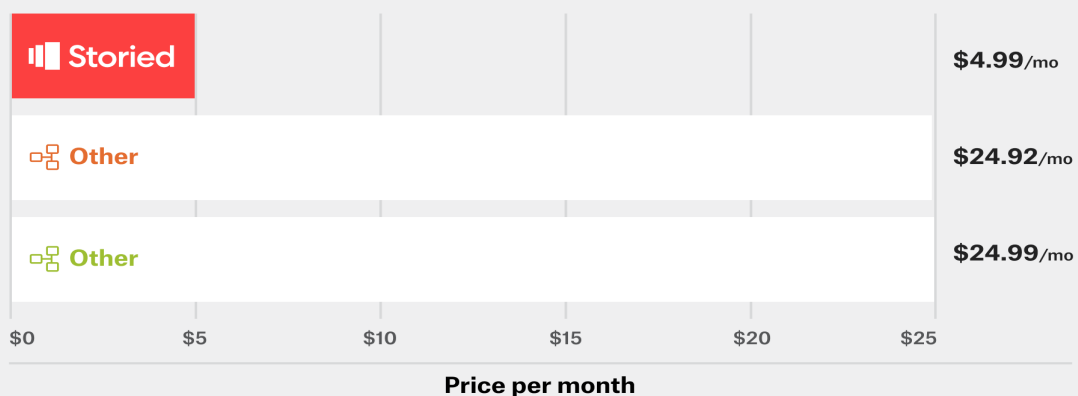
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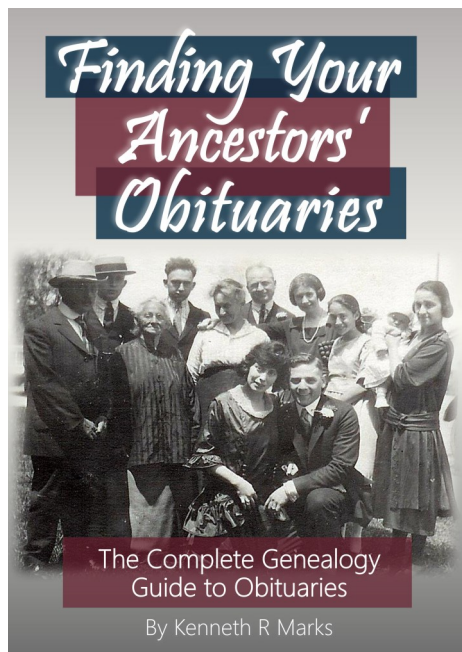
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