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- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – August 1-31, 2024](#)
- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – September 1-15, 2024](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – August 1-31, 2024](#)
- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – September 1-15, 2024](#)
- [1,230 Free New England States Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [1,390 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Mid Atlantic States](#)
- [1,430 Free Online Western States Death Record and Index Collections](#)
- [1,630 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Western States](#)
- [1,975 Free Western States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [10,740 Free Online Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links from the U.S.](#)
- [12,670 Free Southern States Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [17,820 United States High Schools and Colleges with Free Online Yearbooks](#)
- [2,940 Free Mid Atlantic States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [2,535 Free Online Mid West States Death Record and Index Collections](#)
- [20 Tips for Using Google Search for Genealogy](#)
- [28,780 Free United States Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [280 Old Occupations Used in the Census and Newspapers in the U.S. and U.K.](#)
- [3,920 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Mid West States](#)
- [300 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the New England States](#)
- [32 Ways to Find Ancestor Locations and Addresses](#)
- [4,200 Free Western States Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [4,615 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Southern States](#)
- [500 Free Library of Congress Digital Collections](#)
- [6,930 Free Southern States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [6,635 Free Mid West States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [80 Old Time Illnesses and Their Current Names](#)
- [880 Free New England States High School and College Yearbooks Online](#)
- [9,760 Free Mid West States Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [How to Get the Most From the Social Security Death Index \(SSDI\)](#)
- [The One Magic Search Trick That Will Drastically Improve Your Newspaper Search Results](#)
- [United States Genealogical and Historical Societies](#)
- [What Is Online in the National Archives Archival Databases](#)

New From The Newspaper Corner

- [32 Reasons Why Searching for Obituaries is Like Finding Gold](#)
- [Advantage Archives Adds 1.2 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – August 2024](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 105 Titles – August, 2024](#)
- [Chronicling America – NEH Announces 2024 Awards to 9 States in the National Digital Newspaper Program](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – August 2024](#)
- [Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection Adds/Updates 29 Titles – September 2024](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 79 Historical Newspaper Titles – August 2024](#)
- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – August 2024](#)
- [Newspapers dot Com Update – August 2024](#)
- [North Dakota Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#)
- [NY State Historical Newspapers Adds/Updates 7 Titles – September, 2024](#)
- [Veridian Adds/Updates 250 Titles – September 2024](#)
- [Virginia Chronicle Newspaper Collection Adds/Updates 19 Titles – September 2024](#)
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Quirky Old Newspaper Ads



Kids are murder!

You always seem to be screaming at them. Nagging and bullying. And most of the time you don't want to. You have to make yourself do it.

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Useful Articles from Other Sources

- [Advice from a Recovering Blowhard: A Genealogist's Guide to Getting Over Yourself](#)
- [How to Research Orphaned and Adopted Children in Your Genealogy](#)
- [U.S. Military Rank and Insignia: How To Decode Your Ancestor's](#)
- [4 Steps to Requesting Your Ancestors' Birth Records](#)
- [What DNA Test Should I Take for My Genealogy?](#)
- [Nourishing Your Genealogy Journey: The Proper "Diet" for Effective Family Research](#)
- [Tennessee Archives: 271 Newspapers for Genealogy Research](#)
- [AI Developments in Genealogy](#)
- [24 Places Where You Can Find Your Ancestors Occupation](#)
- [10 Sneaky Tricks to Get Your Family Hooked on Genealogy](#)
- [10 Steps for Tracking Down Living Relatives](#)
- [11 Hispanic and Latino Genealogy Websites and Resources](#)
- [12 Records for Identifying an Ancestor's Occupation](#)
- [23 Things Genealogists Do When No One's Watching](#)
- [31 Remarkable Women That Made History](#)
- [4 Ways to Jog Your Memories for Recording Your Own History](#)
- [6 Genealogy Buys That Are Actually Worth Your Money \(+ How to Save on Them\)](#)
- [6 Historical Irish Jurisdictions Genealogists Should Know About](#)
- [6 Things I Never Expected to Learn From Family History Research](#)
- [6 Tips for Proving Your Ancestor's Identity \(+ Common Errors\)](#)
- [Best Resolutions for Scanned Photos and Documents](#)
- [Family Tree Fails: Embarrassing Mistakes Every Genealogist Has Made](#)
- [Female Ancestor First Names and Nicknames \(+ Searchable Guide\)](#)
- [Genealogy Preservation and Organization with Cloud Storage](#)
- [How to Browse US Census Records When Name Searches Don't Work](#)
- [How to Find Your German Hometown: A Case Study](#)

- [10 Best Websites for Italian Genealogy Research](#)
- [Native newspapers archived online in meaningful project](#)
- [Reverse Genealogy: 5 Reasons to Trace Family Forward in Time](#)
- [Tombstone Tourism: Planning Cemetery Visits for Genealogy](#)
- [Tracking Ancestral Migrations: Research Strategies and Tips](#)
- [Which Genealogy DNA Test is the Best? A Detailed Comparison Guide to Help You Decide](#)

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- FINISH ALUMNI RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH NEWSPAPERS UPDATE
- START SPECIAL NEWSPAPERS UPDATE
- FINISH MORTUARY RECORDS UPDATE
- IMPLEMENT MORE WEBINARS

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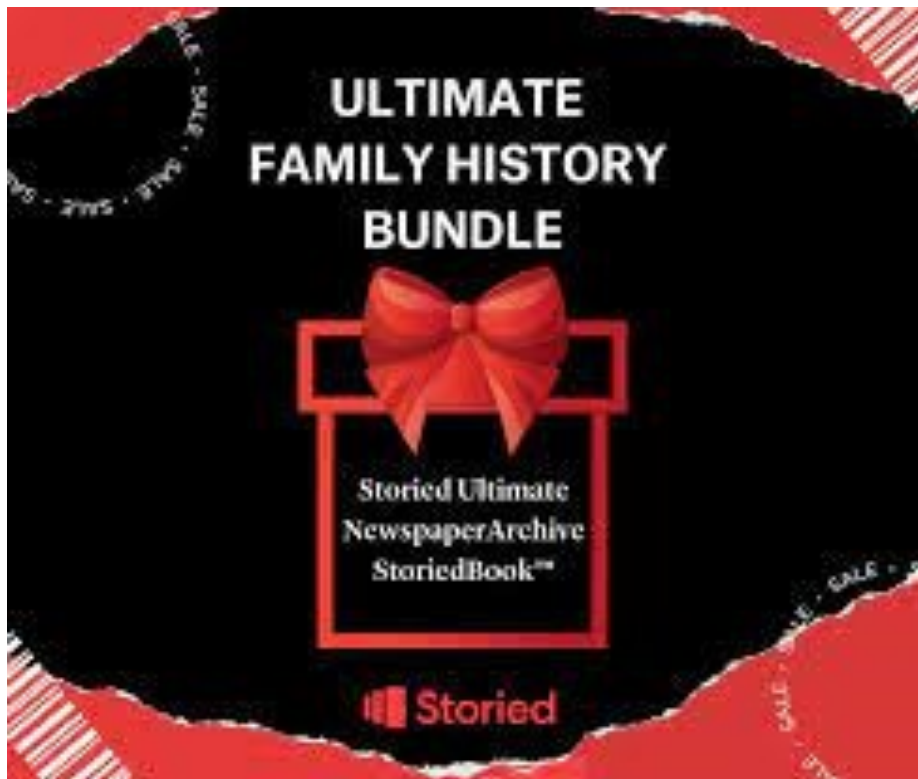


Monthly Raffle

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

The winner of the raffle is emcmurchy@gmail.com from XXXX. Congratulations!

And what did they 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 - New Horizons Genealogy



New Horizons Genealogy is a site with links for every state in the US in various genealogy categories. It specializes in New England and New York Colonial American Ancestry.

From their website: *“New Horizons Genealogy specializes in New England and New York Colonial American Genealogy, Ancestry, and Family History. Our record collections include Vital records, Arnold Collection of Rhode Island Vital Records, Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Colonial and State Census records, Federal and State Census Mortality Schedules, Cemetery records, 1840 Census of Pensioners and Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in New York State. We also include links to other quality genealogy records to help make these collections as complete as possible”*

They cover a wide variety of genealogy categories, such as:

Adoption	Immigration Records
Barbour Collection	Military and Pension Records
Biographies	Mortality Schedules
Cemetery Records	Newspapers
Census Records	Obituaries
Church Records	Vital Records
History	Wills/Probate Records

To access the site, go to www.NewHorizonsGenealogicalServices.com

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Newspaper Research Tip of the Month - The One Magic Search Trick That Will Drastically Improve Your Newspaper Search Results



The Power of Using Abbreviations

In newspapers, you are likely to find abbreviations of people’s given or first names. So, when searching online, it behooves us to search with the abbreviation of that first name as well as the full first name.

To demonstrate the power of searching with abbreviations, I searched for a common name, “William Smith,” and received 30,379 results. I then searched for “Wm Smith,” and the search returned 9,783 results. That is an increase of 32%, just by using the abbreviated name!

Old Newspaper Publishers Sought to Minimize Space

In old newspapers, abbreviations were used to save space. Abbreviations were used to shorten many words – the most notable being given names and addresses. In the “olden days,” newspaper publishers were quite frugal. They generally kept each issue to the same number of pages, whether they be 4, 8, or other. Space was at a premium. To maximize the text on a page, they often used abbreviations to save space and thus save ink and paper.

Abbreviation Search Examples

Your search index database is not smart enough to automatically search for the abbreviation of “Thos” for “Thomas”. The same issue applies when trying to interpret “Ave” for the word “Avenue” So if you are entering “335 14th Avenue” – if the search index includes “Ave” the search will not be successful. Therefore, you must search both “335 14th Avenue” and “335 14th Ave” to get all possible results.

Another trick is to abbreviate titles, such as “Col” for “Colonel”. I did a search for “Colonel Charles Lindbergh”, and received 887 results. Then I searched “Col Charles Lindbergh” and got 1,011 results. A 115% improvement!

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Yet another trick is to abbreviate words such as “Ave” for “Avenue”. I searched “Fairfax Avenue” and got 3,192 results. Then I searched “Fairfax Ave” and got 7,748 results. A 240% improvement!

Searching Using First Initial of Given Name with Surname

It is also helpful if you search using just the first initial of the given name. In many articles in old newspapers, lists of people often just used the first initial of the given name to save space. So that behooves you to perform a phrase search using the first initial together with the surname in your search criteria.

Below is a list of common abbreviations frequently used in old newspapers. Current newspapers do not employ these abbreviations as much as in older newspapers.

Common Abbreviations

Eliz for Elizabeth	Capt for Captain
Wm for William	Pl for Place
Sgt for Sergeant	Co for Company
Ave for Avenue	Pres for President
Corp for Corporation	Ln for Lane
Jno for John	Col for Colonel
St for Street	Chas for Charles
NYC for New York City	Benj for Benjamin
Jos for Joseph	Cpl for Corporal
Jas for James	Geo for George
Margt for Margaret	Robt for Robert
Saml for Samuel	Thos for Thomas
Inc for Incorporated	Genl for General
Deb for Deborah	Danl for Daniel
Hy for Henry	Pvt for Private
CPO for Chief Petty Officer	Ens for Ensign
My for Mary	Theo for Theodore
Agt for Agent	Prop for Proprietor
Ag for Agnes	Alex for Alexander
Chr for Christian	Dy for Dorothy

Additional Resources

I highly encourage you to use the abbreviations above as part of your search repertoire. And many more abbreviations were often used. You can access a terrific list of given name abbreviations from **Genealogy In Time** at <http://www.genealogyintime.com/dictionaries/list-of-first-name-abbreviations.html>



Free Genealogy Archives, Websites, and Other Collections - By State

These curated links for each state include genealogy websites, archives, university collections, library and other institutions' genealogy collections. All Free!

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Quick Tips

Genealogy Did You Know

Unique Human Interest articles were copied all over the country and world. One of my ancestors was given Geronimo's knife in the 1880s in California and the article was published in papers in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Indiana, and London, England as a human interest story. So take that into consideration.

Research Your Family History With Help From The Ancestor Hunt at www.theancestorhunt.com

Genealogy Did You Know

When you are searching for obituaries in old newspapers, if you add "beloved" or "loving" or "dear" or "devoted" or "passed away" or "died" or "funeral" to your search criteria, you are more likely to find the Obituary section of the paper and hence more likely to find your target obit

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Genealogy Did You Know

If you are searching for a birth announcement, add in the keywords "born to the wife of" or "born to" along with the name in your search criteria. That will focus in on articles about births.

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Genealogy Did You Know

If your target lived near the state border, check out neighboring state newspapers. For example, if they lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa, check out the Omaha, Nebraska papers. Or if they lived in Camden, New Jersey, research the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania newspapers.

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Genealogy Did You Know

When searching for obituaries, include a couple of weeks after the death of the ancestor. Many times the obituary publication was delayed, but more importantly, some obituaries were changed after their original publication, because of errors, modifications or additions. So don't stop searching after you have found the first one.

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Genealogy Did You Know

Make sure that you search for state abbreviations in addition to full state names. One caution, we've only had two digit state abbreviations since 1963. Prior to that year, the states were abbreviated "Calif.", "Kans.", Fla.", "Ill.", "Mass", etc.

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Genealogy Did You Know

Are you looking for ethnic American newspapers, such as German-American, Jewish-American, Polish-American, etc.? Try the source country's collections of historical newspapers. I have found American published newspapers in the source country's collections.

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Genealogy Did You Know

Want a cool way to find info about your ancestors in classified ads? We certainly don't know the phone numbers of ancestors in the 20th century, but if you find it in an old phone book, you might find ads from your ancestors in newspapers by searching that phone number

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Newspaper Hacks to Uncover Your Family's Career Secrets

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When delving into family history research, many people focus on birth, marriage, and death records, census data, and photographs to piece together their ancestors' lives. However, one area that can add rich detail to your family narrative is learning about your ancestors' job. Occupation-related information not only sheds light on how your ancestors made a living but also offers a glimpse into their daily lives, societal roles, and the economic condition of their time. One often overlooked resource for uncovering this information is old newspapers.

Understanding the Role of Occupations in Family History

An ancestor's occupation can tell you a lot about who they were. Whether they were a blacksmith, teacher, farmer, or factory worker, understanding their job gives context to their lifestyle, social standing, and even the communities in which they lived. Occupations can also explain why a family may have migrated, why children were educated in a certain way, or why specific skills or traditions were passed down through generations.

Why Newspapers?

Newspapers, especially local and regional publications, were the social media of their day. They reported on everything from major events to the minutiae of daily life. This makes them an excellent source for occupation-related information that might not appear in official records. Here's what you might find:



Job Advertisements

One of the most direct sources of occupation-related information in newspapers is job advertisements. These ads can give you an idea of what kinds of jobs were available in a particular area and what skills were in demand. If you know your ancestor's occupation, you might find ads for their services or similar positions. This offers insight into the terms of employment, wages, and job requirements.

Business Directories and Listings

Many newspapers included directories of local businesses, often categorized by industry. These directories can help you identify where your ancestor may have worked, especially if they were involved in a specific trade or profession. Business advertisements can also provide details about the nature of the work, the products or services offered, and even the location of the business.

Articles and Reports

Newspaper articles often covered industry news, including the opening of new factories, the expansion of businesses, and local economic conditions. Reports on strikes, labor disputes, or economic downturns can provide context for your ancestor's working life. For example, if your ancestor was involved in a strike, you might find their name mentioned in an article, giving you a direct link to their role in labor history.

Personal Mentions

Newspapers frequently published articles about local people, including mentions of promotions, job changes, or achievements in a particular field. If your ancestor was a prominent member of the community or involved in a notable event, they might be mentioned by name, providing valuable details about their career.



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Obituaries and Death Notices

Obituaries often included information about the deceased's occupation, especially if they held a significant position or were well-known in their community. These notices can provide a summary of your ancestor's career and achievements, offering a concise yet informative overview of their professional life.

Community and Social News

Local newspapers were also rich in community news, often reporting on club meetings, guilds, and other social organizations related to specific professions. If your ancestor was a member of a trade union, a professional association, or even a hobbyist group related to their occupation, you might find their name and involvement mentioned in these sections.

Tips for Finding Your Ancestor's Work Life

Before diving into old newspapers, gather what you already know about your ancestor's occupation from other sources.

This information will help guide your newspaper search:

- Approximate dates of employment
- Location(s) where they worked
- Any known employers or business names
- The specific job title or industry

With this foundation, you're ready to start exploring historical newspapers. Here are some tips to make your search more effective:

1. Start with Known Details

Begin by searching for your ancestor's name in the local newspapers in the area where they lived. If you know their occupation, include that as a keyword in your search. For example, "John Smith blacksmith" might lead you to advertisements for his services or mentions in community news.

2. Explore Multiple Newspapers

Don't limit your search to just one newspaper. Many areas had multiple publications, each with different focuses and audiences. Exploring a range of newspapers increases your chances of finding relevant information.

3. Look for Indirect Mentions

Even if your ancestor isn't mentioned by name, you can still learn a lot from articles about the industry they worked in. For instance, if your ancestor was a coal miner, articles about mining conditions, strikes, or accidents can provide valuable context for their working life.

4. Read Between the Lines

Sometimes, occupation information appears in unexpected places.

Be on the lookout for:

- Social news mentioning work-related travel or events
- Legal notices that might reference a person's profession
- Articles about community events where your ancestor's occupation is mentioned in passing



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5. Don't Overlook Small Details

Even brief mentions can be valuable. A single line in a news item saying "John Smith, local blacksmith" confirms an occupation. It also places your ancestor in a specific location at a specific time.

Putting It All Together

As you uncover occupation-related information in newspapers, integrate it with what you know from other sources.

This might help you:

- Trace career progressions
- Understand why a family moved
- Discover previously unknown employers or business ventures
- Learn about your ancestor's skills, reputation, or standing in the community

Remember to record the source of each piece of information you find, including the newspaper name, date, and page number. This will help you revisit the information later and share your findings with others.

Conclusion

Researching ancestor's occupations in old newspapers requires patience and creativity, but the rewards can be great. Beyond just knowing what your ancestors did for a living, you might discover rich details about their daily lives, the challenges they faced, and the impact they had on their communities. These insights can transform names and dates on a family tree into vivid portraits of real people, helping you connect more deeply with your family's history.

For more information on the jobs of your ancestors, check out the Storied blog for the post [Occupations and the Working Lives of Your Ancestors](#).



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LIVE WEBINAR SCHEDULE

September 2024

September 18 – 12:00 PM EDT – Using the New Chronicling America Version 2.0 – It is Different and It Is Better

September 24 – 7:00 PM EDT – Exploring 95 Tips for Researching Online Historical Newspapers

October 2024

October 3 – 12:00 PM EDT – How to Develop Critical Online Newspaper Research Skills

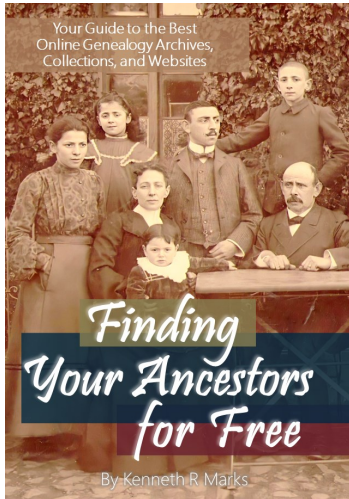
October 9 – 4:00 PM EDT – Using the New Chronicling America Version 2.0 – It is Different and It Is Better

October 15 – 7:00 PM EDT – Exploring 95 Tips for Researching Online Historical Newspapers

As always we are open for group sessions with genealogical societies and other institutions. Just email me at kenmarksology@gmail.com



My 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?
- Disclosures

Nationwide Websites

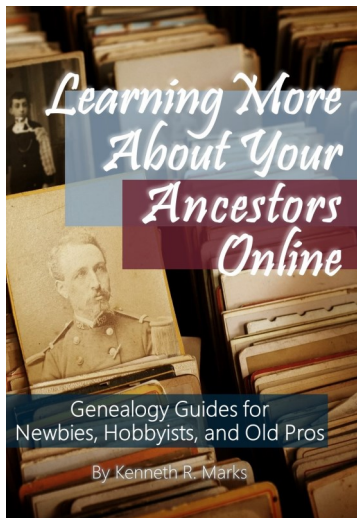
- Aggregation Sites
- Link Sites
- Library Sites
- Cemetery Sites
- Newspaper Sites
- Miscellaneous Sites

State Websites

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
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- Military
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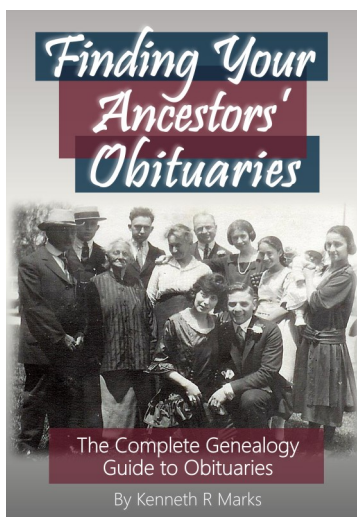
“Finding Your Ancestors’ Obituaries: The Complete Genealogy Guide to Obituaries”

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Delve into the fascinating history of obituaries and discover what crucial information they contain, with real-life examples to help you understand their importance. You'll also learn expert techniques for finding and obtaining obituaries in both obituary databases and online newspaper archives, making your research easier than ever before.

But that's not all! With over 10,000 free online obituary databases and 50,000 historical newspaper titles for the United States and Canada in the Appendix, you'll have access to an incredible wealth of resources to aid your research.



16 Hidden Genealogy Clues That Help Determine Relationships

A major goal for genealogists is to seek records and determine relationships. Many records such as census records and birth, death, and marriage certificates have evidence you need right there on the document. But there are lots of documents and other materials that simply provide clues. They do not have the answers written on them.

Furthermore, there are lots of materials that provide hidden clues, and many genealogists simply miss the clues, or fail to take these clues into consideration when seeking evidence. Here are several places where clues, if considered, can lead to determining relationships.

- Witnesses on Legal Documents (such as naturalization, probate and wills). Often they were relatives, friends, or associates. A great example of where application of Elizabeth Shown Mills' FAN Club can help your research.
- Informants on Death Certificates are usually relatives, such as spouses or children of the deceased. But the inclusion of a new name, may mean a close relative, or friend heretofore unknown. A must for further research.
- A Church referenced in an obituary may tell you what church the person worshipped at. Then look at parish registers for that church. Not only for themselves and their marriage, but also their children and their births and baptisms.
- Postmarks and Return Addresses on old envelopes or postcards can lead to discovery of places your ancestor visited, a prior residence, possibly on vacation, or even a honeymoon?
- The Back of the Headstone Monument might provide additional information. Also the symbols on the headstone may indicate religion, military service, or lodge/association membership
- Local Histories There are thousands of books that have been written about local history of towns that your ancestors lived in. There also might be a good chance that they are mentioned in these local histories. FamilySearch's digitized books and their Catalog are great places to search for these gems. Also Google Books and/or Hathitrust may have some of these publications. Remember to search PERSI as well for periodicals containing local history stories.
- Funeral Books/Pamphlets Attendees Friends, family, and work associates attend funerals and if there is a memorial book, they typically sign in. These are one of the best sources of additional names that have some sort of relationship to your ancestor/relative.
- Obituaries often include the church, clubs, and other institutions related to your ancestor. Further research of these institutions can turn up interesting information about your ancestor.
- Weddings generally require witnesses; these witnesses are generally family or friends that can be researched to discover more about your ancestor.
- Marriage License Information in newspapers often list the address of the potential bride and groom. But all marriages are not often listed. If you know their religion, you can look for churches near where either the bride or groom resided to determine where and when they might have gotten married in a parish register.
- A Woman's Maiden Name can often be determined from the obituary of other family members. If she is married, her maiden name wouldn't be listed, but if she has brothers, their surname is often her surname. If they have a common father, you have her maiden name.
- Cause of Death If you don't have the death certificate, it can often be determined by researching newspapers up to a couple of months before the death of the person. There might be an article about an accident or a hospitalization that can provide some clues.
- Guest Books for weddings, anniversary and other parties might be useful, similar to Funeral Books and the attendees relationship to your ancestor.
- Pallbearers at a funeral may be related to the ancestor and it is also likely that some are in-laws, thus indicating a marriage to a sibling or son or daughter of the deceased.
- Cultural Naming Traditions for first names might bear fruit if you analyze the patterns based on a specific region, group, or religion.
- Absences of ancestors can mean many things. If they are missing in a census, did they die, or were they at a different location working, or were a married couple separated? Make sure to check other residence based documents such as city directories, voter records, and/or tax lists to determine if they are gone



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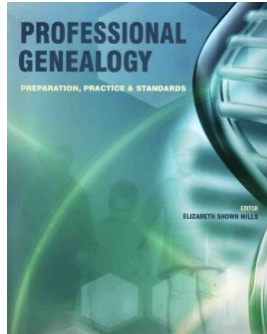
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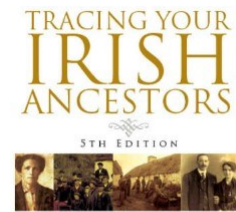
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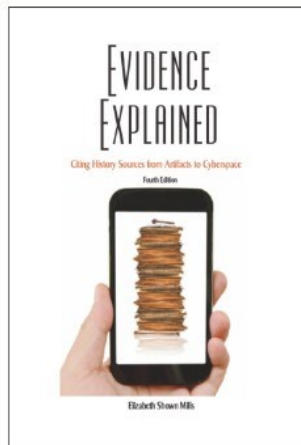


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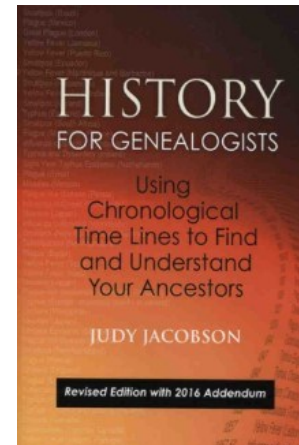


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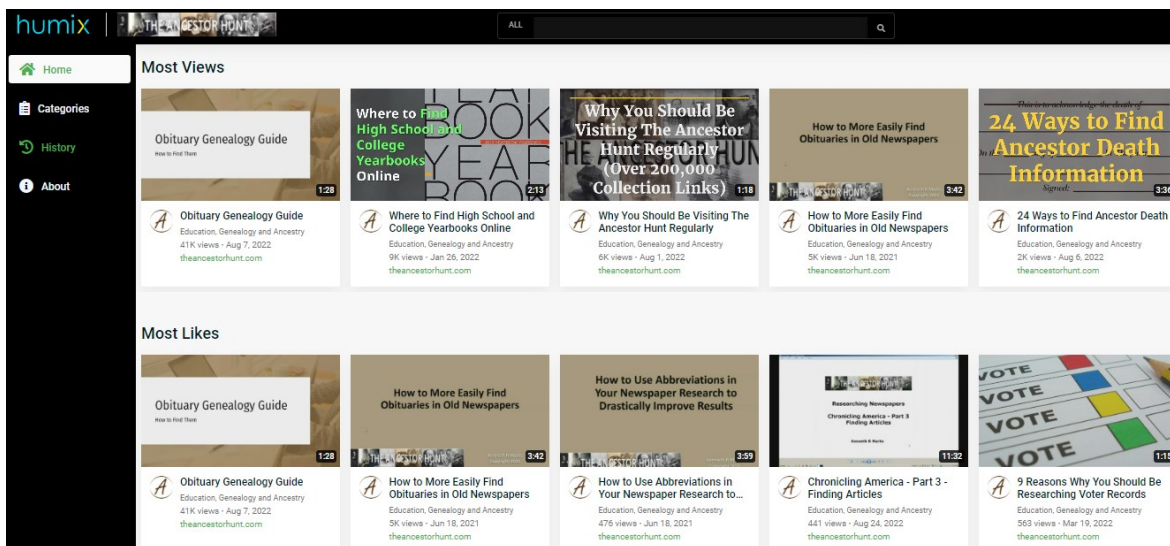
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