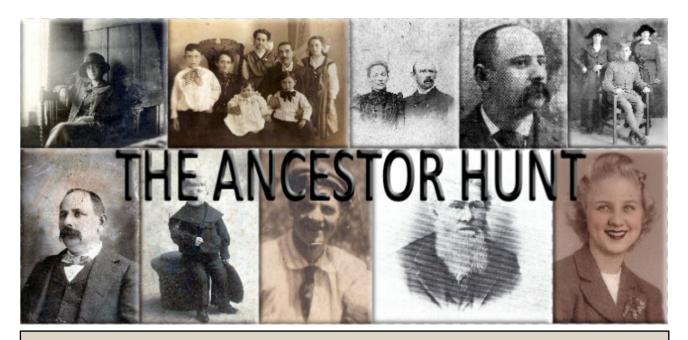
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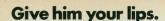
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- Find My Past Adds/Updates 150 Historical Newspaper Titles – September 2024
- NewspaperARCHIVE Update September 2024
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- Translating German Baptismal Records: A Step by Step Guide
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- The 12 Best German Genealogy Websites
- The Complete Guide to U.S. State Census Records by Year
- British Newspaper Archive A Complete List of Our Free to View Newspaper Pages
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- How to Find and Use Naturalization Records
- Hedwig? Jadwiga?: Overcoming First Name Translations in German Research
- 6 Common Mistakes New Genealogists Make and How to Avoid Them
- What Is My Ancestor's Maiden Name? 5 Tips for Finding Out
- How To Set a Genealogy Research Goal
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- Family Legends Debunked: Separating Fact from Fiction in Your Family Tree
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WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

- FINISH ALUMNI RECORDS UPDATE
- FINISH NEWSPAPERS UPDATE
- START SPECIAL NEWSPAPERS UPDATE
- FINISH DIGITAL ARCHIVES UPDATE
- IMPLEMENT MORE WEBINARS



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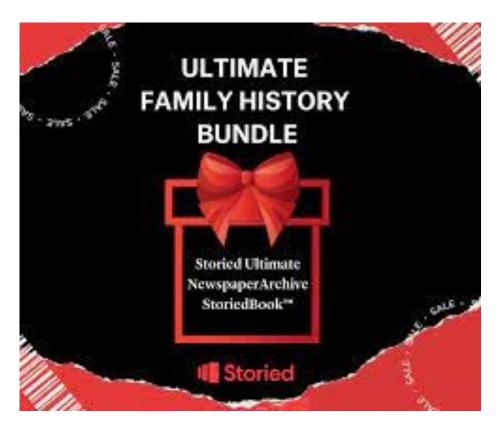


Monthly Raffle

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

The winner of the raffle is Patti Mordasewicz from Ontario, Canada. 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 <u>Existing Subscribers</u> as well as new subscribers



Free Genealogy Website of the Month - Ancient Faces

AncientFaces

AncientFaces is a community-driven collection of photos. You can search by name but also browse by themes, people categories, date ranges, and places.

From the website: "AncientFaces.com was officially launched in 2000 by Founder & Creator Daniel J. Pinna, and his mother, Founder & Community and Content Director Kathy Pinna. Over time, AncientFaces has grown from just a few people with a simple concept that has evolved into a mission shared by millions around the world."

For me, I found it useful to perform a search by a person's name and to browse to a specific state and look through the photos and names. There is also a Biography section which is also useful to search and browse.

Personally, I have had no luck finding an ancestor or relative, but there are a lot of photos and Bios on the site, and it is certainly worth your time to search and browse.

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

Speaking of photos, have you tried Mylio? I am trying it out right now and it is very promising for storing and managing my several thousand ancestor photos. They have a free trial worth checking out. Just click on the link for more info.





October Heritage Months - Italian American and German American

Italian Genealogy

5 Online Resources

- Portale Antenati (Ancestors Portal)
 http://antenati.san.beniculturali.it
- #2 Italian Genealogical Group http://italiangen.org



- #3 ItalyGenWeb
 http://sites.rootsweb.com/~itawgw
- #4 ItaliaNames
 http://italianames.com
- #5 Comuni-Italiani
 http://en.comuni-italiani.it



Genealogy In Action with Julie Cahill Tarr GenealogyInAction.com

German Genealogy

5 Free Online Resources

- #1 Meyers Gazetteer http://www.meyersgaz.org
- #2 CompGen
 http://compgen.de



- #4 Kartenmeister
 http://kartenmeister.com
- #5 Archivportal-D
 http://archivportal-d.de

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Political Footprints: Tracing Ancestors

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When we think of our ancestors, it's easy to picture them going about their daily lives—working, raising families, and navigating the ordinary challenges of their times. However, many of our ancestors were also engaged in the political world around them. Let's explore how you can use newspapers to trace your ancestors' political engagement and uncover fascinating stories you may never have expected.

Why Newspapers Are a Goldmine for Political Research

Newspapers have long been the pulse of local and national politics. From the buzz of campaign season to final election tallies, these historical records offer valuable insights into our ancestors' political engagements. Here's why they are valuable:

- Real-time coverage: Newspapers captured events as they unfolded, providing a snapshot of the political climate.
- Local focus: Many smaller papers covered local politics in detail, offering insights into community-level engagement.
- Personal stories: Letters to the editor, opinion pieces, and local news often featured individual citizens' political views and activities.

Finding your ancestors' names in these records can offer an intriguing look into their beliefs, values, and community involvement.

The Democratic Convention to-night nominated the following city ticket, viz: Mayor, Chris. Shane; Marshal, Chas. Little; Clerk, Thos. Greenfield; Treasurer, Stephen F. Rogers; Councilmen, Ross H. Look, Brutus Hamilton, John B. Logan, and George Ewing, all of whom are Democrats of the first water." There are fair prospects of electing the entire ticket, though the city is Republican. Bonner, the present Mayor, and candidate for re-election, has not given satisfaction. Adams, candidate for Clerk, two years ago defeated the regular Republican nominee, and is therefore in bad odor among straight Repubheans. Marshal Clemons, who secured a renomination by a bare majority of one, seems to have lost the confidence of his party.

To begin tracing your ancestors through political campaign coverage, you'll want to dig into newspaper archives from the period and location they lived in. Here are some tips to guide your research:

1. Start with Election Years

- Search for your ancestors' names in newspapers around election years.
- Look for voter registration lists, which were often published in local papers.

2. Explore Campaign Advertisements

- Campaign ads can reveal which candidates your ancestors supported or opposed.
- These ads often list supporters' names, potentially including your family members.

3. Search for Election Coverage and Results

- Coverage sometimes included candidate lists and voter registries.
- Local election results frequently listed vote tallies by precinct or ward.
- Your ancestors' voting patterns might be inferred from their neighborhood's results.



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4. Look for Political Meeting Reports

- Many newspapers covered local political meetings, conventions, and rallies.
- Attendee lists or speaker mentions could include your ancestors.
- Search for the name of a political party, campaign slogan, or prominent local candidates. You might find articles mentioning your ancestors as attendees, organizers, or speakers.

5. Investigate Letters to the Editor

- Passionate ancestors may have written letters expressing their political views.
- Even if they didn't write, letters can provide context for local political issues.

6. Search for Political Appointments

- Ancestors involved in local politics might have been appointed to committees or boards.
- These appointments were often announced in newspapers.

Beyond the Ballot Box: Other Forms of Civic Engagement

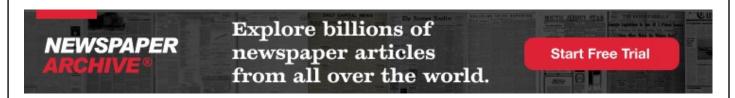
If you don't find direct involvement in political campaigns, don't be discouraged! Newspapers also covered civic engagement beyond elections. Look for:

- Participation in community boards, educational committees, labor unions, or other civic organizations
- Attendance at town hall meetings
- Membership in political clubs or parties

Unlock the Stories of Your Ancestors

Newspapers are a rich source of information for tracing the political lives of your ancestors. From election coverage to political ads, local newspapers can uncover stories that bring your family history to life. By exploring their political engagements, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the roles your ancestors played in their communities and how they navigated the political landscape of their time.

Remember, every search through historical newspapers is a step towards preserving and understanding our collective heritage.





Newspaper Research Tip of the Month - The Best Way to Find 20% More Pertinent Newspaper Articles Online

Other than making sure that you are searching in the right place geographically and using a date range that fits your ancestors' lives, what follows is the best way to find more ancestor articles when searching online historic newspapers.

If you do newspaper research online as part of your genealogy and family history pursuits, then you have certainly been puzzled by some of the search results (or lack thereof) that you have received.

The creation of newspaper images and the application of the OCR process do not always result in what you might expect in the index which is used to match your search criteria.

There is a simple explanation for this, and it all has to do with quality:

- Quality of the original material was the newspaper old and brittle when scanned? Was it yellowed? Ripped or torn? Creased? Did it have dirt on it or lots of ink spots?
- Quality of the scan the scan creates the digital image and from that, the index.
 Was it from the original paper, a microfilm of the paper, or worse a copy of the microfilm? Every additional copy or scan degrades the resulting image and when the OCR process is applied, the index suffers.
- Quality of the OCR software some are more accurate than others.
- Quality of the writing in the original newspaper did the author get your ancestor's name spelled correctly?
- Quality of the typesetter did the typesetter get every word from the author set up correctly?

Thus what you are searching for probably won't be a perfect digital database that represents what was originally written by the author and newspaper publisher. Here is an example of the original newspaper article followed by what the OCR process produced:

Long Branch (N. J.) June 29.—Among the arrivals to-day were: Mr. and Mrs. Al Hayman, Mrs. I. Hayman, Mrs. Newman, Miss E. Newman and Miss Ray Newman of San Francisco.

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What can we do about it? There are lots of things to try and this article deals with changing the letters in your search criteria. For example – if the surname you are searching for is "Wilson" and the letter "n" is often converted to the letter "m" in the index from the OCR process, why not search for "Wilsom"?

I guarantee that changing your search letters will lead to an improvement of at least 5 to 10% in search results. I heard from one reader that changing letters and letter pairs got them a 20% improvement!

My suggestion? Change your search criteria and exchange the letter string you are entering in the search box to include alternative letter and letter pairs and see what happens. In other words – deliberately misspell the name or word. You will be pleasantly surprised!

Try out these letter replacements:

rn and m (ar n and em) v and y

h and b Capital R and B

Capital D and O d and cl
Capital D and G e and o

i, I, 1, /, !, and I Capital H and B

0 and 0 h and k c and e h and n

r and n Capital S and 8
[,] and I (el) Capital S and 5

nl and m (en el and em) Capital Z and 2 or 7

n and ri (en and ar eye) Capital G and 6
Capital B and 8 Capital K and |<
t and + Capital C and G

Capital E and F Capital O and Q

Capital K and X Capital Z and 2
Capital V and Y Capital I and T

Capital D and O or 0 g and q

m and n 5 and 8 or 3



State Digital Archives Updated

All relevant genealogy material doesn't fit into neat categories. These Digital Archives have abundant genealogy collections plus other collections such as scrapbooks, diaries, letters, family papers, oral histories, maps, rare manuscripts, etc. The Archives listed include state and local genealogy websites, library collections, and college and university collection websites.

I am in the process of adding and updating each states available online genealogy websites and online archives. Below are those that have been completed and updated so far:

- Free Online Alabama Digital Archives
- Free Online Florida Digital Archives
- Free Online Georgia Digital Archives
- Free Online Illinois Digital Archives
- Free Online Indiana Digital Archives
- Free Online Kentucky Digital Archives
- Free Online Minnesota Digital Archives
- Free Online Mississippi Digital Archives
- Free Online Missouri Digital Archives
- Free Online North Carolina Digital Archives
- Free Online South Carolina Digital Archives
- Free Online Tennessee Digital Archives
- Free Online Virginia Digital Archives

The remaining states update will be completed in the next 30 days.





Webinars

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These are available On Demand:

- How to Develop Critical Online Newspaper Research Skills
- Using the New Chronicling America Version 2.0 It is Different and It Is Better
- Exploring 95 Tips for Researching Online Historical Newspapers
- Mastering Finding, and Analyzing Newspaper Obituaries

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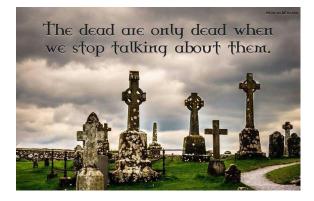
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October 15 – 7:00 PM EDT – Exploring 95 Tips for Researching Online Historical Newspapers

October 22 – 4:00 PM EDT – Mastering Finding, and Analyzing Newspaper Obituaries

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



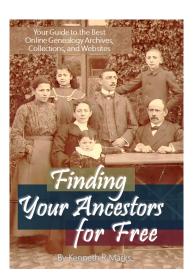


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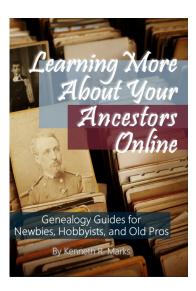
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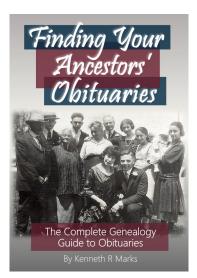
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- Introduction
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- General advice about genealogy research
- Immigration, naturalization, travel
- Military

- Miscellaneous records (societies, illnesses)
- Newspaper research
- Occupations
- Photos and physical description
- Residences and other locations
- Schools and yearbooks
- Resources



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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.



Historical Naturalization and Immigration Laws from 1790 through 1952

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1790	Naturalization Act of 1790 – Two years residency; restricted to "free white persons" of "good moral character"
1795	Naturalization Act of 1795 – Five years residency plus three years notice of intent to apply for citizenship
1798	Naturalization Act of 1798 – 14 years residency and five years notice of intent to apply for citizenship
1802	Repealed and replaced the 1798 act; Five years residency and three years notice of intent to apply for citizenship. Resident children of naturalized citizens are considered citizens; children born abroad of US citizens are considered citizens
1824	Reduced time from notice of intent to citizenship to 2 years. 5 years still required.
1855	Women take on the citizenship of her husband through derivative citizenship.
1866	Civil Rights Act of 1866 provide that "All persons born in the US and not subject to any foreign pow er, excluding Indians not taxed, are citizens, and such citizens of every race and color without regard to any previous condition of slavery or inservitude shall have the same rights as enjoyed by white citizens".
1868	14th Amendment reads "All persons born or naturalized in the US, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the US"
1870	Law expanded to allow African blacks to be naturalized; Asians could immigrate but could not be naturalized
1875	Page Act barred immigrants considered "undesirable," defining this as a person from East Asia who was coming to the United States to be a forced laborer, any East Asian woman who would engage in prostitution, and all people considered to be convicts in their own country
1882	The Chinese Exclusion Act limited further Chinese immigration. The law was later changed and repealed. Did not deal with naturalization issues.
1891	Expanded the list of exclusions for immigration from prior laws to include those who have a contagious disease and polygamists.
1903	Banned anarchists, beggars, and importers of prostitutes from immigrating.
1907	A Gentlemen's Agreement stopped Japan from issuing visas, but many Japanese immigrants immigrated through Hawaii.
1907	Under the act of March 2, 1907, all women acquired their husband's nationality upon a marriage that occurred after that date. However, U.Sborn citizen women could now lose their citizenship by any marriage to any alien.
1922	The Cable Act provided that a woman had a nationality of her own. No marriage since that date has granted U.S. citizenship to any alien woman nor taken it from any U.Sborn women who married ar alien eligible to naturalization. Under the new law women became eligible to naturalize nearly on the same terms as men. A difference was for those women whose husbands had already naturalized. It her husband was a citizen, the wife did not need to file a declaration of intention. She could initiate naturalization proceedings with a petition alone.
1936	Women who were native born citizens and lost citizenship because of marriage prior to September 22, 1922 are considered a citizen if she took the oath of allegiance and her marriage was terminated by either death or divorce.
1940	In 1940 Congress allowed all women who lost citizenship by marriage between 1907 and 1922 to repatriate, or resume their citizenship, regardless of their marital status. Since then, any woman who lost U.S. citizenship in those years by marriage to an alien, could resume her citizenship by applying and taking the oath of allegiance.
1952	Declaration of Intent no longer required; 5 years residency still required.



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The By Location Page

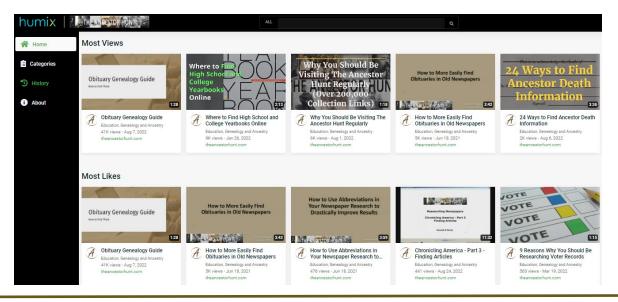
The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the **BY LOCATION** page.

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

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Place Finders

Do you often find yourself wanting or needing to know what county a city is located in or what places might be found in a specific county?

You could do a Google search but what if you had a handy list that included a list of all the cities, other places, and ghost towns that identified their corresponding county along with a list of the counties in a state that listed all of the places in that county?

What is a place? Besides cities and towns, you will find that the names of other places may vary from state to state. Most states have Census Designated Places, Unincorporated communities, Indian Reservations, and ghost towns. Other places may be known as villages, hamlets, historic districts, townships, boroughs, municipalities, and more.

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

Included also for each state, is a Downloadable PDF with two lists: A list of places and their corresponding county, and; A list of counties with the places that are in that county.

Check out Place Finders





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 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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