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- FamilySearch New and Updated Collections August 1-15, 2025
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- FamilySearch New and Updated Collections July 1-31, 2025
- Ancestry New and Updated Collections July 1-31, 2025
- 1,320 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Mid Atlantic States
- 1,480 Free Online Divorce Record Collections for the United States
- 1,575 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Western States
- 1,955 Mid Atlantic States Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections
- 10,300 Free Online Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links from the U.S.
- 10,720 Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections for the United States
- 10,725 Free Mid West States Online Cemetery and Burial Records
- 100 Best Free Online Genealogy Websites
- 12 Keys to Properly Analyzing the Vitals Section of Historical Newspapers
- 13 Hidden Gems in Old Newspapers to Amplify Your Ancestors' Life Stories
- 14,045 Free Southern States Online Cemetery and Burial
 Records
- 2.360 Free Mid Atlantic States Online Church Records
- 2,730 Free Online School Record Collections from the United States
- 2,760 Mid West States Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections
- 28 Things You Can Find in Military Records to Help Find Your Ancestors
- 3,530 Free Mid West States Online Church Records
- 3,595 Free Online City Directories from the New England States
- 3.650 Free Southern States Online Church Records
- 31,580 Free United States Online Cemetery and Burial Records
- 4,385 Free Mid Atlantic States Online Cemetery and Burial Records
- 4,415 Free Obituary and Obituary Index Collection Links for the Southern States
- 4,610 Free Western States Online Cemetery and Burial Records
- 5 Free Ways to Find Patents from Your Inventor Ancestor
- 5,240 Free Online City Directories from the Mid Atlantic States
- 6,200 Southern States Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections
- 8,045 Free Online City Directories from the Mid West States
- 880 Free Online Divorce Record Collections for the Southern States
- 890 Western States Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections
- 9 Reasons Why You Should Be Researching Voter Records

New From The Newspaper Corner

- British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 64 Titles July 2025
- Chronicling America Updates July 2025
- Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection Adds/ Updates 8 Titles – August 2025
- Find My Past Adds/Updates 88 Historical Newspaper Titles – July 2025
- GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 151 Titles August 2025
- Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections Adds/Updates 32 Titles – August 2025
- NewspaperARCHIVE Update July 2025
- Newspapers dot Com Update July 2025
- NY State Historical Newspapers Adds 23 Titles August, 2025
- Veridian Adds/Updates 348 Titles August 2025
- Virginia Chronicle Newspaper Collection Adds/ Updates 17 Titles – August 2025

Strange Newspaper Ads



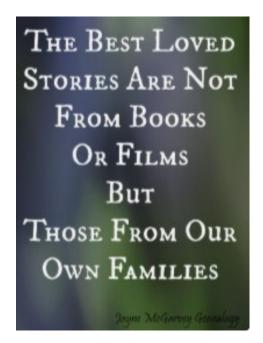




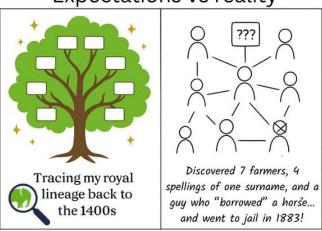
Useful Articles from Other Sources

- 10 Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy: Navigating the Minefield of Family History
- 13 Tips for Researching Pioneer Ancestors
- 23 Unexpected Websites You Can Use for Genealogy Research
- 4 Ways US Census Records Can Fool You
- 5 Genealogy "Crimes" You Should Forgive Yourself For (Plus Some You Shouldn't)
- 5 Questions to Determine Your Ancestor's Correct Birth
- 5 Records for Finding French Canadian Ancestors
- 6 Tips for Writing Your Life Story
- 8 Resources for Finding Family in the 1940s
- 9 German Genealogy Documents You're Missing Out On
- 9 Surprising Things About the U.S. Census Every Genealogist Should Know
- 9 Ways to Break Down Irish Genealogy Brick Walls
- Ancestry.com: Tips and Tricks for Beginners
- Caption Clues & How to Label Your Old Family Photos
- Co-Creating Digital Experiences with Public Libraries
- Debunking Three Myths About Your Immigrant Ances-
- Finding Bounty Land Records to Research Your Ances-
- How to Find German Protestant Church Records on Archion.de
- How to Find Native American Records on Ancestry.com
- How to Use Online Sanborn Maps for Genealogy
- Online Resources for Genealogy Research in France
- Organizing Thousands of Photos: From Chaos to Order with These Simple Steps
- Prussia's Territorial Changes: What They Mean (Plus Tools for Tracking Them)
- Search New York Passenger Lists for Free
- Searching the Names & Stories Newspaper Indexes at MyHeritage
- Slave Names: Finding the Formerly Enslaved
- Tax Records Could Offer Surprisingly Rich Details **About Your Ancestors**
- The 1890 Census Fires and Other Burned Genealogy Records

Genealogy Memes to Live By



Family tree research Expectations vs reality



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The Ancestor Hunt Launches The Newspaper Research Academy to Help Genealogists Develop Expert Skills



Phoenix, Arizona – August 8, 2025 – The Ancestor Hunt, a leading free resource for genealogy researchers, today announced the launch of The Newspaper Research Academy, a new online hub providing genealogists and historians with expert tools and education to master historical newspaper research. The Academy combines decades of experience from The Ancestor Hunt's founder, Kenneth R. Marks, with a curated collection of resources from trusted genealogy and newspaper experts, making it easier for researchers to uncover a wealth of ancestor stories.

"My mission with The Newspaper Research Academy is simple: to share with everyone the tools and techniques I've learned," said Kenneth R. Marks, founder of The Ancestor Hunt. "Whether you're a genealogist eager to uncover precious family stories or a historian seeking deeper insights, my goal is to empower you to master this essential research skill."

The Academy is designed to serve researchers at every skill level through a tiered structure of resources:

- **Free Resources:** A vast, free collection of websites, tutorials, and reference guides from leading industry professionals and newspaper database companies.
- **Subscription Resources:** An exclusive offering for subscribers, featuring The Ancestor Hunt's On-Demand Webinars, comprehensive Research Guides, and an ad-free Browse experience across the entire website.
- **Premium Resources:** A curated list of top-tier, third-party resources, including advanced courses, books, and webinars from expert genealogy professionals and leading newspaper database vendors.

The Academy's resources are well-suited for both individual researchers and institutions such as libraries and genealogical societies. Institutions can offer access to the Academy's resources via The Ancestor Hunt website or directly from their own platforms, providing a valuable tool for their members and patrons.

On the next page is a list of the first 35 Research Guides and On-Demand Webinars that are currently available for Subscribers. The regular prices is \$47.99 per year. This includes the materials available at the time of registration PLUS all new materials created during the year. You can find out all about the Academy at https://theancestorhunt.com/academy.html including details about every Research Guide and On-Demand Webinar.

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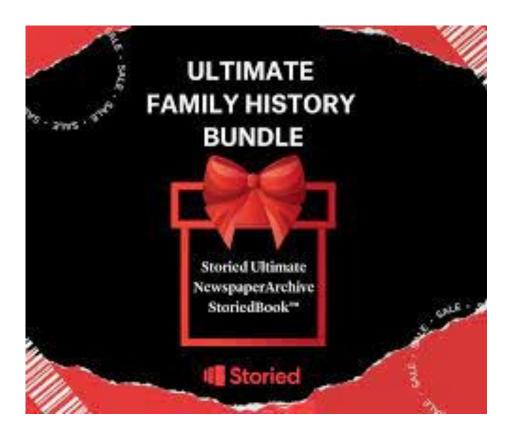
	RESEARCH GUIDES		ON DEMAND WEBINARS
ACA20	Finding Obituaries	ACA01	Double Your Online Newspaper Research Results
ACA21	40 Online Techniques That Get Results	ACA02	The Easiest Way to Find Every Newspaper in America
ACA22	Search Nicknames As Well As Formal Names	ACA03	Exploring 95 Tips for Researching Historical Newspapers
ACA23	Abbreviations Are The Most Powerful Technique	ACA04	Mastering Chronicling America
ACA24	Deliberately Misspelling is Your Search Superpower	ACA05	Mastering Finding, and Analyzing Newspaper Obituaries
ACA25	How to Use a Newspaper Research Log	ACA06	How to Develop Critical Online Newspaper Research Skills (Coming Soon)
ACA26	Old State Abbreviations	ACA07	Using Abbreviations and Nicknames to Maximize Results
ACA27	Combination Searches - Property and Legal	ACA08	Deliberately Misspelling to Maximize Results
ACA28	Searching for Hyphenated Words	ACA09	Online Newspaper Research - Beginner
ACA29	Use These Obituary Words to Help Find More Obituaries	ACA10	Online Newspaper Research - Advanced (Coming Soon)
ACA30	Find Newspaper Titles in 20 Free and Subscription Databases	ACA11	How to Find All the Titles in Chronicling America
ACA31	50 Things You Can Find in Old Newspapers	ACA12	How to Find All the Titles in Newspapers.com
ACA32	Challenges in Downloading Newspaper Articles Correctly	ACA13	How to Find All the Titles in NewspaperArchive
ACA33	What to Consider When Selecting a Subscription Site	ACA14	How to Find All the Titles in GenealogyBank
ACA34	How to Properly Analyze the Vitals Section	ACA15	Getting the Most from GenealogyBank (Coming Soon)
ACA35	Analysis Traps with Old Newspapers	ACA16	Getting the Most from NewspaperArchive (Coming Soon)
ACA36	How to Save Money on Newspaper Database Subscriptions	ACA17	Getting the Most from Newspapers.Com (Coming Soon)
ACA37	Search Phonetically Spelled Surnames	ACA18	Getting the Most from MyHeritage's OldNews (Coming Soon)
ACA38	Combination Searches with Life Events	ACA19	Using AI to Improve Newspaper Research Results (Coming Soon)
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ACA40	Search Ethnic and Special Newspapers		
ACA41	Old Occupations and Their Meanings		
ACA42	Old Illnesses and Their Current Names		

Monthly Raffle

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

Congratulations to the Raffle Winner Jeanny Smith from Mississippi!

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.

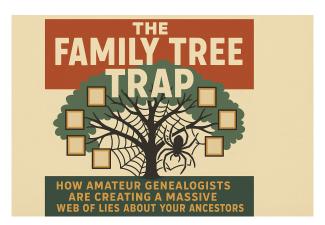
To get an idea of what the winner is receiving and the details of all the options, please go to STORIED

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



The Family Tree Trap: How Amateur Genealogists Are Creating a Massive Web of Lies About Your Ancestors

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Your great-great-grandfather wasn't a Civil War hero.

He wasn't born in 1695 and living in Cincinnati in 1911 either.

And you're definitely not descended from Charlemagne.

Here's the truth: Right now, millions of Americans are spreading fake information about their ancestors.

And if you've spent more than 10 minutes on Ancestry.com. you're probably doing it too.

The Copy-Paste Catastrophe

Let me paint you a picture.

Sarah from Ohio finds a family tree that mentions her great-grandmother.

She's excited. She clicks "add to tree." Done.

But that tree was wrong.

Now Sarah's tree is wrong. And when Tom from Texas finds Sarah's tree next week?

He copies it. Then Linda copies Tom's. Then Marcus copies Linda's.

Six months later, 247 people have the wrong great-grandmother.

This isn't rare. This is Tuesday.

Here's what I found in a single Reddit thread:

A person born in 1695 showing up on the 1910 census

Children being born when their mothers were 7 years old

A guy married to 5 different women with 47 children

Someone born in Virginia who "popped over to England" for baptism

One user said it best: "Most of what you're going to see on other people's family trees is inaccurate—especially when you get to older trees, it often may as well be mythology."

Think about that.

Mythology. Not history. Mythology.

Why Smart People Do Dumb Things

Here's the thing about genealogy: It hijacks your brain.

You get that dopamine hit when you find a new ancestor. Another hit when you go back another generation. Another when you connect to someone famous.

It's addictive.

One woman admitted she KNEW her tree was wrong. Multiple people from different states couldn't possibly be the same family. Her response? "I knew but it was fun."

Fun.



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She's poisoning the well of human history because it's fun?

But here's the real kicker: Even when confronted with facts, people double down. One Reddit user tried correcting wrong information about their own grandfather. Their dad. Their uncle. With actual documents.

The response?

People argued. They had "better" sources. From other trees.

The Damage Is Real

This isn't just about hurt feelings.

People are wasting years researching fake relatives. One user had to delete over 1,000 people from their tree. One thousand. Think about the hours. The money spent on documents. The trips to graveyards.

All fake.

Here's what really happens:

You research the wrong family for 5 years

You tell your kids they're related to George Washington

You get a DNA test that proves none of it's true

You realize you have to start over

You've lost half a decade

Some families are literally splitting over this.

Cousins fighting about who grandpa "really" was. Siblings arguing over maiden names. All because someone trusted FamilyTree user "GenealogyLuvr1947."

Red Flags Everywhere

Want to know if your tree is garbage? Look for these hints:

The Time Traveler: Born in 1820, died in 1785. Math is hard.

The Frequent Flyer: Living in Ohio in 1900, Arizona in 1911, Ohio again in 1920. Before commercial airlines.

The Zombie: Died in 1895. Shows up on the 1900 census. Walking dead. The Child Bride/Groom: Having kids at age 9. Or 97. Both equally likely.

The Name Game: Your ancestor John Miller has 47 different middle names and 12 birth dates.

The Royal Connection: You're related to 17 kings. So is everyone else on Ancestry.com.

The Source Circle: Only source is "SmithFamily1." Their only source is "JonesTree2." JonesTree2's source? Your

tree.

How to Actually Do This Right

Stop what you're doing right now.

Seriously. Stop adding people to your tree.

Here's the only way to build an accurate family tree:

Start with what you know. Not what Aunt Linda told you. What you can prove. Birth certificate in hand? Good. Family legend about Cherokee princess? Trash.

One person at a time. You can't eat 12 steaks at once. You can't research 12 ancestors at once either.

Documents or death. No good source = didn't happen. "Someone's tree" is not a source.

Three points of proof. Before connecting anyone, you need three matching data points. Name + date? Not enough. Name + date + location + relative? Better.



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Question everything. Your sweet grandma lied about her age. Your war hero grandpa was actually a deserter. People lie. Documents lie less.

Work backwards. Start with yourself. Prove each generation before moving back. No skipping to the Mayflower.

When in doubt, don't. Better to have a small accurate tree than a massive fiction.

Follow the Genealogical Proof Standard and get a copy of Genealogy Standards.

The Hard Truth

Here's what nobody wants to hear:

Your family probably isn't that special.

You're not related to royalty. You're not descended from anyone on the Mayflower. Your ancestors were farmers. Maybe some merchants. Probably a few criminals.

And that's fine.

Real history is better than fake mythology.

But only if it's actually real.

So here's my challenge to you: Go look at your tree right now. How many people did you add without a single document? How many came from hints? How many are sourced only to other trees?

Delete them.

All of them.

Start over if you have to.

Because every fake person in your tree is a lie you're telling. To yourself. To your family. To history.

And once that lie spreads to 247 other trees?

You can never take it back.

Your ancestors deserve better than mythology.

Give them truth.

Even if it's boring.

Genealogy Did You Know

The absence 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 "forever".

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Registration

To register, please go to the Premium Page at https://theancestorhunt.com/premium.html



Free Online Genealogy Website of the Month – Stephen P. Morse – One-Step Portal for On-Line Genealogy



One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse

Stephen Morse is pretty much a legend in the genealogy industry with his One Step Online Search website.

From the site:

In the "old days" genealogical research was done by traveling great distances and then going through dusty archives or using microfilm readers. But the advent of the World Wide Web has changed that. Today much of the data useful to genealogists has been put on websites and can be accessed from the comfort of home.

Unfortunately, many of these websites are not easy to use. And those that are don't always offer all the versatility that is possible. For that reason I have created alternate ways of accessing some of these websites. In addition I have developed some of my own databases and programs to facilitate doing genealogical research. These are all collected together under what I call the One-Step website.

The name "One Step" was chosen when I developed my first search tool, which allowed for searches through the Ellis Island records. A search done from the ellisisland.org website involved many steps, whereas my search tool was able to do it all in one step. Hence I called that tool "Searching the Ellis Island Database in One Step."

The site has many features beyond the Ellis Island search capability. They include:

Ellis Island & Castle Garden

Other Ports

US Census

Phonetic Matching

Canada/UK Census

New York Census

Vital Records

Calendar, Maps, etc

Foreign Alphabets

Holoc & East. Europe

Genetics (DNA)

It is a fantastic site, not to be missed.

To access the main site, go to One Step Webpages



The Gold Premium Program from The Ancestor Hunt



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The annual cost is \$29.99. There are no refunds if you cancel during any year you are a member.

<u>Value</u>

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Common Words And Phrases Printed In Old Newspapers That Are Associated With A Woman's Name

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Searching for references to women in historical newspapers can be challenging due to naming conventions, societal norms, and variations in phrasing. Women were often identified by their husbands' names, maiden names, or a combination of both, making targeted searches essential. Including specific keywords and context, such as family relations, locations, or events, can improve results.

Here is a list of 100 phrases that may assist researchers in finding references to women in historical newspaper archives:

Mrs. [husband's name]	Housekeeper	Chairwoman
Miss [maiden name]	Spinster	Engaged to
Ms. [last name]	Divorcee	Hostess for
Widow of [husband's name]	Mistress	Bridesmaid
Engaged to	Madam	Flower girl
Mother of	Resided with her	Women's Club
Grandmother of	Ma'am	Club treasurer
Sister of	Suffragette	Homemaker
Daughter of	Maiden name	Volunteer
Wife of	Club leader	Potluck
Midwife	Socialite	Pianist
Teacher	Charity organizer	She
Nurse	Proud mother	Her
Social worker	Matriarch	Ladies' tea
Homemaker	Beloved wife	Young woman
Dressmaker	Cherished mother	Maiden
Seamstress	Loving daughter	Spinster aunt
Helped organize	Devoted grandmother	Widow of the late
Secretary	Widowed mother	Divorced woman
Typist	Gold Star Mother	Chaperone
Telephone operator	Lady of the house	Engaged woman
Celebrated her	Feminist	Devoted sister
Dress	Artist	Respected neighbor

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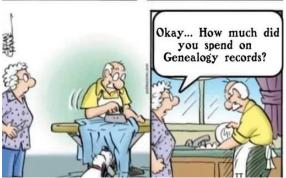
Milliner	Poetess	Known for her work
Librarian	Married to	Announced her engagement
Schoolmistress	First lady	Accomplished woman
Caregiver	Homemaker	Mother of the bride
Lady	Lady of leisure	Grandmother of the groom
Maid	Patroness	Sister of the bride
Matron	Honorary member	Teacher
Missus	Debutante	To be wed
Matriarch	Celebrating her life	Ladies Auxiliary
Hostess	Tea hosted by	Married on
Garden club	Reception held for	Wedding of
Honored widow	Missus	Visiting from
Respected mother	Mistress of ceremonies	

Using advanced search techniques, you can combine phrases like "Mrs. [Husband's Name]" with broader terms such as "society pages" or "club meetings" to locate mentions. Filters for time periods and publication types help refine searches further. These strategies uncover articles that highlight a woman's contributions to society, family milestones, and other significant events.

Genealogy Cartoons



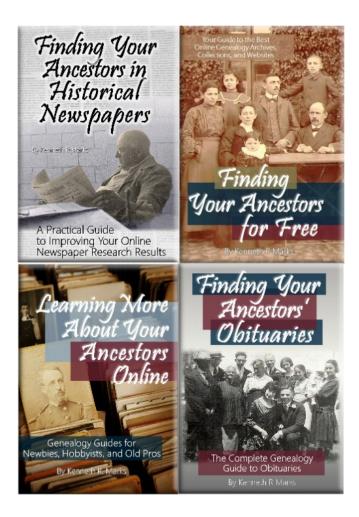








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- Finding Your Ancestors Obituaries: The Complete Genealogy Guide https://amzn.to/3JxiiWB
- Learning More About Your Ancestors Online: Genealogy Guides for Newbies, Hobbyists, and Old Pros https://amzn.to/3kUrebJ



Online Newspaper Database Updates for July/August



Over 1,500 New titles were added by various Free and Subscription databases in the last month. Here are links to all the updates:

Chronicling America - https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/chronicling-america-updates-july-2025/?utm content=zuserid-7b59bbad85

Advantage Archives - Not Yet Published

Veridian - <u>https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/veridian-adds-updates-348-titles-august-2025/?utm_content=zuserid-7b59bbad85</u>

Newspapers dot com - https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/newspapers-dot-com-update-july-2025/?utm content=zuserid-7b59bbad85

GenealogyBank - https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/genealogybank-adds-updates-151-titles-august-2025/?utm content=zuserid-7b59bbad85

NewspaperARCHIVE - https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/newspaperarchive-update-july-2025/?utm content=zuserid-7b59bbad85

British Newspaper Archive - https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/british-newspaper-archive-adds-updates-64-titles-july-2025/?utm content=zuserid-7b59bbad85

Find My Past - https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/find-my-past-adds-updates-88-historical-newspaper-titles-july-2025/?utm_content=zuserid-7b59bbad85



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The By Location Page

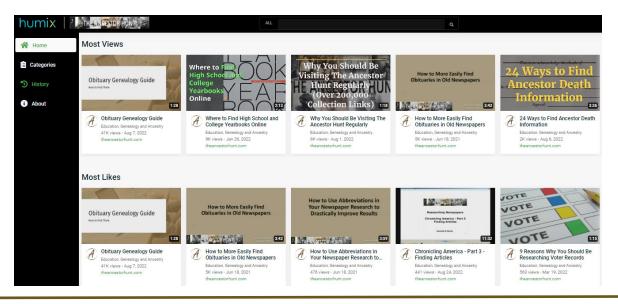
The easiest way to access a particular state's or province's list of collections and categories is via the **BY LOCATION** page.

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

Video Channel

There are now over 60 videos. Check them all out at

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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





Quicksheet of the Month

5 Free Ways to Find Patents from Your Inventor Ancestor

I knew that my Dad had several patents, and that his grandfather possibly held one or two. So a few years ago I started searching and found two additional ancestors that had filed for and gotten approved a few more patents. I would suggest that you search these five free databases that have patent documents from all over the world. You just might be surprised!

<u>Google Patents Search</u> – is generally the "go to" website to search for patents. It has over 18 million documents and has patent documents world-wide, not just the U.S. It gets the nod over the US Patent Office because older patents are text-searchable with Google Patents and are not via the USPTO. Google Patents has documents starting from 1790.

Just go to https://patents.google.com/ It is free.

<u>U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)</u> – One can search for patents via text for patent documents newer than 1976. But if you have the Patent number, you can get the image online for patents older than 1976. To be more specific for patents prior to 1976, Patents from 1790 through 1975 are searchable only by Issue Date, Patent Number, and Current US Classification.

Just go to https://www.uspto.gov/patents/search It is free.

<u>European Patent Office</u> – Espacenet provides free access to over 130 million patent documents from 1782 to the present. It includes patents from the U.S., as well as world-wide.

Just go to https://worldwide.espacenet.com/ It is free.

<u>The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)</u> – Has a service called PA-TENTSCOPE that provides search of 100 million patent documents including 4.2 million published international patent applications.

Just go to https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/ It is free.

<u>LENS</u> – is a scholarly database that serves over <u>225+ million scholarly works</u>, <u>127+ million global patent records</u>, and more than <u>370+ million patent sequences</u>. There are over 136 million Patent Records from 106 jurisdictions around the world.

Just go to https://www.lens.org/lens/search/patent/structured It is free.

Try out one or more of these databases. You might be pleasantly surprised like I was!



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Help Your Ancestors Live Forever - Write Your Family History And Write Your Own History While You're At It

One of my goals in my personal genealogy is to make sure that my ancestors are remembered. Many had no descendants, so absolutely no one alive remembers them. That's sad to me, which is why I created a couple of family history websites. But recently I have been seeking even better ways to memorialize their lives. Their stories are important to be documented, which might explain why I am such a fan of newspaper research.

In any case, here is my favorite tool that I have discovered that provide a unique means to memorialize our ancestors.

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