

Kenneth R Marks Bio

Kenneth R Marks began his genealogy journey in 2002 after retiring as a software executive in a career that began in 1969. At the beginning of his search, he knew very little about his ancestors. Since that time, by intensive use of all kinds of genealogy resources, he learned who his ancestors were, and more importantly how they lived. Discovering his ancestors' life stories and meeting relatives all over the world provided the greatest satisfaction from his research.

Through his genealogy pursuits, he became an expert in newspaper research, which helped to uncover the stories of his ancestors' lives. He developed a popular website, The Ancestor Hunt, which initially curated free online newspaper titles in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Expanding the website led to publishing over 275,000 curated links to free online resources in 24 common genealogy categories.

He has learned and has developed many techniques to help others progress with their own research. This has led to over 3,000 articles that have been published on his website, as well as the creation of about a hundred genealogy "QuickSheets". In addition, he has created and conducted virtual webinars regarding newspaper research for genealogy societies, libraries and individual attendees.

In 2021-2025 he published four books, *"Finding Your Ancestors in Historical Newspapers: A Practical Guide to Improving Your Online Newspaper Research Results"*; *"Learning More About Your Ancestors Online - Genealogy Guides for Newbies, Hobbyists, and Old Pros"*; *"Finding Your Ancestors For Free - Your Guide to the Best Online Genealogy Archives, Collections, and Websites"*; and *"Finding Your Ancestors' Obituaries: The Complete Genealogy Guide to Obituaries"*

In August 2025, he created the Newspaper Research Academy. Since his forte is online newspaper research for genealogy, he has been an evangelist and educator on the topic for about 15 years. The Academy provides a combination of Research Guides and On-Demand Webinars via subscription, plus there are a large number of free resources.

You can visit his website at <https://theancestorhunt.com> and his personal family history websites at <http://braunhart.com> and <http://www.marksology.com>