



Genealogical Treasures for Libraries

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Proliferation of Digital Access



Free web access sites:

- Familysearch.org
- Ellisisland.org
- Rootsweb.com
- Cyndislist.com

Commercial web sites:

- Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com, MyFamily.com
- Footnotes.com
- Worldvitalrecords.com

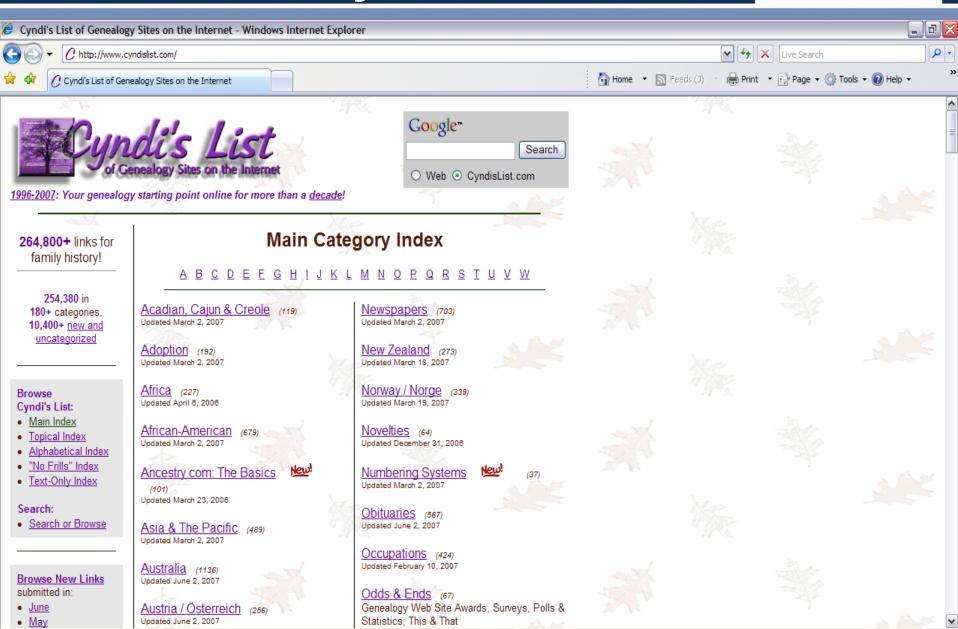
Library web sites:

- HeritageQuest Online
- Ancestry Library Edition
- America's GenealogyBank

www.cyndislist.com



Internet



Genealogical Objective



- Establish that a SPECIFIC PERSON was in a SPECIFIC PLACE at a SPECIFIC TIME. Document the evidence!
- Primary Records (recorded in proximity of time):
 - Vital Records: Birth, Death, Marriage
 - Military Records
- Secondary Sources (recorded after an event):
 - Census Records
 - Passenger Lists
 - Newspapers
 - Church Records
 - Family Histories
 - Family Bible Records
 - Land Records
 - Cemetery Markers....

A Full Suite of Products to Help Patrons Find Their Ancestors

PROQUEST GENEALOGY CENTER™





DEATHS.

MAHADY—In Cambridge, June 17, John Mahady, 64 vrs. Funeral private, from his late residence, No 618 Huron av, corner Holworthy st. Cambridge, Sunday, June 18, at 3 p. m.

Prepare to explore the amazing history of you



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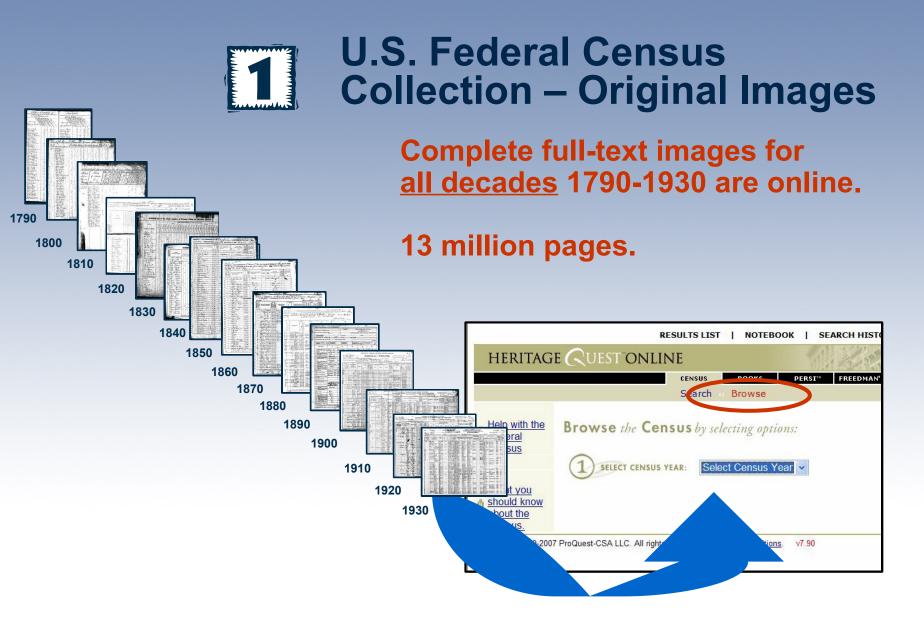
- HeritageQuest Online
- Ancestry Library Edition
- Digital Sanborn Maps
- ProQuest Obituaries
- American Periodical Series
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers
- UMI microform

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

- Search Census Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1930, including name indexes for many years.
- Search Books Find information on people and places described in over 20,000 family and local histories.
- Search PERSI Find information about people and places from this index of over 1.9 million genealogy and local history articles.
- Search Revolutionary War Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.
- Search Freedman's Bank Search for individuals in Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), which was founded to serve African Americans.
- ► HERITAGE QUEST InfoStore









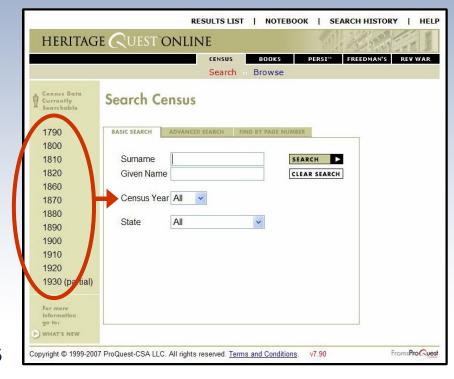


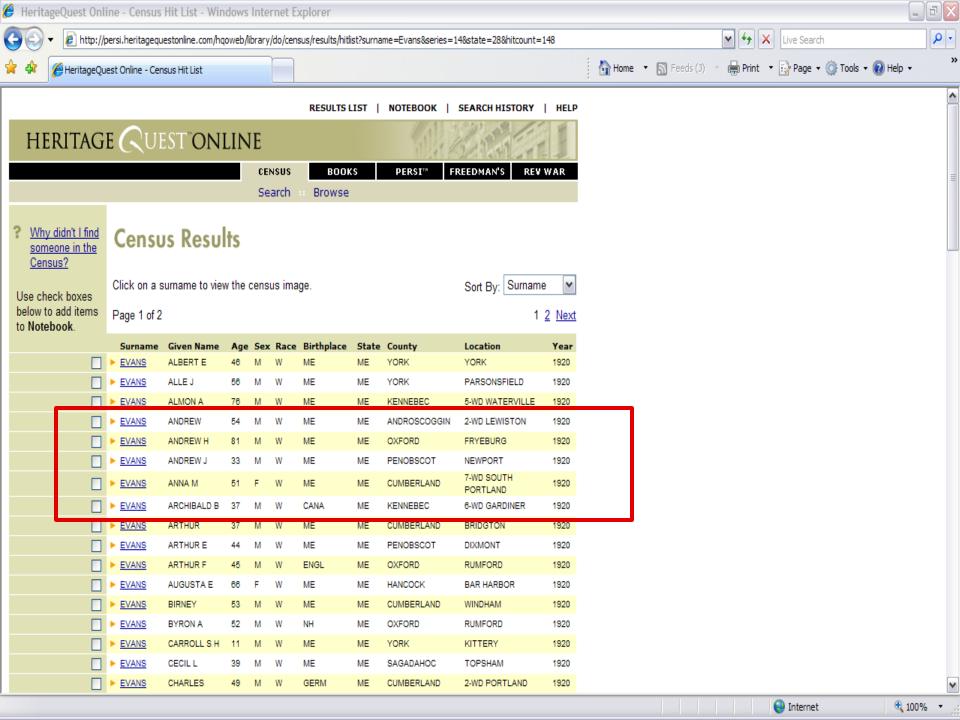
U.S. Federal Census Collection – Name Indexes

Name indexes linked to images are available for these decades:

- 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820
- 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890
- 1900, 1910, 1920
- 1930 (partial)

140 million indexed names





HeritageQuest Online - Census Image

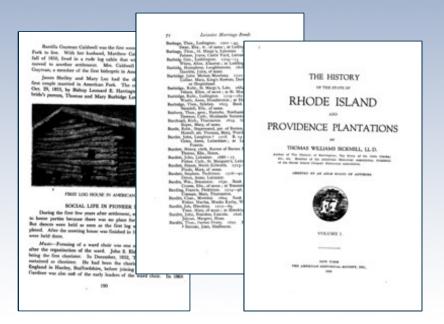
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3 Genealogy & Local History Collection



Derived from ProQuest's UMI microfiche collection, there are more than 24,000 separate works for all 50 states, including:

- Family histories
- Local histories
- City directories
- Primary sources

Every page of each book can be viewed, downloaded, emailed and printed.





Periodical Source Index ("PERSI")

- A comprehensive subject index covering genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French-Canadian languages since 1800.
- It covers more than <u>1.9 million articles</u> indexed from over 6,500 periodicals.
- Search for people, places, how-to articles, and publications.
- It is by far the <u>largest and most</u> <u>respected</u> such index in its field.







Freedman's Bank 5 Records

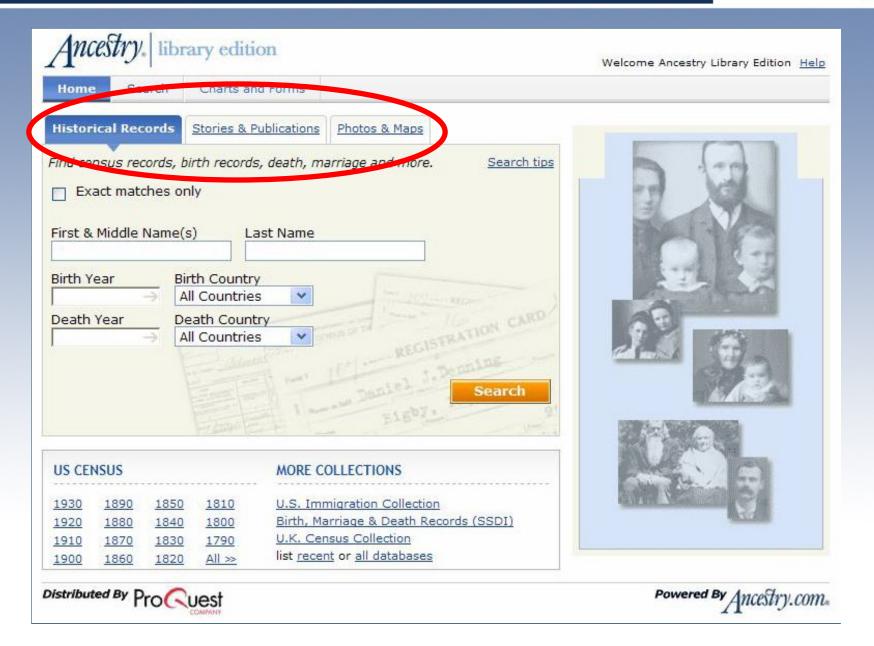
- A key African-American collection
- Concentrates principally on the South
- Personal data on more than 100,000 depositors
- Over 489,000 total names
- Names are linked to register images

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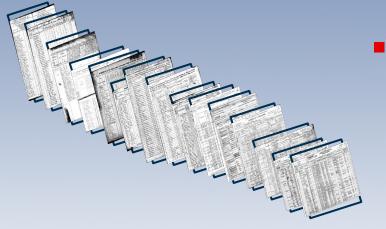
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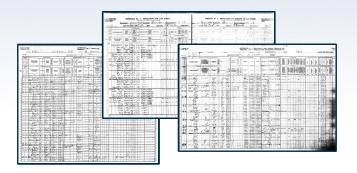




Key Collections in ALE

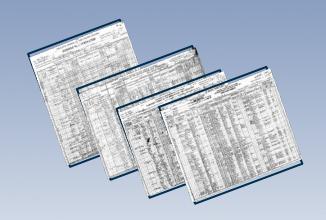


U.S. Census Collection. Original full-text images for the U.S. Federal Census 1790-1930, with all-new, every-name indexes for each decade.

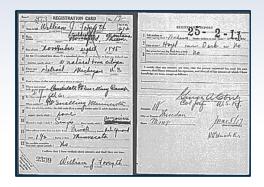


1901, 1906 and 1911 Censuses of Canada with names linked to original images.



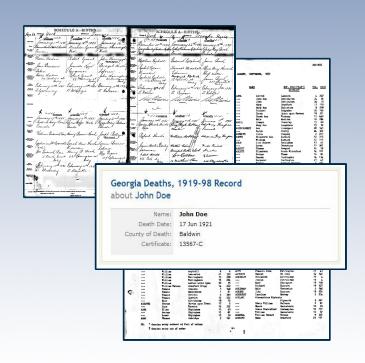


 United Kingdom and Ireland Census Collection. Name indexes for 1841-1901 with names linked to original images.



Military Records Collection. WWI Draft Registration Cards with images, Civil War Service Records, WWII and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas, etc.

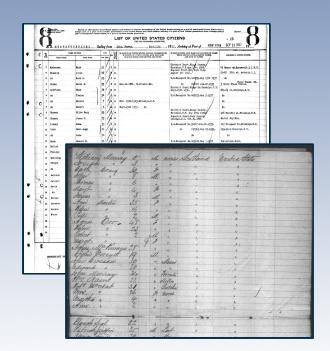




- Birth, Marriage and Death Records Collection. Social Security Death Index (updated monthly), plus vital records for many states, provinces, and countries. Here's a sampling:
 - Georgia Deaths, 1918-1998
 - Georgia Marriages, 1699-1944
 - California Deaths, 1940-1997
 - Indiana Marriages, 1845-1920



- U.S. Immigration Collection. More than 100 million names from passenger lists for 1820-1960.
 - Over 100 American ports of arrival are represented, including the entire collection of passenger list records from Ellis Island (1892-1957).
 - Also includes popular ports in Boston, Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, and the Angel Island receiving station in San Francisco.







Covering 1764-2003

Atlanta Constitution

Boston Globe

Chicago Defender

Chicago Tribune

Christian Science Monitor

Hartford Courant

Los Angeles Times

New York Times

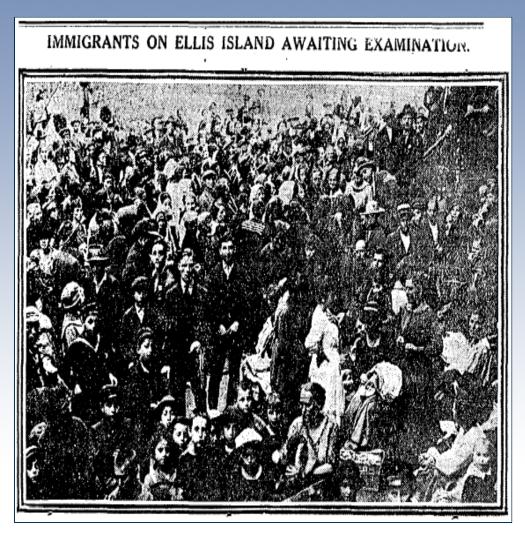
Wall Street Journal

Washington Post





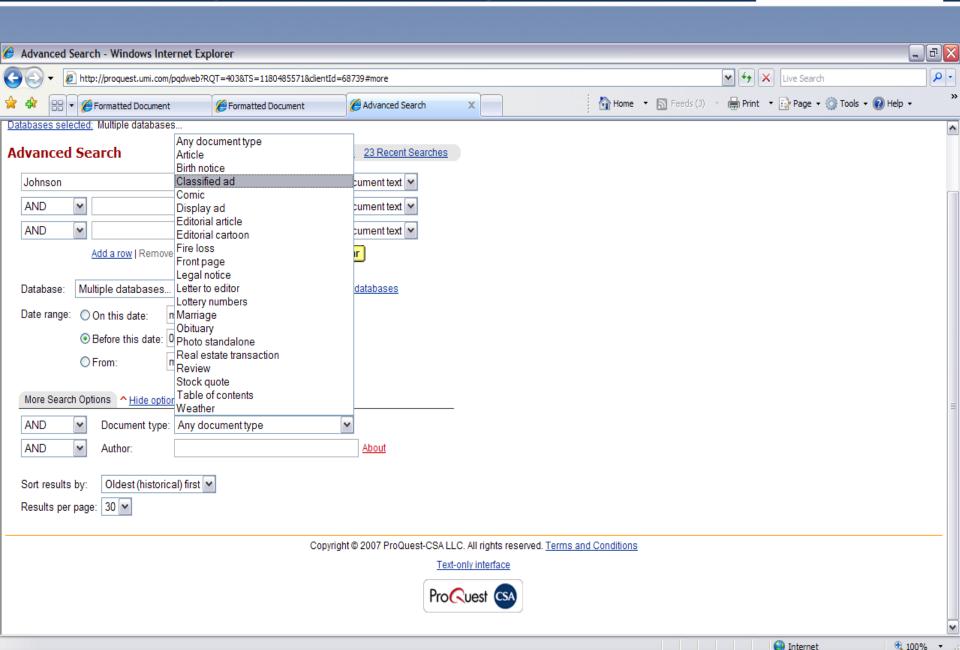




- **17,000,000 pages**
- Leading US Newspapers
- 1764 2003
- Article level images
- 19 Article types
- Full Page images
- Robust Search capabilities

Article Type Searching







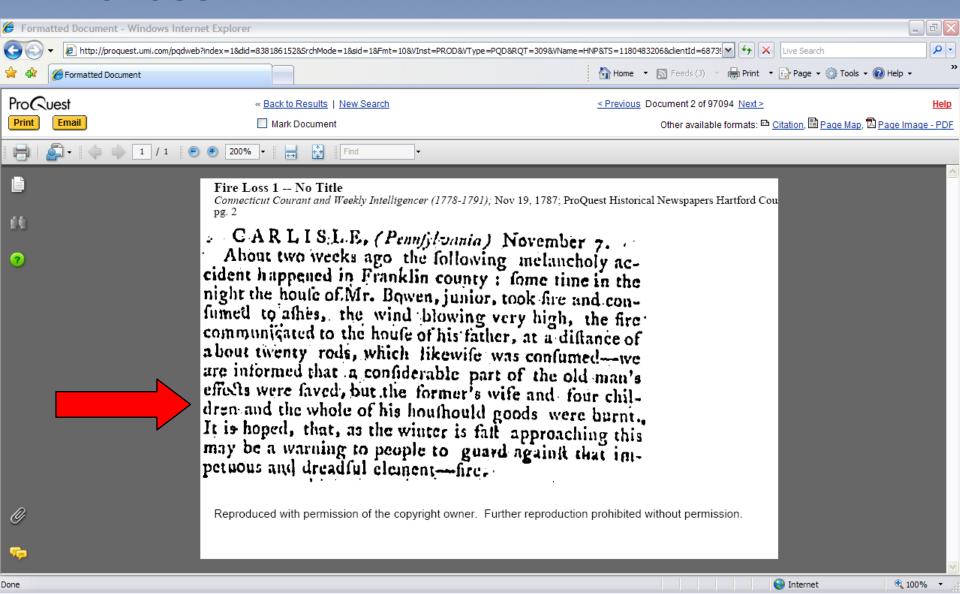
Searchable Article Types

- Article
- Display ad
- Obituary/Death Notices
- Real Estate Transfers
- Wedding/Engagements
- Editorials/Opinions
- Comics
- Stock Quotations
- TOC/Index
- Reviews

- Front Page Article
- Classified ad
- Birth Notices
- Fire Loss
- Weather Reports
- Letters to Editor
- Editorial Cartoons
- Lottery Numbers
- Legal Notices

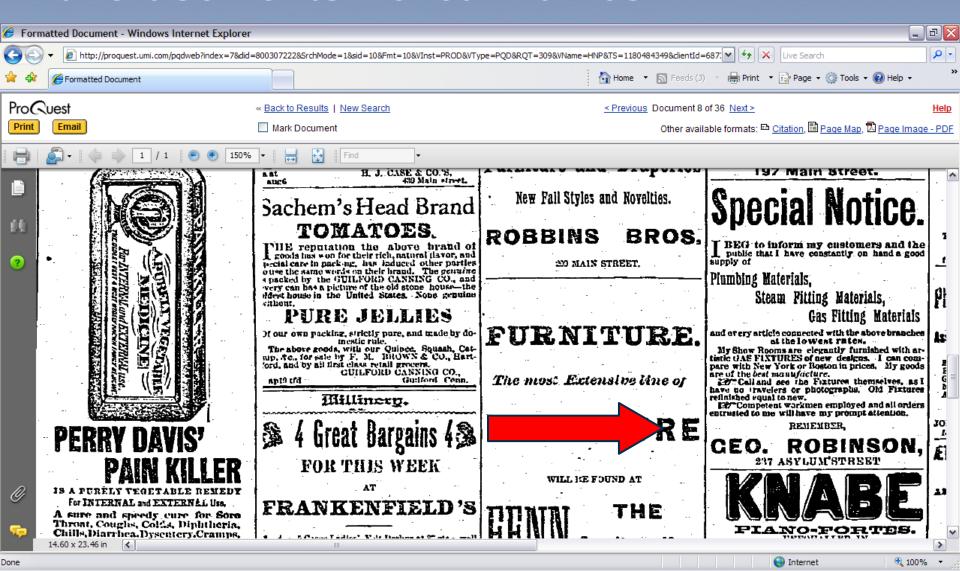


Fire loss





Advertisements Reveal Names





Newspapers report Family History in the making

A Certain, Named Individual:

- Was born
- Celebrated a birthday
- Gave or attended a party
- Was bitten by a dog
- Did something good and was recognized for it ...or did something bad and was caught
- Got engaged
- Got married
- Went away to school
- Went into military service
- Had a child

- Celebrated an anniversary
- Graduated from college
- Went to work
- Became a businessperson
- Moved into, out of, or within a town
- Visited, or been visited by, a relative
- Went on vacation
- Has been sick
- Had an accident
- Died



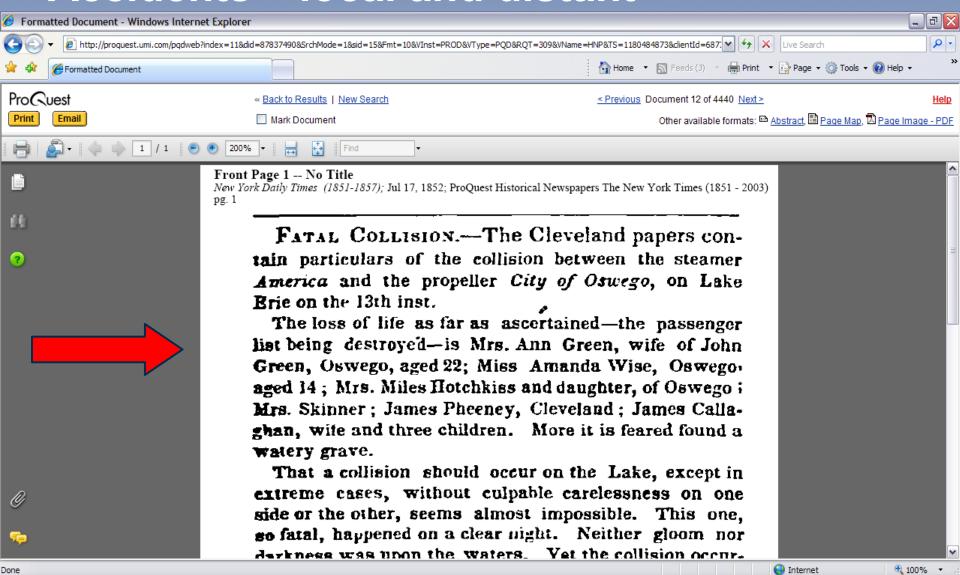
Uses of Historical Newspapers in Genealogical Research

- Classified ads, display ads (esp. of family owned businesses)
- Articles recapping news of 25, 50 or 100 years ago
- List of sick in the area
- Cards of thanks from bereaved families
- Anniversary announcements

- Meeting announcements (Masonic Lodge, Garden Club, Farmer's Club, Girl Scouts, etc.)
- Accident reports
- Society columns
- Traffic violations
- Legal notices

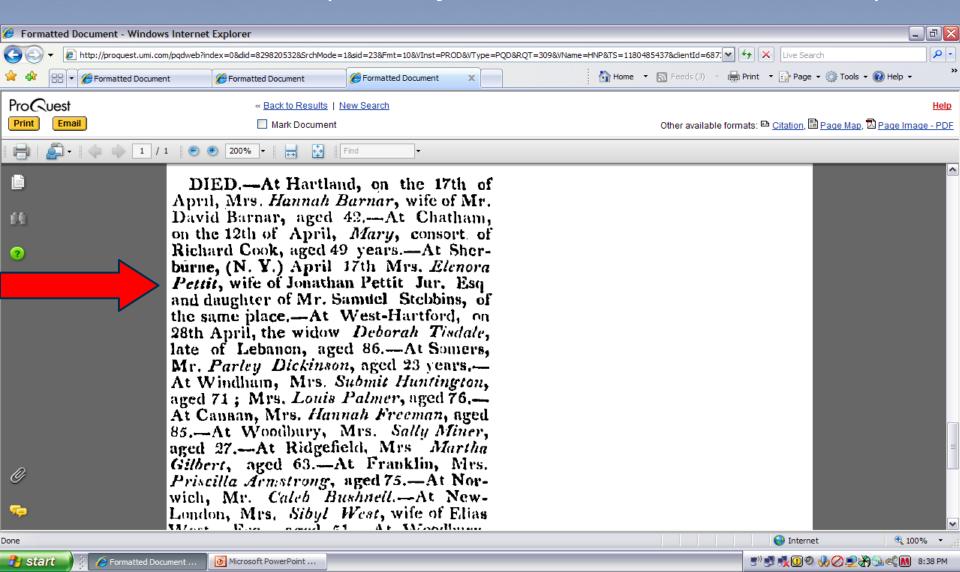


Accidents – local and distant



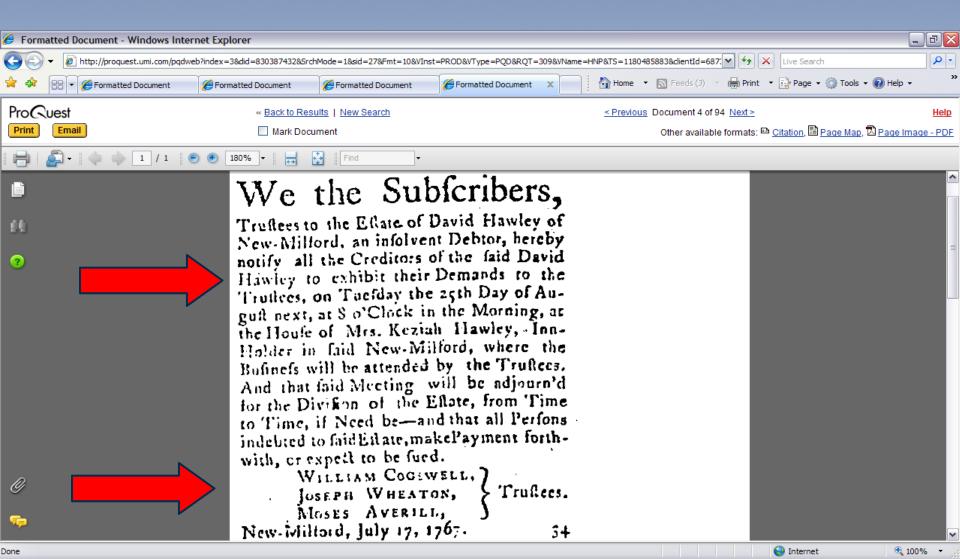


Death Notices (also try: Person name AND Died)





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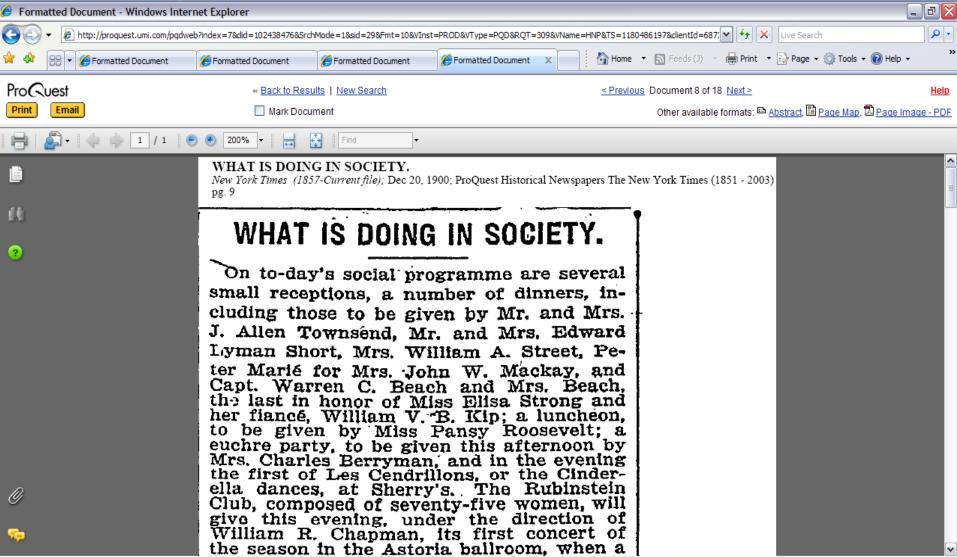




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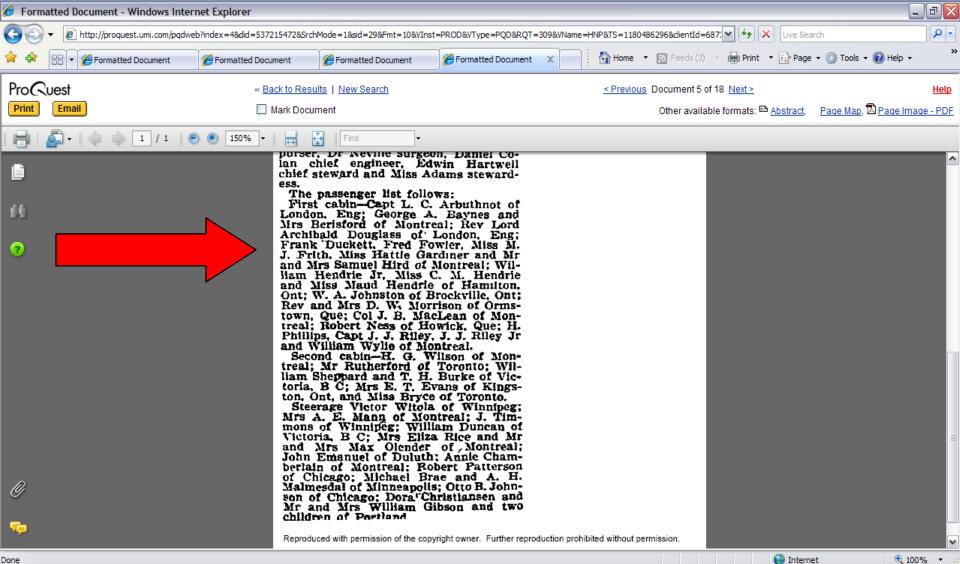
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Society Announcements



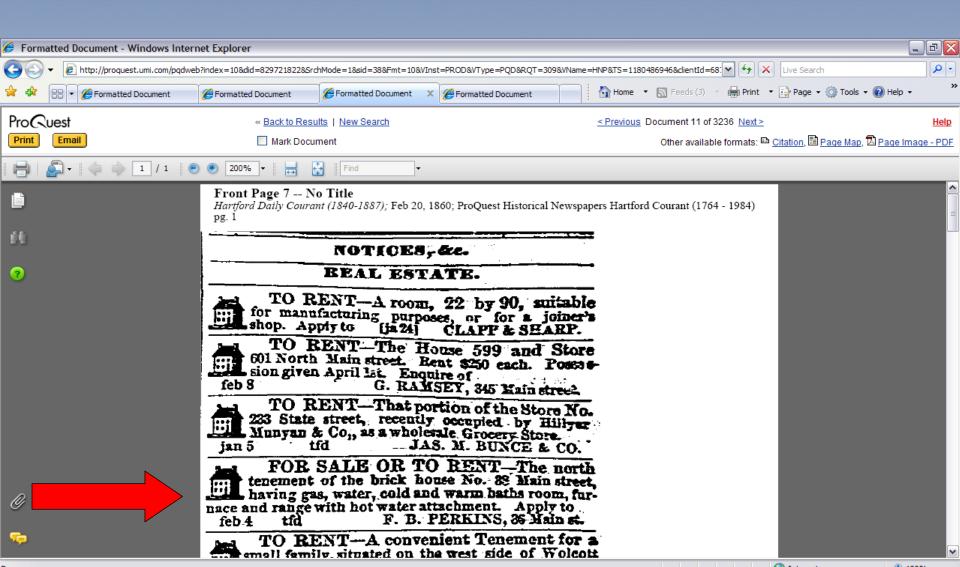


Passenger Lists



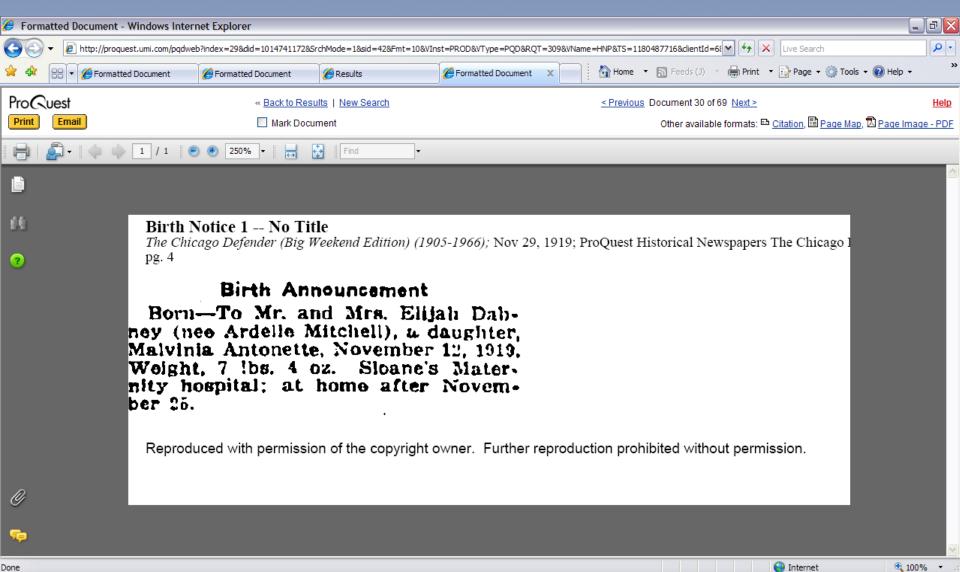


Classified Real Estate Ads





Birth Announcements (also try Birth Notice)



ProQuest Genealogy Center



All Newspapers contain a treasure trove of family history details

- Unlocking the past through digitization
- Making content easily accessible
- Utilizing simple and robust search capabilities
- Providing the images! Images, photos make it real for people.
- That's what genealogy is about making a real connection between people and the members of their families that have gone before them.



ProQuest Obituaries™



PROQUEST OBITUARIES

Welcome to the ProQuest Obituaries Collection

The ProQuest Obituaries collection is a premier resource for genealogical and historical research. You can use the collection to search obituaries and death notices from prominent newspapers, such as The New York Times (dating back to 1851).

The collection includes both famous and lesser-known individuals and can be searched by name or by keywords appearing in the body of the article.

Read more about this collection

SEARCH OBITUARIES

Easily search for ancestors, famous people, or historical figures. Explore family histories through a database of more than 10 million names.

ProQuest Obituaries



Users can search by name of the deceased person, date, or keywords in full text of the obituary and death notice, including:

- Location
- Occupation
- Hobbies
- Family members
- Other personal information

ProQuest Obituaries also features truncation and wildcard searching to find name variations

Obituary Information

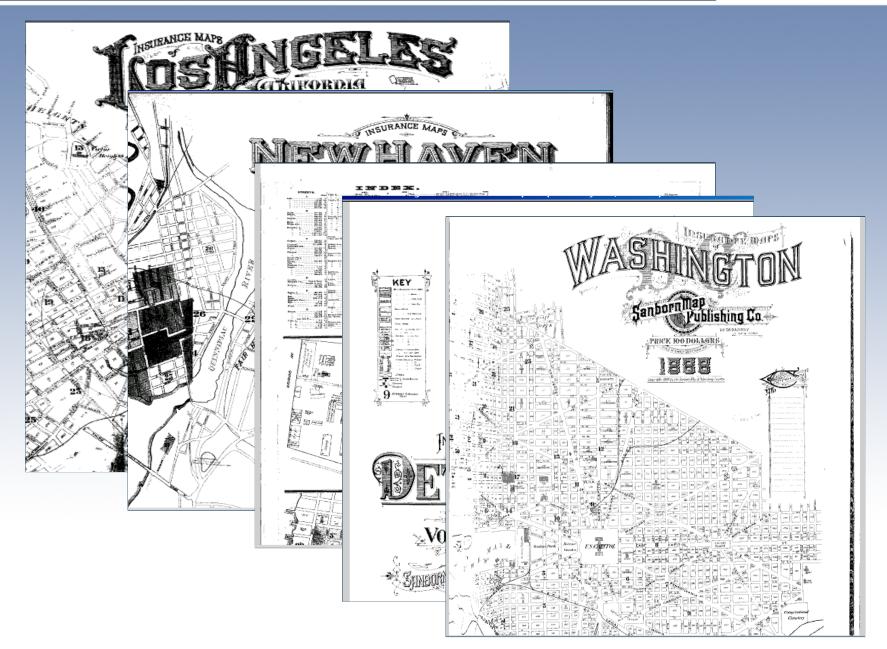


- Proper full name, maiden name
- Spouse information
- Names of parents, siblings and children
- Occupation
- Religious beliefs
- Ethnic background
- Military service
- Activities in community organizations
- Cause of death, places of death and birth

For many people, their obituary is the only "biographical sketch" that was ever devoted to them.

Digital Sanborn Maps





Digital Sanborn Maps



Beginning in 1867, The Sanborn Maps were created to assist fire insurance agents in assessing the degree of hazard associated with a particular property.

- Purpose of Buildings
- Location, Size, and Shape of Structures
- Construction Materials
- Placement of Windows, Doors, Sprinklers
- Names of Streets
- House and Block Numbers

660,000 large-scale maps of more than 12,000 American towns and cities.