

The background of the entire image is a collage of various old, sepia-toned photographs and documents. Some photos show groups of people, while others are smaller, individual portraits. The documents appear to be old letters or certificates, some with visible text and stamps. The collage is layered, with some items overlapping others, creating a sense of a collection of historical artifacts.

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Basic Details

- ☐ **Full Name** – Include maiden name for women if known.
- ☐ **Birth Date and Place** – Add the city, county, state, and country if available.
- ☐ **Marriage(s)** – Spouse's name(s), marriage date(s), and place(s).
- ☐ **Death Date and Place** – If applicable, include burial information.

Family Information

- ☐ **Parents** – Names of mother and father, including maiden names.
- ☐ **Siblings** – Names of brothers and sisters, birth order if known. Include spouses!
- ☐ **Children** – Names, birth, and death dates of their children.

Significant Life Events

- ☐ **Education** – Schools or universities attended, degrees earned.
- ☐ **Occupations** – Jobs or careers they had during their life.
- ☐ **Residences/migrations** – List places they lived (cities, states, countries).
- ☐ **Military Service** – Branch, rank, and service dates, if applicable.

Context and Stories

- ☐ **Cultural or Ethnic Background** – Traditions, language, or heritage tied to their identity.
- ☐ **Historical Events** – Major historical events they lived through (e.g., wars, Great Depression).
- ☐ **Family Stories** – Anecdotes, interesting facts, or legends passed down about them.

Personal Reflections

- ☐ **Favorite Quotes or Sayings** – Known phrases they liked to say.
- ☐ **Personality Traits** – Descriptions of their character or interests.
- ☐ **Hobbies and Skills** – Things they enjoyed or excelled at.

Additional Details

- ☐ **Religious Affiliation** – Church membership or religious practices.
- ☐ **Social Organizations** – Clubs, fraternities, or community groups.
- ☐ **Gravestone Details** – Inscription and cemetery information if relevant.

Records and Documentation

- ☐ **Census Records** – Years they appear in censuses and where they were living.
- ☐ **Vital Records** – Copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates.
- ☐ **Photos** – Any images of the ancestor or their family.
- ☐ **Newspaper Clippings** – Articles, obituaries, or ads related to their life.

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Basic Family Details

- ☐ **Birth Announcements** - Look for articles mentioning the birth of family members, which may include names, birth dates, and locations.
- ☐ **Marriage Announcements** - Include details about wedding dates, locations, and notable attendees.
- ☐ **Death Notices and Obituaries** - Capture dates, causes of death, burial locations, and biographical details often included in obituaries.
- ☐ **Milestones and Anniversaries** - Find celebrations like silver or golden anniversaries that might have been covered in the local paper.

Community & Social Life

- ☐ **School Achievements** - Highlight graduations, honor rolls, or sporting achievements.
- ☐ **Employment and Business News** - Include job promotions, new businesses, or retirements.
- ☐ **Clubs and Organizations** - Add mentions of involvement in clubs, churches, or civic organizations.
- ☐ **Military Service** - Look for enlistment notices, promotions, or veterans' stories.
- ☐ **Travel or Vacations** - Newspaper society columns often reported family vacations or notable travels.
- ☐ **Holiday Celebrations** - Include mentions of family gatherings, community events, or unique traditions reported in the newspaper. Look for articles about festive meals, parades, or holiday parties attended by your ancestors.
- ☐ **Party/Event Attendance** - Mentions of your ancestors in society columns, including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, or social gatherings.
- ☐ **Religious Events** - Look for announcements of baptisms, confirmations, or other significant religious milestones. These records often include names, dates, and locations tied to family faith traditions.
- ☐ **Local Politics** - Mentions of your ancestors' involvement in local government, such as running for office, voting, or participating in community initiatives.

Significant Life Events

- ☐ **Legal Notices** - Include wills, estate sales, divorces, or court proceedings involving ancestors.
- ☐ **Land Transactions** - Record property sales or purchases to understand where family members lived.
- ☐ **Accidents or Crimes** - Newspapers may report accidents, arrests, or legal proceedings that involved family members.
- ☐ **Celebrations** - Capture mentions of birthdays, reunions, or family gatherings.

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Historical Context

- ☐ **Local News** - Include events like natural disasters, major celebrations, or historical events that impacted your family's community.
- ☐ **Advertisements** - Add ads for family businesses or services they used, which provide a glimpse into daily life.
- ☐ **Weather Reports** - Note unusual weather events, especially if they coincided with significant family events.
- ☐ **Census Lists** - Occasionally, newspapers published information about local population surveys or voters.

Cultural & Lifestyle Elements

- ☐ **Recipes and Hobbies** - If family members shared recipes or tips in local papers, include these.
- ☐ **Letters to the Editor** - Look for letters written by family members or referencing them.
- ☐ **Local Entertainment** - Add mentions of movies, shows, or social events attended by family members.

Photographs & Images

- ☐ **Group Photos** - Newspapers often printed pictures from events, such as school or community groups.
- ☐ **Personal Advertisements** - Include family members advertising services, sales, or personal messages.

Helpful Tips

- Always document the **source details**: newspaper name, date, page number, and column
- Search multiple name variations/spellings
- Check newspapers from all locations family lived (& surrounding cities)
- Look at surrounding articles for context

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Relationship Categories

- Classmates
- Friends
- Neighbors
- Military Comrades
- Fellow Congregants
- Colleagues
- Pets
- Other

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Document Witnesses

- ☐ Marriage witnesses
- ☐ Godparents
- ☐ Guardians or executors

Community Neighbors

- ☐ Neighbors listed in census records
- ☐ Farm neighbors
- ☐ Landowners and tenants
- ☐ Boarders or lodgers

Educational Ties

- ☐ Teachers or schoolmates
- ☐ University colleagues

Associates & Business Ties

- ☐ Business partners, employers, & employees
- ☐ Trade or craft colleagues
- ☐ Clients or customers
- ☐ Debtors or creditor (bank references)

Legal & Government Figures

- ☐ Witnesses in court records
- ☐ Political connections
- ☐ Military comrades

Social & Religious Circles

- ☐ Church leaders & members
- ☐ Club or society members
- ☐ Friends mentioned in letters or diaries
- ☐ Celebration attendees

Historical or Cultural Figures

- ☐ Prominent local figures ancestors interacted with
- ☐ Authors or creators mentioning your ancestors

Migration & Travel Connections

- ☐ Travel companions
- ☐ Neighbors from the old country
- ☐ Settling companions

Miscellaneous Connections

- ☐ Doctors or midwives
- ☐ Household staff

Don't Forget Newspapers!

- Society & gossip columns
- Business announcements
- Legal notices
- Church or school news
- Community event coverage
- Wedding & funeral notices