

# Found! Ancestors in Plain Sight

## Syllabus

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### 1. Newspaper Smart Matches

- Use Smart Matches to discover newspaper articles related to your ancestors.
    - What Are Smart Matches?
      - Suggested articles based on family tree data.
      - Integration with FamilySearch, GEDCOM uploads, and custom tree creation.
    - Finding and Viewing Matches:
      - Accessing matches from the home feed and 'Hints' tab.
      - Organized search results by location and event.
    - Reading and Interpreting Articles:
      - Viewing article images and details.
      - Tips for improving match accuracy (e.g., using precise names, dates, and locations).
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### 2. Search Strategies

- Conduct targeted searches to maximize newspaper discoveries.
    - Conducting Searches:
      - Using alternative names, dates, and locations.
      - Exploring keywords to locate specific events or occupations.
    - Enhancing Results:
      - Improving tree details for better newspaper matches.
      - Searching regional newspapers for indirect insights.
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### 3. Discovering Stories

- Transform newspaper findings into rich family stories.
  - Types of Stories:
    - Examples: Obituaries, birth announcements, marriage notices, crime reports, and achievements.

- Personal Examples:
    - Case study of a family member found in a newspaper.
  - Saving and Enhancing Discoveries:
    - Saving articles to family trees and accounts.
    - Adding personal perspective and historical context to enrich stories.
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#### **4. Turning Discoveries into Stories**

- Use Storied's storytelling tools to create engaging narratives.
    - Crafting Shareable Stories:
      - Tools for transcribing and formatting articles.
      - Adding context, background, and interesting details.
    - Sharing Stories:
      - Sharing via social media, text, or email.
      - Ensuring accessibility for all readers (no paid membership required).
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#### **5. Preserving Stories in StoriedBook™**

- Compile stories into a keepsake StoriedBook™.
    - Designing a book layout with newspaper stories and narratives.
    - Printing and sharing the completed StoriedBook™.
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