



Society News

Welcome to the very first edition of *Ancestry® Society News* for May 2020. Ancestry® values the roles genealogy societies and organizations play in teaching, leading and helping you to find that next amazing discovery.

Ancestry® Announces Virtual Memorial Day “Parade of Heroes” in Honor of 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II

Many of us will honor our family and others who served in the military this Memorial day, but may be restricted under our current circumstances.

To help Americans commemorate Memorial Day from home this year, Ancestry®, the leader in family history, announced today it will host the “Parade of Heroes,” a virtual event which will stream online Monday, May 25 at 11 AM EST (8 AM PST) on Ancestry’s Facebook Page via Watch Party. Emmy Award-winning television personality Kathie Lee Gifford will host the show, with

special guest performance by two-time GRAMMY Award-winning singer-songwriter Tori Kelly.

Read more to see our strong roster of partners in our [Virtual Memorial Day "Parade of Heroes" Press Release](#).

- To commemorate Memorial Day and the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II
 - Watch the stream live via Watch Party at <https://www.facebook.com/AncestryUS/>
 - After live stream will be available at www.Ancestry.com/WWII
- Streaming on Monday, May 25 at 11 AM EST (8 AM PST)
- Free Access
 - More than 550 million military records on [Fold3®](#), covering military conflicts as early as the Revolutionary War, *open [May 21-25](#)*
 - Nearly 500 million records and images from the National Archives and Records Administration [available on Ancestry](#), including all 36 million of the nation's available World War II young man's draft cards, *[open now through June 1](#)*

Ancestry® COVID-19 Study Needs Your Help

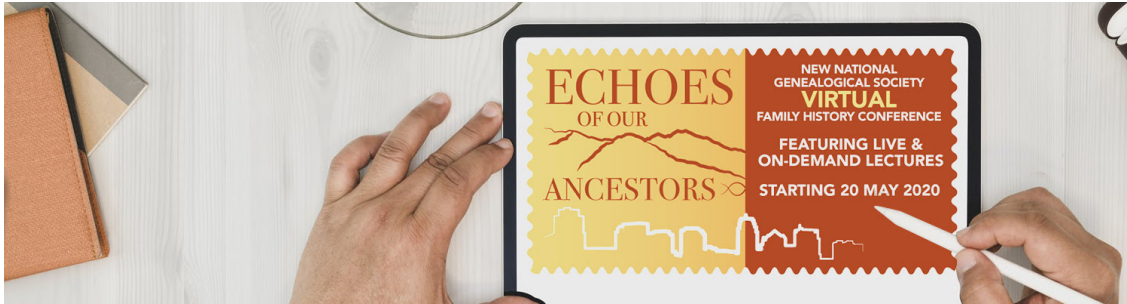
You may have seen the recent Ancestry® [announcement](#) on our COVID-19 study. It's an exceptional time and we want to do our part to contribute to the scientists and healthcare professionals worldwide who are working around the clock to understand and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of this study is to determine if there is a genetic connection between how different people respond to COVID-19. Our hope is that, through this knowledge, the pace of research into new preventive and therapeutic treatments for COVID-19 can be accelerated.

You can help by sharing this effort with your audience. Learn more about our [COVID-19 study](#).

- Ancestry® is making research data from the study **available at no cost** to qualified parties
- This **opt-in** only study will provide data after it is stripped of personally identifiable information

- To qualify, you need to be 18 or over, be a resident of the United States, an existing AncestryDNA customer, consent to participate in research, be able to complete a short survey



NGS 2020 Live!

As a long-term partner of the [National Genealogical Society](#) (NGS) and a sponsor of the annual NGS Family History Conference, we will be participating in the now all-virtual event, starting with NGS 2020 Live! on May 20, 2020, and continuing with on-demand lectures available starting July 1, 2020. Read more on our [blog](#).

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THE RECORDS BEAT

24 BILLION records available on Ancestry - twice as many as any other online genealogy company in the world!



Ancestry added over 50 million new records to the world's largest digital archive of searchable online obituaries and death announcements.

Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s- current

- About 50 million new records
- Now surpassing 300 million for the world's largest digital archive of searchable online obituaries and death announcements
- Over 800 million names
- [Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current](#)

The [newspapers.com](#) database consists of facts extracted from obituaries found on Newspapers.com™ dating from the early 1800's to current. The Ancestry® U.S. Obituary Collection contains recent obituaries from 1930 to the present day. With new records added every day, Ancestry® regularly extracts key details from digital obituaries, including the name of the deceased, important dates, and location information into a searchable database to help members discover them.

Other obituary resources:

- [U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current](#)
- [Obituary how-tos and details](#) you can use to teach or share with your audience

Free Collections On Ancestry®

NARA Records available now for free

Learn more about our free NARA, currently available when you sign up for free account. Learn more from our [blog post](#).

* [U.S. National Archives and Records Administration](#)

- Nearly 500 million records
- Naturalization Records, Passenger and Crew Lists, Military Records

Ancestry® has partnered with America's record keeper, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), to preserve important documents and help people discover more of their family stories. Since 1998, Ancestry® has digitized and indexed millions of NARA records to create the largest collection of NARA records online.

Free Collections On Ancestry

- [Free Index Collections](#)
- Over 1000 free collections available such as the [1940 United States Federal Census](#)



Recent Collections on Ancestry®

Europe, Registration of Foreigners and German Persecutees, 1939-1947"

ITS 203 8/636

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Land: Kreis - K a s s e l Stufe III Liste F Alle Persecutees sind in Maßstab 1:100000 eingetragen.

Stadt: ITS 203 Gemeinde: Kassel Ausstellende Behörde: 6. Pol. Div. Kassel

Liste aller alliierten Nationalitäten und aller fremdländischer, German Jews and stateless etc. who were temporarily or permanently stationed in the community, but are no longer in residence.
 Namensliste aller Militär- und Zivilpersonen der Vereinten Nationen, anderer Ausländer, deutscher Juden und Staatlosen, die vorübergehend oder dauernd in der Gemeinde über jezt nicht mehr dort wohnhaft sind. Die Bezeichnungen nach Männernamen und Nationalität der Ehefrau angegeben.

Nationalität: Niederlande 00854
 (Für jede Nationalität ist ein besonderes Formblatt zu verwenden.)

Familienname	Vorname	Geburtsdatum und -ort	Geschlecht	Heimatort	Art der Einheit	Aufenthaltsort	Todesdatum	Todesursache	Nummer der Erkennungskarte	Grab-Nr. oder Ortsangabe des Grabes	Hinterlassenes persönliches Eigentum	
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Portm	Pier	4. 8. 22	m	-	-	7. 5. 42						
Pogon	Johannes	30. 9. 19	m	Kruxen	-	7. 5. 42						
v.d.Fest	Johan	7. 7. 22	m	Veendam	-	29. 5. 42						
van Puljenboek	Antonius-Petrus	15. 12. 22	m	Milburg	-	20. 10. 42						
Bouk	Beylder	23. 8. 23	m	Amsterdam	-	21. 5. 42						
Fauwels	Antonie	29. 11. 09	m	Amsterdam	-	15. 8. 42						
Fauwels, geb. Prost	Wilhelmine	17. 11. 17	w	Amsterdam	-	8. 5. 42						
ruik	Frederik	01. 6. 24	m	Bergenhoek	-	23. 5. 42						
v.d. Four Kraan	Leachards	14. 7. 07	m	Hoogmade	-	25. 6. 42						
de Planque	Headrike	20. 1. 23	m	Amsterdam	-	8. 9. 42						
Frank	Arie	21. 8. 09	m	Amsterdam	-	5. 4. 42						
Faai	Cornelis	25. 5. 19	m	Gravenhag	-	6. 8. 42						
Frosman	Reinier	17. 5. 19	m	Den Haag	-	12. 5. 42						
Peters, geb. Lanlois	Dolfina	29. 6. 03	w	Den Haag	-	13. 10. 42						
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Potiet	Luise	19. 1. 24	w	Amsterdam	-	2. 4. 42						
recterse	Johannes	15. 7. 17	m	Kempen	-	8. 2. 42						
Plautenberg	Paul	23. 8. 22	m	Nienburg	-	12. 7. 42						
Bykerk	Freobus	27. 9. 35	m	Amsterdam	-	30. 11. 42						
Peters	Alphons	23. 5. 21	m	Amsterdam	-	20. 9. 42						

K a s s e l 10. FEBRUAR 1948 Ich bestätige nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen, daß dies eine treue und vollständige Wiedergabe der verlangten Informationen ist.

Unterschrift

1.7 million new records coming in May

Today is VE Day, we have additional records available this month to discover your WWII family story. We're adding 1.7 million records covering records gathered from the French Allied Zone and areas outside of modern Germany.

This collection consists of foreigners and German persecutees in Germany between 1939-1947 who were persecuted by public institutions, social securities and companies. The records may also include information on those who died, including burial information. The documents were assembled according to the Zones of Occupation - American, British, French and Soviet - by the Allied forces within Germany. Areas outside Germany were also recorded.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61758/>



New Collections in April

- Alabama, Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, Church Records, 1837-1970
- Washington, Various County Census Records, 1850-1914
- Minnesota, Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019
- St. Louis County, Minnesota Birth Index, 1870-1900
- St. Louis County, Minnesota, Death Index, 1870-1899
- Minnesota, St. Louis County Marriage Index, 1871-1894
- Global Obituary Updates New York State, Extradition Requisition and Mandate Registers, 1857-1938
- U.S., Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic Membership Records, 1865-1936
- Latvia Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1854-1909
- ANZAC Memorial, 1914-1918
- Australia WWII AIF Service Records, 1939-1947



Updated Collections in April

- Texas, Select County Marriage Records, 1837-2015
- Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1965
- North Dakota, Marriage Records, 1872-2017
- Global FindAGrave Updates
- New York, Discharges of Convicts, 1882-1915
- New York, Executive Orders for Commutations, Pardons, Restorations, Clemency and Respites, 1845-1931
- New York, Grand Army of the Republic Records, 1866-1931
- California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898
- England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers, 1800-2016
- Liverpool, England, Catholic Baptisms, 1741-1916
- Liverpool, England, Catholic Marriages, 1754-1932
- Liverpool, England, Catholic Burials, 1813-1985
- Liverpool, England, Catholic Confirmations, 1813-1922
- Liverpool, England, Church of England Baptisms, 1813-1917
- Liverpool, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1932
- Liverpool, England, Church of England Burials, 1813-1975

- UK, WWI Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914-1923

ANCESTRY® FEATURE FLASH

Innovating for new and experienced user alike, so you can make more personal discoveries, faster

- **New Message Center** - Full rollout continues, but most users have the new experience.

- [Download folders](#) in the New Message Center [until Aug 31](#)
- Existing international users will see the new experience soon
- [New Message Center](#) details

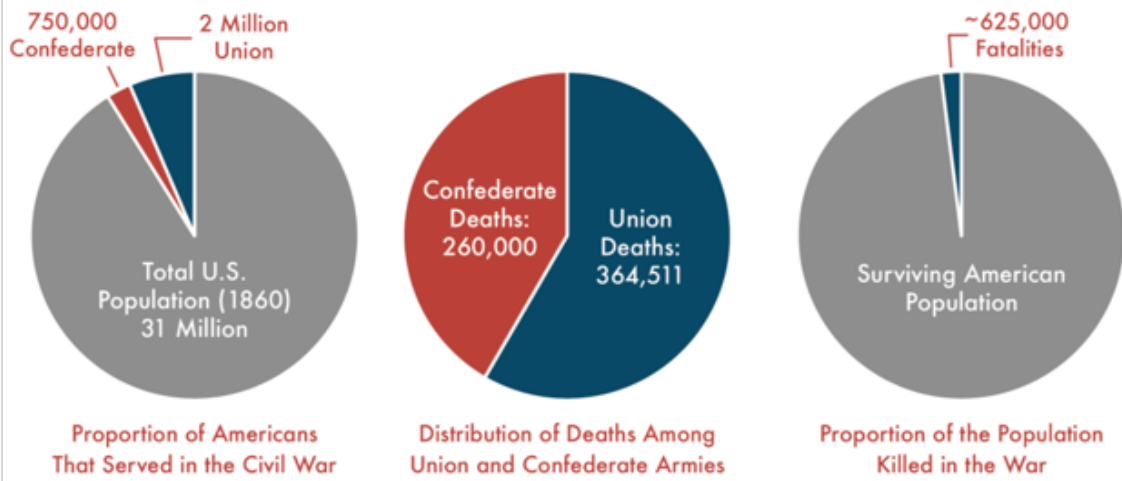
75 new communities - [\[Available now\]](#) 5 new communities, including 25 new Mexican communities, 20 South American, 10 Central American, 12 Caribbean, 7 Southern European and 1 African.

DNA Match to Tree - [\[Available Now\]](#). Link your DNA matches to the people on your Ancestry tree.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Introducing Civil War Stories Beta!

- First of its kind searchable database of Civil War soldiers, regiments and battles
- Leverages **Ancestry®**, **Fold3®**, **Newspapers.com™**, **Find a Grave®** and other sources with trusted experts from **American Battlefield Trust**
- Starting today, you can head to our [Civil War Stories](#) page and learn details about some of the major Civil War battles, including what regiments fought in each battle



The proportion of deaths to the population was greater than any other conflict in American history. Nearly 3% of the population died – roughly comparable to 6-10 million Americans today.

Civil Stories is an ambitious project that ultimately hopes to create a comprehensive list of every soldier that fought in the Civil War, the company and regiment he belonged to, the battles he fought in, and finally what happened to each soldier following the war.

Gathering data from Ancestry®, Fold3®, Newspapers.com™, Find a Grave®, and other sources, we teamed up with the American Battlefield Trust and their Civil War experts to integrate their amazing collections of stories, videos, and photographs into our new experience. Stitching all of these collections together, we have created the first of its kind searchable database of Civil War soldiers, regiments and battles. Read more on our [Fold3 blog](#).



WAR OF 1812.		
NUMBERS	SOLDIER	BOUNTY LAND
SO 33610	Dibble, Spencer;	
SO 23834	Dibble, Joseph S. 107	
	WIDOW	28281-160-55
	SERVICE	
	Por Capt. Truman Kellogg's Co,	
	N. Y. Mil.	
	ENLISTED	DISCHARGED
	Dec. 23, 1813,	Jan. 6, 1814.
RESIDENCE OF SOLDIER	REMARKS	
1855, 1856, 1878		
East Bloomfield, Ontario Co. N.Y.		
RESIDENCE OF WIDOW		
MAIDEN NAME OF WIDOW		
MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER AND WIDOW		
DEATH OF SOLDIER		
DEATH OF WIDOW		

War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files

The documents in this collection include full pension application files for soldiers and sailors who served in the War of 1812, as well as for their widows and children, or other heirs. The first applications were filed by servicemen who were disabled as a result of their service, or by widows who lost a husband in the war.



Recent Updates

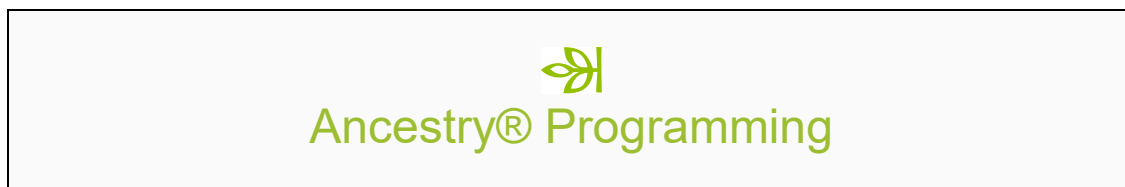
- National WWI Museum Panoramic Unit Photographs
- UK, Militia Attestation Papers 1806-1915
- UK, Records of Officers' Services 1846-1875
- UK, WWII Royal Artillery Tracer Cards, 1939-1948
- War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files



Ancestry® Education

See recorded events with Crista Cowan, Ancestry Corporate Genealogist and Anne Mitchell, Ancestry Product Manager, teach, share and answer questions on some of our recent Facebook Live events! Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to catch us live.

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- [A Case Study on the Great Depression](#)
- [Q&A Roundup with Crista Cowan](#)
- [1940 Census Live Learning Session](#)
- [Ancestry K12 Lesson Plans](#)
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If you haven't already tuned in, come watch Roots Less Traveled on NBC Saturday mornings. Streaming available on NBC.com and Hulu.

The series features relatives as they set out on an adventure to solve mysteries in their family tree. From rumors of ancestors aboard the Titanic to stories of homesteaders forging a new path for future generations, the duos discover the

truth behind the tales that have been passed down for generations, revealing the inspiring lives their ancestors led. In partnership with Ancestry®, they learn how their past has shaped their present and through this shared journey how family bonds are deepened.

Read more in our [blog post](#).



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