



Welcome to *Ancestry® Society News* for June 2020. Ancestry® values the roles genealogy societies and organizations play in teaching, leading and helping to find that next amazing discovery. **Please email your newsletter or link to your online post at advocates@ancestry.com.**

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A note from Ancestry's CEO

To our global community,

Equality and racial justice are a shared responsibility. Ancestry stands in solidarity with the Black community and knows that Black Lives Matter. We recognize your pain and the feelings of fear and frustration over the injustices you face every day. Our hearts ache for the Floyd family, for their tragic loss, and for our communities as well.

As a company, we believe in the importance of diversity, unity and acceptance, as well as the fundamental truth that we are all more alike than not. Our purpose as a company, and the intent of our products, is to bring our shared diversity into the spotlight in order to promote understanding and equality.

[Read full message](#)



Rewatch the [Ancestry® Virtual Parade on Memorial Day](#).

THE RECORDS BEAT

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



After adding 50 million new records in May, we expect 25 million new records in June to the world's largest digital archive of searchable online obituaries and death announcements.

Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current

- About 25 million new records expected in June
- 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](#)
- [Announcement on this unique and amazing collection](#)

Collections on Ancestry®

Iowa, Death Records, 1920-1967

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DO NOT WRITE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of the Census

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics
Certificate of Death

State Office No. **26-4-28**

City of Death: *Floris*

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County: *Lewis* Township: *Sicklerville*
(b) City or Town: *Floris*
(c) Hospital or Institution: Name and Street Address
(d) Length of stay in Hospital or Inst. (yrs., mos. and days)
(e) Citizen of foreign country? (yes or no)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (HOME) OF DECEASED:
(a) State: *Iowa* (b) County: *Lewis*
(c) City or town: *Rural, Floris*
(d) Street No. (If rural give LOCATION)
(e) Citizen of foreign country? (yes or no)

In this community (yrs., mos. and days) *2 years*
Do not include length of stay at usual home

3. (a) FULL NAME: *Joseph Gaudin Smith*
3. (c) Social Security Account Number: *None*

4. Sex: *Male* 5. Color or Race: *White* 6. (a) Single, married, widowed or divorced: *Divorced*

6. (b) Name of husband or wife: *Deceased*
6. (c) If alive, give age: _____ years

7. Birth date of deceased (mo., day, year): *Oct 21 - 1863*

8. Age: Years *78* Months *5* Days *10* If less than 1 day: _____ hrs. _____ min.

9. Birthplace: *Floris Mo* (Town, county, and state or foreign country)

10. Usual Occupation: *Retail Farmer*

11. Industry or business:
12. Name: *William Smith*

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
20. DATE OF DEATH: *April 1st* 19*42*, at *4:30* (Month, WRITE OUT) (Day) (Time)
21. I CERTIFY that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from *April 1st* 19*42* to *April 1st* 19*42* and that I saw him alive on *April 1st* 19*42*
Immediate cause of death: *Not known* DURATION: *4-1-42*
Due to: *Sudden while sitting in chair reading*
Due to:
Other conditions:

New and updated vital records from Iowa, Colorado, and New Mexico

New Collections Expected in June

- Colorado, County Death Records, 1986-2017
- Dresden, Germany, Crematorium Registers, 1911-1952
- New Mexico, Select County Marriage Records, 1905-1999
- Louisiana, Tombstone Inscriptions, 1812-1970
- Web: Indiana Deaths, Pre-1882
- Limbach-Oberfrohna, Germany, Residence Records, 1869-1932
- Wisconsin, Employment Records, 1903-1988

See the most [recent collections](#)

Updated Collections Expected in June

Military

Birth, Marriage, Death

- Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current

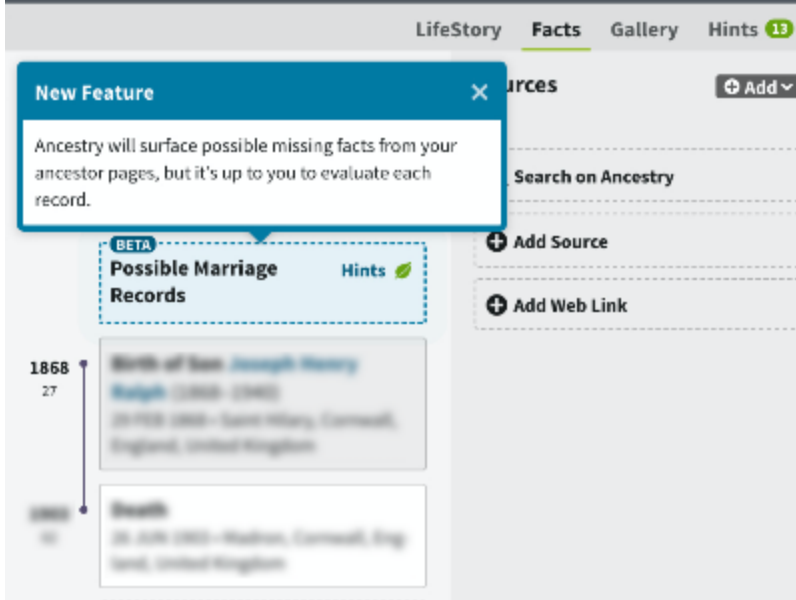
- UK, WWI Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914-1923
- UK, Officer Service Records, 1764-1932
- U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865
- Global Find A Grave Updates
- Iowa, Marriage Records, 1880-1951
- Iowa, Death Records, 1920-1967
- Louisiana, Compiled Marriage Index, 1718-1925, 1946-1961
- Massachusetts, Boston Archdiocese Roman Catholic Sacramental Records, 1789-1900
- New Orleans, Louisiana, Index to Death Records, 1804-1964

Other

- New Jersey, Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817
- Wisconsin, Employment. Records, 1903-1988
- 1939 England and Wales Register
- Finland, Communion Books, 1670-1917
- Canada, Selected School Yearbooks, 1901-2010
- Washington, Episcopal Diocese of Spokane Church Records, 1870-1970
- Berlin, Germany, Marriages, 1874-1936
- Somerset, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1531-1812
- Limbach-Oberfrohna, Germany, Births, 1876-1904
- Limbach-Oberfrohna, Germany, Marriages, 1876-1922
- Limbach-Oberfrohna, Germany, Deaths, 1876-1952
- Finland, Communion Books, 1670-1917

ANCESTRY® FEATURES FLASH REPORT

Ancestry® is getting smarter to help you find more discoveries, faster. We've introduced prompts on Ancestor pages for missing facts with related hints. These first prompts focus on missing birth, marriage, or death facts.



OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



World War I Photograph Collections on Fold3!

By the time the United States entered WWI in 1917, photography had become a growing hobby within the country. Many soldiers had their portraits taken before heading off to war and the government trained photographers at the Columbia School of Military Photography to record America's involvement in the war using still and motion pictures. Read our [Fold3 blog](#) to explore more of this amazing collection!



Florence S. Battershill served in the American Red Cross

Fold3 Updates Expected in June

- UK, WWI Pension Ledgers And Index Cards, 1914-1923
- War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files
- Civil War Stories.

Newspapers[™]
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Newspapers are a treasure trove of stories and experiences that can teach you a lot about your Ancestors and even their immigration experience.

Since the founding of America, millions of people hoping for a brighter future left their home countries and immigrated to the United States. The number of immigrants increased dramatically after the Civil War with nearly 12 million [arriving between 1870-1900](#). More than 70% of all immigrants entered through New York City. Castle Garden opened in 1855 as the [primary immigration processing center](#) and operated as such [until Ellis Island's opening in 1892](#) (though from 1890-1892, the center was moved to the U.S. Barge Office). We've scoured our newspaper archives to find the stories behind some

of those immigrants' arrivals.

Read more, [Before Ellis Island: Entering America Through Castle Garden 1855-1890](#)



Castle Garden Opens August 1, 1855 as "Emigrant Landing Depot"

Newspapers Updates Expected in June

- Kansas City Star, 1880-2020 (Kansas City, Missouri)
- News and Observer, 1880 – 2020 (Raleigh, North Carolina)
- Bangor Daily News ,1889 – 2020 (Bangor, Maine)
- Park City Daily News, 1920 – 2020 (Bowling Green, Kentucky)
- Dawson Springs Progress, 1934 – 2020 (Dawson Springs, Kentucky)



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The Great Migration with Nicka Sewell-Smith - discussing the Great Migration, and giving some [tips and tricks on where to look in the records when researching it for your family tree.](#)

Researching your veterans with Crista Cowan - In honor of Memorial Day coming up this weekend, Crista is here to discuss some [tips and tricks on how to research your veteran's history, from Fold3, to the World War II Draft Cards.](#)

