

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion**

Back in June, we shared [this note from our CEO](#), expressing our commitment to making our company and our product experience as inclusive as it can possibly be for everyone. At that time, we promised we would hold ourselves accountable and asked that you, our valued members, do so as well. Actions speak louder than words when it comes to making real and lasting change.

We are focused on building more inclusive product experiences, creating a more inclusive workplace and partnering with organizations who share our commitment to Inclusion & Diversity to amplify our voice in the community, while being transparent about our progress.

Read the [full blog post](#).

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Ancestry® Debuts World's Largest, Searchable Digital Archive of Newspaper Published Historical Wedding Announcements

Ancestry® has been the leader in family history for more than 30 years, developing innovative research tools and adding new content to our unparalleled historical record collections that enable people around the world to discover more about their family's past. Today, Ancestry is excited to launch the first phase of the Newspapers.com™ Marriage Index collection, powered by cutting-edge technology. We trained machine learning algorithms to comb through more than 600 million pages of digitized newspapers to extract and identify key names, relationships and other facts from marriage and engagement announcements in historical newspapers via text classification.

Read the full [blog post](#).

Ready to dive in? Come watch Crista as she talks about our amazing new collection. Newspapers.com® Marriage Records Index | The Barefoot Genealogist | Ancestry



The Newspapers.com Marriage Index collection adds to the world's largest, searchable digital archive of newspaper published historical wedding announcements. Since the early 1800s, newspapers across the country have been publishing rich information about engagements, marriage license applications, wedding announcements, and more. Join Crista Cowan to learn more about how this index was created, tips and tricks for searching, and how to view the images.

ANCESTRY® FEATURE FLASH



Exciting Updates. to Ancestry® FamilyHistory Mobile App, Featuring Improved Accessibility, Mobile Search and Discover Tab—Your Daily Stop For The Latest Discoveries From Ancestry®

As the leader in Family History, Ancestry® is at the forefront, constantly developing new ways for you to learn about yourself and empowering you to unlock more discoveries about your family history.

Every year more of you are using our mobile offerings. Through extensive interviews you told us you wanted to be able to do more on mobile and wanted a more intuitive on-the-go experience that made it easier and faster to find new personal discoveries. We're excited to launch the beginning of a series of mobile advances to give you the best possible family history mobile experience:

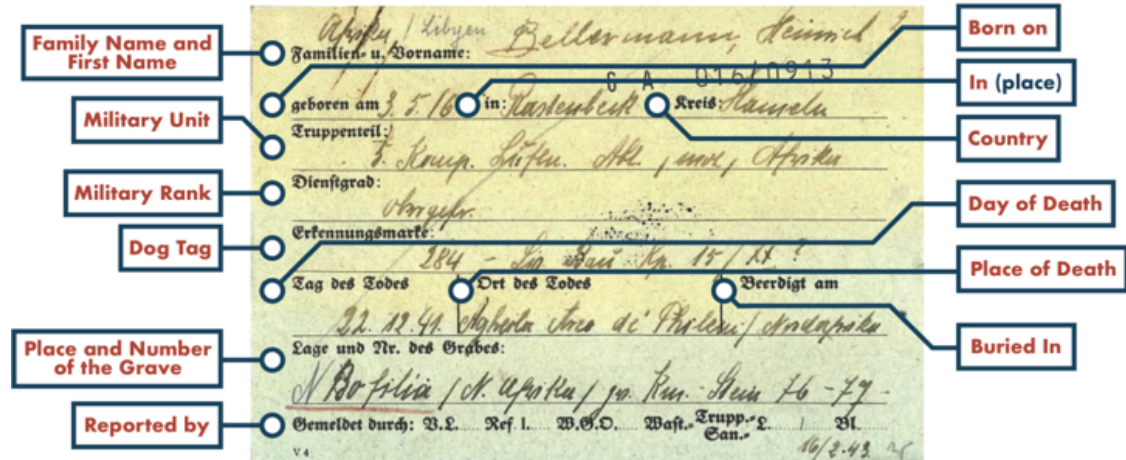
Read the full [blog post](#).



OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



New German WWII Records Added



We've added a new collection of WWII records from Germany. The [Germany, Military Killed in Action 1939-1948](#) collection contains index cards for about 2 million German soldiers killed during WWII.

Researching German WWII soldiers can be tricky because many service records were destroyed during the war.

Read Jenny's full [blog post](#) to learn more.

Visit to find our [newest and updated collections](#), including Germany, Military Killed in Action, 1939-1948 and Phan Rang Air Base.



Big Things are Happening at Newspapers.com!

We want you to be the first to hear our big news! This month Newspapers.com™ is excited to launch the first phase of the Marriage Index collection. We've trained machine learning algorithms to scour more than 600 million pages of digitized newspapers to extract and identify more than **50 million** U.S. marriage announcements.

These marriage announcements often contain detailed genealogical information, including the names of family members, biographical details, addresses, and more. These key details can break down genealogical brick walls and open up new research avenues.

MARCH 1947

Marathon, Texas, Sunday, April 20, 1947



Married in El Paso recently, Mrs. John C. Ring is the former Miss Barbara Jean Bauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Bauman, Sr. Mr. Ring is son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell C. Ring of Alamo.

El Paso Church Rites Unite Miss Bauman and John Ring

ALAMO—The wedding of Miss Barbara Jean Bauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Bauman, Sr. of El Paso, to John C. Ring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell C. Ring of Alamo, was celebrated in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in El Paso, April 5.

The bride wore a long, flowing white gown with a full skirt and a long train, which was beaded with lace and decorated with white flowers. The bride's veil was held up by the groom. The bride's hair was styled in waves. The groom wore a dark suit and a white shirt with a dark tie. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. William E. Jones, pastor of the church. The bride and groom were surrounded by their families and friends. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

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Wedding Announced

Couple Wed In Evening Ceremony

SAN BENITO—A large crowd welcomed the wedding of Miss Paula Bon McCarty, daughter of Mrs. Bon McCarty, Jackson, Miss., and Mr. Arthur Johnson, San Benito, Tex., which took place at the First Christian Church in San Benito, April 19.

The Rev. William E. Jones officiated. The bride wore a white gown with a full skirt and a long train. The groom wore a dark suit. The ceremony was held in the evening. The bride and groom were surrounded by their families and friends. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT COLLECTION



**John C. Ring and
Barbara Jean Bauman**

Name **John C. Ring**

Spouse **Barbara Jean Bauman**

Parents Martin F. Bauman, Sr.

Marriage Date 5 April 1947

Marriage Venue St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
El Paso, Texas

Officiant William Buch

Bride Attire Seed pearls, Colonial gown, Lace

NAMES MENTIONED

Wedding Party Mr & Mrs. Darrell C. Ring
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Siblings H.E. Brockmoller

Other Names Martin F. Bauman, Jr., Art Lange, Jr.
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In this example, we searched for the marriage announcement of John C. Ring and Barbara Jean Bauman. The announcement includes a photo of the bride and tells how she wore her grandmother's heirloom necklace and put a "lucky sixpence in her shoe" that belonged to her uncle (he found the coin in the Fiji Islands and carried it throughout the war as a good-luck piece). This marriage announcement reveals rich detail about the bride's dress, family members, the bridal party, and the future residence of the new couple!

How is it possible to search more than 600+ million pages of newspapers for marriage announcements? Using OCR (optical character recognition), we've converted our archive of newspapers into machine-readable text. We've trained computers to identify keywords often associated with marriage announcements. The computer then draws a text box around that announcement, and it becomes searchable in our Marriage Index. Occasionally you might notice an incorrect date or misspelled names as a result of the OCR conversion process. You can edit the information and correct the facts. Your updates will then become searchable for other users.

This archive of marriage announcements will result in new hints on your Ancestry® tree! We will continue to update this collection and will add international marriage announcements in the future. We add new content to our

site each month, so check back often to discover new marriage announcements, obituaries, and other mentions of your family on Newspapers.com.

Newspaper Marriage Announcements: Using the Language of Love to Break Down Genealogical Walls

Have you found a marriage announcement on Newspapers.com that led to a genealogy breakthrough? For some of us (like me), uncovering long sought after information is like opening a gift on Christmas morning! Marriage announcements can be short and succinct or long and rich in detail. [Learn more from Jenny](#).



Find a Grave Support site

We're always looking for ways to enhance Find A Grave and help our community. Our team has been busy behind the scenes and we are thrilled to announce the launch of our shiny new [support site](#)! We have re-designed and added to our knowledge base to help you have all the information you need


right at your fingertips.


[Learn more!](#)


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 Common Questions

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