



*Society News*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Ancestry® Delivers More Precise Ethnicity Estimates Powered by the World's Largest Consumer DNA Network**

Powered by the world's largest consumer DNA network, millions of family trees linked to AncestryDNA test results, and by increasing our reference panel, Ancestry is releasing our most precise DNA update yet.

While your DNA doesn't change, the science we use to determine your ethnicity estimates does. Advances in the algorithms used to analyze your DNA and increases in the size and diversity of the reference panel can help you connect to even more regions around the world. As our DNA network grows and science advances, you can expect more comprehensive and precise results.

Read more in [our announcement](#) and make sure to read more from Barry Starr, Ph.D., Director of Scientific Communications at Ancestry.

[Why Your Latest Results Could Include More Scotland In Your Ethnicity Estimates](#)

[5 Things Everyone Should Know About Consumer DNA Tests](#)



### **Back to School with a New Perspective**

Whether you're teaching in the classroom or through remote learning this school year, Ancestry® is providing free resources to inspire educators with new ways to engage students to make this school year a little easier.

[Read more from lifestyle journalist and author Amy E. Goodman](#) who partnered with Ancestry to write about her family's experience using Ancestry and her tips for the upcoming school year.

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## Join Ancestry® Online At AAHGS This Year

“For the first time ever, AAHGS, Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society will host our National Conference, October 14–17, in a virtual environment during this unprecedented time,” said Baba Gene Stephenson, AAHGS National President.

“We’re honored for the support from Ancestry and all of our other sponsors, partners, exhibitors, volunteers, and our conference committee for without them AAHGS Virtual Conference would not be possible..”

AAHGS 2020 Annual Conference & Exhibition  
October 14, 2020—October 17, 2020

For more information about the 2020 AAHGS Annual Conference & Exhibition and to register, visit

<https://web.cvent.com/event/375a05f9-62b5-4829-80c7-5560766e1286/summary>

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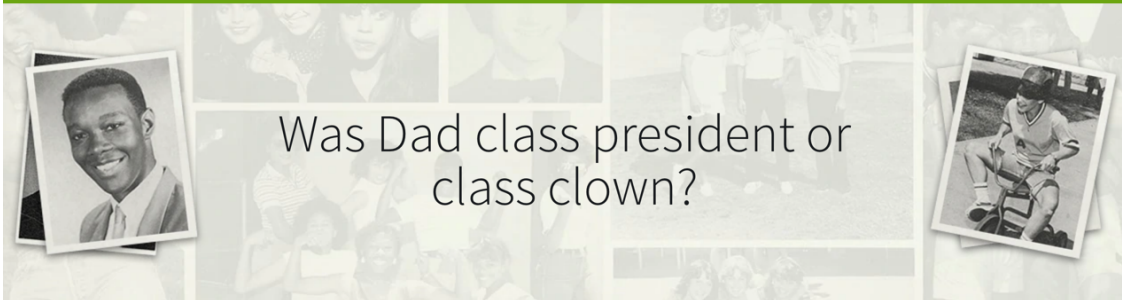
## THE RECORDS BEAT

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



Collections on Ancestry®

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**Now over 700 million**, our Yearbooks Collection is the world's largest, stretching from 1999 all the way back to 1842.



### **New and Updated Collections Expected This Month**

- Arizona, Wills and Probate Records, 1866-1974
- Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current
- Birmingham, England, Church of England Baptisms, 1813-1919
- Brazil, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current
- California, Wills and Probate Records, 1850-1953
- Canada, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current
- Colorado, Select County Marriages, 1863-2018
- Colorado, Select County Marriages, 1863-2018
- Deaths, German Occupied Territories, 1939-1945
- Delaware, Federal Naturalization Records, 1802-1943
- England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858
- Germany, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current
- Global, Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current
- Illinois, Federal Naturalization Records, 1840-1991
- Italy, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current
- Lancashire, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1935
- Maryland, Federal Naturalization Records, 1795-1931
- Massachusetts, Boston Archdiocese Roman Catholic Sacramental Records, 1789-1900
- Mexico, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current
- Netherlands, Baptism Index, 1557-1902
- Netherlands, Birth Index, 1784-1917
- Netherlands, Burial Index, 1540-1899
- Netherlands, Civil Marriage Index, 1795-1950
- Netherlands, Death Index, 1795-1969
- Netherlands, Marriage Index, 1575-1938

Netherlands, Population Registers Index, 1720-1944  
New York, New York City, Church of the Transfiguration Records, 1847-1938  
New York, New York City, Saint Peter's Lutheran Church Records, 1862-1955  
New York, Yates County, Swann Vital Records Collection, 1723-2009  
Newspapers.com Marriage Index, 1800s-current  
Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current  
Norway, Church Records, 1812-1960  
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Norway, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current  
Pennsylvania, Federal Naturalization Records, 1795-1931  
Quebec, Canada, Notarial Records, 1637-1935  
Scotland, General and Admission Registers for Asylums, 1858-1918  
Scotland, Registers of Deeds, 1619-1859  
Sweden, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current  
U.S., Evangelical Covenant Church, Swedish American Church Records, 1868-1970  
U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current  
UK and Ireland, Find A Grave Index, 1300s-Current  
Utah, Federal Naturalization Records, 1906-1930  
Vermont, State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1790-1954  
Virginia, Federal Naturalization Records, 1901-1938  
West Virginia, Federal Naturalization Records, 1844-1943

See the most [recent collections](#)

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## OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

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### New Vietnam War Records from Phan Rang Air Base

[Phan Rang Air Base](#) was an important United States Air Force base during the Vietnam War. It is located in the Ninh Thuan Province of Vietnam. We've recently added

historical records from Phan Rang (also called Happy Valley). These records include stories, photos, rosters, and newsletters that have been collected and shared to a Facebook page dedicated to those who were once stationed at the base.



Read more on our [fold3 blog!](#)

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

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#### **MONDAY—THE OPENING DAY.**

At 12 o'clock, April 22d, Lieutenant stood at the north line of Oklahoma, watch in hand. Guards held a rope marking the line. When the noon hour came he turned to the bugler and told him to give the signal. The bugler blew the blast and immediately there sprang across the line with a loud yell and cheering, a thousand riders, urging their horses on at the fullest speed. Behind them were their wagons, family and supplies, expecting them to follow. Many a man had paid \$500 for a horse for this special occasion, for much depended upon the result of the race. Others rode a horse and took a second as a relay.

A party of the deputies moved upon a body of boomers concealed in the bushes near Guthrie and rounding them up drove them across the river. Leaping from their teams they fired off their guns and commenced turning up the soil, and set themselves forth as the owners of the very claims from which they had just driven the boomers.

The feeling tonight is intense and bitter against these men who took advantage of official position to violate the law and rights of the poor man and true settler. In regard to this there will be begun a bitter contest for the town lots and claims around Guthrie.

## **Boomers and Sooners: The Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889**

In 1889, as many as 50 thousand settlers poured into Oklahoma hoping to stake claim to a portion of nearly two million acres opened for settlement by the U.S. Government. Many had campaigned the federal government to open the land for settlement and were known as Boomers. The land, formerly occupied by Native Americans, was considered Unassigned Lands after the federal government forcibly relocated many Native American tribes. On April 22, 1889, [at noon sharp](#), a bugle sounded, and hopeful settlers surged across the territory line. The number of settlers [surpassed available land](#) and they soon realized that some snuck into Oklahoma ahead of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> open date.

This gave them a leg up on the law-abiding settlers and first in line for the most desirable land. Those early homestead seekers were known as Sooners.

Read more on our newspapers.com [blog post!](#)

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To discover more about World War II and uncover your own ancestor's story, head here:

<https://www.ancestry.com/military/world-war-ii>



A military historian and an investigative filmmaker travel around the world in search of lost war remnants and forgotten artifacts, revealing untold stories about what they find on the battlefield or in museum collections. Through their investigation and family history research, they recount the human side of these stories, and reunite family members with these found objects.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MQFylybMB4>

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