

10 Clever Ways to Find More Ancestor Articles While Searching Old Newspapers

1. Deliberately Misspell When Searching Online

OCR is not perfect and scanning 100 year old newsprint creates errors

2. Try Abbreviations

for given names, such as "Wm" for William, or "Jno" for John, or "Jos" for Joseph, and "Robt" for Robert

3. Remember to Search Hyphenated Words

In the old days, many words were hyphenated so search portions of names

4. Married Women went by Husband's Name so you are likely to find "Mildred Jones" as "Mrs. Samuel Jones"

10. Visit The Ancestor Hunt at

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html> to get hundreds of articles and links to help you become a master newspaper researcher

5. Search for an Address Rather than a Name or combine address or just street name with surname

6. When Searching for Obituaries add "beloved" or "dear" or "loving" in your online search criteria

7. Searching for Birth Announcement? Then add "born to" or "born to the wife of" to surname

8. Combine Names with occupations, business names, clubs, churches, etc in your search criteria

9. Browse for Cause of Death for up to 2 weeks prior to death date from obituary for an article about illness or accident