

Lida Larkin's Family History Tips

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Another quick opportunity to check out records for Free. Only 2 days left – after this one is done. Take advantage!

WorldVitalRecords.com Opens Site Allowing for Free Public Access to More Than One Billion Family History Records

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WorldVitalRecords.com invites the public to search its site for free

PROVO, UT, August 10, 2009 –

WorldVitalRecords.com, an online family history resource, today announced the addition of the largest number of records to be released in a single day since the site launched in 2006.

To commemorate this milestone, for the first time WorldVitalRecords is offering free public access to its entire online collection of historical and genealogical records beginning August 11 and continuing through August 13, 2009. The public will have unlimited access to more than one billion records in over 11,000 databases from around the world including newspapers, census, birth, marriage, death, immigration and military records; family trees; stories and publications; and yearbooks.

“As a genealogy enthusiast, I’m thrilled that people can go to one place like WorldVitalRecords.com, try family history research for free and find their parents or grandparents, and see how simple it is to start tracing back and discovering stories that bring family

history to life,” said Jim Ericson, Vice-President of Marketing for Family Link. “This is a **rare opportunity** to delve into the records and discover information about your family and ancestors you may have never known.”

Featured records in this release include:

Historical Newspapers

Through a partnership with *Newspaper Archive*, WorldVitalRecords is adding access to pages from a variety of newspapers from all over the United States, dating from 1759 through 1923. This collection features images of entire newspapers from the western frontier, the Midwest at the turn of the century, and the long time standard of our nation's news, "The New York Times" which includes over 7 million names.

Newspaper Archive produces the largest historical newspaper database online, and the collection is fully searchable by keyword and date, and individual pages can be saved or printed.

According to Gena Philibert Ortega, Genealogy Community Director for FamilyLink, "Part of the fun of family history is uncovering details about our ancestors' daily lives -- the events of the day, the goods and the services they bought. Newspapers allow us to better understand our ancestors."

Immigration Records

Living in a country of immigrants, ship passenger lists and other records documenting immigration can be an essential part in learning more about your family history. “It is a thrilling experience to see their names transcribed on paper the day they entered this country through the

Port of New York. Browsing and searching these passenger lists is a perfect way for someone to start researching their family history.

The database, **Passenger Arrivals at the Port of New York, 1820-1832** provides documentation of over 150,000 passengers who arrived on nearly 8,000 ships at one of the busiest ports in the United States, New York.

Yearbooks

In partnership with the website E-Yearbook.com, WorldVitalRecords is doubling its collection of digitized yearbooks. This collection features university yearbooks from the late 1800 to mid 1950's. E-Yearbook.com houses the largest collection of old college yearbooks on the Internet. Universities featured this week include Duke University, University of Oklahoma, Iowa State and the College of William and Mary.

Vital Records, Military Records and Tax Lists

Other records being released on the site include birth, marriage, tax lists, military records, and death records from Maine, North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

Focused on helping users discover and share their family history, WorldVitalRecords adds new records to their online collection everyday.

About WorldVitalRecords.com

WorldVitalRecords.com is simplifying family history research by providing many easy-to-use tools and resources to discover and connect with others interested in family history. WorldVitalRecords provides access to more than one billion international and U.S. records. WorldVitalRecords.com provides affordable access to genealogy databases and family history tools used by more than 258,000 monthly visitors. The site registers 3.6 million monthly pages views

and serves tens of thousands of paying subscribers. With thousands of databases—including birth, death, military, census, and parish records—WorldVitalRecords.com makes it easy to fill in missing information in your family tree.

WorldVitalRecords is part of the FamilyLink.com, Inc. network of family-focused interactive properties including, GenealogyWise, WebTree, WorldHistory, and the We're Related and My Family applications on Facebook. The focus of the company is to provide innovative tools to connect families.

FamilyLink.com, Inc. has **more than 15 million unique global visitors** each month and 40 million page views per month. With more than 31 million users We're Related is the fastest growing social network for families and genealogists. We're Related, a top-five application on Facebook, allows individuals to find relatives on Facebook, connect with friends and family members, build family trees, and share news and photos. It is the most popular family application on Facebook. Since October 2007, when the application was launched, more than 150 million relationships (of living people) have been defined on We're Related. Within the past 30 days, the application has had 14.9 million monthly active users and 1,000,000 daily active users.

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That's all Folks! For this time.

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