

Lida Larkin's family history tips

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A **Merry Christmas newsletter** to all of you with a couple of fun things you might want to know or use.

Hope your Holidays are wonderful!
Lida

Diane Haddad writes in The Genealogy Insider blog of Family Tree Magazine – 7 Nov 2009

[Footnote's WWII Records Free Through December](#)

Posted by [Diane](#)

In honor of Pearl Harbor Day today, subscription site Footnote is making its [WWII records collection](#)—with more than 10 million records, documents and photos from the National Archives—free to the public for the rest of December. Included are

- The [Interactive USS Arizona Memorial](#), a virtual wall of names linked to information about each person who died on the vessel. Here's an example featuring [USS Arizona Capt. Franklin Van Valkenburgh](#).
- Missing Air Crew Reports, more than 16,605 case files and related records of the US Army Air Forces

- Pearl Harbor Muster Rolls listing all personnel assigned to ships based at Pearl Harbor between 1939 and 1947
- Army and Navy Judge Advocate General case files.
- Submarine Patrol Reports, 1941 to 1945,
- Naval press clippings collected from 1942 to 1960 by the Public Information Department of the 13th Naval District, headquartered in Seattle
- [Holocaust records](#) (Footnote had already made this collection free through the end of the year)

Access the records from [Footnote's WWII landing page](#).

Helpful resources from FamilyTreeMagazine.com:

- [Footnote Web Guide digital download](#) (\$4)
- [Military Records Toolkit](#) (free article)

Addition: If you're looking for a WWII veteran's military service records, the National Archives and Records Administration restricts access to these for privacy reasons. Veterans and next-

of kin (surviving widows/widowers who haven't remarried, children, siblings and parents) can request them from NARA's National Personnel Records Center [through the eVetRecs online system or by mail or fax.](#)

If you're not next of kin, you may be able to get limited information from WWII service records. [See NARA's website for information.](#)

Fascinating and helpful information to learn about our ancestors and their lives.

The Weather Report

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By Maureen A. Taylor

Find out how 10 extreme weather events changed your ancestors' lives.

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/the-weather-report>

This tip is from the [January 2010 Family Tree Magazine](#):

Join a genealogical society - and not just the one where you live. Society members likely know where to find all kinds of local records. Monthly newsletters and other publications are often great resources. Some volunteers will go to a courthouse or historical society and copy records for you, or contact you when one of your surnames surfaces in a new source.

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That's all Folks! For this time.

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