



President's Message

I hope your summer was exciting and enjoyable, even with the many many very hot days we had. Diane and I had been planning an August visit to Washington, PA, for doing a little research and visiting family members. As it turned out, my aunt died (she was 91!), so we changed our travel dates and attended her memorial service and still did some genealogy research. Despite the circumstances, the trip was a success: We were able to visit with a couple cousins and their children, some of whom I had not seen in many years. We all took pictures of each other – now we can update the pics we have in our database.

My cousin Betsy gave me several documents from my grandfather's sea chest. One was his enrollment booklet (Inskriftningsbok) when he joined the Gävle Sailors House in 1901 and became a Sjöman – beginning sailor. In it were several one page documents that were effectively performance reviews (Afmonstrings Betyg) on his early sailing jobs. Also included was a booklet (Afregningsbog) from March, 1905, when he signed onto the Danish ship, Perm, based in Copenhagen (Kjöbenhavn). The booklet is in Danish and thy typeface lettering looks like German type. It shows his pay among other things and his job title – Matros, an able seaman, not a beginner. I believe this is the ship that took him to Boston in 1905. My cousin said I could have these books since I was the family genealogist-historian, but I had to translate the documents. Well this will be a big job, since the Inskriftningsbok is over 30 pages of old Swedish, mostly rules and regulations for sailors, and the Afregningsbog is over 15 pages of Danish and it includes Danish rules and regulations. At least I can report on the Afmonstrings Betyg: He was sober, he behaved well towards officers and crewmates, he was healthy and he able to do his job well. So I am getting to apply what I learned in the handwriting talk last year and I learning a few things about how Swedish has changed dramatically in the last 100 years.



The other good thing on this trip was that the Citizens Library in Washington had upgraded the genealogy section of the library with new microfilm readers tied to computers – no more printing copies, just save an image to a USB stick or email it to yourself. And we were able to find and photograph a few more tombstones in local cemeteries.

Well, I hope your summer was as genealogically important for you as mine was and I hope autumn will be as well!

Chuck Oslund

Newspapers – More Than Just Obituaries

BY KAREN KRUGMAN

Sometimes we as genealogists put on our blinders when we go to work in the newspapers. After all, so many genealogists use obituaries to break down our brick walls. But newspapers hold so much more. Here's five different things you can find in newspapers that will provide you with insight into the lives of your ancestors.

1. Weddings & engagements – many times the weddings of our ancestors were written up in the local newspaper. The write up can contain things such as the date, day, time, location, descriptions of the clothing, the flowers, the food and who all attended the function, as well as photo's of the bride & groom.
2. Social pages - If you take a good look at the social pages can give you great insight into the life and times of your ancestors. Things you may not even think to look for otherwise might show up in the social pages. Social life such as dating, parties, dinner invitations and hobbies appear quite frequently in the local newspapers. Bridge parties, quilting bees, holiday

meals & get togethers as well as stork showers, wedding showers and graduation parties almost always became talk of the day. Often birth announcements and funeral details were written up by the “columnist” point of view.

3. Sports – did your ancestor have a way with the football or basketball? Was she athletic? The sports pages could be the place for you! Sports was big news, especially if your ancestor was on the winning team. Football, baseball and many other sports articles often included photo's as part of their articles. What a great find if your ancestor scored the winning touchdown!
4. Story Behind The Story - Did you ever find something on a headstone or on a death certificate and wonder what the rest of the story is? By checking local newspapers you can get the rest of the story. It would also answer questions about the how & why of what you saw elsewhere. Also helps “debunk” some stories that family tradition has passed down thru the years.
5. Divorces – Yes, even divorces can be played out in the newspaper. One divorce that I followed played out in

the newspapers over a three year period. Each spouse making their accusations in the newspaper and the other countering in the next issue or two. It played back and forth for so many issues I finally kept only the ones with the good “juicy” stuff in it.

I'm sure if we looked we could find many more items of interest in newspapers. But instead of giving you more idea's, I'm going to give you a short list of newspaper sites to explore. The list is far from all-inclusive, but the sites listed are loaded with newspapers. The newspaper site with all the newspapers listed by state is a great place to start your search. Miriam does a wonderful job listing the states and the newspapers. Very searchable and she does state if the site is paid or not. When you are on the site be sure to check out the city directory site that she does the same way.

If the site is a paid site I'll indicate that with a \$\$\$ in front of it. Remember that if the newspaper location you need is not covered in any of these sites, you could also use your search engine and do a search that way. You may have better luck! Be sure to check out Chuck's article on the Oslund experience with Google-News.

Chronicling America - <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Historical Newspaper Website - <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/>

\$\$\$ Ancestry – <http://www.ancestry.com/>

\$\$\$ GenealogyBank - <http://www.genealogybank.com/>

\$\$\$ Newspaper Archive - <http://newspaperarchive.com/>



Using Google News Archive

BY CHUCK OSLUND

Over the years Diane and I have been sent many clippings from newspapers showing obituaries, birth announcements, engagement and wedding announcements, school reunions, anniversaries, and other news articles about relatives. For the most part, the senders did not include the date of the article or the page number. But since we knew the date of the event we had a very good idea of the date in the newspaper. So for my family in Washington, PA, each trip meant a session at the Citizens Library (<http://www.citlib.org>). We would search

the newspaper microfilms for the days near the event. Especially for news articles, we sometimes could not find the article.

These days many websites have digital images of newspapers. Often newspapers these days have a current digital presence online, and some prior articles remain available. This is especially true for obituaries. So periodically, Diane has conducted searches for our family members. Diane has found some articles about her family in Midland and Bay City, this year we have hit the jackpot for my family in Washington, PA!

In the past several years Google has begun indexing newspapers around the world. This could be a very valuable tool if the newspaper you care about is one of the ones indexed. Diane and I have been using Google News to find articles about my family. At first we were just trying to find the the date, page number and column of articles we already had to improve the sourcing. But all of a sudden we were finding all sorts of articles about my family in the local papers. I discovered that my grandmother was active in social and community groups all her life, from the Christian Mothers at her church to the Washington Senior Citizens. I learned that one of my aunts died because she had suffered a serious fall in a city parking lot in 1966. We found one article in 1931 that

listed all the children who were going to be attending Clark Elementary School in the fall of 1931 by grade – 18 of my relatives were listed, including my parents and all their siblings! We found my mother's engagement picture and announcement; we found an article showing the picture of a cousin who was the New Years Baby in the 1975 Barney Miller episode!

One thing we noticed was that over the course of the year, new articles have been added. We have found articles in the past weeks that were not indexed earlier this year! So if your newspaper is being indexed by Google News and you are not finding what you expect, keep checking back. We know we will continue searching for articles in the Washington Observer and Washington Reporter in Google News.



It is not the easiest to get into the archives to search. Working with Google News Archive takes patience. Try this to start:

☒ Goto to <https://news.google.com> and type in your search term and press the ENTER key

☒ On the left side locate and click on Archives. Note you can also search by date.

☒ Once you have a list of candidate items to look at, click on one to bring up the article. Once there you can see the image of the article.

☒ From here you can move the page around to read the whole article. At the top of the article is a toolbar that allows you to look enlarge the image. Also, you can browse the entire newspaper to see other days' pages of the paper, or you can browse all newspapers to see which ones are currently being indexed by Google. If it seems you got lost, use your browser's back button which will take you back to the original search results screen.

☒ Use your browser to save an image.



The indexing in Google News Archive is not perfect. Not all names are indexed. But when indexed, you must use the exact spelling as it appears in the article. In those cases where we were trying to find the exact date of a paper article we already had, we knew exactly what to type, But to find new articles, it is best to search for a whole variety of ways to enter your ancestors' or relatives' names: Use the middle name (e.g. Martin Gust Oslund), use the middle initial (e.g. Martin G Oslund or Martin G. Oslund), with and without a period, use the maiden name (my Aunt Margaret was most often found in the paper as "Margaret Oslund Burns").

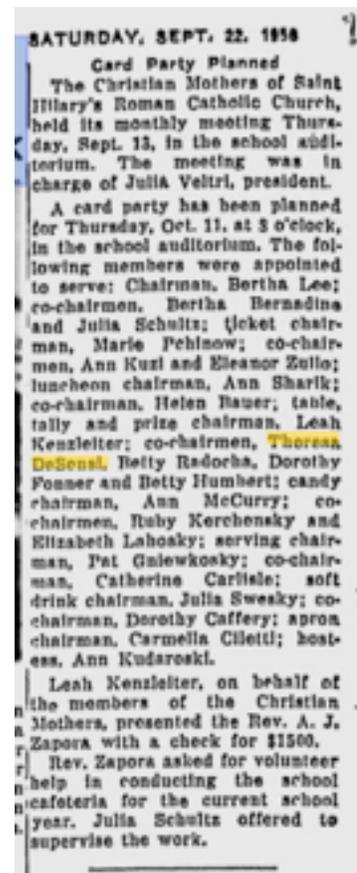
Sometimes you get lucky! Not all people are indexed! By luck we found an article about my grandmother, Theresa DeSensi, and my Great Aunt, Mary DiVincenzo, organizing a card party for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. My grandmother was NOT indexed, but my great aunt was! This article was from 11 May 1936, Washington Observer-Reporter:



Another thing to remember about Google News Archive - it is NOT complete!! Indexing is

ongoing. We found articles just in the last few weeks there absolutely were not available three months ago. So like with all site with genealogy related data, if you don't find something, check back again at least every six months.

As you can see from the 1936 Washington Observer article below, my grandmother loved to plan card parties. Now, as I read these various articles, I realize that many of the names are ones that I have heard over the years as my relatives were talking to other adults about events in their lives; I was just a child, overhearing and absorbing the adults talking.



From top left clockwise: Several examples of articles found using Google News Archive from the Washington Reporter: Picture and Article about my parents' engagement, 26 April 1945; Obituary for my great-grandfather, 8 April 1935; Article describing a fall suffered by my great aunt, 5 November 1966 (she died less than 3 weeks later); Article about my great uncle in honored in a local Italian society, 25 August 1936; Picture and Article about my grandfather honored in a local Swedish society, 18 May 1955. These articles add color to my ancestors and in the case of my great aunt Catherine, a likely cause of her death.

ENGAGED



Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeSensal 1369 Jefferson avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna DeSensal, above, to Staff Sergeant Martin G. Oslund, He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Oslund, 1239 Allison avenue. No wedding date has been set.

Local Girl, Soldier, Engaged

Bethrothal Announced By Mr. and Mrs. De Sensi

Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeSensal, 1369 Jefferson avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna DeSensal, to Staff Sergeant Martin G. Oslund, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Oslund, 1239 Allison avenue.

She graduated from Washington High School in 1940 and is employed by the J. C. Penny Company.

Sgt. Oslund graduated from Washington High School in 1938 and recently returned to this Country after having served for 25 months in the European Theater of War. At the completion of his present 50-day furlough he will return to active duty as a member of a replacement battalion.

No wedding date has been set.

JOHN DESENSI.

John DeSensal, 63, a resident here for the past 26 years, died in his home, 1340 Jefferson avenue, yesterday after an illness of four weeks. He was engaged in the bakery business most of his life.

He leaves his wife, Anna, and the following children: Charles and Mrs. Louis Spatafore, of Washington; Anthony, Frank, Rose, Joseph, Angelina and Mrs. Louis Caruso, all at home. There are four grandchildren.

Requiem high mass will be held Tuesday at 9 a. m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Woman Seriously Injured In Fall

Mrs. Catherine DiVincenzo, of 1335 North Main street, was badly injured Friday morning in a fall on East Chestnut street near a city parking lot.

She was taken to Washington Hospital by ambulance and transferred to Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh, where her condition was termed "serious" Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1955

Have Roles in 40th Anniversary Program



A 40th Anniversary celebration of Balder Lodge No. 308 held Saturday night at the Eagles Hall honored charter members and the 25-year members shown above who are, left to right, seated: John S. Skopen, Gust Lindgren, District Master and John E. Sten; standing, left to right, Oscar Lindberg, Gust Oslund, Jesse Schroeder and Werver Gayvert.

Adam Di Vincenzo Honored by State Italian Fraternity

At the third bi-annual State Convention of the Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America, Adam Di Vincenzo member of the Alpini Star Chapter of Washington was unanimously elected secretary to the Directorate, or Supreme Council, the highest body of officers in the organization.

Mr. Di Vincenzo is the youngest person ever to be elected to such a position and today is the youngest member of the Board. The Alpini Star Chapter feels highly honored in the matter.

Mr. Di Vincenzo is the son of Carmine Di Vincenzo of R. D. 5, Washington.

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October 11, 2012

Cemetery Research: Do's & Don'ts by Gail
Hershenzon

November 8, 2012

DNA and Genealogy Introduction by Roberta
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December 13, 2012

Annual Christmas Dinner

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