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MyHeritage.com launched a new website called [OldNews.com](https://oldnews.com) on March 1, 2024, during the annual [RootsTech.org](https://roots.tech) conference. This platform offers a vast collection of historical newspapers, making it a valuable tool for genealogists and historical researchers. It allows users to search for detailed information about their ancestors by tracing names, locations, and occupations.

MyHeritage.com introduced OldNews.com on 1 March 2024, during the annual RootsTech.org Conference.



OldNews.com includes a large repository of newspaper pages from around the world, including Europe, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, in addition to extensive U.S. content. This is especially useful for tracing ancestors with non-English or diverse geographic origins.



Historical newspapers are an invaluable tool for genealogy and historical research. They allow users to find in depth information on ancestors by tracing names, locations, and occupations.

OldNews.com provides access to a "treasure trove" of over 400 million newspaper pages from 75 countries, and the collection continues to expand with the addition of millions of new pages.

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Algeria 1,222,967 pages	Argentina 3,730 pages	Australia 21,117,008 pages	Austria 4,485,069 pages	Belarus 4,199 pages
Bahamas 221,871 pages	Belize 9,623 pages	Brazil 3,683 pages	Bulgaria 2,488 pages	Burkina Faso 1,584 pages
Cameroun 9,436 pages	Canada 19,586,542 pages	Channel Islands 300 pages	Chile 1,092 pages	China 44,970 pages
Colombia 1,523 pages	Congo Republic 97,491 pages	Croatia 1,296 pages	Cuba 117,506 pages	Cumana 14,874 pages
Czechia 2,286,541 pages	Denmark 1,439,271 pages	Dominican Republic 307 pages	Egypt 37,282 pages	Faroe Islands 5,746 pages
Eritrea 3,540,924 pages	France 47,645,214 pages	Gabon 4,760 pages	Germany 11,831,857 pages	Greece 6,933 pages
Greenland 9,872 pages	Guinea 25,289 pages	Haiti 10,317 pages	Hungary 7,394 pages	Iceland 369,923 pages
India 109,911 pages	Indonesia 137,788 pages	Iran 109 pages	Italy 58,263 pages	Ivory Coast 4,368 pages
Leos 262 pages	Lebanon 9,881 pages	Lithuania 71,446 pages	Luxembourg 7,019 pages	Madagascar 130,205 pages
Mali	Mexico	Morocco 119,893 pages	Netherlands 5,529,838 pages	New Zealand 1,937,722 pages
Slovakia 621,965 pages	Spain 10,295,060 pages	Sweden 4,369,385 pages	Switzerland 324,557 pages	Republic of Suriname 1,208 pages
Togo 189 pages	Tunisia 54,697 pages	Turkey 12,875 pages	Ukraine 41,186 pages	United Kingdom 91,424 pages
United States 151,432,488 pages	United States Virgin Islands 129,482 pages	Uruguay 1,470 pages	Uzbekistan 12 pages	Vietnam 640,613 pages

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- You can also filter searches by publication year and location.

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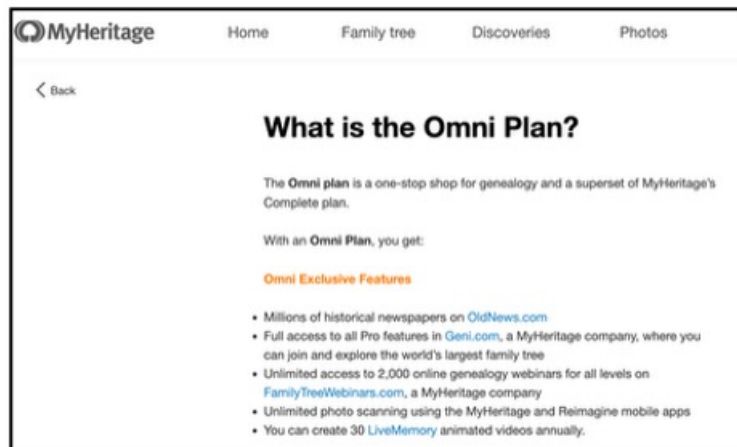
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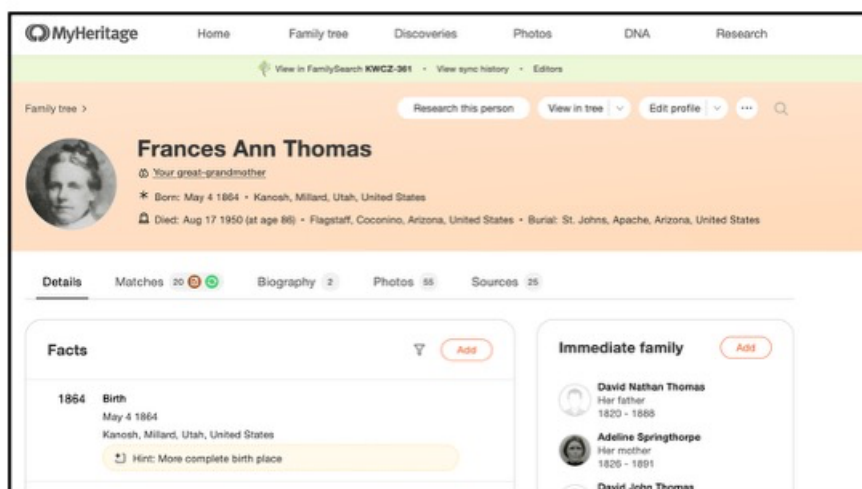


Newspapers are an excellent resource for gaining insight into the daily lives and culture of the past. They often contain personal news items, especially in small towns, and can reveal surprising details about an ancestor's life that might not be found elsewhere. You might even find notices that list multiple relatives and family members.

Newspapers supplement other genealogical sources. In this case, the information about my Great-grandmother, Frances Ann Thomas, is wrong. She was not born in Nephi, Utah, she was born in Kanosh, Utah and her parents were David Thomas and Adeline Springthorpe.



The information in newspapers needs to be supplemented and verified by other sources.



The presentation gives an example of the need to supplement sources with Frances Ann Thomas, whose newspaper death notice incorrectly stated her birthplace. A family Bible record later confirmed her correct birthplace and parentage.

A family Bible record kept by Frances Ann Thomas gave the birthplace as Kanosh, Millard, Utah.

HUSBAND		THOMAS, Frances		WIFE	
Born		4 May 1864		Place	
Chr.				Place	
Died		17 Aug 1950		Place	
Bur.				Place	
WIFE'S FATHER		THOMAS, David (Nathan)		WIFE'S MOTHER	
OTHER HUSBANDS				SPRINGTHORP, Adeline	

Husband-wife family Bible previously in the possession of Frances Ann Thomas, now in possession of heir. 1-8 family records kept by Frances Ann Thomas. Temple Index Bureau Files also Public Asst. Dept. and George Jarvis Family Genealogy by Ann Overson

To ensure you have all the necessary information, you should save the entire newspaper page, including the name of the publication, the date, and the place of the event.

You may find information in a variety of areas and topics in newspapers.

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 Harold Morgan.....
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DELINQUENT NOTICE.

St. Johns Irrigation Company,
 St. Johns, Arizona.

NOTICE:—The e are delinquent upon the following persons stock, on account of assessment levied for the year 1919 the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective stockholders as follows:

WE'RE RUNNING

A SALE

ON MEN'S
 MADE-TO-MEASURE
CLOTHES

117 Fabrics are Specially Reduced
 A. C. M. L. St. Johns, Ariz.

4.51
 1.05
 2.62

Camel
 CIGARETTES

10 CIGARETTES
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My grandfather, Harold Morgan, worked as a reporter and editor for several newspapers.

Leader Of Pension Plan Sees Success

The Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY UTAH WEDNESDAY MAY 12 1937

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By **HAROLD MORGAN**
Thumbing over a stack of air-mail letters and smiling with satisfaction over the cordial welcome accorded him by a score of Salt Lake followers on his arrival at the Union Pacific station, Dr. Fran-

You can view the text from each page.

All results for Harold Morgan

The Deseret News
May 8 1937 • Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, USA
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Want To Earn \$1,000 This Week

The Deseret News
is Delivered to Your Home
For Only 10c a Week

Dictated --- But Not Read
BY AVON CARRISON
Well, all the news today was
excitement. It wasn't, and I
like to have something, and
I was in good luck, and
my life was probably being
kept better than I, we
had gone.
However, I had a letter
from my grandfather, Harold Morgan,
and he was in good luck, and
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Dr. Townsend Predicts
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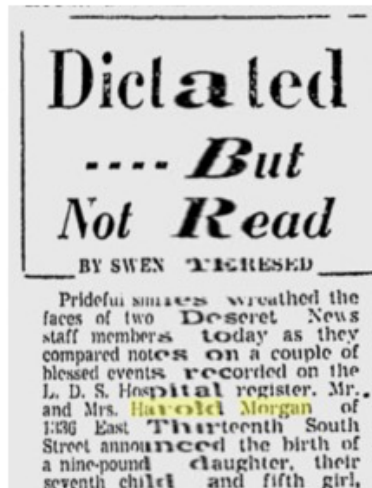
Yeggs Blows S. L. Safe To Bits, Escape With \$1,000

The Deseret News
May 8 1937 • Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, USA
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another enigma for the American man in the street. Bobbies don't push. They just give orders: "Gate closed, sir, and Britons don't try to go through the gate. So some Americans found gate-crashing easy by ignoring the dera and opening the gate. The hobbes did not try to halt on them, in the streets not a word was heard about the Duke of Windsor. "The crowds cheered for the king, not George," said spectator, adding "but I wonder whether they would have cheered louder for Edward." "one Pioneer Will Be Honored At Reception William J. Brimley, Utah pioneer of 1868, will be the guest of honor at a reception given by friends and relatives on his eightieth birth day tomorrow, at his residence, 1662 Denver Street. A native of Lancashire, Eng., Mr. Brimley has lived in Salt Lake City more than 25 years. He has five children now living. This Week is Children's Spring Book Festival See Our Window Display of Children's Books Then come in and browse through them. The New York Herald - Tribune prize winning books for young people SEVEN SIMONS. Y Beris A tzybashoff Beauty upral ed in col THE SMUGGLERS' SLOOP \$2.00 Robt We story to 101 A in \$ 1.75 DESERET BOOK COMPANY L Pet Seth Tampla right NOW For Only 150 Week Leader Of Pension Plan Sees Success Dr. Townsend Predicts Victory During Salt Lake Stop By **HAROLD MORGAN** Thumbing over a stack of air mail letters and

When working with historical newspapers, pay careful attention to the context and potential for human error—misprints, biased reporting, or assumptions by journalists of the time can all impact the accuracy of what you read. That's why genealogists often encourage corroborating newspaper information with records like censuses, vital certificates, wills, and letters.

In small towns personal news items shared front page news.



You may learn about incidents in your ancestors' lives that you never heard about.

S. L. Woman Injured When Car Overturns

Mrs. Harold Morgan, 45, of 363 J Street, suffered bruises and shock this morning at 7:30 when the automobile in which she was riding was involved in a two-car collision and turned over on its top.

Mrs. Morgan was riding west on Seventh Avenue in a car driven by her husband, Harold Morgan, 46. The machine collided at D Street with a north-bound car driven by L. W. Bloomfield, 22, of 355 Tenth Avenue. It was reported by Traffic Investigators E. H. Christensen and G. M. Hopkins.

Elwin H. Vogeler, 17, of 834 Westminster Avenue, received a cut in the head and a contusion on the nose late last night in a traffic accident at 1190 Eighth East Street. He was treated at the Emergency Hospital.

The youth's automobile was reported by the police to have struck a parked automobile owned by Waldemar Nelson, 35, of 750 Third East Street.



It's also wise to document your research process: note which search terms were most effective, which newspapers were particularly fruitful for your region of interest, and any dead ends encountered.

By approaching newspapers as both historical artifacts and living witnesses to the times, researchers can uncover layers of nuance—local customs, shifting social norms, and the language of everyday life. Each article offers a fragment of the past, whether it's a birth announcement tucked between advertisements or a community event chronicled in poetic detail. These glimpses not only fill gaps in official records but also provide texture and humanity to names and dates on a pedigree chart.

Be sure to save the entire page showing the name of the newspaper and the date and place of the event.

Leroy Tanner came in from St. Joseph the last of the week. He returned today accompanied by his brother, George and Mrs. J. M. Westover and son, Frantz, the latter having finished his second year at the academy.



The newspaper may be the main source of information about the family.

Joan Morgan Dies After Brief Illness

Joan Morgan, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Harold Morgan**, of 1336 east Thirteenth South street, died in a local hospital Wednesday. The child had been ill about one week. She is survived by her parents, three sisters, Helen, Alta and Maxine Morgan, and two brothers, Paul and Calvin Morgan.

Funeral arrangements Wednesday had not been completed. Mr. Morgan is a member of the reporter-staff of 'The Deseret News.'



A death notice may have information about extended family members.

Ex-Utah's Funeral Set In Oakland

Funeral services and burial for R. Linton (Lin) Morgan, 61, Oakland, Calif., real estate man and former Utahn, will be conducted Monday in Oakland.

Mr. Morgan died at his home in Oakland following an illness of several months.

He was born in Preston, Ida., Sept. 21, 1890, a son of John and Mary Linton Morgan. His father was a member of the First Council of Seventy, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

After spending his boyhood in Nephi, he moved with his mother and two brothers to Arizona shortly after 1900.

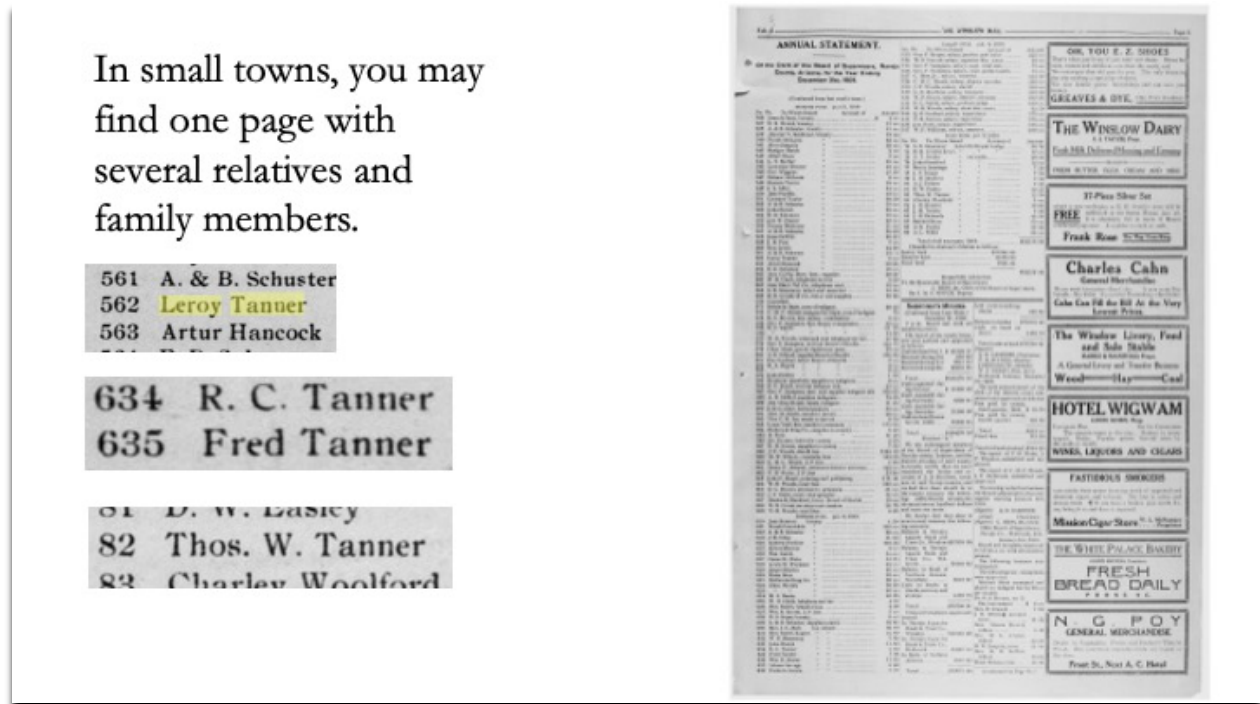
He received his education in public schools, Brigham Young University, Provo, and George Washington University Law School, Washington, D. C.

Besides his widow, Eudora Eggerston of Provo, he is survived by a son, John Waldo Morgan; two daughters, Dixie and Merlene Morgan, Oakland; two brothers, **Harold Morgan**, Salt Lake City, and Mathias C. Morgan, Berkeley, Calif.; three half-brothers, Nicholas G. Morgan St., and John H. Morgan, Salt Lake City, and Earl Morgan, Sacramento; three half-sisters, Mrs. George Austin, Sacramento; Mrs. Ray Heislett and Mrs. John E. Clayton, Salt Lake City.

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In many cases, newspapers capture fleeting moments that formal documents overlook: a neighbor's recollection shared at a wedding, notes about school recitals, or the triumphs of a hometown athlete. Even mistakes and inconsistencies in reporting can lead to unexpected discoveries, prompting deeper investigation and fostering the kind of critical thinking essential to genealogical research.

This not only helps organize your findings but also lays a breadcrumb trail for future investigations—whether your own or a fellow researcher's.



Ultimately, the mosaic of clippings, obituaries, social columns, and event reports can reveal a vibrant portrait of your ancestors' world—full of triumphs, tragedies, and the everyday stories that bring family history to life.

The integration of the OldNews.com with your family tree on MyHeritage.com may help solve some of the difficult genealogical questions.

MyHeritage
provides Record
Matches for articles
from OldNews.com

The screenshot shows the MyHeritage website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Family tree, Discoveries, Photos, DNA, and Research. Below this is the 'Matches by people' section. It includes filters for 'All Matches', 'Record Matches' (which is selected), and 'Smart Matches'. A dropdown menu shows 'Pending'. Below the filters, it states '472 people with 3,515 matches' and a 'Sort by: Most recent' option. Four match cards are displayed, each with a profile picture, name, birth/death dates, and a 'Review matches' button.

Name	Birth - Death	Review matches
James Richard Glade	1884 - 1910	Review 13 matches
Ove Ephraim Overson	1879 - 1880	Review 180 matches
George Conrad Overson	Born 1875	Review 30 matches
Lynan Marion Overson	Born 1887	Review 59 matches

There are more than
twenty people mentioned
with their relationships in
this death notice for my
Great-great-grandmother
Margaret Jarvis.

She died of Influenza

MARGARET JARVIS DIES OF INFLUENZA

Margaret Jarvis, age 75 years, died Friday morning, January 12th at 7 a. m. at her home at St. Johns, Arizona. Death following an attack of influenza from which she had suffered for two weeks.

Mrs. Jarvis was born in Boston, Massachusetts on November 25th, 1857, and with her parents George Jarvis and Ann Price Jarvis she emigrated the next year to Utah, settling in St. George where her girlhood days were spent. On March 1st, 1873 she was married to Chas. (Dr. Price) Jarvis in the St. George Temple, the next year the newly married couple responded to a call made by their church leaders and came to Arizona, first residing in Snowflake, and later living in Woodruff and Nutrioso before finally settling in St. Johns. Mr. Jarvis was prominent in civic affairs having served in various public offices, he died in 1919. They were the parents of eight children, one died in infancy, the living children are Mrs. Margaret J. Overson, Mrs. Annie J. Overson, Mrs. Rhella J. Peterson, Chas. B. Arthur, Albert and Mrs. n. The latter came to St. Johns and Arthur is to be at their side before her death. She is survived by three sisters, two of them, Mrs. Emmaline Cutman and Mrs. Josephine Hill, live in St. George. The other, Mrs. Annie C. Milne, lives in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Jarvis is the third member of her family to die in the last four months. H. Jarvis Sr., a brother died here in St. George on September 15 and her sister-in-law Mrs. Francis DePree Jarvis, died in El Paso, Texas on September 17.

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The screenshot shows a newspaper page from the 'Washington County News'. The masthead at the top reads 'DIXIE—Land of Wonders! Learn to KNOW IT, and You'll be Telling Others, Washington County News'. Below the masthead, there are several headlines: 'CCC, CWA No Work at Washington', 'School Area Shows Jump in Revenues', 'Dixie Splits Series With Snow Team', and 'Ben Swapp Reports On Forest work'. The page is filled with columns of text, likely news articles and local reports.

A list of all the students who graduated from the St. Johns Stake Academy in Arizona

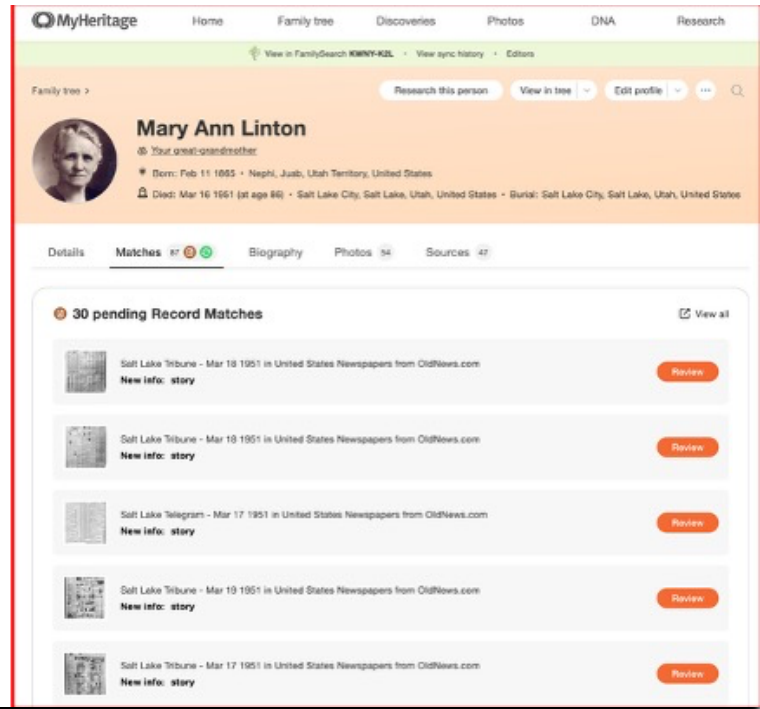
DeWitt, Clive Haws, Jesse B Martin, Ernest Farr, Eugene Sherwood, Francis Day, Arch Isaacson, Carlton Prather, Thurza Brown, Jay Patterson, Elmer Christensen, Earl Patterson, Geo. M Reynolda, Gordon Parks, Sussie R Penney, **Margaret Overson**, George Jarvis, Mona Patterson, Laura Farr Day, Josie A Patterson, Robert Brown, Eva Overson, Elda W Brown, Victor Overson—won scholarship U. of A., Leslie Noble, Legrande Noble, Hazel Noble, Eugene Naegle, B C Naegle, Harold Morgan, Mathais Morgan, Edgar Mineer, Elmer Mineer, Allie Mineer, Jennie M Butler, Guy Lund, Leola Love, Bruce Lesueur, Louis Laney, Richard Judd—gave life in army, Ernest Judd.
The school has a strong place among those who have gone on.



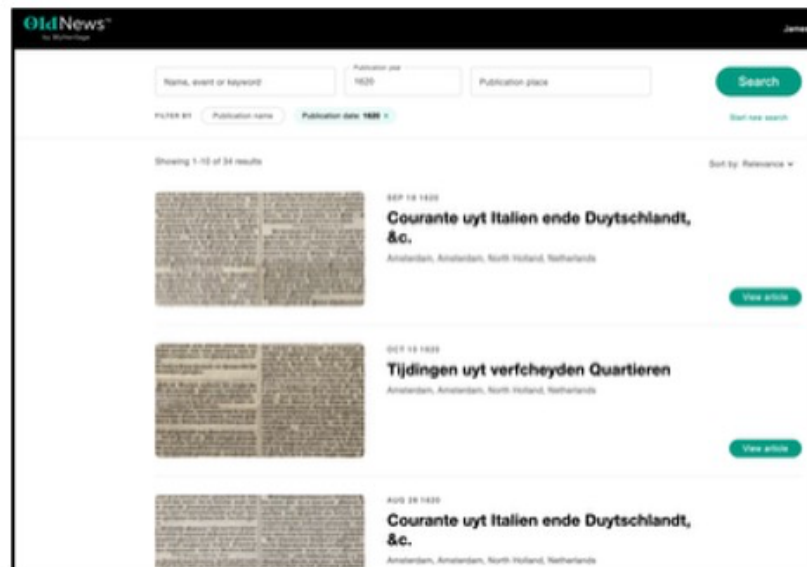
It may be more efficient to use the **Record Matches** feature on MyHeritage.com to find articles from OldNews.com rather than searching directly on OldNews.com.

- Once you find articles, you can integrate them directly into your family tree.
- If you encounter text in an old, foreign language newspaper, you can use a tool like Google Gemini to translate an image of the text into modern English.

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Yes, the newspapers go back to the 1600s.



Here is an example of a very old newspaperer

Courante uyt Italien ende Duytschlandt, &c.
Sep 18 1620 • Amsterdam, Amsterdam, North Holland, Netherlands

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Vt Roomen, den 29 Augusto, 1620.

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Gemini

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Translate this into English

Analysis

Here is the English translation of the text from the image.

Original text:

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Translated into modern English:

After the Representative-Majesty, in anger at the Hungarians, related for 8 days that
they would not or could not resolve their unfair and unreasonable demands, they, in
their bitterness, chose Bethel Baboz as king. He was to be surely crowned on the 9th of
this month. Yesterday, he and his consort, Presburgh, held a stately procession. This
untimely choice and Reysfelycke rejection have been made known by means of special
couriers to Spain, Darsen, Beperen, and other potentates.

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- **Save and Document:** Save articles and cite them in your family tree to preserve the findings.



You never know what surprises the newspapers will hold for you.



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