



### **A new approach for newspaper research**

If you have an old obituary that has been cut out of the newspaper, and the date and title of the newspaper no longer accompany it, you may have felt a sense of frustration. The line that reads "...he died last Thursday..." is exciting because you have an idea of when he died, but without the context of having the complete page of the newspaper, "last Thursday" could be somewhat meaningless.

Today's technology solves these dateless obituary problems. Take this for example:

**Death of Miss McCall.**  
Miss Kate McCall died suddenly Sunday night at her home near Newell, and was buried yesterday at 3 o'clock at Sugar Creek church. Deceased was 30 years of age. She was related to Superintendent McCall, of the county home.

This is a clipping that we've had in our family records for years. Nobody knows where it came from, let alone the date and place it was published.

Then we used **GenealogyBank's** new newspaper service and located the original in seconds! We entered the name of the person, and a couple of other unique words from the obituary, and clicked on the search button. GenealogyBank then searched over 1,300 historical U.S. newspapers and found 1 result that matched perfectly.

We now had the date (October 20, 1896) and the name of the newspaper (*Charlotte Observer*).

Historical U.S. newspapers is not all that GenealogyBank offers. You can also search digitized images of modern obituaries, historical books/documents, and even the Social Security Death Index:

**Historical Newspapers, 1690 to 1977**—articles, obituaries, marriage notices, birth announcements and other items from over 500,000 issues of more than 1,300 titles; updated monthly

**America's Obituaries, 1977 to the Present**—over 22 million modern obituaries from more than 800 newspaper titles across all 50 states; updated daily

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