

Put Your Family Stories Between the Covers

I wanted to learn about my ancestors and show my children and grandchildren who their ancestors were and the lives they lived. I also wanted to prove or disprove some family stories. I wanted to put the information I found in books along with photos and newspaper articles about my family. Then I found out the outrageous cost of having a book printed and bound. So, I printed and spiral bound them myself. With a little work you can do it too. We will look at some hints on research as well as best practices and compiling your book from start to finish. If I can do it, you can do it.



If I can do it anybody can do it. This is how I work on my books.

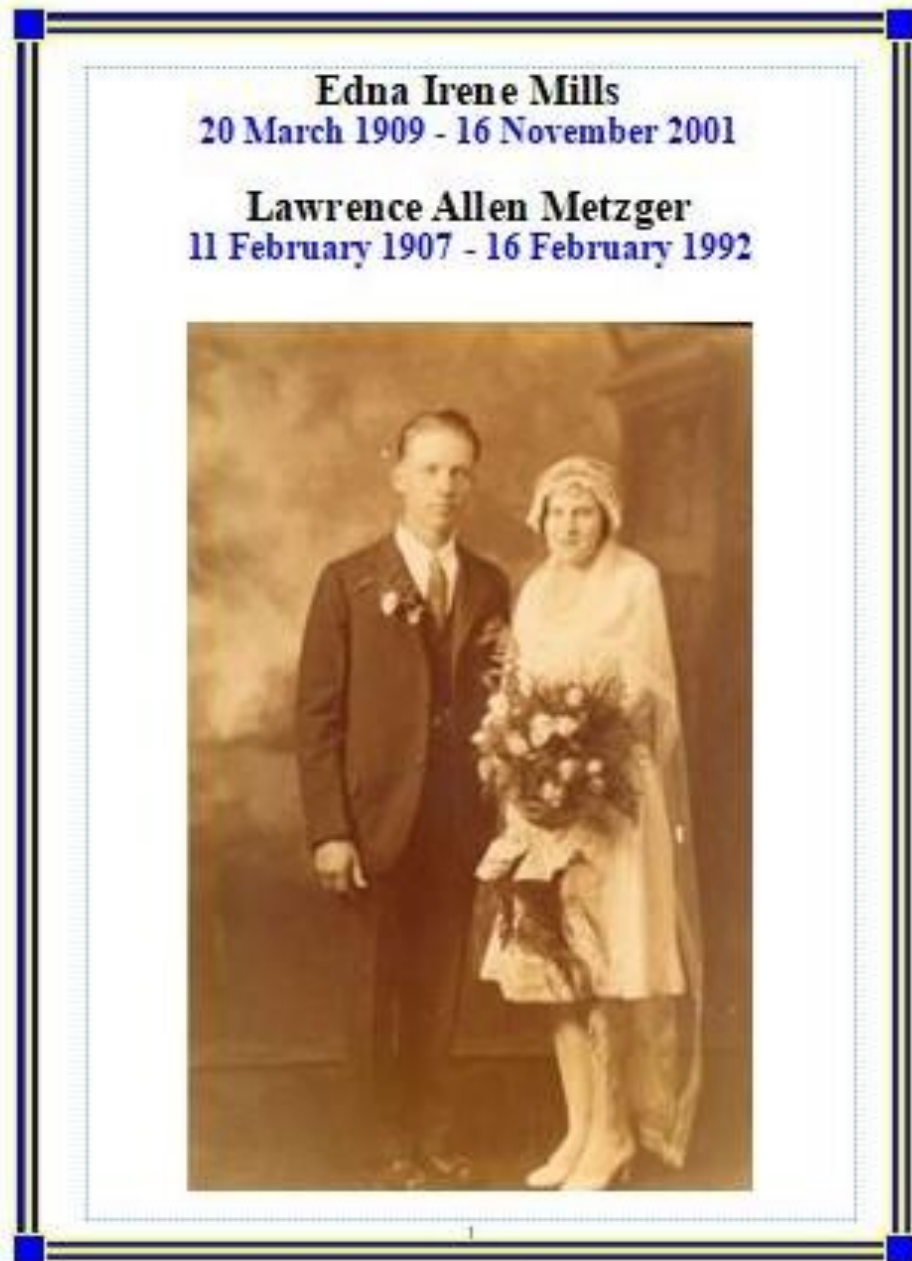
I am going to show you how I produced the family books I have here today. From the research, to the printing and binding. Always remember: **If I can do it, anybody can do it.**

First, you must decide what size of book you want to produce. This will partly be determined on the subject of your book. It will take time and effort. Of course there isn't any deadline except your own.

Second, I must admit that I had a lot of help. My mother was an avid genealogist, and had gathered lots of information and photos over the years, which I inherited when she died. Which brings me to my first point. Contact your living relatives, get the information they have, and if you inherited boxes of stuff, don't wait 12 years to go thru them like I did after my mother's death. There were items in those boxes I wish I had had when I printed my first three books.

However, she didn't have everything I wanted, or needed, so I had to become a detective of sorts.

First you need to determine the subject or subjects of your book AND the time span you are going to cover. Then you begin to gather the photos and information you have on hand to see what you need or where you have blank spots in your data.



My current project.

I strongly recommend you create an inventory chart to track what you have and what you need. If you don't I guarantee you will waste time looking for photos or information you already have. Books contain a lot of information; you can't keep track of all of it in your head.

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2															
3	Lawrence Metzger	X	NONE		X	X									
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5	Dorothy Metzger	X													
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7	Ralph Metzger	X	NONE	NONE	NONE	X									
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9	Floyd Metzger			X	X										
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13	Earl Metzger	X			X										
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19	George Hunn	X			X	X									
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I use an Excel spreadsheet for this but you could just as easily hand draw a chart and fill it in. Now you know what you have and what you need. How do you find the things you need? Research!

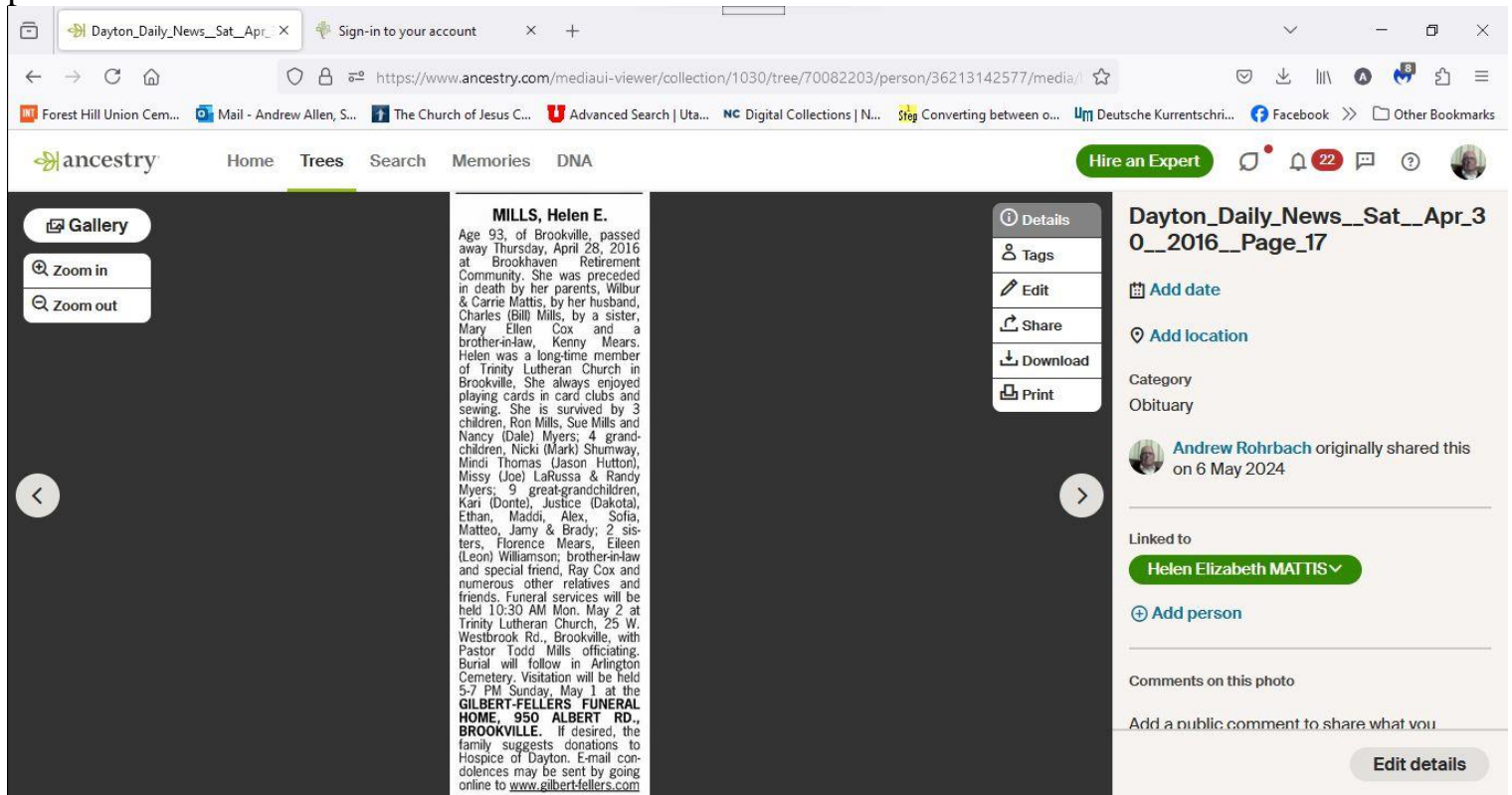
If you live in Montgomery County, Ohio you can receive digital photos of birth, land, and marriage records by emailing the Montgomery County Archives at genealogy@mcoho.org. This is a free service. They have marriage records for Montgomery County from 1959 and older, birth records for Montgomery County 1908 and older, and land records as well. All as a free service.

Where do I start? Most times I start with an obituary.

What does an obituary tell you? The name of the deceased, when they died, and most important for our purpose, the survivors! Who is going to have all their photos and documents? The Survivors! And usually, the obit will tell you their names and what town the survivors live in.

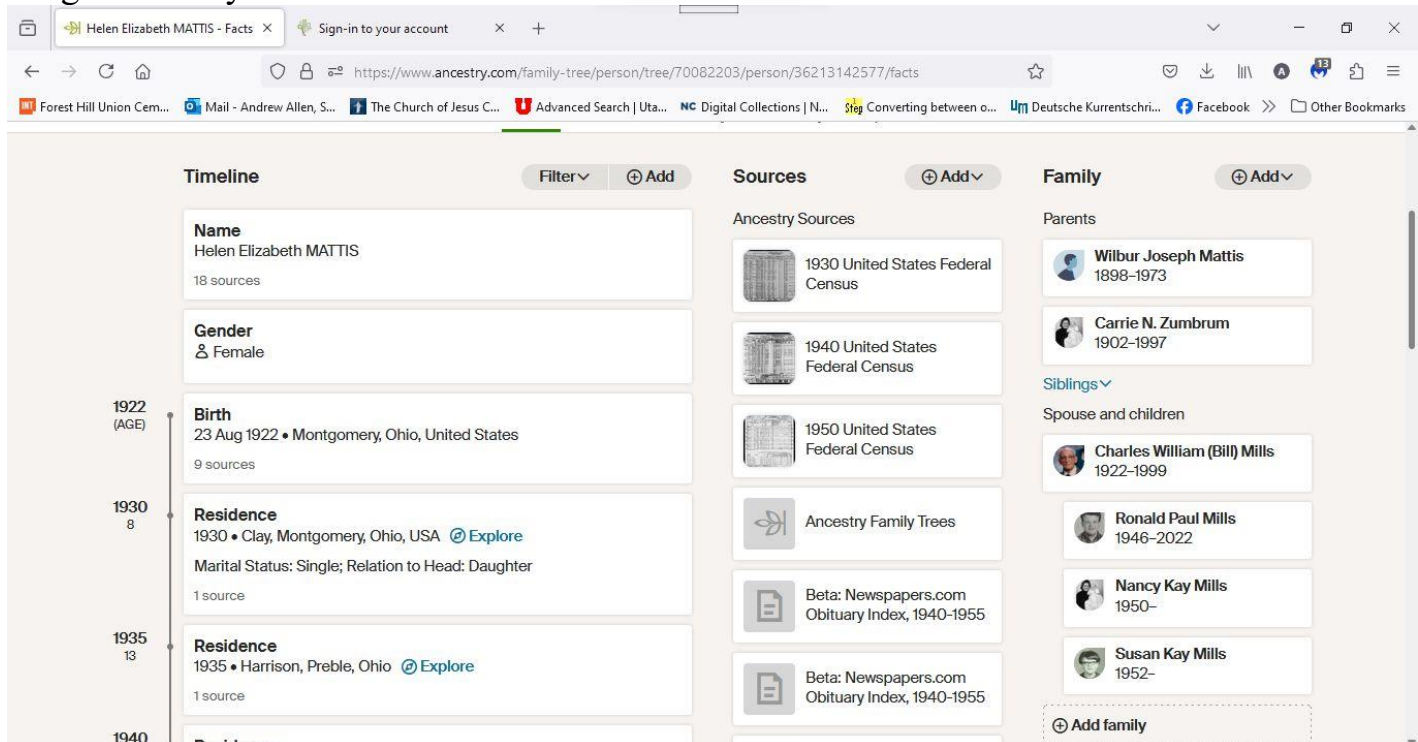
First case

I was looking for information on Bill and Helen Mills. Helen died in 2016. I knew her husband Bill predeceased her.



The screenshot shows an obituary for Helen E. Mills on Ancestry.com. The text reads: "MILLS, Helen E. Age 93, of Brookville, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Brookhaven Retirement Community. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur & Carrie Mattis, by her husband, Charles (Bill) Mills, by a sister, Mary Ellen Cox and a brother-in-law, Kenny Mears. Helen was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Brookville. She always enjoyed playing cards in card clubs and sewing. She is survived by 3 children, Ron Mills, Sue Mills and Nancy (Dale) Myers; 4 grandchildren, Nicki (Mark) Shurway, Mindi Thomas (Jason Hutton), Missy (Joe) LaRussa & Randy Myers; 9 great-grandchildren, Kari (Donte), Justice (Dakota), Ethan, Maddi, Alex, Sofia, Matteo, Jamy & Brady; 2 sisters, Florence Mears, Eileen (Leon) Williamson; brother-in-law and special friend, Ray Cox and numerous other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM Mon. May 2 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 25 W. Westbrook Rd., Brookville, with Pastor Todd Mills officiating. Burial will follow in Arlington Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5-7 PM Sunday, May 1 at the GILBERT-FELLERS FUNERAL HOME, 950 ALBERT RD., BROOKVILLE. If desired, the family suggests donations to Hospice of Dayton. E-mail condolences may be sent by going online to www.gilbert-fellers.com

Her obituary says three children survived her. However, her oldest child died in 2022. So, I found her daughter Nancy on Facebook.



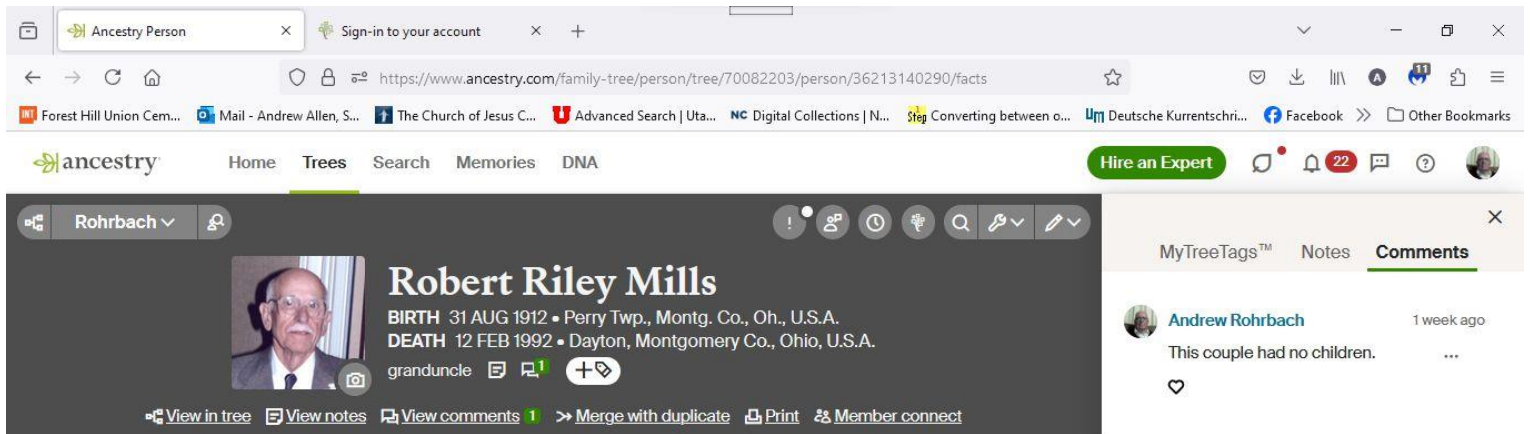
The screenshot shows the family tree page for Helen Elizabeth Mattis on Ancestry.com. The page includes a timeline, sources, and family members.

Timeline	Sources	Family
Name Helen Elizabeth MATTIS 18 sources	Ancestry Sources 1930 United States Federal Census 1940 United States Federal Census 1950 United States Federal Census Ancestry Family Trees Beta: Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1940-1955 Beta: Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1940-1955	Parents Wilbur Joseph Mattis 1898-1973 Carrie N. Zumbrum 1902-1997 Siblings Spouse and children Charles William (Bill) Mills 1922-1999 Ronald Paul Mills 1946-2022 Nancy Kay Mills 1950- Susan Kay Mills 1952- Add family
Gender Female		
1922 (AGE) Birth 23 Aug 1922 • Montgomery, Ohio, United States 9 sources		
1930 8 Residence 1930 • Clay, Montgomery, Ohio, USA Explore Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head: Daughter 1 source		
1935 13 Residence 1935 • Harrison, Preble, Ohio Explore 1 source		
1940 Residence		

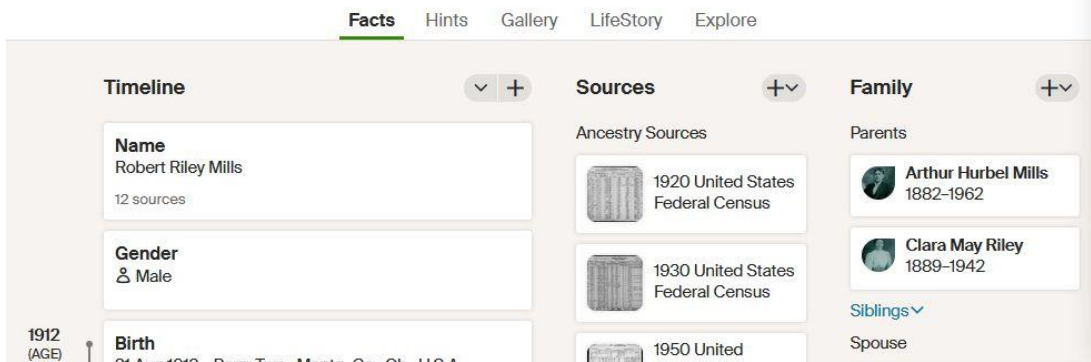
I made contact with her. She has all her parents' photos and records, and has made them available to me.

Next case

I needed information and photos of Robert and Florence Mills, **they had no children.**

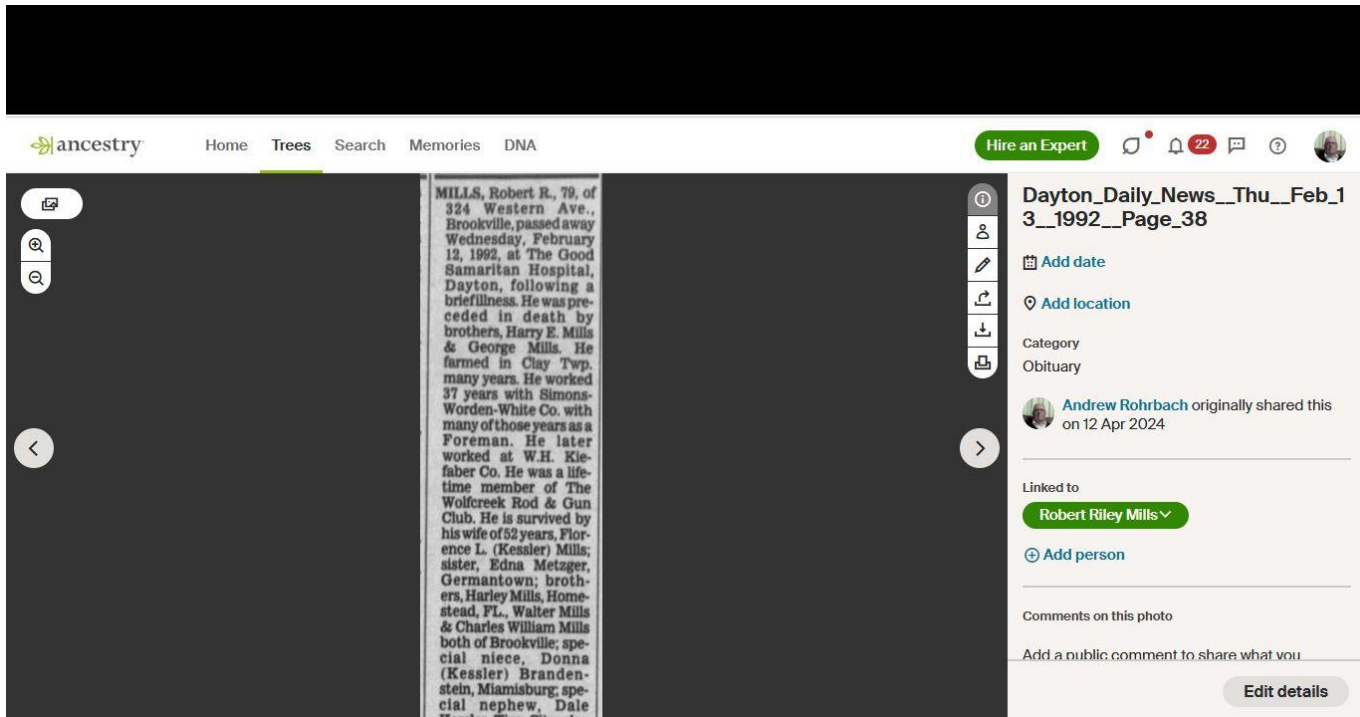


The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com profile for Robert Riley Mills. The profile includes a photo of an elderly man with glasses, his name, birth date (31 AUG 1912), and death date (12 FEB 1992). It also lists his parents: Arthur Hurbel Mills (1882-1962) and Clara May Riley (1889-1942). The profile is viewed by Andrew Rohrbach, who has left a comment: "This couple had no children."



This screenshot shows the detailed profile page for Robert Riley Mills. It is divided into sections: Timeline, Sources, and Family. The Timeline section shows his birth in 1912. The Sources section lists three Ancestry Sources: 1920 United States Federal Census, 1930 United States Federal Census, and 1950 United States Federal Census. The Family section lists his parents, Arthur Hurbel Mills and Clara May Riley, and includes links for Siblings and Spouse.

I checked Robert's obit. and found that his wife had survived him.



The screenshot shows an obituary for Robert R. Mills. The text reads: "MILLS, Robert R., 79, of 324 Western Ave., Brookville, passed away Wednesday, February 12, 1992, at The Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, following a brief illness. He was preceded in death by brothers, Harry E. Mills & George Mills. He farmed in Clay Twp. many years. He worked 37 years with Simons-Worden-White Co. with many of those years as a Foreman. He later worked at W.H. Kieffaber Co. He was a lifetime member of The Wolfcreek Rod & Gun Club. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Florence L. (Kessler) Mills; sister, Edna Metzger, Germantown; brothers, Harry Mills, Homestead, FL, Walter Mills & Charles William Mills both of Brookville; special niece, Donna (Kessler) Brandenstein, Miamisburg; special nephew, Dale Kessler, Troy, Ohio; also..."

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an obituary on Ancestry.com. The obituary is for Florence L. Mills, age 87, who passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2003, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and brother, Anson T. Kessler. She was retired after 43 years from the Royal Typewriter Co. and spent her final years at Lakeview Assisted Living in Brookhaven. She is survived by a special niece, Donna, and her husband, Donald Bradenstein, who live in Miamisburg. The obituary also mentions special nephew Dale Kessler and his family, and other relatives and friends. Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, at the Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home in Brookville. The family requests donations to the Brookville Rescue Squad or the Brookhaven Nursing & Care Center.

On the right side of the page, there is a social media sharing interface for a photo titled "Dayton_Daily_News_Mon_Feb_03_2003_Page_17". It includes options to "Add date", "Add location", and "Add person". A person named Andrew Rohrbach is noted as having originally shared the photo on July 30, 2024. There is also a section for "Comments on this photo" with a prompt to "Add a public comment to share what you remember, ask questions, or add details to help others who find this photo."

I checked her obit. a special niece is listed as surviving her, Donna and Donald Brandenstein and they lived in Miamisburg.

So, I Googled Donald Brandenstein.

The screenshot shows a Google search page. The search bar contains the text "Donald Brandenstein, Miamisburg, Ohio". Below the search bar are two buttons: "Google Search" and "I'm Feeling Lucky". The page also shows the Google logo, navigation links for "Advertising", "Business Solutions", and "About Google", and a copyright notice for 2024. The browser's address bar shows "google.com" and the page title is "Google".

The results:

www.dignitymemorial.com > obituaries > donna-brandenstein-10568211
Donna L. Brandenstein Obituary - Miamisburg, OH - Dignity Memorial
4 Feb 2022 · She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Donald Brandenstein; children, David (Debra) Brandenstein of Miamisburg and Diane (Brent) Ward ...

www.facebook.com > don.brandenstein
Don Brandenstein - Facebook
Studied at University of Dayton ; Went to Miamisburg High School ; Went to Jefferson High School ; Lives in Miamisburg, Ohio ; From Dayton, Ohio ...

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Don Brandenstein - Facebook
Don Brandenstein ; Belajar di University of Dayton ; Bersekolah di Miamisburg High School ; Bersekolah di Jefferson High School ; Menetap di Miamisburg, Ohio ; Dari ...

www.ohioresidentdatabase.com > ... > 45342 Miamisburg > E Lindsey Ave
Donald C Brandenstein, Age 91, Miamisburg, OH ...
Donald C Brandenstein (age 91) is currently listed at 1215 E Lindsey Ave, Miamisburg, 45342 Ohio and is affiliated with the Republican Party.

411 info > Ohio > Miamisburg > Brandenstein

I saw in the Google results that Donna had passed away. But a Donald Brandenstein was still alive at 91! I drove to the address in Miamisburg not knowing if it was the right Donald Brandenstein. Knocked on the door, and no one answered. A few days later I went back and knocked on the door, and no one answered.

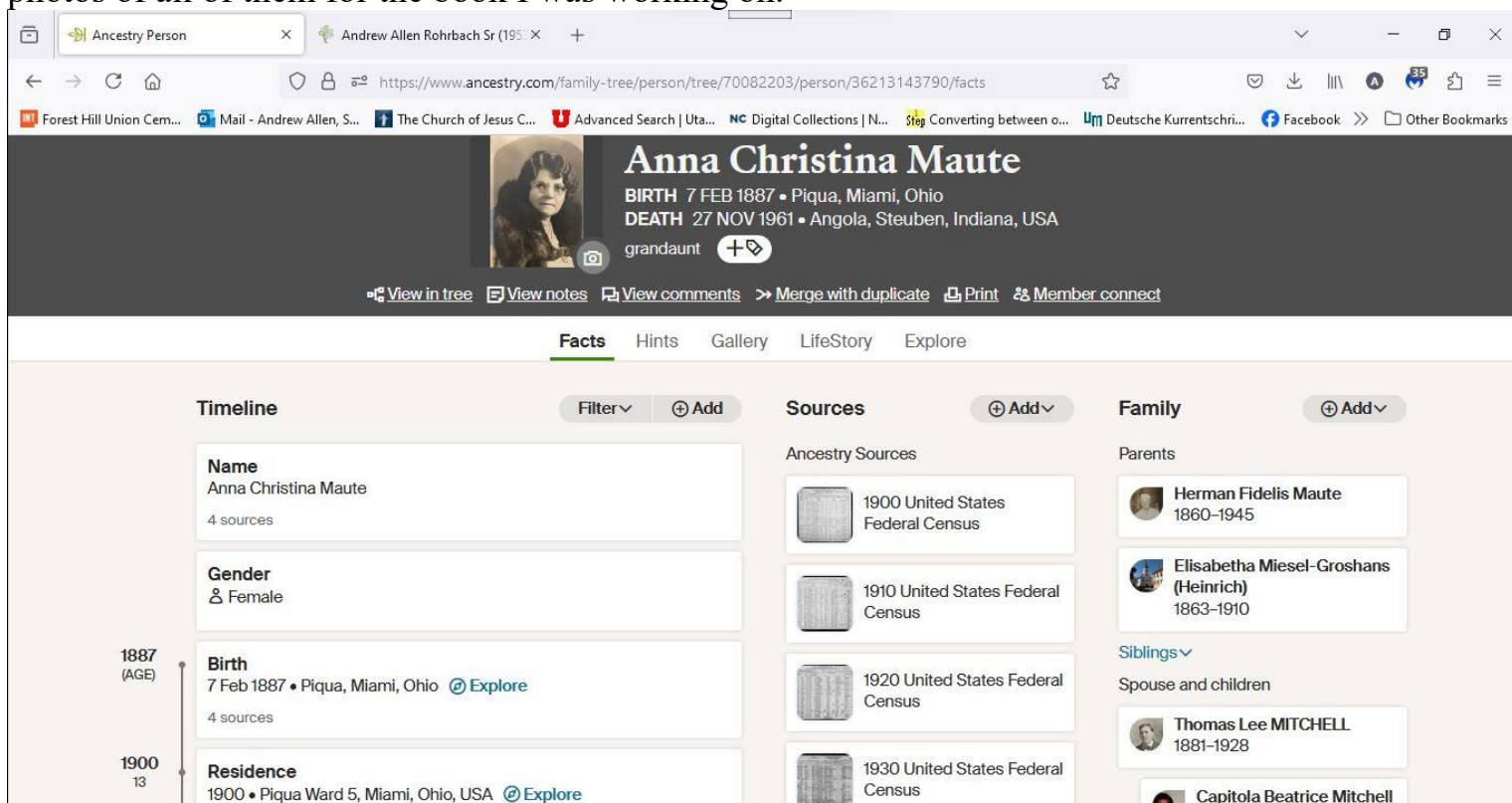
Just as I was about to leave, the neighbors pulled into their drive and asked if they could help me. I explained what I wanted, and found they also knew Bob and Florence Mills. I had found the right Donald Brandenstein! They told me that Mr. Brandenstein was now in a nursing home, and gave me his phone number.

I called Donald Brandenstein and told him my story and what I wanted. He told me that his son (David) now has all the photos and documents from Bob and Florence Mills, and he was sure he would let me look through those items and copy what I wanted. Sure enough I called David Brandenstein (the son) and he gave me access to all the items I wanted. Lucky for me Donald Brandenstein was still alive!

Don't wait to find the information you need.

Next case

My paternal grandfather had multiple half siblings. I only had photos of two of them. I wanted photos of all of them for the book I was working on.



The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com profile for Anna Christina Maute. The profile includes a photo of a young woman, her name, birth date (7 Feb 1887), birth location (Piqua, Miami, Ohio), death date (27 Nov 1961), and death location (Angola, Steuben, Indiana, USA). She is identified as a grandaunt. The page is divided into several sections: Timeline, Sources, and Family. The Timeline section shows her name, gender (Female), birth date, and residence in 1900. The Sources section lists four 1900-1930 United States Federal Census records. The Family section lists her parents, Herman Fidelis Maute and Elisabetha Miesel-Grohans (Heinrich), and her only child, Capitola Beatrice Mitchell.

Anna Christina Maute
BIRTH 7 FEB 1887 • Piqua, Miami, Ohio
DEATH 27 NOV 1961 • Angola, Steuben, Indiana, USA
grandaunt

Timeline

- Name**
Anna Christina Maute
4 sources
- Gender**
Female
- 1887 (AGE)**
Birth
7 Feb 1887 • Piqua, Miami, Ohio @ Explore
4 sources
- 1900 (AGE)**
Residence
1900 • Piqua Ward 5, Miami, Ohio, USA @ Explore

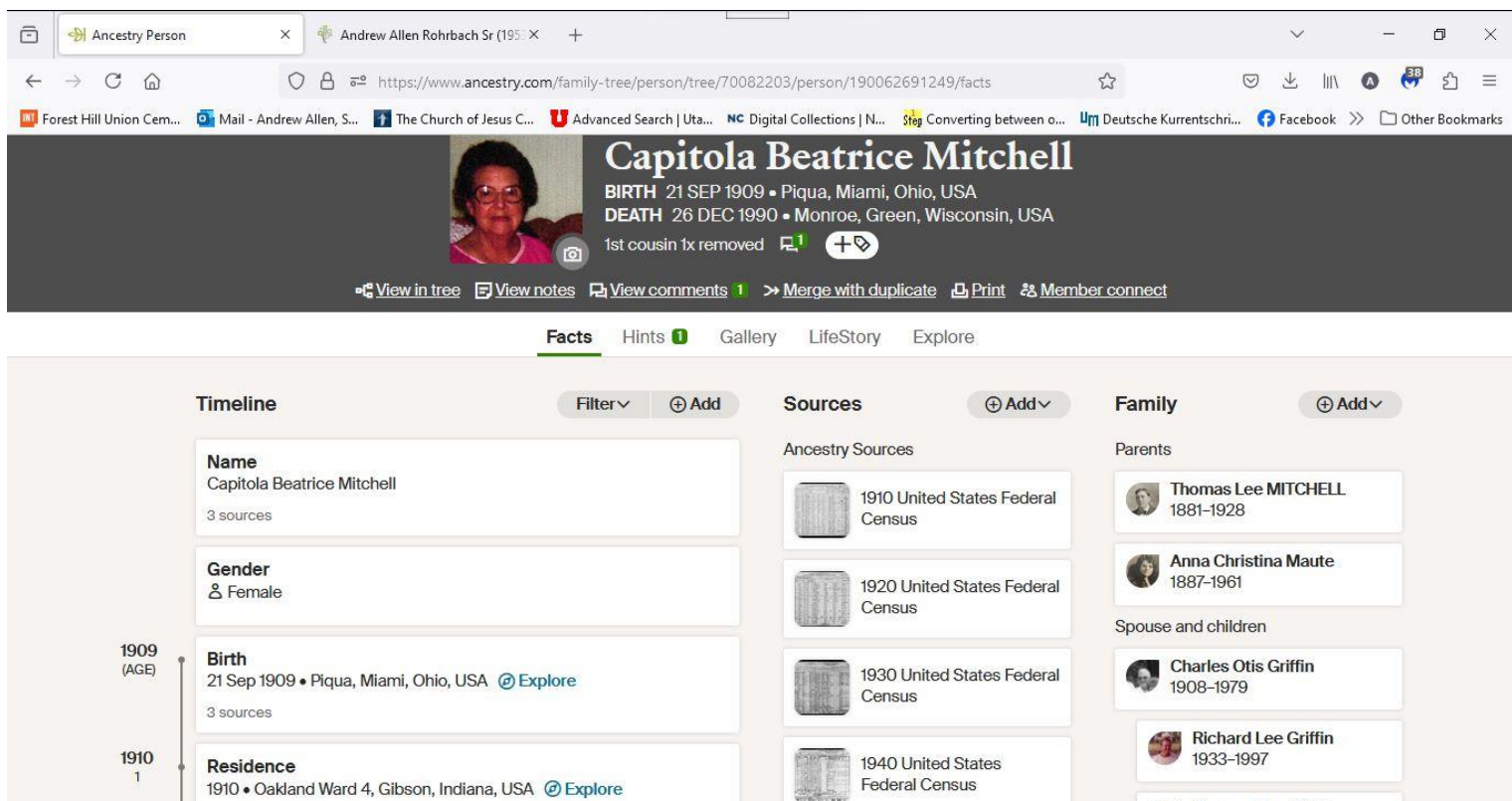
Sources

- 1900 United States Federal Census
- 1910 United States Federal Census
- 1920 United States Federal Census
- 1930 United States Federal Census

Family

- Parents**
 - Herman Fidelis Maute 1860-1945
 - Elisabetha Miesel-Grohans (Heinrich) 1863-1910
- Siblings**
- Spouse and children**
 - Thomas Lee MITCHELL 1881-1928
 - Capitola Beatrice Mitchell

Anna Maute is one of his half siblings. Her only child was Capitola Mitchell.



The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com profile for Capitola Beatrice Mitchell. The profile includes a photo of an older woman, her name, birth date (21 Sep 1909), birth location (Piqua, Miami, Ohio, USA), death date (26 Dec 1990), and death location (Monroe, Green, Wisconsin, USA). She is identified as a 1st cousin 1x removed. The page is divided into several sections: Timeline, Sources, and Family. The Timeline section shows her name, gender (Female), birth date, and residence in 1910. The Sources section lists four 1910-1940 United States Federal Census records. The Family section lists her parents, Thomas Lee Mitchell and Anna Christina Maute, and her children, Charles Otis Griffin and Richard Lee Griffin.

Capitola Beatrice Mitchell
BIRTH 21 SEP 1909 • Piqua, Miami, Ohio, USA
DEATH 26 DEC 1990 • Monroe, Green, Wisconsin, USA
1st cousin 1x removed

Timeline

- Name**
Capitola Beatrice Mitchell
3 sources
- Gender**
Female
- 1909 (AGE)**
Birth
21 Sep 1909 • Piqua, Miami, Ohio, USA @ Explore
3 sources
- 1910 (AGE)**
Residence
1910 • Oakland Ward 4, Gibson, Indiana, USA @ Explore

Sources

- 1910 United States Federal Census
- 1920 United States Federal Census
- 1930 United States Federal Census
- 1940 United States Federal Census

Family

- Parents**
 - Thomas Lee MITCHELL 1881-1928
 - Anna Christina Maute 1887-1961
- Spouse and children**
 - Charles Otis Griffin 1908-1979
 - Richard Lee Griffin 1933-1997

But she had also died.

But! There is always a but.

This screenshot shows the Ancestry.com profile for Capitola Beatrice Mitchell. The profile is organized into three main columns. The left column features a vertical timeline with key life events: birth on 21 Sep 1909 in Piqua, Miami, Ohio, USA; residence in 1910 in Oakland Ward 4, Gibson, Indiana, USA; residence in 1920 in Randolph, Montgomery, Ohio, USA; and residence in 1929 in Flint, Michigan, USA. The middle column lists various census records from 1910 to 1940, as well as Ancestry Family Trees, Indiana Marriages (1810-2001), and U.S. City Directories (1822-1995). The right column shows her parents, Thomas Lee MITCHELL (1881-1928) and Anna Christina Maute (1887-1961), and a list of five children: Charles Otis Griffin (1908-1979), Richard Lee Griffin (1933-1997), Barbara Ann Griffin (1934-2023), Marvin Floyd Griffin (1935-), and Sharron Pearl Griffin (1937-2019). A 'David Eugene Griffin' (1939-2015) is also listed under the children section. An 'Add family' button is visible at the bottom right.

She had five children, but only one was still alive, Marvin Griffin and he was born in 1935.

This screenshot shows the Ancestry.com profile for Marvin Floyd Griffin. The profile header includes a photo of Marvin, his name, birth date (2 OCT 1935) in Michigan, and death status (Living). He is identified as the 2nd cousin of the person in the previous screenshot. Below the header are navigation options: View in tree, View notes, View comments, Merge with duplicate, Print, and Member connect. The main content area is divided into four sections: Timeline, Sources, Family, and Hints. The Timeline section shows his name, gender (Male), birth (2 Oct 1935 in Michigan), and residence (1940 in Flint, Genesee, Michigan, USA). The Sources section lists three Ancestry Sources: 1940 United States Federal Census, U.S. Index to Public Records (1994-2019), and U.S. Phone and Address Directories (1993-2002). The Family section shows his parents, Charles Otis Griffin (1908-1979) and Capitola Beatrice Mitchell (1909-1990), and his siblings, Elizabeth Galbraith McCallum (1939-) and Susan Annette Griffin. A 'Show desktop' button is located at the bottom right.

In the Ancestry sources I found the U.S. Index to Public Records, 1994-2019 on his page. Opening it up I found the following:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/70082203/person/192495341393/facts>. The page displays a timeline for Marvin Floyd Griffin with events for Birth (1935), Residence (1940), and Marriage (1960). A modal window titled "Source citation for U.S., Index to Public Records, 1994-2019" is open, showing citation details and associated facts for Marvin Floyd Griffin.

U.S., Index to Public Records, 1994-2019	
Name	Marvin Floyd Griffin
Birth Date	Oct 1935
Residence Date	1997-2020
Address	1659 Riverside Rd
Residence	Niles, Michigan, USA
Postal Code	49120
Second Residence Date	1998-2001
Second Address	7424 Mackinaw Cv
Second Residence	Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA
Second Postal Code	49009
Third Residence Date	1998-2001
Third Address	7424 Mackinaw Cv
Third Residence	Texas, Michigan, USA
Third Postal Code	49009
Fourth Residence Date	2000-2001
Fourth Address	8065 Interlochen St
Fourth Residence	Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

So, I knew that Marvin Griffin was living at 1659 Riverside Rd., Niles, Michigan in 2020, only 4 years ago. He was born in 1935, So, he's an older man. Older people usually don't move around too much. So, I wrote him a letter explaining who I am and what I was looking for. Turned out his daughter was also at that address. She answered my letter and her father had a photo album with all the photos I was looking for! She texted me many of the photos I needed.

Remember to check with your family, check obituaries, and the U.S., Index to Public Records. Search for what you need. Don't give up too quickly! Don't be afraid to write letters. They may not always be answered, but don't give up.

You might also want to search newspapers in the area of interest. I use Newspapers.com. They do not have every newspaper but they seem to have most of the ones I need.

However, you can't search forever. You probably won't find everything you want in a timely manner.

Once you have as much of the information and photos you feel you can find, it's time to start creating the file that will become your book.

I have been using Microsoft Publisher 2019 because it was already on my computer. The only problem I have with it is when the size of the file gets around 100 pages my computer gets so slow it's useless. (This may be more my computer's problem than the program). I'm sure there are other programs that will also work but you don't want to use Word. If you do, when you save your file as a

PDF, things will change. Photos will move on the page etc. Look around and decide which program you want to use and install it and play with it to learn how to use it.

I suggest for your first book you start small. My first book was just 53 pages and covered my parents wedding and honeymoon. So, it only covered Aug. and Sept. of 1949. I found lots of photos and postcards from their trip as well as the wedding photos.

My first book was pretty simple. My second book was about 300 pages. Some of those who I gave a copy to critiqued my effort suggesting I add the normal items a book contains. The following are the items that they suggested I include: a cover page, a title page, a dedication page, a table of contents, a forward, and every name index at the end.

The forward was suggested after my most recent book, so I am still learning myself.

Chapter 1	English Roots	Pages 1- 13
Chapter 2	Kate Ruth Nethercott (Poage)	Pages 15- 53
Chapter 3	German Roots	Pages 55- 61
Chapter 4	Gottfried "Fred" Rohrbach	Pages 63- 150
Chapter 5	Married Life	Pages 151 - 347
Chapter 6	Grandchildren's Memories	Pages 349- 361
Index		Pages 363-369

In loving memory of my paternal Grandparents,
Kate Ruth (Nethercott) Poage
and
Gottfried "Fred" Rohrbach

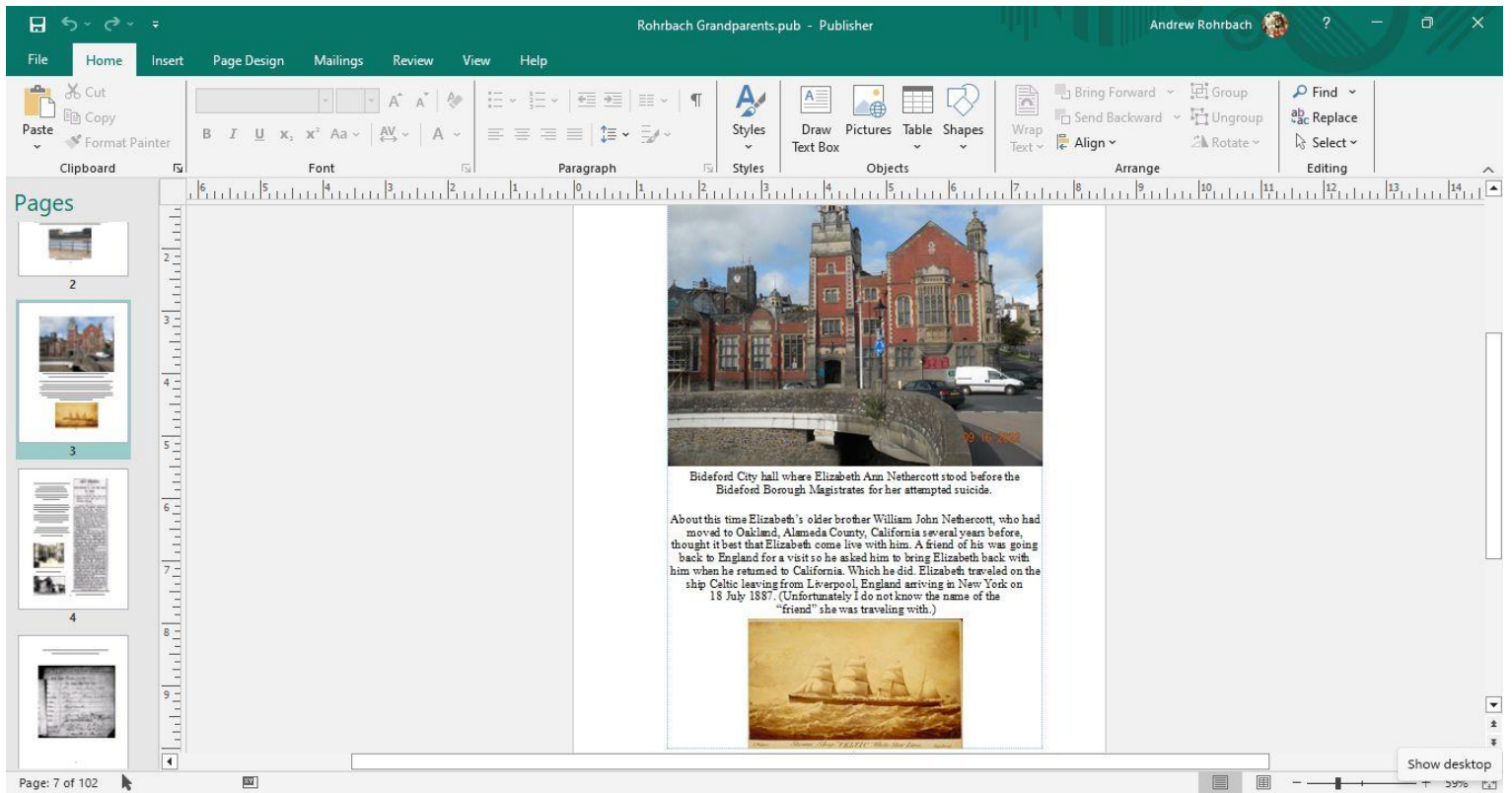
Part of the reason for this work is to show the family events and struggles in the lives of my paternal ancestors that shaped their lives, and ultimately helped shape my life and the lives of their other descendants.

Special thanks to all those who sent me photos, stories and memories for this work.

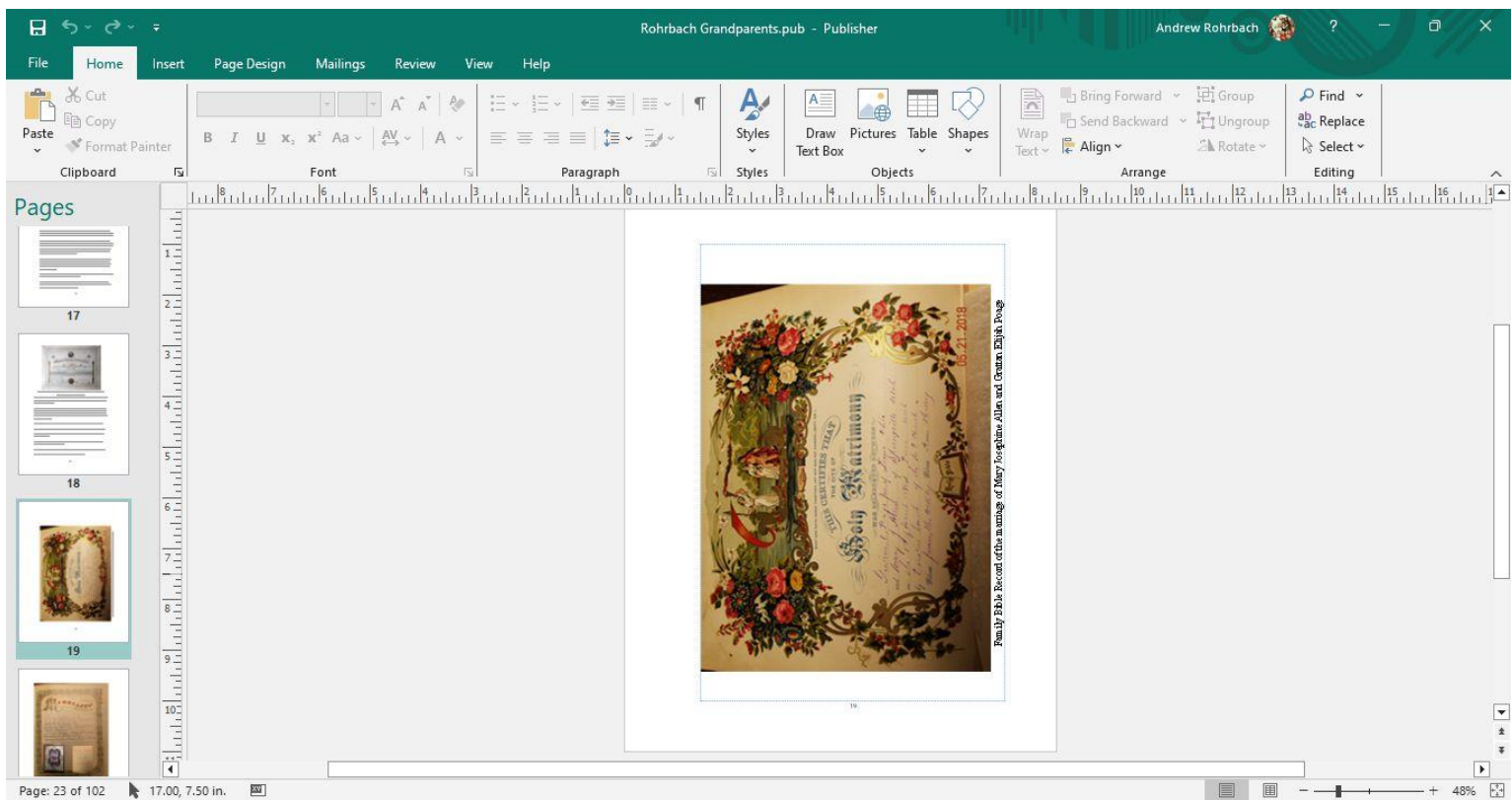
Compiled January 2023— January 2024, by Andrew Allen Rohrbach Sr

You may be able to combine several of the normal book pages into the same page.

Practice placing your photos and articles on the page in different ways to find the best "look" for the page. Check your spelling for any text you use. And do your best to use a pleasing font, and maintain the same font and font size throughout your book. Decide if you want to print on both sides of the page or just one side. Remember to give credit to the original creator of the photos or articles etc. that you use.

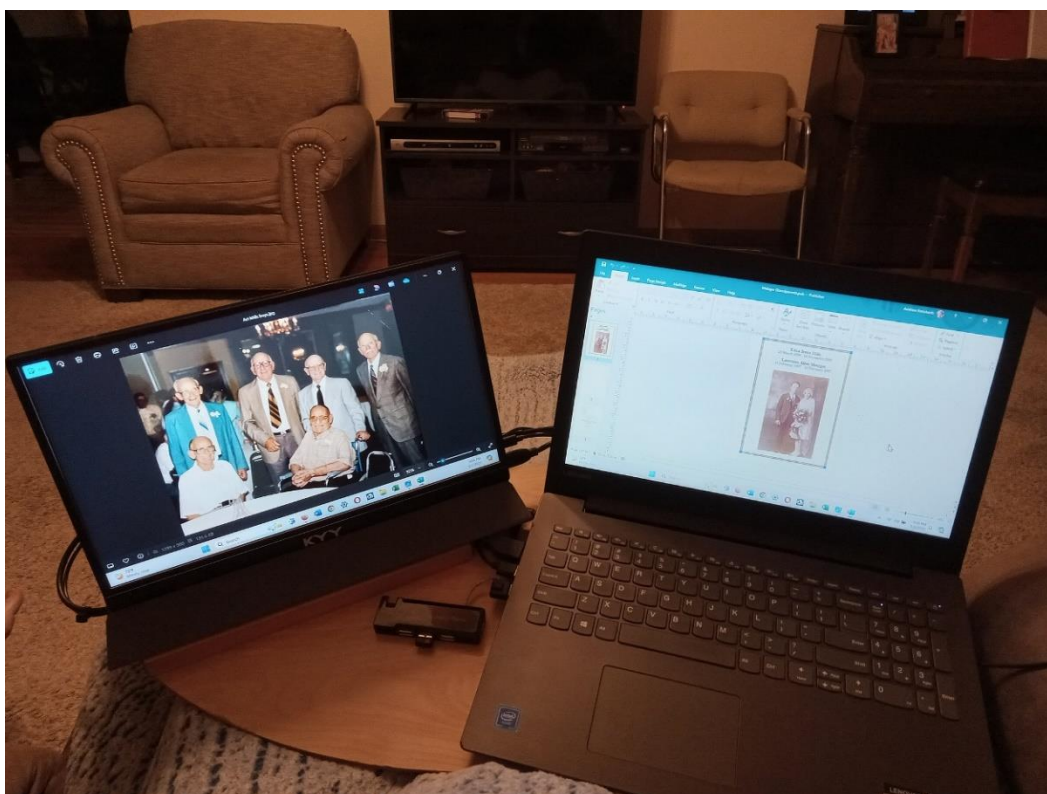


One of my book pages and how it looks in the program I use.
Notice everything is offset to the right for room to bind the pages together.
On the back side everything will be offset to the left for binding room.












You may also need to place photos on a page sideways so you can make it large enough to see. In that case I leave the binding room at the top of the photo so when the book is bound the picture faces to the outside of the book.

I find it easier to have an extra monitor so I can just drag my pictures to the computer screen where I am setting up my pages rather than flipping back and forth between my book and my photo files. This is just a suggestion.



I also like to do my books in chronological order. The oldest information is in the front of the book and it gets more current towards the back of the book. I use page numbers and have a binding margin on the side to be bound.

As I mentioned earlier, on my computer with the program I am using my file can only be 100 pages. My last two books were over 300 pages each. So, when I get to 100 pages, I start a new file with the same name but with a sequential number at the end of the file name. For me at first the files are Publisher files. But once I finish editing them, I save them as PDF files. (Keep the sequential number on the end of the file name). Once I am all done and have them saved as PDF files, I use a program called “Merge PDF Plus” to combine all the files into one big PDF file. Once you have one big file you can check to make sure your page numbers are correct over the file merger points and that the binding margins are also correct over the file merger points. If they are not correct you will need to go back to your Publisher files and make the necessary corrections and then create new PDF files and remerge them to check again. I usually have to do this several times before I get it right.

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 Rohrbach Grandparents4	1/31/2024 5:51 PM	Microsoft Edge P...	5,029 KB
 Rohrbach Grandparents4	1/31/2024 5:51 PM	Microsoft Publish...	69,586 KB

Example

Once you get everything the way you want it you are ready to start printing. You can take your file to a place like Staples, or you can do it yourself. With your home printer.

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I prefer this Epson printer. It does a good job. It prints on both sides. And the ink isn't expensive.

I am sure a laser printer would do a nicer job, but I'm cheap. Always print from your PDF files. Nothing will change on a PDF file.



I use cardstock for my cover pages. 110 LB, 94 Bright for front and back. This card stock will go thru the printer I use.



I also like to use a 24 LB. premium bright white paper for Inkjet and Laser printers to print the pages. If you print on both sides 1 sheet equals 2 pages of your file.

Any brand will work, Staples was just handy for me.

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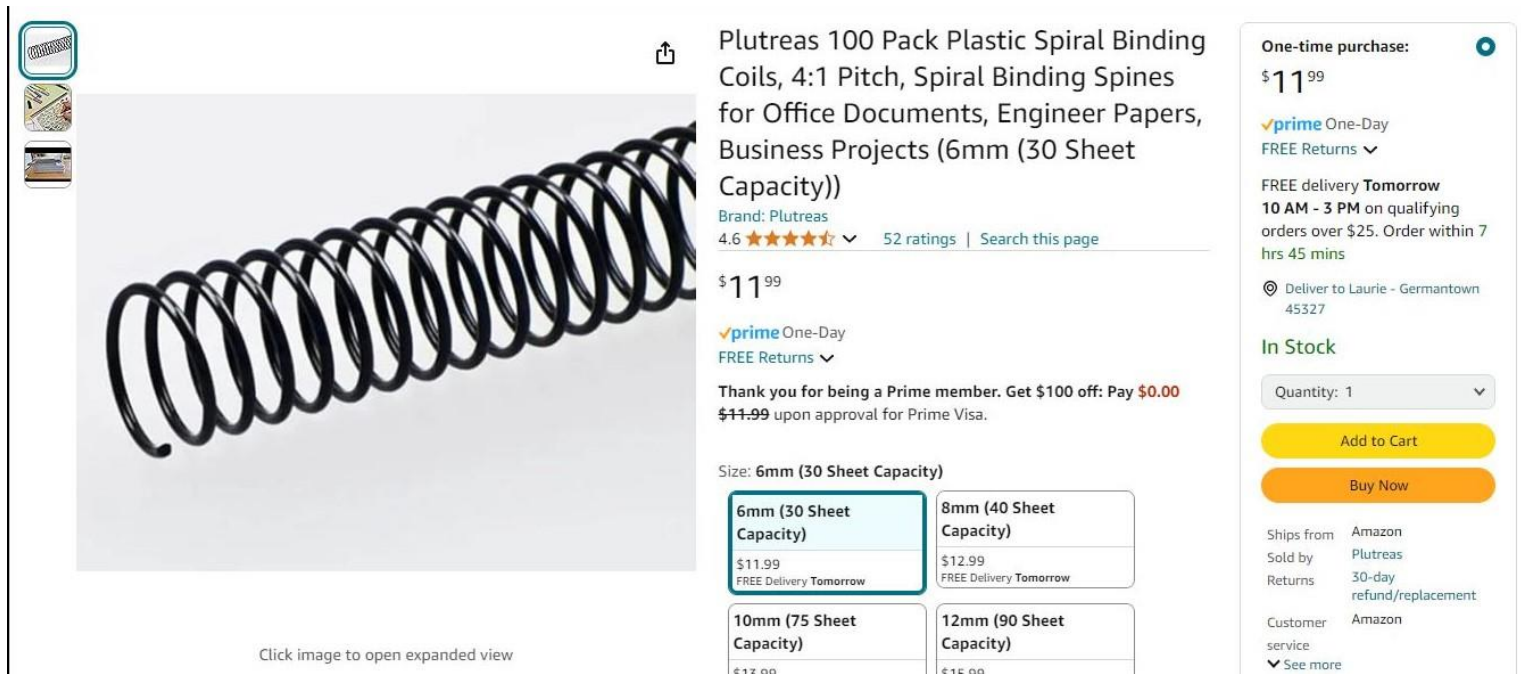
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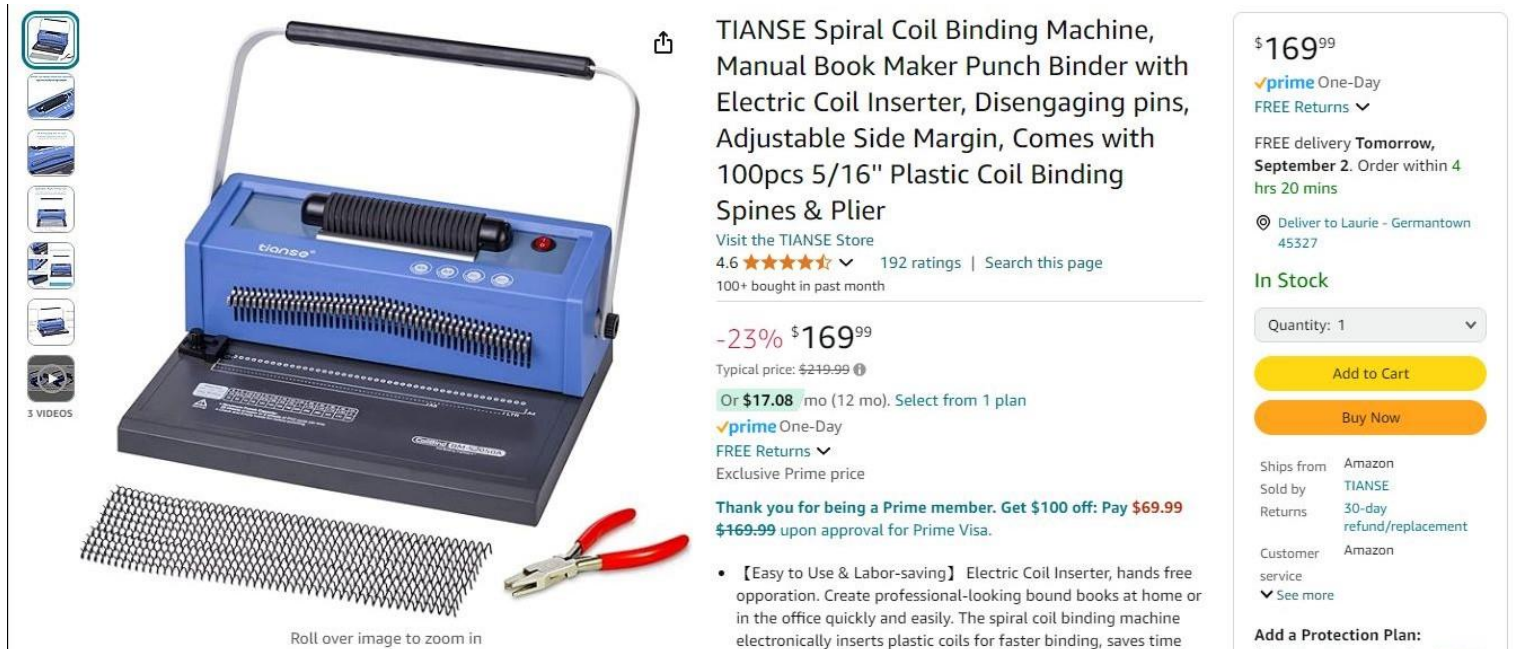
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Also, this machine has an electric roller on top to help with inserting the coils. It is a help but you have to start the coils by hand and it takes a little practice to use the roller. The pliers are to cut the coils for different lengths and to bend the ends of the coils so they don't come out of the book.

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You can use a three-ring binder to publish if you like.
I prefer the more professional look of the coil bound books.

They arrived in New York on 18 July 1887 and didn't arrive in Oakland until about April 1888 according to her mortuary record. By the time she arrived in Oakland she was pregnant I assume with her escorts child.

Her brother, who's name is William Nethercott not Joseph as stated in the newspaper article on this page, was not happy when he saw his sister. The "friend" was gone at this point never to be heard from again. His name is not in any records that I have found to this point.

Elizabeth was sent to a home for unwed mothers called "The Little Workers Home" 973 Campbell Street in Oakland, California.



The Little Workers Home



MAN'S INHUMANITY.

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A simple little funeral notice announced that Elizabeth Nethercott would be buried this afternoon at Mountain View Cemetery. The funeral took place as announced, but that was all. At the Health Office there is a little yellow certificate on file announcing that Elizabeth Nethercott was a single woman, 25 years of age, that she was a native of England and had been in this city but three months. The cause of death was puerperal peritonitis.

That funeral record tells the climax of a very sad story.

Elizabeth Nethercott was a simple English girl, and she had lived on the broad fields and under the spreading oaks of old Devonshire for twenty-five years. When she was much younger her brother Joseph came to California and after wandering about in the land of gold on the shores of the sunset sea, he settled in Oakland. Here he lived and married and he became employed in the West Oakland railroad yards.

By and by he thought he would like to have his sister with him.

About this time a friend of his was going back to the old country, and he asked him to go to see his sister and take care of her and bring her out to Oakland. The friend went and came back again and brought Elizabeth to Oakland. When she arrived her brother saw that she was not as a brother would wish an unmarried sister to be. The brother had a talk with his sister, and she confessed that she and the friend who had escorted her hither were to be married. The man had promised it. She was removed to the Little Workers' Home, and there came into the world a little innocent without a name.


Elizabeth did not obey the doctor's orders and she left her bed too soon and walked around the home. In a few days peritonitis set in and in less than a week she died. The baby is alive and well and is at the home, but the friend of the brother of the deceased girl has not been heard from.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, California)
21 July 1888, Saturday, Page 1

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