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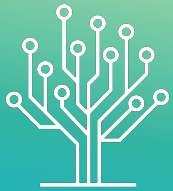
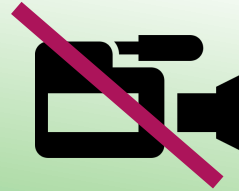


# From Newsprint to Narrative

## Crafting Family Histories Using Newspaper Clippings



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# Welcome!



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# Session Goal

**Utilize historical newspapers to uncover engaging details and stories about your family history. Learn techniques for crafting compelling narratives that combine information from newspaper and other sources to create a rich, textured understanding of their family lineage over time.**





# Book One

**My Inspiration  
Grandma Mom**



# What Did I Want to Accomplish?

Create a book of newspaper clippings - starting at birth until her current birthday (95th).

~ Tip ~

Take your time - this is a HUGE undertaking.

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FLAKE WHITE SOAP CHIPS	LARGE PKG. 19c

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PRESERVES, Temptor, jar 25c

Oats PHOENIX Quick or Reg. 3 pkgs. 25c

Phoenix Coffee Vacuum Packed Pound 54c	Irga Coffee Pound 45c	Bordo Coffee Pound 26c
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Van Camp's Milk <sup>Three Tall Cans</sup> 29c

Blue Ribbon Malt, 3-lb. can 65c

SUNSWEEP PRUNES, 2 lbs. 25c

BUTTER Rushville Creamery 53c	OAK GROVE 54c
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R & R SALT, pkg. 4c

LIBBY APPLE BUTTER, can 25c

FLOUR Enterprise	TWELVE POUNDS 90c	TWENTY-FOUR LBS. \$1.75
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# Where to Begin?

**ORGANIZATION is key!**

Create a spreadsheet to track your clippings.

*~ Tip ~*

Jot down the types as you work.

Clipping Type	Qty.	Category	Note
Movie Ad		2 Ad	
Local News	11		local grand opening, Robert Kennedy in town
Grocery Ad	3	Ad	
Want Ads   Classifieds	2		
National News	4		
Cigarette Ad		Ad	grandparents smoked
Crossword			
Patterns by Mail	2	Ad	
Furniture Sale	2	Ad	show pictures and price
Recipes	2		
Comics			
Church News	2		
Make-Up Ad		Ad	
Sugar Rations Article		War	
Blackout Article		War	
War Bonds Ad		Ad, War	
			found an article about my granda's mother injured during military service, Bingo (she played all the time), telephone company ad because my step-uncle worked there
Personal	2		
Clothes Ad	3	Ad	
Upcoming Dance		Ad	

# What to Include?

Brainstorm a list of things you might find in the newspaper.

*~ Tip ~*

What things remind you of your loved one?



# Begin the Search.

Search the date using  
location and surname.

*~ Tip ~*

Older newspapers in  
small towns likely didn't  
print each day.

### Names

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

### Keywords

With the Exact Phrase

Add Another Rule

### Narrow by Location

Country

State

City

Publication

### Narrow by Date

Exact

1926

May

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# Expand the Search.

Use a date-specific search.

*~ Tip ~*

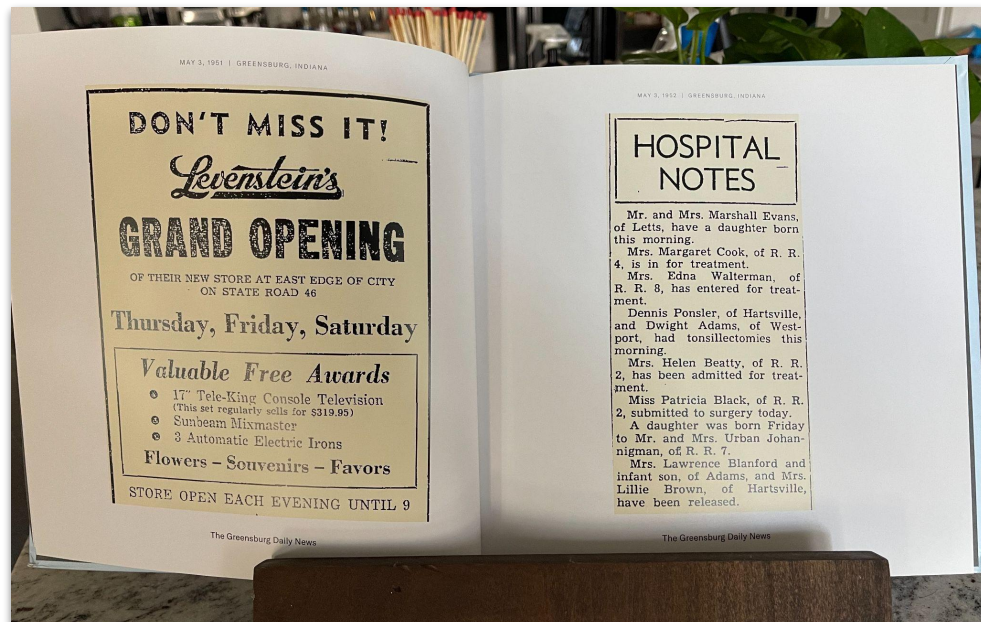
Hometown newspapers  
first...then local area,  
state, and national.



# Book Stats.

- Ordered from Chatbooks in 2021.
- My book was 96 pages.
- The total cost for a hardcover 10x10 book was \$114 - and I had a discount.
- Time commitment? Hours. Days. Weeks. Months.

# The Final Product.



~ Tip ~

Include the name, location, and date of the newspaper.  
Don't forget page number!

# What I Gained.

- Learned new things.
- Better understanding of her life.
- Sense of pride.
- Amazing final chat.





# Book Two

My Inspiration

Great Grandpa Harry

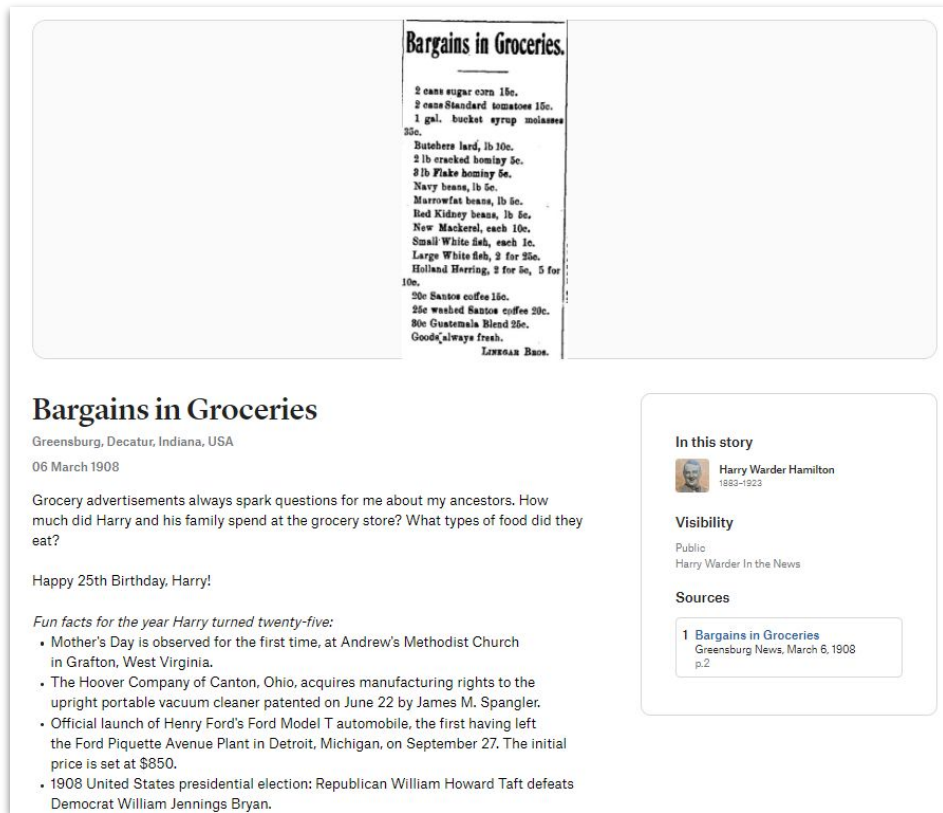


# What Did I Want to Accomplish?

Create a book of newspaper clippings AND stories for the life of my ancestor.

~ Tip ~

Adding a story makes the book that much better...but you're adding time!



The screenshot shows a digital archive page for a newspaper clipping. At the top, there is a thumbnail of the original newspaper clipping, which is a grocery list titled "Bargains in Groceries." The list includes items like sugar corn, tomatoes, syrup molasses, lard, hominy, navy beans, marrowfat beans, kidney beans, mackerel, white fish, herring, and various coffees. Below the thumbnail, the title "Bargains in Groceries" is displayed, followed by the location "Greensburg, Decatur, Indiana, USA" and the date "06 March 1908". A short introductory paragraph asks about the ancestor's grocery habits. Below that is a celebratory message: "Happy 25th Birthday, Harry!". A section titled "Fun facts for the year Harry turned twenty-five:" lists historical events such as Mother's Day, the Hoover vacuum cleaner, the Ford Model T, and the 1908 presidential election. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a profile picture of Harry Warder Hamilton (1883-1923), a "Visibility" section set to "Public", and a "Sources" section listing the clipping itself.


**Bargains in Groceries**  
Greensburg, Decatur, Indiana, USA  
06 March 1908

Grocery advertisements always spark questions for me about my ancestors. How much did Harry and his family spend at the grocery store? What types of food did they eat?

Happy 25th Birthday, Harry!

*Fun facts for the year Harry turned twenty-five:*

- Mother's Day is observed for the first time, at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia.
- The Hoover Company of Canton, Ohio, acquires manufacturing rights to the upright portable vacuum cleaner patented on June 22 by James M. Spangler.
- Official launch of Henry Ford's Ford Model T automobile, the first having left the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit, Michigan, on September 27. The initial price is set at \$850.
- 1908 United States presidential election: Republican William Howard Taft defeats Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

**In this story**  
 Harry Warder Hamilton  
1883-1923

**Visibility**  
Public  
Harry Warder In the News

**Sources**

1 Bargains in Groceries  
Greensburg News, March 6, 1908  
p.2



# Where to Begin?

**Work Smarter, Not Harder!**

Create a spreadsheet to track your clippings.

Title of Article	Category	Date	Story Title	Age	Note
About People	Famous	March 6, 1883	On the Day You Were Born...	Birth	
Local Observations	Weather	March 7, 1883	What was the Weather Like?		
The Indiana Soldiers' Monument	Historical	March 6, 1884	Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument	1	
A Busy Day for Mr. Cleveland	President	March 6, 1885	A New President Takes Office	2	
-----	Personal	March 6, 1886	A Conversation with the Governor	3	
-----	Ad	March 6, 1887		4	Gas stove
Accident at St. Paul	Local News	March 6, 1888		5	Coroner Fatally Injured
----- Train Time Table	Transportation	March 6, 1889	Travel of the Time	6	
Mr. Lincoln's Only Son Dead	Historical	March 6, 1890		7	
Peary to Go North	Historical	March 6, 1891	Peary the Polar Explorer	8	
----- Telephone Line	Historical	March 6, 1892	Call Me	9	
The More Important of the Acts Passed by the Fifty-Second Congress	Political	March 6, 1893	52nd Congress Chronicles	10	
L.S. Ayres Advertisement??	Ad	March 6, 1894		11	
----- Lydia Cunningham Visiting	Personal	March 6, 1895	Grandma's Visiting	12	
----- Elmer E. Roland	Ad   Personal	March 6, 1896	Future Brother-in-Law	13	
Consumption Can Be Cured	Ad	March 6, 1897		14	
Tomb of Osiris	Historical	March 6, 1898	Beneath the Sands	15	

*~ Tip ~*

Create a timeline.

# What to Include?

In addition to newspaper clippings, what might the story include?

## 1884 in the United States

[Article](#) [Talk](#)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



## 1884 What Happened in 1884

1884 JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

DEATHS

### Major Events

- Feb 1** 1st volume of the Oxford English Dictionary, A-Ant, published
- Mar 13** Siege of Khartoum, Sudan begins by Mahdist forces, lasts 10 months
- Jul 3** Dow Jones publishes its 1st stock index, the Dow Jones Transportation Average

- August 10 – An [earthquake](#) measuring 5.5  $M_{fa}$  (based on the felt area) affected a very large portion of the eastern United States. The shock had a maximum [Mercalli intensity](#) of VII (*Very strong*). Chimneys were toppled in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. Property damage was severe in [Jamaica](#) and [Amityville](#) in New York.<sup>[1]</sup>

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# Begin the Search.

Search the date using  
location and surname.

~ Tip ~

If it's a local newspaper,  
scan it from front to back.  
What do you know about  
your ancestor?  
Are there familiar names?

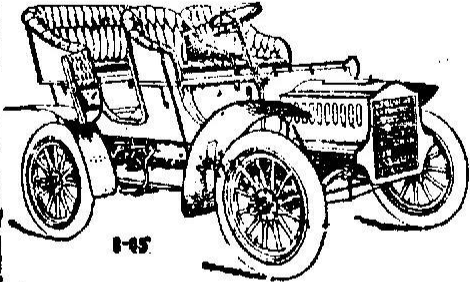
Names  
First & Middle Name(s)

**LOCAL PEOPLE GO  
AROUND WORLD**

Arthur Donnell and sister, Miss Emma Donnell and Mrs. Estella Hamilton have registered their names for passage on the new Cunarder, Laconia, for a trip around the world. They will sail from New York Jan. 19, going through the Panama canal to Los Angeles, thence to Honolulu, Yokohama, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Canton, Manila, Calcutta, Bombay, through the Suez canal, Jerusalem, Athens, Naples and back to New York. The distance traveled will be more than 25,000 miles and will cover a period of six months. The Laconia is a modern ship of 20,000 tons, built in 1922. It is an oil burner, 624 feet in length and 73½ feet across the beam and embodies all the latest improvements. This will be the fourth of the famous Clark world cruises

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# Embrace AI

## How can an AI tool like ChatGPT or Claude help?

HE

**You**

take these facts to write a short ancestor profile: write a short paragraph using these family history facts:

Mrs. Anna Von Phul Bird announces engagement of her daughter, Sallie Disney Bird to Harry Warder Hamilton. Harry was living in San Francisco, California. He worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad. The marriage will take place in September. Sallie Disney is one of Greensburg's most popular young ladies. Harry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Brutus Hamilton.

HE

**You**

write it in past tense



**ChatGPT**

Sallie Disney Bird, descendant of the esteemed Von Phul family, had captured the hearts of Greensburg as one of its most beloved young ladies. Her union with Harry Warder Hamilton, a dedicated employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad in San Francisco, heralded a new chapter in their family's history. Harry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brutus Hamilton, brought a blend of West Coast ambition and familial pride to their September wedding. This union intertwined the legacies of the Birds and Hamiltons, creating a tapestry of love and tradition that endured for generations to come.



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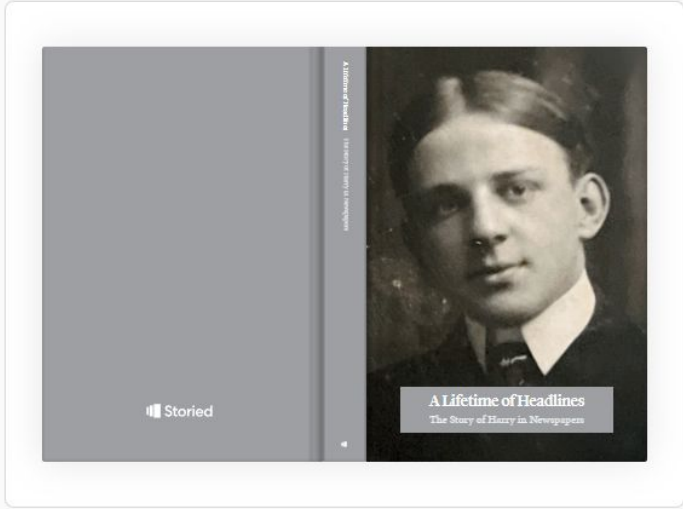

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**FORTUNE.**

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NEW YORK WORLD, Oct. 10, 1903, States:

**SEND** your name and address to the following:

**F. P. WARD & CO., BANKERS,**  
100 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

**PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION** of Success, Monday, Nov. 1, 1904.


06 Mar 1904

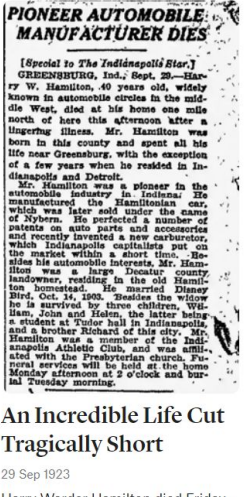


**Harry's Namesake**

12 Jan 1912

At 3:45 am on January 12, 1912, Harry Cassius was born to Harry and Disney. He was born in Indianapolis...

 **Harry Warder Hamilton**  
+2 more



**PIONEER AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER DIES**


[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]  
GREENSBURG, Ind., Sept. 28.—Harry W. Hamilton, 40 years old, widely known in automobile circles in the middle West, died at his home one mile north of here this afternoon after a lingering illness. Mr. Hamilton was born in this county and spent all his life near Greensburg, with the exception of a few years when he resided in Indianapolis and Detroit.

Mr. Hamilton was a pioneer in the automobile industry in Indiana. He manufactured the Hamiltonian car, which was later sold under the name of Nybern. He perfected a number of patents on auto parts and accessories and recently invented a new carburetor, which Indianapolis capitalists put on the market within a short time. Besides his automobile interests, Mr. Hamilton was a large Decatur county landowner, residing in the old Hamilton homestead. He married Disney Bird, Oct. 24, 1905. Besides the widow he is survived by three children, William, John and Helen, the latter being a student at Taylor hall in Indianapolis. Hamilton was a member of the Indianapolis Athletic Club, and was affiliated with the Presbyterian church. Funeral services will be held at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial Tuesday morning.

**An Incredible Life Cut Tragically Short**

29 Sep 1923

Harry Warder Hamilton died Friday



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- Interactions!

The screenshot shows a digital post by Heather Haurert. At the top left is her profile picture and name. The main content is a newspaper clipping titled "ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED." The text of the clipping reads: "Mrs. Anna von Phul Bird announces the engagement of her daughter, Sallie Disney Bird, to Mr. Harry Warden Hamilton, of San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Hamilton is connected with the Southern Pacific Railroad. The marriage will take place in September. Miss Bird is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Disney, of Avondale.—Chicness and Esquire." Below this, it says: "Miss Bird is one of Greensburg's most popular young ladies and is the daughter of Mr. Anna von Phul Bird, of North Lincoln street." The final paragraph states: "Harry Hamilton, who has a position with the Southern Pacific Railroad at San Francisco, Cal., is spending a vacation of several months with his parents, Bruce Hamilton and wife. The announcement in the Esquire is the first, public announcement that has been made of the engagement." Below the clipping, the title "A Love Match" is displayed, followed by the location "Greensburg, Decatur, Indiana, USA" and the date "07 Aug 1903". A paragraph of text follows: "The year Harry turned 20, he got engaged and married Sallie Disney Bird. The family story passed down is that Harry and Disney met at the pond behind the George VonPhul house that was located on what is now East Hendricks Street. George VonPhul was Disney's uncle, and the pond was a gathering spot of young people at the time." At the bottom left, it says "1 Like" and has icons for a heart, a comment bubble, and a share icon. On the right side, there is a "People in this story" section with three entries: "George B VonPhul 1845-1904", "Harry Warden Hamilton 1883-1923", and "Sallie Disney Bird 1884-1982". Below that is a "Visibility" section showing "Public" and "Harry Warden In the News".



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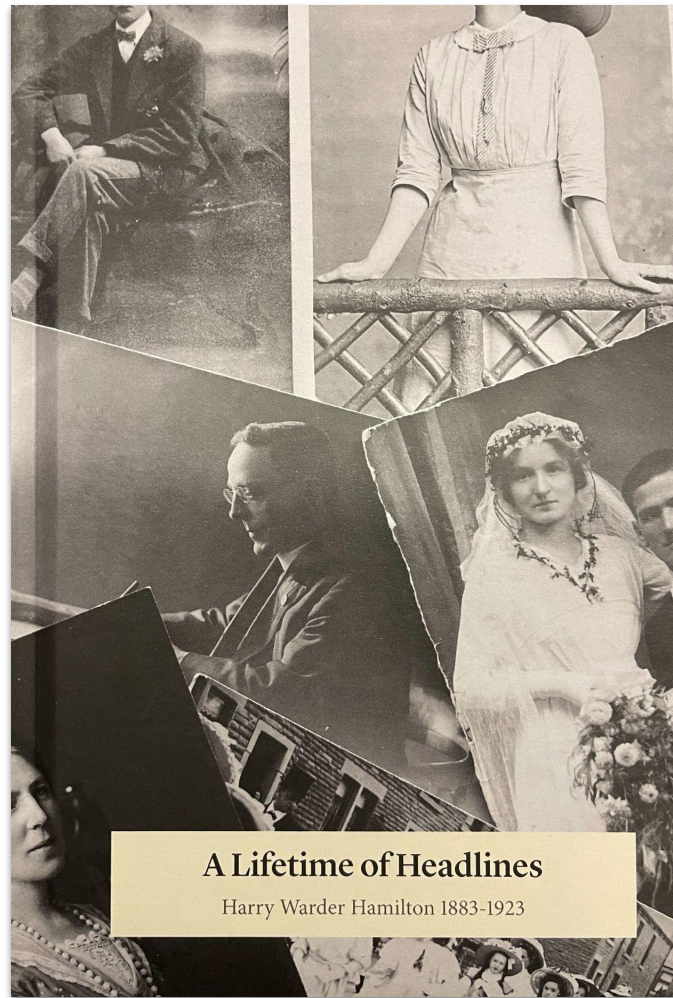
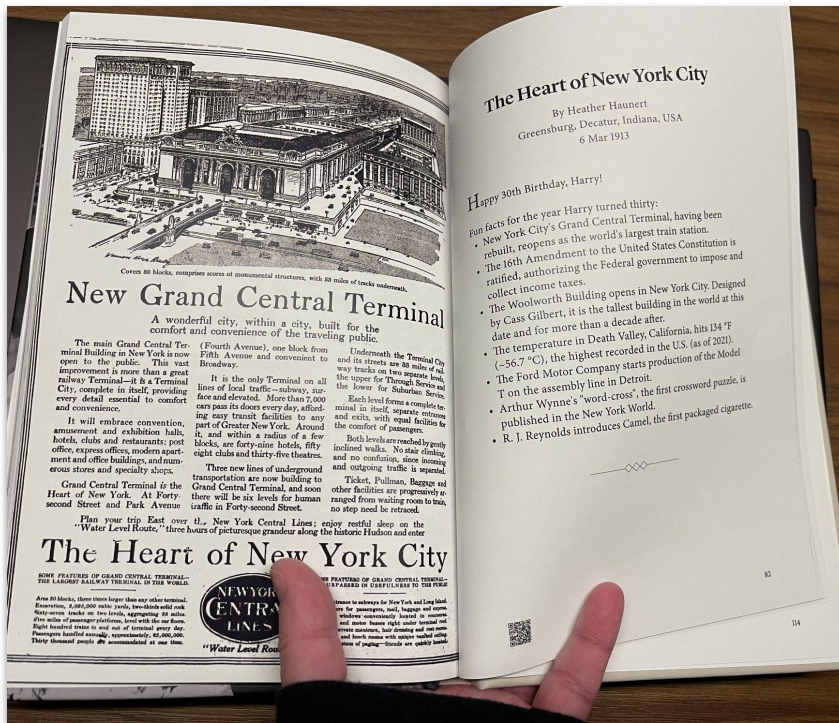
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# The Final Product.



A Lifetime of Headlines  
Harry Warder Hamilton 1883-1923



# What I Gained.

- Found out things I didn't know.
- Put his life into historical perspective.
- Gave me the feeling I *knew* my ancestor.



Questions?

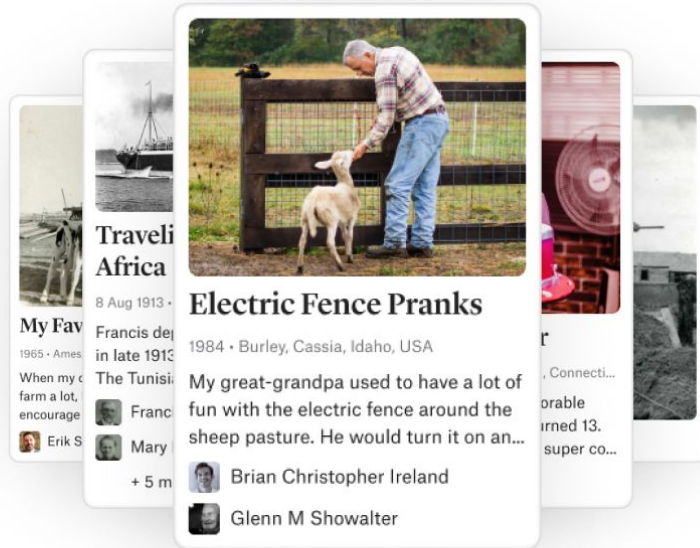


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