



## Part 2 - Using the Obituary Search Portal

### What is the Obituary Search Portal

The Obituary Search Portal is one of Ancestor Hunt's database search engines which enables you to search for obituaries in all the states. It is simple to use, but remember that it leads you to sources which may require payment to receive a copy. Some of these databases are indexes by historical societies.

### Accessing the Obituary Search Portal

- Go to <http://www.ancestorhunt.com/>
- Click on **Obituary Search Portal** link in the first paragraph.

### Searching the Obituary Portal

- Enter the **Name**. I usually enter just the last name if it is a common name. If you are entering the first and last name enter it as last name, first name.
- Use the drop-down menu to select **Find ANY word**, **Find ALL words**, or **Find EXACT phrase**. (ANY will look for both last name OR first name, ALL will look for all words entered to be in the article, and EXACT will search for all words entered and in the exact order that you have entered them.)
- Click on Search Obituaries.
- When the results list appears, click on the record(s) you want to view. If there is a cost associated with obtaining that record, you will be given instructions as to how to obtain it.

### Using Obituary Portal State Index

NOTE: This search method is just for current obituaries.

- Once in the Obituary Portal, click on the **State Index** link in the left frame of the page.
- Click on the newspaper desired.
- This will take you to the newspaper's homepage and to the obituaries for the current issue.