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### [America's GenealogyBank:](#)

Interested in looking into your family history? Check out America's GenealogyBank, which has Social Security Death Index records, full text of over 22 millions obituaries and death notices, as well as digital access to historical newspaper articles, books, and other documents dating as far back as 1690.

GenealogyBank is comprised of five different collections: Social Security Death Index (SSDI), America's obituaries, historical newspapers, historical documents, and historical books.

### **Modern Collections:**

Social Security Death Index (SSDI):

- ⇒ Date Range: 1937- current.
- ⇒ Coverage: over 85 million death records for the United States.
- ⇒ Sample Record:

<a href="#">Back to Results</a>   <a href="#">New Search</a>		<a href="#">Previous Result</a> (Result 2 of 2)	
<b>Social Security Death Index</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Boris Karloff</b>		
Date of Birth:	Wednesday November 23, 1887		
Date of Death:	February 1969		
Est. Age at death:	81 years, 2 months		
<b>Last known residence:</b>			
City:	New York, Manhattan		
County:	New York		
State:	New York		
ZIP Code:	10022		
Latitude:	40.7582		
Longitude:	-73.9679		
<b>Social Security details:</b>			
State of Issue:	California		
Number:	562-18-9758		

America's Obituaries:

- ⇒ Date range: 1977-current.
- ⇒ Coverage: over 34 million obituaries from over 1,120 newspapers.
- ⇒ New Content added daily

## Historical Collections:

### Historical Newspapers:

- ⇒ Date Range: 1690-1977
- ⇒ Coverage: Digital images of over 130 million articles, obituaries, marriage notices, birth announcements, and more from over 1,300 historical newspapers
- ⇒ Sample article:



### Historical Documents:

- ⇒ Date range: 1789-1980
- ⇒ Coverage: Digital images of more than 247,000 government documents, including all of the American State Papers (1789-1838), selected genealogical content from the U.S. Serial set (1817-1980), military records, widow's claims, land grants and more.
- ⇒ Sample document:

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535 Sol. Woodfield	591 Aaron Williams
536 Jones Carter	592 Amos Mitchell
537 Sol. Wise	593 Noah Hall
538 Jerry McLellan	594 A. C. Hendry
539 D. H. Turner (c., sworn)	595 H. B. Pert
540 Tom Simmons	596 Wash Ghent
541 W. W. Whitlock	597 Jno. Gardner
542 Thomas Randell	598 Ransom Ross
543 Robt. Brown	599 M. A. Williams
544 Peter Simmons	600 Wm. Cornett
545 Thomas J. Markee	601 Tim Sampson
546 T. L. Whitlock	602 Dan Miller (c., sworn)
547 Perry Gleaves	603 Wm. Bristow
548 Chas. Davis	604 J. P. Stripling
549 G. W. Odom	605 R. W. Shaffer
550 Joe Johnson	606 Jerry Washington
551 Gay Cook	607 Isaac Cook
552 Peter Thomas	608 Milton Gilliard
553 Jno. Hagan	609 Schley Warren
554 J. P. McAdams	610 Columbus Lanier
555 H. B. Wood	611 Chas. Miller
556 Rich'd Hadley	612 Miles Davis
557 Thomas Madrey	613 Jno. McEinar
558 Peter Coffee	614 R. W. Panamon
559 W. H. Browning	615 T. C. Ivingston
560 Sam. Ellison	616 Ric'd Lincoln
561 Jno. White	617 Ab'e Henney
562 Let Robinson	618 Jack Bembert
563 McJames	619 A. E. Patterson

## Historical Books:

- ⇒ Date range: 1801-1900
- ⇒ Coverage: complete text of more than 11,700 books, pamphlets, and other printed items. Includes biographies, funeral sermons, local histories, cards, charts, and more.
- ⇒ Sample Record:



## Searching in GenealogyBank:

To start your search, you can simple fill in the first and last name of the person you are looking for. GenealogyBank defaults to searching all the collections unless you select to search only one.

### Start Your Search

Last Name:  [Search Tips](#)

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Names are searched as keywords in historical collections. [learn more](#)

[Advanced Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

If you are searching for a common name or want to narrow down your search results, you can choose to do a more advanced search.

### Refine Your Search

Last Name:  [Search Tips](#)

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Names are searched as keywords in historical collections. [learn more](#)

Include keywords with search:

Exclude keywords from search:

Date:

examples: 1804 - 1849 | June 1804 - August 1849

[Clear Form](#)

After you click the “begin your search” button, you will receive a results page. This will include a breakdown of all the information found in each of the collections. If you don’t see a particular collection listed (in this case there is no historical book results), it means there were no results in that database.

### Good News!

Your search for **boris karloff** has found **3,629 matching documents**. Preview these documents by selecting a collection below:

[Historical Newspapers - found 3,624 items](#)  
Click for results found in over 1,300 historical U.S. newspapers published between 1690 and 1977.

[America's Obituaries - found 2 items](#)  
Click for results found in over 32 million obituaries published from 1977 to the present.

[Social Security Death Index - found 2 items](#)  
Click for results found in over 83 million death records from 1937 to the present.

[Historical Documents - found 1 items](#)  
Click for results found in the American State Papers (1789-1838) and the U.S. Serial Set (1817-1980).

From here, simply click on the link of the collection(s) you’d like to view. Once you select a collection link, you’ll find a listing of relevant items in that collection. While the searches for the Social Security Death Index and America’s Obituaries are exact, the database only keyword searches the historical documents, so these results are less precise.

## America's Obituaries

(Results 1 - 2 of 2)

Sort by: Best matches ▼

- 1) [CURTAIN FALLS FOR TACOMA'S TONY KARLOFF ACTOR, 75, WAS LONGTIME STAND-IN FOR HIS HERO, BORIS KARLOFF](#)

Date: January 17, 1997  
Location: Washington  
Paper: News Tribune, The (Tacoma, WA)

- 2) [Boris Karloff, Film Monster, Dies at 81](#)

Date: February 04, 1969  
Location: Illinois  
Paper: Chicago Tribune (IL)

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