

Here is an excellent example of what you might find
in an Obituary placed in a local paper:

OBITUARY

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at one o'clock at the Garden Valley church for Mrs. Ellen T. Moe of Charlson, who passed away January 20th at her home after an illness of 8 days. Death was caused by a paralytic stroke.

Mrs. Moe was 90 years, 8 months and 6 days of age at the time of her death, being born in Stjordalen, Norway on May 14th, 1844.

She was united in marriage to Lars H. Moe in Norway in the

year 1868, her husband passing away in 1890. Six children were born to this union, three sons and three daughters. She is survived by two sons, Halvor L. Moe of Watford City, and Bert L. Moe of Charlson, and by a daughter Ellen Martha Moe of Charlson, the others preceding her in death.

With her family, Mrs. Moe immigrated to Amercia in April, 1906, and after spending several months at Brandon, Minnesota, came to McKenzie county where she made her home until her death. She is also survived by nine grand children and eight great grand children.

Interment was made in the Garden Valley cemetery, Rev. Erikson of Banks conducting funeral services.

From this obituary I now know that:

- When Mrs Ellen T Moe died
- Where she died
- What she died of
- How old she was when she died
- Exact place and date of her birth
- Date and place of her marriage
- Name of her husband
- When her husband died
- How many children Ellen & Lars Moe had
- How many of her children are still living and where they live
- We know when & where she immigrated to when she left Norway
- How many grand children and great-grand children that she had when she died
- Where she is buried

This information is extremely helpful in order for you to further your investigations.