

The Roark- Conner Association Family Research Kit



R-CA Basic Rules of Family Research

Pass along your research.

- Your research will never end. You will always identify new questions that need answers.
- Plan on continuously passing your efforts along to the next generation.

You cannot do it all online.

- You should also use libraries, family bibles, County Courthouses, family archives, and historical societies.

If unsure, say so.

- Simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact. Don't fudge the facts.

Most dates are approximate.

- It is ok to use "about 1895" or "May 1814."

Always document your sources.

- Often sources contradict one another. Be consistent.

Use discretion.

- Never lie about your reporting.

Assume nothing.

- Check all your facts and try to corroborate your facts.

"Speling Dusen't Cownt"

- A long time ago folks could not spell and many could not write.

All your hard work will be "borrowed" and you will not get credit.

- It is OK!!! It is the nature of the beast.

Don't die with your stories still in you.

- Give them up ASAP.
- Questions have been developed.

Remember: The legacy of your ancestors rests in your capable hands.

R-CA Suggested Genealogy Research Sources

(Note: some require a paid subscription)

1. **Access Genealogy** contains vast family history directories and more.
2. **ancestry.com** offers many genealogically and historically significant databases.
3. **archives.com** is a great supplementary genealogy research site with millions of historical documents, images, and public records.
4. **BillionGraves** contains headstone records.
5. **Chronicling America** is a database and companion website produced by the U.S. National Digital Newspaper Program.
6. **Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System** contains National Park Service Civil War records.
7. **Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites** is a categorized and cross-referenced list of links for genealogical research.
8. **Daughters of the American Revolution** is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.
9. **FamilySearch** is the largest collection of free genealogical records in the world.
10. **FamilyTreeMagazine.com** is the leading family history magazine for researching genealogy.
11. **Find a Grave** is the best place on the internet to look for burial and other final disposition information for your family, friends, and famous people.
12. **Free Genealogy Search Engine** searches hundreds of free genealogy resources at one time on Family History Daily.
13. **Genealogy Trails History Group** includes transcribed genealogical records across the U.S.
14. **Google News Archive**: contains millions of archived newspaper pages.
15. **MyHeritage.com** allows you to create your family tree, find records, and explore your family heritage.
16. **National Archives Resources for Genealogists** has numerous records and other resources that can be used for genealogical and family history research.
17. **Open Library** website is a good place to find family history books, and search for surnames or locations.
18. **RootsWeb** is the world's largest genealogy community; huge amount of free information.
19. **Sons of the American Revolution** is the largest male lineage organization in the U.S.
20. **US National Archives** is the official US National Archives site including many free genealogy databases and resources.

Our family is very fortunate! A tremendous amount of research has already been done on the Roark-Conner families. The R-CA Facebook site @Roark.Conner contains information on R-CA books, DVDs, bibles, cemeteries, the heritage trail, family stories and histories, and other useful information. Of course, local churches, historical societies, libraries, cemeteries, post offices, marriage records, and birth certificates can also provide useful information. This list is just a small example of the many resources that are available to you in your search for your ancestors.

R-CA Questions In Need Of Answers

Where is John Wesley Roark's grave?

Where is Franklin Asberry Roark's grave?

Where is the location on Sale Creek, TN that the Timothy Roark boys landed?

Where is Maximillian Conner's painting?

Where is the William Roark/Joseph Roark furniture collection?

Where did the earliest Conner's live in Birchwood area?

Where is the original site of the first Salem Baptist Church?

Where is Tom Roark Slough (Bay) located?

Where were the Joseph Roark grist mill and saw mill located?

Where are the weapons, pistols, and rifles from the Joseph Roark brother's who fought in the civil war?

What is Maximillian Conner's father and mother's name?

What Port of Call did Maximillian Conner enter the colonies?

What is the relationship of Candies Baptist Church to the Roark Conner families?

What is the relationship between the Friendship, Salem, Birchwood neighborhoods?

Who has original photos of Joseph and Juda Roark's and their sons William, John & James?

Who named Roark, KY?

Who named Conner Mountain in Lupkin County, GA?

R-CA 20 Questions for Documenting Family History

1. What is your full name?
2. When and where were you born? Details: Time, Town, Date, House, Hospital, etc.
3. What are your parents full names and date/place of birth/occupations?
4. What are your grandparents full names and date/place of birth?
5. What are your great grandparents full names and date/place of birth?
6. How many brothers and sisters do you have? Please give a description of each one.
7. Are you or were you ever married? Details, Who? When? Where? Date
8. Do you have children? Details: What are their names?; Where were they born?; What are their ages?; Are they married?; Do they have children?
9. Describe your education. Details: school(s), levels, degrees
10. How do you describe yourself? Details: age, eye color, height, hair color, distinguishing features, health status, etc.
11. What jobs did you hold?
12. Where did you live? Details: city, state, house, apartment, address?

13. Did you serve in the military? Details: When? What branch? etc.
14. Do you have any political affiliation you would like to share?
15. Do you follow any religious tradition you would like to share?
16. Do you have any medical issues you would like to share?
17. What have you learned over the years that you would like to share with the younger generation?
18. Were you involved in sports, music, drama or other extra curricular activities?
19. What are you most grateful for in your life?
20. What haven't we talked about that you would like to add?