

## NEWSPAPER RESEARCH

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### LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

All subscriptions listed below are available within the library and some by home access. Go to the following web site at: <http://www.irclibrary.org/> and click on "Main Library" (left side) and then "Online Resources" (top line.) Scroll down to the two links that have newspapers: "Gale Collection II" and "Newsbank Infoweb."

**The Digitization Process - Optical Character Recognition (OCR)** is NOT foolproof! Due to the wide variety of inks, typefaces and font sizes and some of the papers bleed through; it makes it difficult for the OCR program to interpret the letters properly.

#### **NINETEENTH CENTURY U.S. NEWSPAPERS (Gale Collection II) – Home Access**

Newspapers from the 1800's are digitized and added frequently by the Thomson/Gale Company. There are many advanced searching capabilities.

#### **PROQUEST OBITUARIES – only available in the library.**

Use this collection to search obituaries and death notices from prominent newspapers. The collection includes: *Atlanta Journal Constitution*; *Boston Globe*; *Chicago Defender*; *Chicago Tribune*; *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*; and *Washington Post*

#### **AMERICA'S GENEALOGYBANK.COM (Newsbank Infoweb) – Home Access**

- **Historical Newspapers 1690 - 1977**  
500,000 issues of over 1,300 historical U.S. newspapers.
- **Historical Books 1801 - 1900**  
11,700 books, pamphlets and printed items including: genealogies, biographies, funeral sermons, local histories, cards, charts and more - all published in the U.S. prior to 1900.
- **Historical Documents 1789 - 1980**  
Find military records, casualty lists, Revolutionary and Civil War pension requests, widow's claims, orphan petitions, land grants and much more including all of the American State Papers (1789-1838) and all genealogical content carefully selected from the U.S. Serial Set (1817-1980). More than 124,000 reports, lists and documents.
- **Social Security Death Index 1937 to current**

**AMERICA'S OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES? Ca. 1997 to Present-some earlier (Newsbank Infoweb) – Home Access** - Comprehensive collection of newspaper obituaries and death notices from around the United States. Each obituary or death notice is indexed by the name of the deceased person, to make searching easier and more precise. In addition, the text of each obituary or death notice is searchable, making it easy to find just what you're looking for using a place of residence, occupation, names of family members, or other personal information.

#### **ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION - only available in the library.**

Click on the search button and go towards the bottom on the right hand side where it says "Newspapers and Periodicals." Click on "more" and peruse the list of titles at the bottom of the page.

#### **NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE - only available in the library.**

Military newspaper that covers all wars from WWII. Includes many biographical and interesting stories about the servicemen and women.

#### **FOOTNOTE - only available in the library.**

There are many incomplete newspapers for each state and the United Kingdom. It is best to browse the list before assuming the exact title and date is available.

DO NOT LOOK for just obituaries! All items listed below can put the “meat on the bones” of your ancestor:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Obituaries            | 7. Property Sales     | 14. Stories about local pioneers                                 |
| 2. Card of Thanks        | 8. Probate            | 15. New building announcements (homes, churches, business, etc.) |
| 3. Birth announcements   | 9. Legal notices      |  |
| 4. Wedding announcement  | 10. Summons to court  |  |
| 5. Christenings/Baptisms | 11. Advertisements    |  |
| 6. Divorce/Separation    | 12. Unclaimed letters |  |
|                          | 13. Want ads          |  |

#### **Locating Web Sites for Current Newspapers**

**NOTE:** Most of the newspapers are not available in a searchable format. The links below are only to be used for finding a newspaper in a geographic area. Once you get there, look for the word “Archive” or “Obituaries” on the web site. They may or may not be indexed or searchable.

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| ❖ OnlineNewspapers.com (world-wide) | <a href="http://www.onlinenewspapers.com">http://www.onlinenewspapers.com</a>             |
| ❖ United States Newspaper Program   | <a href="http://www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html">http://www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html</a> |
| ❖ Newspapers.com                    | <a href="http://www.newspapers.com/">http://www.newspapers.com/</a>                       |
| ❖ News and Newspapers Online        | <a href="http://library.uncg.edu/news/">http://library.uncg.edu/news/</a>                 |
| ❖ Internet Public Library           | <a href="http://www.ipl.org/div/news/">http://www.ipl.org/div/news/</a>                   |
| ❖ Refdesk.com                       | <a href="http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html">http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html</a>         |

#### **Obituaries Online**

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| America’s GenealogyBank.com               | Library subscription – home access  |
| Obituary Central                          | <a href="http://obitcentral.com">http://obitcentral.com</a>                         |
| Obituary Daily Times                      | <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~obituary/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~obituary/</a> |
| Obit Finder – Canadian and U.K.newspapers | <a href="http://www.legacy.com/">http://www.legacy.com/</a> (fee)                   |
| ProQuest Obituaries                       | Subscription for libraries only.  |

#### **Free Web Sites (Access at Home) – A Selected Few**

**Chronicling America - The Library of Congress** <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>

This site allows you to search and read newspaper pages from 1900-1910 for the following states: California, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. You can also find [information](#) about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

**The OldenTimes.com** - <http://theoldentimes.com/index.html>

A growing collection of “scanned images” of newspapers (primarily US) that include obituaries, birth & marriage announcements, legal notices. It is NOT a searchable site for complete newspapers.

#### **State Specific**

- California Digital Newspapers - <http://cbsr.tabbec.com/>
- Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>
- Georgia Historic Newspapers <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/Topics/Media.html>
- Missouri Newspaper Project <http://newspapers.umsystem.edu/>
- *New York Times* 1851-1923 <http://www.nytimes.com/> Fee
- *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* 1841-1902 - <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle/> published from October 26, 1841 to 1955 and was revived for a short time from 1960 to 1963
- Northern New York Historical Newspapers <http://news.nnyln.net/index.html>
- Old Fulton NY Post Cards (Do NOT be deceived by the name!) <http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>
- Pennsylvania Civil War Newspapers (Penn State) <http://digitalnewspapers.libraries.psu.edu/>

- Utah Digital Newspapers <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/unews/>
  - Washington Historical Newspapers <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx>
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### **Foreign Countries**

- The Belfast NewsLetter Index 1737-1800 <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lse/lse/bnl/>
- Newspapers Digitisation Project: British Newspapers 1800-1900  
<http://www.bl.uk/collections/britishnewspapers1800to1900.html>
- Newspaper Archive for Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark [http://tiden.kb.se/News\\_archive.htm](http://tiden.kb.se/News_archive.htm)
- Special Editions of Canadian Newspapers
  - <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/2/14/index-e.html>
- The Toronto Star <http://thestar.pagesofthepast.ca/>

### **The World**

- Paper of Record – Building the world’s largest archive of searchable newspapers. Covers the following countries: UK, USA, Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Mexico - <http://www.paperofrecord.com/>

### **Military**

- The Stars and Stripes (World I 1918-1919) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/sgphtml/sashtml/> Also available at Ancestry
  - Stars and Stripes (1942-1963) Ancestry
  - Stars and Stripes (1942-2007) Subscription web site.  
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6. *Newspapers in Microform*. 3 Vols. Compiled by the Library of Congress.
7. [State guides] to newspaper collections are available for several states. Check the online catalogs at <http://www.worldcat.org> or your local library. Examples:
  - a. *Guide to North Carolina newspapers on microfilm: titles available from the Division of Archives and History*. Lansing, MI: 1985
  - b. *Guide to North Carolina newspapers on microfilm: titles available from the Division of Archives and History*. Raleigh, NC, 1984.
  - c. *Missouri newspapers on microfilm at the State Historical Society of Missouri*. Columbia, MO: 1989.