

Newspaper Research: The Newspaper as a Genealogy Resource

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Resource List – Lessons, searching tips and webinars

Allen County Public Library -

<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Pathfinders/Guides/Newspaper.aspx>

Cyndi'sList – Newspapers - <http://www.cyndislist.com/newspapers>

FamilySearch – Tracing Immigrants Arrival in Newspapers -

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Tracing_Immigrants_Arrival_Newspapers

FamilySearch Wiki – Old Newspapers

Finding Newspaper Records - <http://www.genealogytoday.com/columns/ruby/050322.html>

FindMyPast – Use Newspapers Archives by Lisa Louise Cooke

<http://www.findmypast.com/content/newspapers-archives-and-genealogy>

GenealogyBank.com Blog <http://blog.genealogybank.com/understanding-terms-found-in-historical-newspapers.html>

National Arcives - <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/newspapers/>

Online Historical Newspapers - <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/>

Stanford Rural West Initiative - http://web.stanford.edu/group/ruralwest/cgi-bin/drupal/visualizations/us_newspapers

The Ancestor Hunt - <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/>

You Tube Videos – Search for “newspaper genealogy research”

Online Newspaper Sources – digitized papers

Chronicling America - <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Don't be fooled, this has nothing to do with postcards

GenealogyBank.com - \$\$

Library of Congress National Digital Newspaper Program -

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>

National Archives

Newspapers.com - \$\$

Old Fulton PostCards - <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

ProQuest - <http://www.proquest.com/libraries/academic/news-newspapers/>

Small Town Papers - http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/small-town-papers-over-300-us-historical-newspapers#.Vi_JVLfndDc

State Newspaper Sites

(Many states have a Digital Newspaper Program – Google the state and Digital Newspaper Program)

Arizona Digital Newspaper Program - <http://adnp.azlibrary.gov/>

California Digital Newspaper Program -

Maryland State Archives Special Collections-

<http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/pages/newspaper/history.aspx>

Detroit Free Press - <http://freep.newspapers.com/archives>

New York - <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>
<http://poughkeepsiejournal.newspapers.com/>

Utah Digital Newspaper Program - <http://digitalnewspapers.org/>

Search Tips

- Use “advanced Search”
- Broaden the search from surname
- Include occupation, address, lodge, military unit, business name, hobby
- Include date range
- Limit search to particular newspaper or town
 - Small towns have more of interest
- Search with boolean operators
- Look for OCR errors – “a” instead of “o”
 - Deliberately misspell the name
- When browsing look for index; determine layout of the paper