

Historical Newspapers

Next Great Advance in Genealogical Research
A Hodgepodge of Free and Pay Databases
variety of search methods; image and text output
Where can you find the papers of your ancestors?

- ◆ Newspaper Databases thru UD
- ◆ Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/newspapr.htm>
- ◆ ProQuest Historical Newspapers:
 - Rich database of long run big city newspapers:
Atlanta Constitution(1868-1939), Boston Globe(1872-1923), Chicago Tribune (1849-1985)
Christian Science Monitor (1908-1992), Hartford (CT) Courant (1764-1984)
LA Times (1881-1985), NY Times (1851-2004), Washington Post (1877-1989)
Wall Street Journal (1889-1990) and many smaller newspapers
 - Selected access thru public libraries & universities
 - Difficult to access remotely except
 - by library card, students/faculties, etc.
 - thru the newspaper's archive sites (free/pay)
- ◆ Other Free and Pay Newspaper Databases

Historical Newspaper Images via UD Databases

- ◆ America's Historical Newspapers 1690-1922
NewsBank's Readex database - easy to use interface
- ◆ Ancestry Library Edition: small list; mostly text
- ◆ London Times 1785-1985
- ◆ ProQuest databases (use advanced search tab):
New York Times 1851-2004
Wall St. Journal 1889-1990
- ◆ Newspapers (Internet Resources): see next slide
African American 1800s
Accessible Archives 1700s-1800s
[text (not images); also via public library]

Newspapers, Internet Resources via UD

Click "Newspapers" database for links (some pay)
Scroll down to "Historical Newspaper Archives"

Brooklyn Eagle 1841-1902: <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle/index.htm>

Colorado Newspaper Collection: <http://www.cdheritage.org/collection/chnc.cfm>

Maryland Early Newspaper Images On-Line:

<http://www.msa.md.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc4800/sc4872/html/newspapers.htm>
- e.g. Cecil Whig 1870-74; Maryland Gazette 1729, 1745-51, 1795-1810; many more

Missouri (Historic) Newspapers 1859+:

<http://newspapers.umsystem.edu/Default/Skins/Missouri/Client.asp?Skin=Missouri&AppName=2>

British Gazettes: <http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk>:

London (1752-1979), Belfast (1922-99), Edinburgh (1820-2002) Gazettes
choose one then click "Site Map", then "Archive", then ?

NewspaperArchive.com (pay): <http://www.newspaperarchive.com>

- over 72 million digitized pages on 10-25-07 and adding 80,000 pages/day
- \$99/yr after one week trial (\$65 with <http://godfrev.org/subscribe.html>)
- might be free in some public libraries; pay before see any images

Other Newspaper Databases: some historical

- ◆ Google News Archive: http://www.google.com/archivesearch/advanced_search
- may grow to be the way to search all newspaper databases at once
- ◆ USA Newspapers (mostly recent, free):
http://www.cyberpaperboy.com/Free_Newspapers.htm
- ◆ SmallTowns (mostly recent, free):
<http://www.smalltownpapers.com>
- ◆ Joe Beine: <http://researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>
e.g. Brunswick ME 1853-1960: <http://www4.curtislibrary.com>
- ◆ Obituaries (mostly only last 5 years):
 - AncestorHunt: http://www.ancestorhunt.com/obituary_search.htm
 - ObitsArchive.com: <http://obitsarchive.com>
 - GenealogyBank (\$70/yr) also many historical documnets
<http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/keyword.html>
 - Ancestry.com: <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/search/obit>
- ◆ Stars & Stripes 1918-19: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/spsasquery.html>
- ◆ Godfrey Library Scholar (\$35-110/yr) <http://godfrev.org/subscribe.html>
- premium includes newspaperarchives.com; worldvitalrecords.com, more

ProQuest Newspapers from Delaware public library site

By the way: on the Delaware public library site:

http://www.state.lib.de.us/Collection_Development/Electronic_Resources/DelAWARE

Click "NewsBank" (upper left after click HeritageQuest)
newspaper archives remotely for: Atlanta Constitution 1990+,
Baltimore Sun 1990+, Boston Globe 1980+, Chicago Tribune 1985+,
Christian Science Monitor 1990+, Los Angeles Times 1985+,
Philadelphia Inquirer 1981+ USA Today 1987+, Wall Street Journal
1984+, New York Times 1980+, Washington Post 1987+, Wilmington
News-Journal 1999+

- but not older issues of these newspapers

- also output is text and not images of the newspaper article

ProQuest Historical Newspapers usually pay, but sometimes free to you, e.g. UD

◆ Ways to access now in state of flux

◆ You may get some "free" but maybe not remotely!

Atlanta Constitution(1868-1925): UG(eorgia), UNC, Columbia

Boston Globe(1872-1922): MA St Lib, Williams College, Columbia

Chicago Tribune (1849-1985): Northwestern, Columbia, LA Lib

Christian Science Monitor (1908-1989): UG

Hartford (CT) Courant (1764-1984): CT St Lib (Remote access with
CT public library card or "Archives Pass" from CT St Lib)

LA Times (1881-1985): Harvard, Columbia, NYC Lib, LA Lib

NY Times (1851-2001): UD, UG, Harvard, CT St Lib, Columbia

NY Times Archives: <http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html>

- 1851-1880 most free except obits + ?: \$3.95/article, or \$16/per 10 articles

Washington Post (1877-1989): UG, Harvard, Columbia

Wall Street Journal (1889-1988): UD,UG,Harvard,CT StLib, Columbi

◆ Large Collections: Los Angeles Library (remote, if apply in person)

NYC Lib (\$100 non-res, not remote), Columbia (students/employees)

ProQuest Newspapers** (pay) Searchable Newspaper Archives

choose Advanced Search; rates vary, e.g. \$3.95/pdf ; \$39.95/mo (max=100pdfs)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1868-1939):

http://pqash.pqarchiver.com/ajc_historic/advancedsearch.html

Boston Globe (1872-1923):

<http://pqash.pqarchiver.com/boston/advancedsearch.html>

Chicago Tribune (1852-1984):

<http://pqash.pqarchiver.com/chicagotribune/advancedsearch.html>

Hartford Courant (1764-1984)

<http://pqash.pqarchiver.com/courant/advancedsearch.html>

NY Times (1851-1980) [free as UD Database]:

<http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html>

Washington Post (1877-1986)

<http://pqash.pqarchiver.com/washingtonpost/advancedsearch.html>

** links are on bottom of right frame on class web site: <http://copland.udel.edu/~tdoherty>

Historical Timelines

Events which may have impacted your ancestor's life*

Cyndi's List:

<http://www.cvndislist.com/timeline.htm>

◆ Linda's Learning Center (50BC to 1920):

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~haas/learningcenter/timeline.html>

or <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~haas> , click "Learning Center"

◆ Timelines of History (Big Bang to 2006):

<http://timelines.ws>

◆ Timelines by U.S. State:

<http://www.e-referencedesk.com/resources/state-history-timeline>

* add them to the story of your ancestor (with PAF/FTM/TMG etc)

Historical Newspapers - Summary

- ◆ Many searchable databases of images now on-line
 - tip of the iceberg; most OCR indexed, thus limitations
 - most U.S.; some Canada, British; search formats vary
- ◆ Large Databases (free at UD and pay) are:
 - NewsBank Readex (UD): America's 1690-1922
 - GenealogyBank.com (\$70/yr)
 - ProQuest large city newspapers (most \$3.95/article)
 - Government sites: see Beine <http://researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>
 - 19th Century US Newspapers (\$35) at <http://godfrey.org/subscribe.html>
 - NewspaperArchive.com (+\$30) at <http://godfrey.org/subscribe.html>
- ◆ Which are the best ones?
 - Those with articles about your ancestor: you never know
 - Compare coverage: newspapers, issue dates, continuous?