

Mining the Newspaper Databases on MyHeritage for Your Family History

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Why are newspapers important to genealogists?

- BMD: Births/christenings; engagements/marriages/anniversaries/separations/divorces; deaths/obits/probate
- School/College Attendance
- Legal Notices/Court Cases/Naturalizations/Land
- Business News/Politics
- Travel by Ship/Train
- Social Notes/Local News/Gossip
- Job Notes/Military Service
- Moves/Relocations
- Photographs
- and more . . .

Types of Newspapers (from a genealogist's perspective)

- Nationals: *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*
- Large nationally distributed "locals": *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *London Times*
- Large locals: *San Jose Mercury-News*, *San Antonio Express*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Newcastle Courant* (Newcastle-on-Tyne, England), *Winnipeg Free Press* (Winnipeg, Manitoba)
- Small locals: *Titusville Herald* (Pennsylvania), *Marin Independent Journal*
- Ethnic papers: *Jewish Chronicle* (UK), *Edmonton Ukrainian News* (Edmonton, Canada)
- Institutional papers: *Stars and Stripes*, *Brandeis Justice*, *Basic Bombardier* (Big Magnesium, Inc.)

What's in the Online Newspaper Collection

- Images and index
- Index was created by OCR (optical character recognition)
 - quality of index depends on quality and condition of materials scanned
- Experiment to see how searches work
- If you find something, copy/save it; online can be ephemeral
- Check back with the databases regularly, as new items can be added to expand collections

Newspaper Collections on MyHeritage

- United States
 - Chronicling America (Library of Congress)
 - 37 state collections: Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- Australia (Trove collection, their index)
- Canada
- Netherlands (Delpher collection)
- *Jewish Chronicle* (UK)

Magazines in the Newspaper Collection

- *Aberdeen Journal* (Scotland)
- *American Monthly Magazine*
- *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*
- *The Friend and Friends' Review* (Quaker)
- *Granite Monthly* and *Granite State Magazine* (New Hampshire)
- *Journal*, Johnson Post #368, Indiana GAR
- *Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*
- *Nailer Tom's Diary* (Rhode Island)
- *New England Magazine*
- *Our Home* (Somerset and Hunterdon counties, New Jersey)

Keep in Mind

- You have to make a successful search before you can browse.
- There is no available list of titles in the collections.
- You can download a page after you have added that page (record) to someone in your family tree.

Lots of newspaper how-to lessons, hints, and links

- <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html>