

Chat log 28 Nov 2023
The Good News About Historical Newspapers by Daniel Horowitz

Audience Question:

Q: My dad sold papers on a corner in North Little Rock, Arkansas in about 1919. His dog was with him, and if someone took a paper and didn't pay, he'd bark, bark, bark. Loved that story he told.

A: :)

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:12 PM: My grandmother was a telephone switch operator

Audience Question:

Q: He sold in front of a drugstore, and occasionally had to take a break for a soda or other treat, thus leaving the papers our front with a dish to collect money. THAT'S when the dog, Tricksie was left in charge!

A: Thanks for the fun story

Audience Question:

Q: The LITTLE newspaper that was published in either Avalon, MO (where they lived) or Chillicothe (the "big" city), would have snippets of who was visting whom from all parts of the country. It announced when my g-grandmother was taking the train from MO to WA to visit her children, even announcing the death of her daughter who died in WA.

A: Those are some of my favorite news clippings

Audience Question:

Q: haha I do the same thing back to front b/c Obits are usally in the back

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I hate say it but, I love obituaries. I always find so much information.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: back to front cause left handed

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Small town newspapers can be loaded with all kinds of information on people. I have a clipping from my parent's wedding that described everything in great detail. Even the material that was used for my mother's dress. :)

A: So wonderful

Audience Question:

Q: Our newspaper's obituaries were on the second page. I remember my mother turning 1st to that to see if she knew anyone. I thoght it was very morbid.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I love the "Gossip Section" so much good stuff

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: My grandfather was born in Trinidad!

A: Wow, small world

Audience Question:

Q: I have some old coin silver spoons with name of maker and sometimes addresses, so I found advertisements for them between 1850 and 1890

A: Very cool

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:29 PM: <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:30 PM:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:30 PM: <http://icon.crl.edu>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:31 PM: Chronicling America (US Library of Congress)

Audience Question:

Q: My 2x great-grandfather went missing in the early 1900s. I have a copy of a newspaper article that states his wife is searching for him and the description of a man who lost his life in a train accident matched her husband. It said that the coroner is sending a picture for identification.

A: Wow, so tragic

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:31 PM: <http://kiosko.net>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:32 PM: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:32 PM: <http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:33 PM: <https://www.nli.org.il/en/discover/newspapers>

Audience Question:

Q: Another place I find very useful for US newspapers, is the Ancestor Hunt

<https://theancestorhunt.com/>

A: Thanks for the link!

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:33 PM:

www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:34 PM: <http://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:34 PM: www.MyHeritage.com

Audience Question:

Q: What about fultonhistory.com?

A: It's another good one.

Audience Question:

Q: 582,216 results for my name.

A: 214,620 for me

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:47 PM: OCR = optical character recognition

Audience Question:

Q: Found in 1903 small town newspaper an explanation of how local news items were communicated to the newspaper from all over the county. The newspaper placed a locked box at the post office for individuals to submit their items for print.

A: Sounds really interesting

Audience Question:

Q: Geoff, it is so fun when you get excited about something. :)

A: :)