

Home Page

Logo



URL

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

Subject

Newspapers – United States - Archives

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress.

Brief History

Chronicling America, begun in 2005, is a database and companion website produced by the United States National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities, maintained by the LOC.

Scope and Coverage

The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), awards money to public newspaper archives in each state to digitize and deliver historic newspaper content to the Library of Congress for inclusion in *Chronicling America*. As of February 2016, *Chronicling America* includes content from participating repositories in 39 states (excluding the states that have only a single title included). The Library of Congress also contributes digitized content from Washington, DC (1836–1922).

Available newspaper content and time periods vary by state, but additional papers and states are being added on a regular basis. The collection includes papers from 1836 through 1922; newspapers published after December 31, 1922, are not included due to copyright restrictions.

Kind of Information

Chronicling America is a Website providing access to information about historic newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages, and is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). NDNP, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC), is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages.

Main features of the *Chronicling America* website, all available from the home page, include:

- i) **Digitized Newspaper Search** - A tabbed search bar includes a Simple Search box, plus access to Advanced Search and a browsable listing of all Digitized Newspapers 1836–1922.
- ii) **U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690–present** - This searchable database provides information on over 150,000 different newspaper titles published in the United States since 1690. Browse by title, or use the search features to search for newspapers published in a particular time period, locality, or language. Keyword search is also available.
- iii) **100 Years Ago Today** - Ever wonder about the digitized newspaper pages that appear on the *Chronicling America* home page. They aren't just static. They represent a selection of newspapers that were published exactly 100 years prior to the current date.
- iv) **Recommended Topics** - This link in the left-hand navigation bar takes you a collection of subject guides that showcase topics widely reported upon by the American press between 1836 and 1922, including important people, events and even fads. For each topic, a brief summary, timeline, suggested search terms and strategies, and sample articles are provided. The topic page for the Homestead Strike of 1892, for example, suggests

searching for key words such as Homestead, Carnegie, Frick, Amalgamated Association, strike, Pinkerton, and wage scale.

Special Features

- ❖ Digitized newspapers in Chronicling America provide online access to a wide range of historical content. Not only will you find marriage announcements and death notices, but you can also read contemporary articles that were published as events happened, and learn what was important in the area and time where your ancestors lived through advertisements, editorial and social columns, etc.
- ❖ Chronicling America was designed not only to preserve historic newspapers through digitization, but also to encourage their use by researchers in a wide variety of arenas. To that end it offers several powerful tools and services for reading, searching, mining and citing historic newspapers. Search features include:

- **Simple Search:** A simple search box on the Chronicling America homepage allows you to enter your search terms and then choose "All States" or a single state for quick and easy searching. You can also use this box to add quotation marks for "phrase searching" and Boolean searching, such as AND, OR, and NOT.
- **Advanced Search:** Click on the Advanced Search tab for more ways to limit your search, not only to a specific state or year range, but also by the following:

Select States(s): select one or more states (use CTRL + left-click to highlight more than one state)

Select Newspaper(s): select one or more newspapers (use CTRL + left-click to highlight more than one paper title)

Date Range: input MM/DD/YYYY to limit results to specific day, month, etc.

Limit Search: select to view results from only the front pages or a specific page number

Language: select an option from the drop-down box.

Arrangement Pattern

All of the topics are arranged alphabetically under three main categories.

These are as follows,

- Alphabetical list of Topics Pages

- [Alfred Packer, The Man Eater](#) (1874-1907)
- [Alternative Medicine](#) (1887-1918)
- [Anarchist Incidents](#) (1886-1920)
- [Andrew Carnegie](#) (1901-1920)
- [The Annexation of Hawaii](#) (1887-1898)
- [Appomattox](#) (1865-1868)
- [April Fools' Day](#) (1871-1922)
- [Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand](#) (1914-1918)
- [Asylums](#) (1840-1920)
- [Babe Ruth](#) (1916-1922)

- by subject category

- American Enterprise, Industrialization and Development:
 - [Andrew Carnegie](#) (1901-1920)
 - [The Annexation of Hawaii](#) (1887-1898)
 - [Bat Masterson](#) (1877-1921)
 - [Billy Sunday, Evangelist](#) (1891-1919)
 - [Clara Barton](#) (1881-1904)
 - [Daylight Savings Time](#) (1918)
 - [Dollar Princesses](#) (1874-1910)
 - [Edison](#) (1904-1920)
 - [Electric Cars](#) (1891-1922)

- by date range

- 1830:
 - [Queen Victoria](#) (1837-1901)
 - [Washington Monument](#) (1836-1894)
- 1840:
 - [Asylums](#) (1840-1920)
 - [Communism](#) (1845-1920)
 - [French Revolution of 1848](#) (1848-1852)
 - [Utopian Communities](#) (1845-1922)
- 1850:
 - [Bleeding Kansas](#) (1854-1859)
 - [The Bloomer](#) (1851-1897)
 - [Edwin Booth](#) (1853-1913)

Remarks

The Chronicling America website contains digitized newspaper pages and information about historic newspapers to place the primary sources in context and support future research. The project is described as "long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages.

Comparable Tools

- ProQuest Historical Newspapers (<http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pq-hist-news.html>)
- Irish Newspaper Archives (<https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/>)
- Keesing's World News Archive (<http://keesings.com/>)

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