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

Ancestor Hunt - http://www.theancestorhunt.com/

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 Archives - <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/

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

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

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

Small Town Papers - http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/online-historical-newspaper-collection-of-the-day-small-town-papers#.XH9BQohKjcc

**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/

The Boston Pilot 1831-1920 http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=5060

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