# Finding Your Ancestor in Digitized Newspapers

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### What are we covering?

- Newspapers online
  - Stanford visualization project
  - Chronicling America Library of Congress
  - Free sites vs Subscriptions
  - Genealogy Bank (\$)
  - Newspaper Archive (\$)
  - Newspapers.com (\$)

### Digitized Newspapers Online

- Historical accounts of our ancestors
- Billions of articles
- Millions of pages of newspapers
- Thousands of newspapers
  - U.S. alone has 140,000 newspaper titles between 1690 and today
- When searching:
  - General search vs. advanced search
  - Know your date range
  - Use of keywords
  - OCR Limitations

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### Chronicling America

- Library of Congress project
- <u>http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/</u>
- Newspaper Title Directory
  - Lists 140,000 newspaper titles
  - Part of United States Newspaper Program (1980-2007)
- Select images digitalized
  - Each project participant digitized 100,000 pages for their state for the timeframe requested.
  - Timeframe is currently 1836-1922
- Able to search both Newspaper Title Directory and digitized images.
- Approximately 10,298,000 pages available

## Subscription Sites

- 3 major sites
  - Genealogy Bank US only
  - Newspaper Archives
  - Newspapers.com

### Genealogybank.com

- Subscription based offers free trial
- Owned by NewsBank Inc.
- Historical Newspapers 1690-2010
- Recent Newspapers 1977-Today
- Newspapers available U.S. only
- Other genealogical records
  - Historical documents 1789-1994
  - Historical books 1749-1900
  - Social Security Death Index 1937-2011
- Learning center
- Millions of records monthly 7000+ historical newspapers
- Use advance search
- Can browse by state

### **Newspaper Archives**

- Subscription based does offer 14 day free trial
- Newspapers from 22 countries + U.S.
- Papers from 1607 to Today
  - U.S. papers 1753-Today
- 7,376 Newspapers
- 2.10 Billion+articles
- Can browse by country and state
- Clippings can clip articles and save them on the site
- Help page has tutorials
- Also has SSDI available for searching

### Newspapers.com

- Subscription based does offer 7 day free trial
- 100 million + pages
- 3700+ Papers
- Newspapers from U.S., Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Panama.
- Offers info on basics of searching
- Can browse by country & state
- Can search by newspaper title
- Ability to clip and store articles
- Linked to Ancestry

### Comparison for Subscriptions

	GenealogyBank	Newspaper Archive	Newspapers
U.S. Available?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Countries	No	22	6
Free Trial	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other items	Yes	Yes	No
Search help	Yes	Yes	Yes
Browse by state?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Browse by title?	Yes	Yes	Yes
# of Newspapers	7000+	7300+	3700+
# of articles		2.10 Billion	
# of pages			100+ million

### Subscription vs. Free

- Try for free first
  - Check local historical societies
  - Check state historical societies
  - Check libraries
  - Check library of congress for newspaper locations
  - Use Stanford project to find name check Google newspapers for name
  - · Family search list
- Subscriptions
  - Use free trial if possible
  - Know what you're looking for
  - Narrow by dates
  - Use help to do better searching



