Genealogical Research in Newspapers

History of Newspapers

- **Earliest newspaper**
  - Started in 1605
  - *Relation aller Fünnemmen und gedenckwürdigigen Historien*
  - “*Distinguished and Commemorable News*”
  - German language
  - Published in Strasburg
  - Coverage: Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation
History of Newspapers

• **Longest running newspaper**
  – Started in 1645
  – *Ordinari Post Tijdender*
  – “Regular Mail Times”
  – *Swedish Language*
  – *Published in Stockholm, Sweden*

History of Newspapers

• **Earliest American newspaper**
  – Started in 1704
  – *The Boston News-Letter*
  – English language
  – Published in Boston, Massachusetts
  – Coverage: Thirteen Colonies
History of Newspapers

• Longest running American newspaper
  – Started in 1756
  – *The New Hampshire Gazette*
  – English language
  – Published in New Hampshire
  – Coverage: Thirteen Colonies

432 Listings
15,872 Listings

1900’s

"Yellow Journalism"

The turn of the century saw fierce competition between the nation’s two leading dailies in New York. William Randolph Hearst’s New York Journal and the New York World, owned by Joseph Pulitzer, both poured in millions of dollars to hire writers, buy news, and create illustrations. “Many of these were not journalism,” according to the historian Frank Luther Mott. The term “yellow journalism” emerged from a newspaper character in the comic strip Pogo’s Alley, who boasted the “yellow kid,” because of his желтые color. The term was applied not to the content itself but rather to the sensationalistic nature of the stories that appeared in the newspapers.

13,670 Listings
Reading the Newspaper

• Pre-digital typesetting
  – We have to read the originals or copies (usually on microfilm) with our eyes, or
  – We have to read OCR transcriptions

• With digital typesetting
  – We can read the digital versions

• What is OCR? (Optical Character Recognition)
  – Computer software that attempts to read and transcribe the text

How does OCR work?

• Two distinct methods
  – Matrix matching: each character is compared to a database of known patterns or shapes and assigned the correct character code
    • The fastest method (24 words per min.)

  – Feature extraction: each character is analyzed for general features, such as open areas, closed shapes, diagonal lines, line intersections, etc
    • Used for specialty fonts or handwriting
Searching Newspapers

- Newspapers are scanned page by page and transcribed using OCR technology
- The transcriptions are loaded into an “everyword index” (almost every word)
- The index is searchable by a “search engine”
- The quality and clarity of the image is critical
The shear volume of newsprint is enormous!

• Not all newspapers have survived

• We do not know where some are located

• Many newspapers reserve their archives for generating revenue

• The expense of maintaining repositories is too much

Identifying newspapers

Historical newspapers online

• www.NewspaperArchive.com ($).
  – Free at your local FHRC (FHC)
• Digital Historical Newspapers (free)
  – FamilySearch Wiki
• Online Historical Newspapers Website (lists of both free and $)
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- Wikipedia (lists both free and $)
- www.genealogybank.com ($)
- Library of Congress - Historic American Newspapers (free)
  - http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/
- Google News Archive (free)

Identifying newspapers

Current newspapers online

- RootsWeb Obituary Daily Times (free) has a searchable database of over 14 million modern-day obituaries extracted by volunteers. Most are from 2000 or later, but some date back to the 1980s.
  - http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obituary/
- ABYZ Newslinks (free) has a directory of links to newspapers online organized by state and city.
- OnlineNewspapers.com (free) links to United States newspapers online.
  - http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/
Identifying newspapers

Current newspapers online

- **SHG Resources State Handbook and Guide** (free) links to current U.S. newspapers online.

- **RootsWeb Newspaper Index**. Database contains 454372 records (48485 surnames). Selected states, counties and newspapers (as contributed).

- **WorldVitalRecords.com** has an extensive collection of online newspapers.
List of Sources

This is a sample listing of digital newspaper websites which are historical in nature rather than current newspapers who have digital pages. In many of the sources, articles are searchable by a single word or phrase. Check each website for a help section that will help you use the newspapers on the site.

No list of websites can be comprehensive. Your sites come online regularly. It is always a good practice to do a web search on the terms, “digital newspapers” for additional sources.

National and Local Newspapers

This is a sample of the ongoing projects around the world.

Online Historical Newspapers Website® Have you ever wished you could find links to all the online historical newspapers in one place? A place where they were listed by county and city so you could find the newspapers your ancestors read? This is the purpose of the Online Historical Newspapers Website. It is meant to be used as an aid to genealogists, historians, and other researchers. These links include both free sites and subscription database websites.

For an extensive list of archives see Wikipedia List of online newspaper archives®.

Western Europe

There are many articles here in the Research Wiki about newspapers in a particular country or region. Try searching for the name of the country or region plus the word “newspaper.”

Hemisferica Digital “Fray Francisco de Paula Castañeda”® provides searchable online access to digitized copies of newspapers from Province of Santa Fe (1911–1979). Free

Central and South America

Caribbean

Pacific

Far East

Asia

Southeast Asia

India
FHL Catalog
Note: FamilySearch is not currently adding to its newspaper collection.
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Note: The page contains articles and sections related to various topics, including releases from jail, boards, and commissions. The specific details of each article are not fully visible due to the resolution of the image.
MARRIAGES.

- February 26, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by the Rev. Philip Smith, of the Diocese of London, the Hon. Miss Constance Trotter, youngest daughter of the late Sir Roger Trotter, Bt., and Nellie, daughter of the late Sir John Trotter, Bt., to Charles, Viscount Castlereagh, eldest son of the late Lord Castlereagh of Alnwick, Northumberland.

Deaths.


- Lord Greville, January 9, at St. John's, Woodstock, to Mrs. Greville, youngest daughter of the late Lord Pembroke, and sister of the late Lord Greville, died at St. John's, Woodstock, on the 9th inst.

- The Earl of Salisbury, January 9, at St. Swithin's, to the Honourable Miss Lady Salisbury, youngest daughter of the late Lord Salisbury, and sister of the late Lord Salisbury, died at St. Swithin's, on the 9th inst.
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To be sold by Auction.

At the Angel Inn, Debenham, on Friday the 1st day of October, 1859, strictly at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

A substantial and truly desirable Copsehold MISLA YELL, consisting of a Connoisseur's Garden, with a

7 bedroomed house, a pump of excellent water, and about 150 acres of garden, ground well enclosed. The

premises will be handed over at any time previous to the sale, by application on the premises.

Debenham Hall, near Eye, Suffolk.
ASSOCIATION, and a further reward of Two Guineas will be given by Mr. Charles Baldry, Reydon, Feb. 11, 1801.

WHEREAS on the Night of Saturday the 5th inst., some person or persons broke into the Barn belonging to Mrs. MARY BANDS of Batisford, widow, and stole therefrom about Two Coombs of WINDSOR TICK BEANS, together with FOUR COOMB-SACKS. A reward of TWO POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS will be paid to any person or persons, who will discover the offender or offenders, so as he or they may be convicted thereof, on application to Mr. Samuel Harwood, Treasurer to the said Association.

And the said Mary Bands hereby offers a further reward of TEN POUNDS, to be paid by her on the conviction of the offender or offenders. Feb. 10.

PLATE, LINEN, CHINA &c.
ness was done. Fat beef from 15s. 6d. to 15s. per stone; mutton, 6d. per lb.; Short horns, from 6d. to 10s. per stone; hoggets, from 26s. to 28s.

DESPERATION ON THE RIVER.—On Saturday evening last, a vessel belonging to Mr. Seckamp, lying at the Quay, was entered by thieves, and a telescope, a pair of water boots, a pair of trousers, and a man's jacket, were stolen. The telescope belonged to Mr. Thomas Harrison, the captain of the vessel. A great coat was also stolen, belonging to Thomas Hagg, the mate. The whole of the property was pledged the same evening at Mr. Frazer's, St. Mary Elms; where they were found, and identified by Harrison.

FATAL ACCIDENT FROM FIRE.—CAUTION TO PARENTS.—Another of those afflicting accidents took place on Wednesday last, which resulted from children being left, without supervision, in a room with fire. About 8 o'clock in the morning, at the house of Mr. J. F. Le, 26, Ealing Green, by the name of Mr. John Taylor, fire-keeper, of this town.

MARATHON

9th inst., at Horsinghworth, the Rev. William Gilbert Turck, A.M., of Moulton, Norfolk, 60th son of the late Thos. Turck, Esq., of Hempstead, to Anne Elizabeth, the only surviving child of the late Edward Smyth, Esq., of West Bredenham, both, Norfolk.

10th inst., at St. Matthew's, Battersea, Mr. Stephen John Aldrich, wholesale druggist, of Lawrence Place, Hanover, to Isabella Harriett, youngest daughter of Samuel Sheppard, Esq., of the Privy, Great Yarmouth.

11th inst., at Abbot's Church, London, Capt. Wm. Christie Bayes, of Ipswich, to Miss Mary Ann Greaves, of London.

12th inst., at Holborn, Mr. Joseph Herse, hatter, of Nantoon, to Louise, only daughter of Mr. Taylor, housekeeper, of this town.

14th inst., at Southwell, Mr. James Fisk, jun., carpenter, to Miss Sophia Edgar, both of Southwell.

15th inst., at St. Cuthbert's, Telford, John Pease, Esq., of Dunkirk, to Cassandra Jennings, eldest daughter of the late T. Vivian, Esq.

16th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Frederick, Haseler, minor mason, to Jane, daughter of Mr. E. Haseler, brickmaker, both of this town.

17th inst., at St. Matthew's Church, by the Rev. R. Alderson, Mr. H. J. C. C. Kokker, of Mladum, Nordfield, to Frances, only daughter of the late Mr. L. De Carlo, cooch-maker, of this town.

18th inst., of Chelsham, John Barnes, Esq., of Cirencester, to Susan, 3rd daughter of Thomas Taylor, Esq., of West Wickram Street.

UNITED under the Rod & Staff, No. 40, 25th inst., to the Independent Chapel, Napoleon, Mr. C. C. Condon, owner of Telford, Norfolk, to Emma, 4th daughter of Mr. W. Brown, of the former place.

DECEASED

19th inst., at London, E. Switzerland, Marianne, relief of the late Robert Hey, Esq., of Richmond Lodge, in this county.

20th inst., to theIntilode, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, veterinary surgeon, Bedfont Hall, Essex.

20th inst., aged 15 years, after a long and severe illness, Mary Ann, eldest daughter to all who knew her, Mr. Wm. Blake, Esq.
watched from individuals in hostile life, and he thought it right to state that more attention should be paid to the public welfare, and not to the private interests of individuals. He thought that if a little more attention were paid to the public welfare, the country would be better governed and more prosperous. He hoped that the government would take steps to improve the public welfare, and that the country would be better governed and more prosperous.

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SHEEP STEALING AT ZIDHAM.

John Lippe, charged with having, on the 29th of February last, stolen a sheep, the property of Mr. Thomas Considere, of Westminster, was committed to the House of Correction, by the Novice, for seven years.

The prisoner was arraigned in the New Police Court, on Saturday last, before Mr. Justice Soper, William Darby, M.P., and Mr. Justice Alexander, the Recorder.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty to the charge, and the case was adjourned until tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, when Mr. Justice Soper will be in session, and it will then be heard.

The prisoner is a colored man, and was a resident of Zidham, a village near the city of Westminster.

He was arrested by the police, who found him in possession of a sheep, which he had stolen from the property of Mr. Thomas Considere, of Westminster.

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Ancestry.com
Three miles in length, the new gold-stamper mill erected on the river will commence grinding rock from the deposit in May. The stamper is nearly ready for operation.

Mr. George Smith informs us that he has a new stamper mill erected on his claim near the river. The mill is now complete, and during the winter they have worked on the stamper a good deal. They have about twenty tons of rock in the sluice box and are now ready to start the mill up, and are ready to send the gold to market.

A well-defined gold deposit has been discovered near the river, and the miners are very excited about the discovery. The deposit is located about three miles from the river, and the gold is very fine.

The gold is now being taken out of the sluice box and sent to the mill for processing. The miners are very pleased with the results so far and anticipate making a large fortune from the new deposit.
four miles west of Reno. Beyond Bronco snow was falling.

—The winning ticket in the drawing for the dressing gown at the Fair was held by George Smith, who has claimed and received the prize.

—There will be no dance in Kimball's hall next Monday night. Owing to the Odd Fellows' ball, Mrs. Alt's

important work for Peavine.

John Bowen, who some time ago stole a horse from George Smith, of Pleasant Valley, was captured by Sheriff Ullrick, of Ormsby county, trying to dispose of the animal in Carson, Monday, accordingly Sheriff Flint proceeded to the Capitol yesterday to get the man.

At the regular meeting of Canton, No. 2, Patrons of Militant, I. O. O. F., held...
Army Reports New Area Enlistments

Army enlistments in the Ogden area were announced today as follows:

Cliff B. Jones, 22, Ogden, husband of Lou Jean P. Jones; Walter T. Snedley, 20, Layton, husband of Edna May Snedley; Eugene G. Spencer, 19, Eranton, Wyo.; Robert Bosch, 20, Layton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bosch; Elaine Lewis Coy, 20, Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Coy; James A. Kimmer, Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy S. Kimmer; Oswin P. Rands, 21, Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rands; William A. Weather, 20, Clearfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weather; Andrew C. Wallwork, 20, Ogden, son of Mrs. Ruth O. Wallwork; and Clement G. Martin, 19, Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Martin.

Office Changes

Ogdenite Helps Set Record in Repairs

T/Sgt. Robert W. Rands, son of Corp. Oswin P. Rands, and husband of Lorraine Randell Rands, 1437 Grant, has won high commendation for helping to shatter the world’s record in overhauling aircraft engines at an air service command depot somewhere in England.

He and his fellow mechanics overhauled engines last month totaling two and a half million horsepower, the highest figure recorded since air service command began operations in England.

Corp. Oswin P. Rands, a veteran of World war I, is stationed at Chico army air base, Chico, Calif.
This collection contains 55,970 issues comprising 495,175 pages and 5,658,224 articles.

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