

Newspapers!

Newspapers are some of the best resources for genealogists. They help tell the story that the records don't. Newspapers are all over the place. There is no one repository that has all the newspapers. However, there are some better than others.

In newspapers you can find **obituaries, marriage or engagement announcements, birth announcements, divorce announcements, foreclosures, community events, business ads and news, court proceedings, ship and train arrivals/departures, social columns (naming your ancestors), real estate transactions, marriage bond/bann announcements, criminal activity, want ads, school achievements, accidents, and so much more.**

A good genealogist will also be looking for newspapers at the national, state, and local levels online and in person.



CLIFFORD HENLEY.
Killed in action in France, Sept. 29, 1918. The family moved to Johnson county, Kansas, when Clifford was two years old, and they have lived in Olathe for the past sixteen years. Clifford received his education in...

MEMORIAL SERVICES.
In Memory of Corps. Clifford Henley and Roy Kirkpatrick, Who Fell in France.
Memorial services for two of our brave lads, who sacrificed their lives in the recent war, will be held at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the sermon to be delivered by Rev. DeYoe. Clifford was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Henley, and was killed in action September 29, in the Argonne Forest, where he and others were cut off from the main body and went five days without food and water. Roy Kirkpatrick, and was killed in action on October 10, although there are no particulars.

Most newspapers are not digitized, even today. Be sure to contact county libraries and historical societies as they often have undigitized newspapers just waiting for you to see them.

Don't forget the family. Sometimes the only copy of an obituary is one the family saved. Look to online trees for these gallery uploads from family members.

Here is a list of some of the bigger newspaper repositories

online.

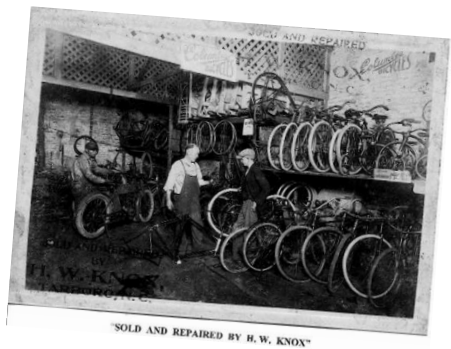
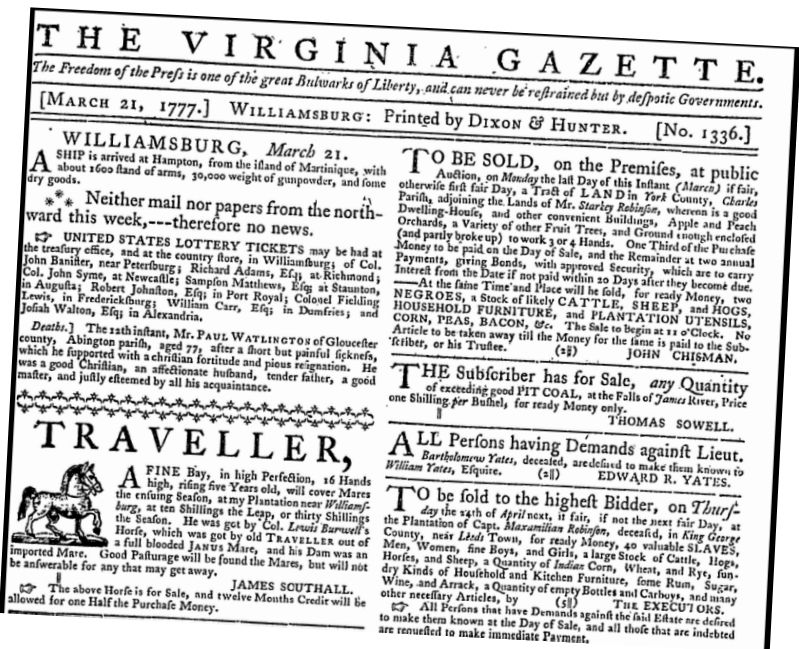
Recent technology is allowing for better and faster research. Ancestry for example, who owns Newspapers.com, has employed Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and Artificial intelligence



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(AI) to identify people specifically in obituaries, marriage announcements, funeral notices, social column announcements.

To take it one step further, they are correlating names from one article, (let's say an obituary or marriage announcement) and finding the family trees that have these people in it and delivering hints to those family trees.

The AI tools are taking the relationships and using them to help identify trees and providing hints to the appropriate Ancestry members.

MADSEN—Herman M., 83, of 367 Loma Ave., died Friday. Surviving are wife, Frances; sons, Lawrence C., Donald L.; daughters, Mrs. Bernice Dildine, Mrs. Alma Conrad, Mrs. Doris Russell, Mrs. Leah Dearmin, Mrs. Nina Simpson, Mrs. Frances Taylor; 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren. Service Monday, 1 p.m., Christensen-Pino Redonda Avenue Mortuary.

Newspapers Online	Cost	Size	Era	Notes
Ancestry.com (Newspapers Index Only)	Subscription		1700s-2000s	
Newspapers.com - Owned by Ancestry (Images)	Two levels of subscription	709,810,517 pages	1700s-2000s	
FamilySearch.org (Info Only)	Free			
Google News	Free			Worldwide (Various Dates)
Google Books / Newspapers	Free			Worldwide (Various Dates)
Chronicling America (LOC.gov)	Free		1777-1963	Search Keywords or Ancestors
U.S. Newspapers Directory (LOC.gov)	Free		1690-1963	
GenealogyBank (Newspapers & More)	Subscription	13,000 Newspaper Titles	1690 - Today	
NewspaperArchive.com	Subscription	15,723 Newspaper Titles	1607 - Today	
Internet Archive (Archive.org)	Free		1750 - Today	
Europeana	Free		1618 -1980s.	Various European Countries (Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Serbia, and Poland)
FindMyPast.com (British papers)	Free & Subscription		1710 -2022	England, Scotland, and Wales. (Free 9+ Million, Paid 629+ Million)
MyHeritage.com	Subscription			Worldwide (Various Dates)
British Newspapers Archive	Subscription			Great Britain (Also on FindMyPast)
Old News	Subscription		Starting in 1643	Produced by MyHeritage, has newspapers around the world. Launched in 2024.
Storied	Subscription		Starting in 1607	Has newspaper collection. These are the new guys on the block. Launched in 2023. 40+ Countries.

State Archives also have excellent sources of free newspapers. Here is a list of every **State Archive in the U.S.** and their **Digital Archives Online** (if they have one). One should always get familiar with the state archives in the state they are researching. Most have newspapers digitized, with more coming online everyday.

State Archives				
1	Alabama	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
2	Alaska	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
3	Arizona	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
4	Arkansas	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
5	California	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
6	Colorado	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
7	Connecticut	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
8	Delaware	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
9	Florida	State Archives	Catalogs, Not Digital Collection	
10	Georgia	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
11	Hawaii	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
12	Idaho	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
13	Illinois	State Archives	Searchable Database & Digital Collections	
14	Indiana	State Archives	Genealogy & Collections	
15	Iowa	State Archives	Info on Newspapers	
16	Kentucky	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
17	Kansas	State Archives	Digital Newspapers via Newspapers.com	
18	Louisiana	State Archives	Locate Historical Records	
19	Maine	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
20	Maryland	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
21	Massachusetts	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
22	Michigan	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
23	Minnesota	State Archives	Digital Newspaper Collection	
24	Mississippi	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
25	Missouri	State Archives	Digital Heritage Collection	
26	Montana	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
27	Nebraska	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
28	Nevada	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
29	New Hampshire	State Archives	Archival Holdings	
30	New Jersey	State Archives	Searchable Database	Genealogy Records
31	New Mexico	State Archives	Searchable Database	
32	New York	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
33	North Carolina	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
34	North Dakota	State Archives	Genealogy Resources	
35	Ohio	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	

36	Oklahoma	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
37	Oregon	State Archives	Historical Records Index	
38	Pennsylvania	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
39	Rhode Island	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
40	South Carolina	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
41	South Dakota	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
42	Tennessee	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
43	Texas	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
44	Utah	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
45	Vermont	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
46	Virginia	State Archives/Lib of VA	Digital Collections Online	
47	Washington	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
48	West Virginia	State Archives	Finding Aides & Databases	
49	Wisconsin	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	
50	Wyoming	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	