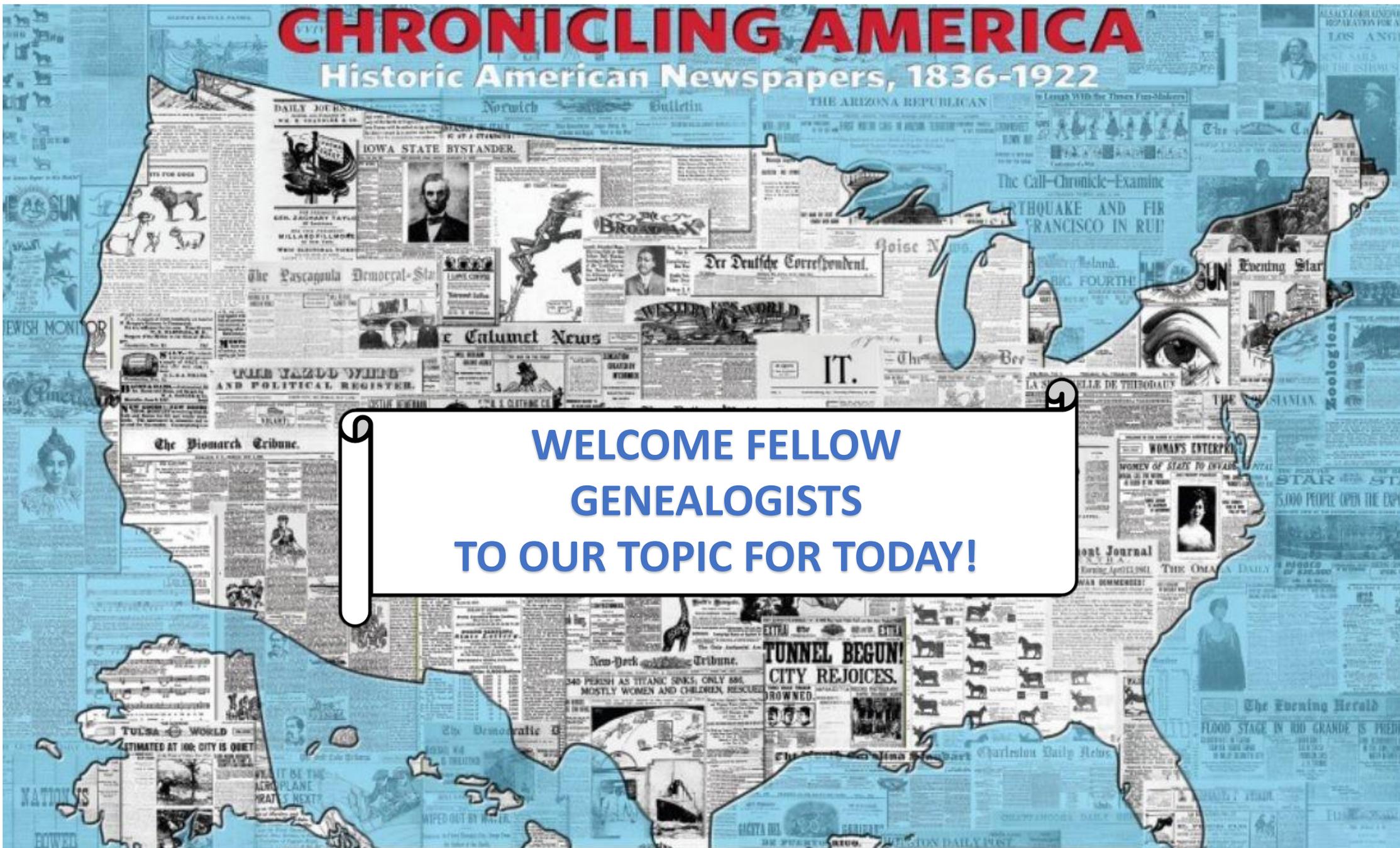


CHRONICLING AMERICA

Historic American Newspapers, 1836-1922



**WELCOME FELLOW
GENEALOGISTS
TO OUR TOPIC FOR TODAY!**



The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) & The Chronicling America Project

Chronicling America: How It Helps You in Your Genealogy Research

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History of 'Chronicling America'

- From 1982 – 2011, the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH) directed the [United States Newspaper Program](#) (USNP), which partnered with States to do an inventory, cataloging, and selective preservation **on microfilm** of at-risk newspaper materials from 18thC to present
- In 2003, the NEH and [Library of Congress](#) (LOC) partnered to establish the US [National Digital Newspaper Program](#) (NDNP) to create permanent access to **digitized newspapers** on a site called **Chronicling America**
- **US States partner** with the NDNP via a grant award to select and digitize ~100,000 newspaper pages representing that state's regional history, geographic coverage, and events of note.



Purpose and Goals of Chronicling America

- **Purpose:** Create a searchable database and website that contains digitized newspaper pages and information about historic newspapers
- **Goals:**
 - Preserve newspapers, which are forever maintained by LOC
 - Increase access by making it internet-based
 - Develop **newspaper digitization standards** for all
 - Build state partners' capacities to cultivate local programs. Go to the NPD Extras list to see these programs: <https://www.loc.gov/ndnp/extras/>
 - **Texas Portal for Education:** <https://education.texashistory.unt.edu/lessons/newspapers/index.html>
 - **South Carolina Information:** https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/university_libraries/browse/digital_collections/index.php
 - **Kentucky Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WjJLEhC4KQ>

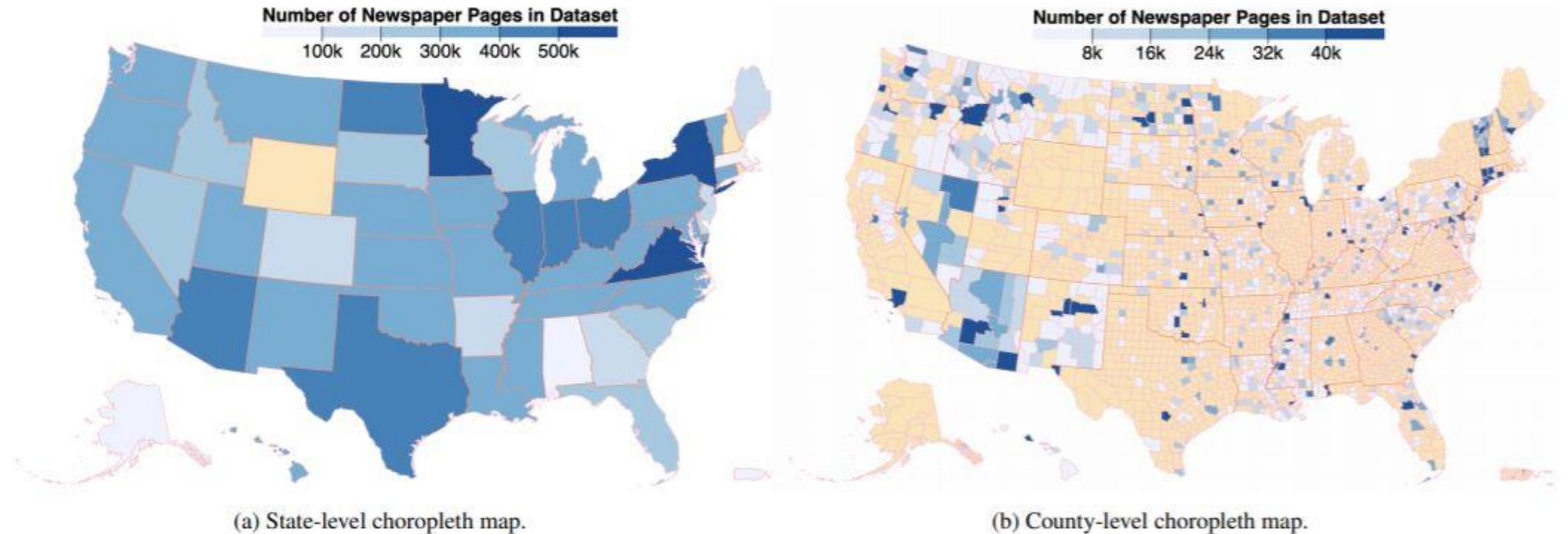


Status of Chronicling America

- Newspaper Directory has ~156,720 newspapers from 1690 - present
- Current Pages Available: ~17M from **48 states/2 territories**
- About 3,263 Digitized Newspapers cover 1789-1963
 - Newspapers published in the USA **prior to 1923 are in the public domain**
 - After 1922 they are in the public domain, but may contain some copyrighted third party materials. There may be some past 1922, but the majority are **PRIOR to 1922**.

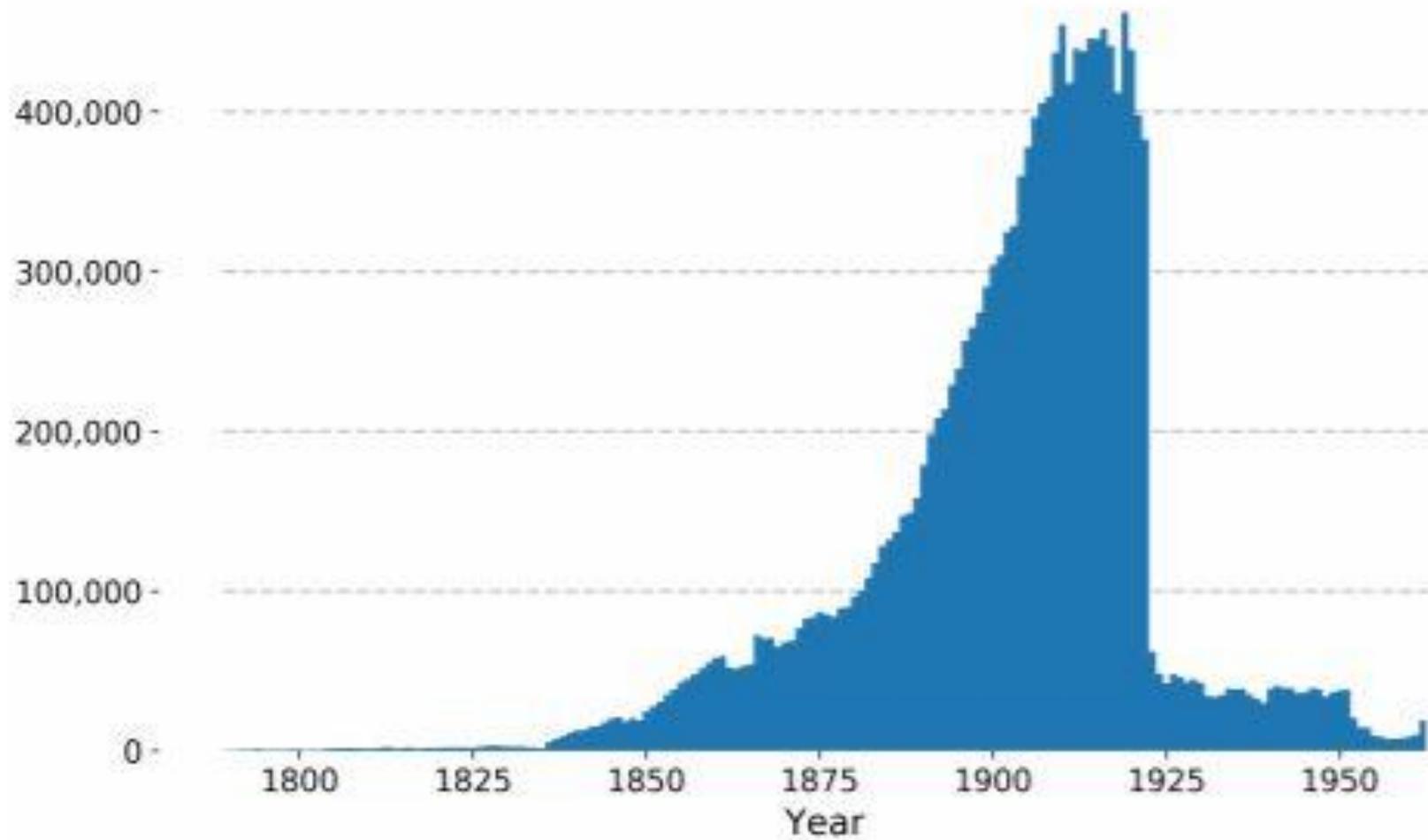
All of it is  to the public

State and County-level Coverage



2019 added Rhode Island, Wyoming, & US Virgin Is; MA and NH are still not participating – not sure why

Temporal Coverage of Newspaper Pages in Dataset



How it Can Help with Genealogy Research

- Can give one a historical perspective of life and times
 - Wars in states or abroad; immigration West; life in late 1800s; historical events
 - Pictures, maps, cartoons, fashions, ads, and much more
- Allows search for names of family and newspaper stories that give one more information & a deeper understanding of their lives, maybe even with photos!
 - Births, Marriages, Obituaries (providing additional information)
 - Sports, school information, local disasters
 - Society columns in local papers can provide useful & sometimes very detailed information not available anywhere else – like ‘diary’ of a town!

Let's Explore Chronicling America

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

chroniclingamerica.com

or search: Chronicling America

So, let's dive right into it!



How To Use Chronicling America

- First see what newspapers are in the DIRECTORY; then, which are digitized
 - <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>
 - Choose tab labeled **'All Digitized Newspapers 1789 – 1963'**. A box will allow you to find what has been digitized for a specific STATE.
 - Then you can on the same page do a SEARCH by STATE, COUNTY, CITY, + YEARS OR DATES
- Ken Marks' Video Part 3: Finding Articles
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sL2lQ42JX7s> *(11-minute video we'll watch)*
 - Ken has several other 'PARTS' ON YouTube also
- Using Advanced Search Techniques
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9AIMLyLMNU> *(4-minute video we'll watch)*
- I'll give you a recipe so you can do it yourself

The Library of Congress > [Chronicling America](#)



CHRONICLING AMERICA
Historical American Newspapers

Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1836-1922 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) and the Library of Congress. [Learn more >](#)

Search Pages

Advanced Search

All Digitized Newspapers 1836-1922

#1

US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present

All states

4

+

from 1836

to 1922

+

enter one or more search words

GO

Pages Available: 8,000,661

Print Subscribe Share/Save Give Feedback



- About Chronicling America
- About the Site and API
- Recommended Topics
- Help

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More Resources

- National Digital Newspaper Program
- NDNP Award Recipients
- Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room
- Ask LC Newspaper & Current Periodicals Librarian
- Historic Newspapers on Flickr® (part of the LC Flickr Commons photostream)

100 Years Ago Today: 8/14/1914 (93 issues)



[The Daily Missoulian. \(10pp.\)](#)
Missoula, Mont.



[The Clovis news. \(10pp.\)](#)
Clovis, N.M.



[St. Johns review. \(4pp.\)](#)
Saint Johns, Or.

U.S. Newspaper Directory #1

Search U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present

This directory of newspapers published in the United States since 1690 can help identify what titles exist for a specific place and time, and how to access them. Use the options below to select a particular place and time, using keywords to locate specific titles. Titles currently listed: 154,792.

Browse the Directory by newspaper title:

BY TITLE: A TO Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Select where the newspaper was published:

Select State(s) ▼ Select Counties... ▼ Select Cities... ▼

WHERE

Select when the newspaper was published:

from 1690 ▼ to 2018 ▼

WHEN

Enter keywords:

Don't use this here - not sure what it does

More search options:

Frequency:

Select ▼

Language:

Select ▼

English or 18 other Languages

Ethnicity Press:

Select ▼

Labor Press:

Select ▼

Material Type:

Select ▼

LCCN:

Clear

Search

For Sondra, I chose: Indiana, Madison Co, 1890-1930

US Newspaper Directory Search Results

Results 1 - 20 of 68 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 ➔ Jump to page:

Your title search returned 68 results

Sort by: Results per page:

1. [Daily bulletin. \[volume\] \(Anderson, Ind.\) 189?-19??](#)
2. [The daily herald. \[volume\] \(Anderson, Ind.\) 1??-190?](#)
3. [The Courier press. \(Anderson, IN\) 198?-current](#)
4. [The critic. \[volume\] \(Frankton, Ind.\) 1901-1925](#)
5. [The critic. \(Hayti, Mo.\) 1905-1919](#)
6. [Forum-review. \[volume\] \(Pendleton, Ind.\) 1983-1983](#)
7. [The Frankton leader. \[volume\] \(Frankton, Ind.\) 1889-190?](#)
8. [The Frankton sentinel. \[volume\] \(Frankton, Ind.\) 1950-195?](#)
9. [The Gilman hustler. \(Gilman, Ind.\) 1895-1???](#)
10. [The Gilman record. \(Gilman, Ind.\) 189?-1???](#)
11. [Community courier. \[volume\] \(Chesterfield, IN\) 1979-198?](#)
12. [Herald bulletin. \[volume\] \(Anderson, Indiana\) 1992-current](#)
13. [The Alexandria times-tribune. \[volume\] \(Alexandria, Ind.\) 1947-1985](#)
14. [The Alexandria times-tribune. \(Elwood, IN\) 1992-current](#)
15. [The Alexandria, In. times-tribune. \[volume\] \(Alexandria, Ind.\) 1985-1992](#)
16. [The Alexandrian. \(Alexandria, Ind.\) 1983-1987](#)
17. [The daily news. \(Anderson, Ind.\) 1??-190?](#)
18. [The Daily times-tribune. \[volume\] \(Alexandria, Ind.\) 1931-1947](#)
19. [The news-sun. \(Fairmount, Ind. ;\) 1983-current](#)
20. [The news. \[volume\] \(Anderson, Ind.\) 189?-1???](#)

Click on a paper to see details about that newspaper.

Some or none of these may be digitized, but at least you can see what papers exist.

About

Clicking on a newspaper name brings you to this page

About The Cincinnati enquirer. (Cincinnati [Ohio]) 1872-current

Cincinnati [Ohio] (1872-current)

[About](#) | [Libraries that Have It](#) | [MARC Record](#)

Title:

The Cincinnati enquirer. : (Cincinnati [Ohio]) 1872-current

Place of publication:

Cincinnati [Ohio]

Geographic coverage:

- Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio | [View more titles from this: City County, State](#)

Publisher:

Faran & McLean

Dates of publication:

1872-current

Description:

- Vol. 36, no. 47 (Feb. 18, 1872)-

Frequency:

Daily

Languages:

- English

Subjects:

- Cincinnati (Ohio)--Newspapers.
- Hamilton County (Ohio)--Newspapers.
- Ohio--Cincinnati.--fast--(OCoLC)fst01205142
- Ohio--Hamilton County.--fast--(OCoLC)fst01205597

Notes:

- Also issued on microfilm from Microfilm Corp.; MicroPhoto Division, Bell & Howell Co.; University Microfilms International; and Readex.
- Kentucky eds.: Cincinnati enquirer (Cincinnati, Ohio : Kentucky ed.), 1923-<1974>; and: Kentucky enquirer, <1974>-
- Latest issue consulted: Apr. 20, 2001.
- Oct. 12, 1938 sesquicentennial ed. Art Gravure section contains a reprint of the first page of the Daily Cincinnati enquirer, Vol. 1, no. 1 (Apr. 10, 1841).
- Vol. and issue numbering dropped, <-Apr. 20, 2001>
- Weekly ed.: Cincinnati weekly enquirer (Cincinnati, Ohio : 1860), 1872-1921.

LCCN:

sn 85042289

OCLC:

12065651

ISSN:

2575-5706

Preceding Titles:

- [The Cincinnati daily enquirer. \(Cincinnati \[Ohio\]\) 1852-1872](#)
- [Commercial tribune. \(Cincinnati \[Ohio\]\) 1898-1930](#)

Related Titles:

- [The Cincinnati enquirer. \(Cincinnati, Ohio\) 1923-1977](#)
- [Cincinnati weekly enquirer. \(Cincinnati \[Ohio\]\) 1860-1921](#)
- [The Kentucky enquirer. \(\[Covington, Kv.\] 1927-current\)](#)

Related Links:

- <http://search.proquest.com/httpscincinnatienquirer>

Holdings:

- [View complete holdings information](#)

Let's look at the Newspapers that are Digitized

Browse by title, state, ethnicity, language

Search Pages Advanced Search **All Digitized Newspapers 1789-1963** #2 US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present

Show All Digitized Papers 1789-1963 (2,584) | Download Complete List (also includes LCCN, ISSN) close x

State: All States Ethnicity: All Ethnicities Language: All Languages

GO

Only 1
state at a
time

- State **OHIO WAS CHOSEN**

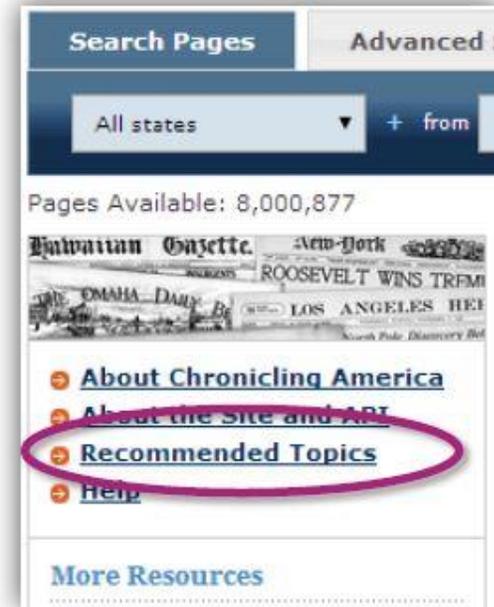
144 newspapers from Ohio are available for viewing on this site.

State	Newspaper	Browse Issues	No. of Issues	Earliest Issue	Latest Issue	More Info
Ohio	LISTS ALL DIGITIZED FROM OHIO <u>Akron daily Democrat.</u> Akron, Ohio, 1892-1902		1101	<u>1899-05-01</u>	<u>1902-12-31</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Recommended Topics

359 topics classified into 12 subject areas; e.g. "Sports & American Pastimes"

- Topics widely reported upon by newspapers
- People, places, events, fads, etc.
- Timeline, search terms/strategies, links to articles



Let's SEARCH the Newspapers that are Digitized

Search pages (basic search)



- **Not case-sensitive** **EXAMPLE: Choose Oklahoma, 1900 to 1930 for JOHN CORCORAN**
IT WILL RETURN FROM ALL digitized OK papers in date range with 'JOHN' OR 'CORCORAN' on the pages searched.
- **Ignores special/diacritic characters**
- **Ignores common words (and, or, not, the)**

- Best not to use for name searches
- Can use for topics: Titanic, skyscraper, etc.
- **ADVANCED SEARCH** a better choice

Let's do ADVANCED SEARCH of Newspapers that are Digitized

Advanced search

Hold control key (CTRL) to choose more than one state or newspaper. For newspaper type first letter to go down to that part of alphabet.

Search Pages **Advanced Search** All Digitized Newspapers 1789-1963 US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present

Select State(s):
All states
Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut

Or Select Newspaper(s):
All newspapers
The Abbeville banner. (Abbeville, S.C.)
The Abbeville bulletin. (Abbeville, S.C.)
The Abbeville messenger. (Abbeville, S.C.)
The Abbeville press and banner. (Abbeville, S.C.)
Abbeville press. (Abbeville, S.C.)
Abbeville progress. (Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La.)
The Aberdeen Democrat. (Aberdeen, South Dakota)

Select Year(s)**
Newspaper pages are available for newspapers published between
1789-1963*
 from 1789 to 1963
Or Date Range
 from to

Limit Search: only front page or Specific page

Language All

Enter Search
...with any of the words: ...with all of the words: ...with the phrase:
...with the words:
within 5 words of each other

close x

SELECT YEAR OR DATE RANGE

See next slide for search criteria

Clear Search

Advanced Search Criteria

Use advanced search to combine terms

- **any** (Abraham OR Lincoln)
 - at least one search term appears
- **all** (Abraham AND Lincoln)
 - all search terms appear
- **within** (Abraham NEAR Lincoln)
 - search terms appear near each other
- **phrase** (“Abraham Lincoln”)
 - search terms appear in exact order as typed
- **none** (Abraham NOT Lincoln)
 - excludes pages with specified search term



phrase
8,679 results

within (50)
9,130 results

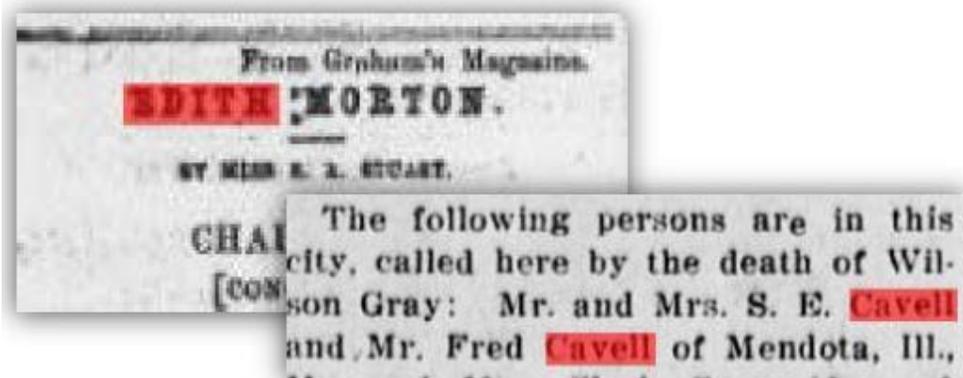
all/and
12,158 results

any/or
65,603 results



Advanced Searching: Any vs. All

...with any of the words



...with all of the words

“As the foreign press is discussing in an incorrect and exaggerated manner the execution of **Edith Cavell** for war treason the facts may again be stated.



Advanced Searching: Phrase (with the phrase}

- Useful when searching for place/people names or a particular expression
- Type words in the order they are most likely to appear

Over the throne he ascends as emperor-king is the shadow of the assassination June 28, 1914, of his uncle, Archduke **Franz Ferdinand**, who was heir to the throne but whose morganatic marriage barred his children from succession. His death made Karl **Franz** heir.

Expected To Be Submitted in Last Days of March or Early in April—All Allies Seem Agreed That Treaty Must Include **League of Nations** Plan.



Advanced Searching: Proximity

(Within 'X' words of each other)

- Useful when searching for information about a particular aspect of a person, event or place
- Search within 5, 10, 50, 100 words
- Basic search = 5 word proximity search

[By Associated Press to The Banner]
BERLIN, March 25—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press)—The Germans now are standing to the north of the Somme in the middle of the former Somme battle field, says today's official statement. Bapaume was captured in night fighting.
In the evening Nesle was taken by storm, the statement adds. British, American and French were thrown

Sergeant Daniel "Bomber" McGinnis, a Boston lad who joined the Canadian overseas forces at the beginning of the war and served with the Second battalion on the western front. He participated in the battles of Messines, Ypres, Armentiers and the Somme. Sergeant McGinnis was wounded in the battle of the Somme, a piece of shell taking off his left leg. He is now employed as an orderly by the new United Service club in New York.

Let's look at the Results of your Advanced Search with phrase
"Ohio University"

Results page

1890
instances of
the phrase

The screenshot shows a search results page for the phrase "Ohio University". At the top, it displays "Results 1 - 20 of 1890" and navigation options like "2 | 3 | ... | 93 | 94 | 95" and "Jump to page: [input] GO". On the right, there are "View: Gallery" and "List" options. Below the search bar, it states "1890 results containing 'the phrase 'ohio university''". There are filters for "Show only front pages" (checked), "Sort by: Relevance", and "Results per page: 20". The main content area shows a grid of newspaper clippings. The first row contains four clippings with the following captions:

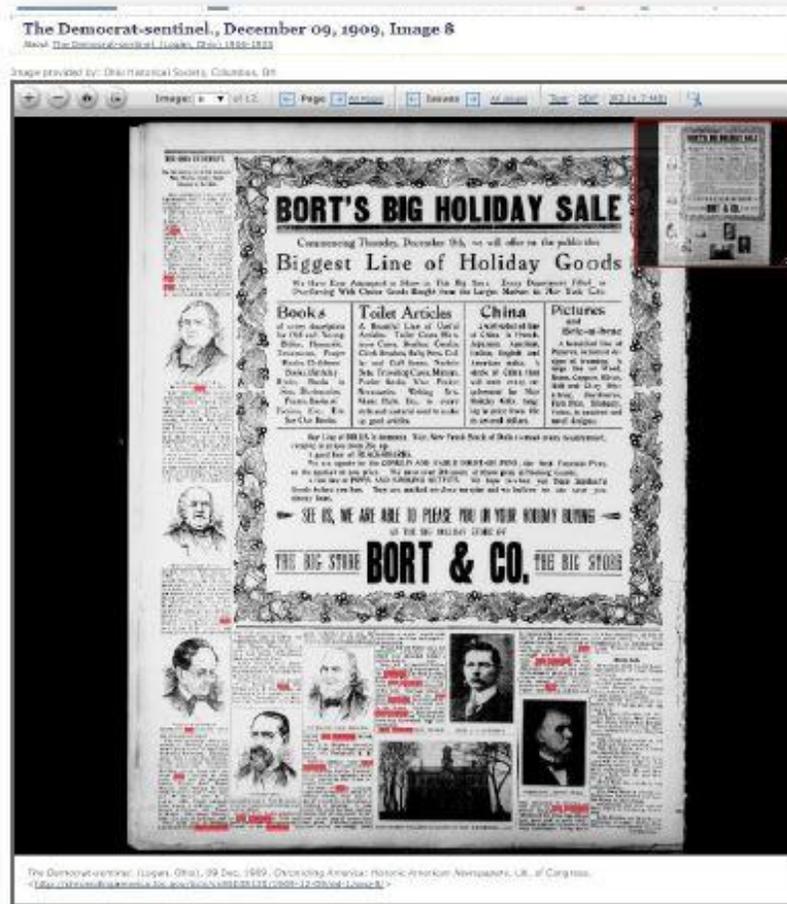
- The Democrat-sentinel. (Loran, Ohio), December 25, 1909, Image 8**
- Blue-grass blade. (Lexington, Ky.), March 28, 1909, Page 11, Image 11**
- The Greenville journal. (Greenville, Ohio), June 18, 1914, Image 5**
- The Democratic banner. (Mt. Vernon, Ohio), September 05, 1921, Image 1**

The second row shows four more clippings without captions. The clippings are small images of newspaper pages with red highlights indicating the search results.

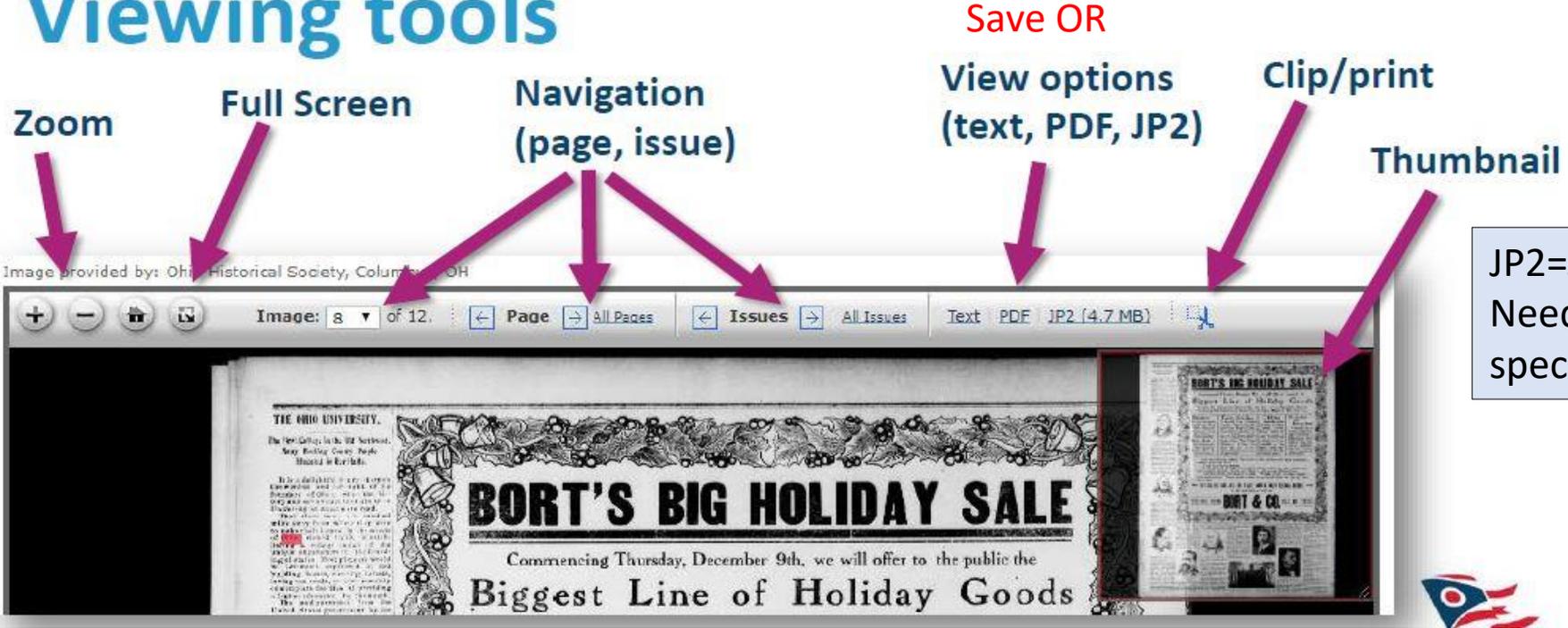
Viewing your results

- Click on one newspaper to see results

- Search terms highlighted in red



Viewing tools



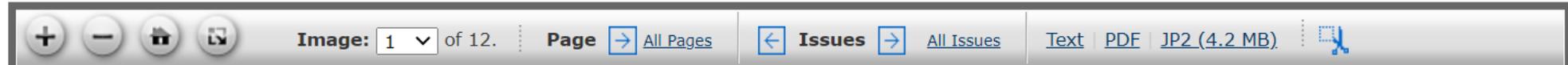
TO GO
BACK TO
ALL
RESULTS

[« Back to search results](#) [« Previous](#) | 2 of 99 | [Next »](#) [Print](#) [Subscribe](#) [Share/Save](#) [Give Feedback](#)

Ottumwa semi-weekly courier. [volume], August 05, 1902, Image 1

About [Ottumwa semi-weekly courier. \[volume\]](#) (Ottumwa, Iowa) 1899-1903

Image provided by: State Historical Society of Iowa



Printing an Image Or Saving an Image



The Democratic banner. (Mt. Vernon, Ohio) 1898-192?, August 29, 1916, Image 1

Image provided by Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, OH

Persistent link: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88078751/1916-08-29/ed-1/seq-1/>

Print this image | Download this image



You can print OR Download the Image as a 'JPG'.

You can then save It using a name like

'1916-Aug-29_John Smith'

That way you can store in a folder named after the Newspaper.

Click on Scissors when you like what you see on screen

It brings up the clipped image **WITHOUT THE RED MARKS**

If you **print the page** the citation will print!



How to do Citations for What you Find

Chronicling America supports persistent links to newspaper Directory records and pages by providing a predictable URL, displayed in the descriptive information for that object. Using the [URI Template](#) syntax described in RFC 6570, the links will use the pattern:

`https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/{lccn}/{date}/ed-{edition}/seq-{image sequence}`

Where:

- *lccn* is the # Library of Congress Control Number for the newspaper
- *date* is the date of the issue, specified as yyyy-mm-dd (e.g. 1902-01-30)
- *edition* is the edition number for that date (e.g. 1)
- *seq* is the image sequence number (e.g. 23) for that issue.

For example:

- **`https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1903-01-08/ed-1/seq-2`**

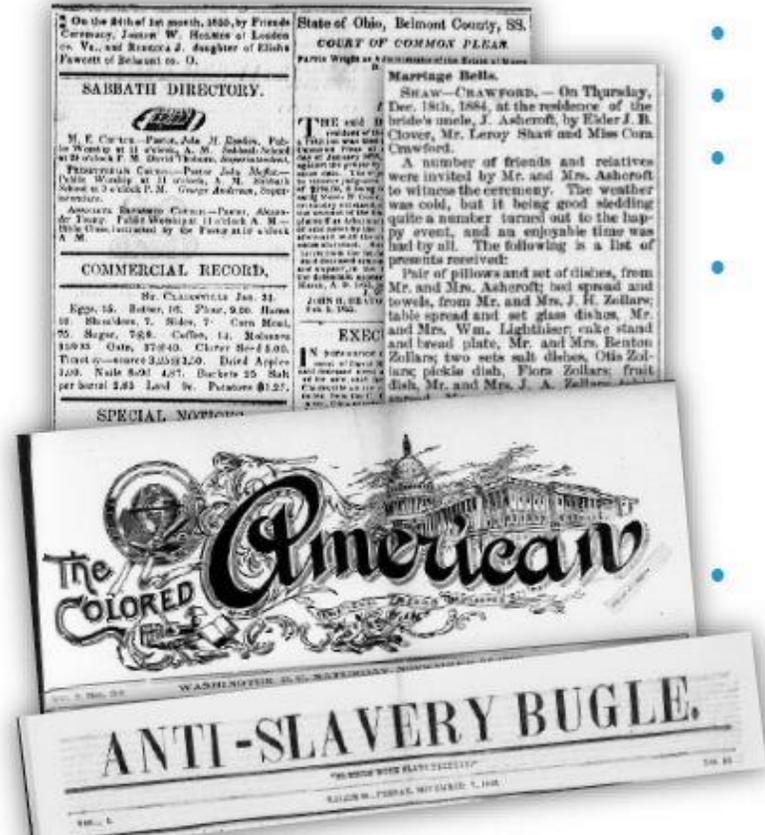
When describing *Chronicling America* as the source of content, please use the URL and a Web site citation, such as "from the Library of Congress, *Chronicling America*: Historic American Newspapers site".

More Search Tips

- **Use state and date limiters**
- **Use limits in combination to achieve more precise searching**
- **Use many words to characterize the topic**
- **Too many results? Use more specific terms**
- **Too few results? Use alternate terms and broader subjects**



Know your newspaper(s)



- Title changes
- Printing inaccuracies (publishers weren't perfect)
- Not all news and types of news were printed in all newspapers
- 18th, 19th and early-20th century newspapers
 - May be partisan (social/political)
 - Multiple published in each town, county, region
 - May report on news beyond city of publication
 - Do not typically include vital stat info, graphics
- Those outside “mainstream” often served by their own newspapers
 - Special press provides more coverage of religious, ethnic, foreign language, labor and other groups

Understand limits to keyword search

- Computer generated
- Captures printing accuracies...and errors
- Thrown off by imperfections on page
- May require more than one search to find information



LADY'S DRESS.



Variety of custards
SURELY SOME HERE TO PLEASE
ANY PALATE.



Try, try and try again

- **Newspaper research can be challenging but very rewarding**
- **Search with more than one word or phrase**
- **Never give up after the first try!**

Sept 6, 1922; column 2; Daily Ardmoreite

Mrs. D. A. Corcoran and son, Jim, left this afternoon for Kansas City where they will visit relatives. Mr. Corcoran will leave here Saturday by motor to join them in Kansas City for the remainder of the stay. They will return about October first.

Sept 7, 1922; Daily Ardmoreite

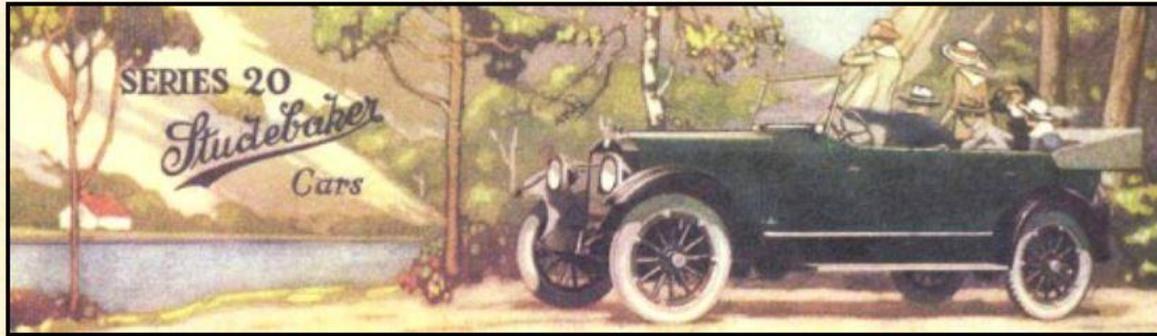
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cusack, have taken the D. A. Corcoran home, at 325 D Street, southwest, for the month of September.

Feb 26, 1922; Daily Ardmoreite

TOM COOPER MAKES SIX DELIVERIES DURING WEEK

Tom Cooper Motor Company reports the following car deliveries for this week: Cadillac phaeton to Dr. Thos. W. Dowdy, Wilson; Victoria to Ray Poland, Ardmore; phaeton to Budd Hoard, Ardmore; roadster, to Buck Garrett; a **big six Studebaker touring is delivered to D. A. Corcoran**, and a Special Six Studebaker touring to Otis M. Smith.

Pat's research of her paternal grandfather **Dan A. Corcoran in Ardmore, OK Daily Ardmoreite newspaper in 1922**



1920s Studebaker Six - Series 20 Automobiles

With the three new six cylinder models Studebaker flourished. Sales were up in 1921, reaching almost \$100 million with \$10 million in profits. The early 1920s were golden years for Studebaker.

Now I knew that the Corcoran car was a new Studebaker



Grandpa Dan & Uncle Jim

LEARNING HOW TO USE 'CHRONICLING AMERICA' and A NEW FEATURE called 'NEWSPAPER NAVIGATOR'

- Many 'YouTube' Videos
 - SEVERAL FROM OHIO ARE QUITE GOOD
 - https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=OHIO+VIDEOS+how+to+use+chronicling+america
- STATE OF OHIO has a great website with many useful topics
 - At this link you can listen to several podcasts:
 - <http://ndnpohio.ohiohistory.org/outreach>
- **NEW FEATURE:** How to Find Photos and Images in Old Newspapers with Newspaper Navigator
by [Lisa Cooke](#) | Sep 26, 2020 | [01 What's New, Elevenses with Lisa](#),
 - HERE'S THE LINK ON YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yp1syVr3vf4>

ADDITIONAL INFO ON WHAT IS DIGITIZED

- **Public Domain**

- Before 1923
- 1923-1977, without copyright notice
- 1923-1963, with copyright notice if copyright was not renewed

- **Under Copyright**

- 1923-1963, with copyright notice if copyright was renewed
- 1964-1977, with copyright notice
- 1977-current

SOURCE: http://ndnpohio.ohiohistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/NPDig_2015.pdf