JGSGB Education Session 9

Using UK Newspapers for Jewish Genealogy
& Some Information about a few other Newspapers too!

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On Our Agenda - Newspapers

• They can be used for more than to wrap fish & chips!
What is a newspaper?

• Single page printed on 1 or 2 sides
• Moved to larger sheet folded in half (4 pages)
• When costs dropped became multipage

• Source for national and international news
• Unique local news in regional papers
• Unique advertisements, local & national
What is a Newspaper?

- Size of the papers limited local news content
- Possibly local news items only appeared if they were paid for
- Newspapers do not substitute for other local records
- They certainly add colour to your research!

Newspapers & Magazines

- Can be a really wonderful source of material for both historians and genealogists.
- 4 main categories:
  - Broadsheets
  - Local newspapers, usually published weekly during the 1800s or earlier
  - National weekly magazines
  - Specialist magazines
Broadsheets

• Usually large sheets of paper, printed on one side.

• They were used for advertisements and announcements.

• Old broadsheets are very rare, as they were not intended to survive.

Local Newspapers

• In 1700s and 1800s kept local people up to date with local news. Things of interest to our ancestors, and often which involved them directly.

• Some are available online and some are on microfilm at local studies libraries.

• Some now digitised by and searchable online (pay per view)

• Many libraries subscribe to the paid for databases and library members can access them online free of charge, either at a local library or from home.
National Weekly Magazines

- E.g. *Illustrated London News*
- Superb collection of news and informative articles
- Lots of pictures
- Special editions covering historical events
- An excellent source of contemporary reference material for historians and genealogists

Specialist Magazines

- Lots of old specialist magazines devoted to various topics, just as there are today.
Newspapers for Genealogy 1

• Repositories of important milestones in a person’s life:

  • birth, graduation, engagement, marriage, anniversary and death announcements.

  • Much more than hatch, match & despatch!

https://archive.thestage.co.uk
Newspapers for Genealogy 2

• Helped chronicle how our ancestors lived and documented important events in their communities:

• death notices, legal probate notices, estate sales, social events, school events, club activities, land & home sales, property tax lists, accidents and general news.

The Good News!

• Seen explosion in historic back issues of Newspapers coming online a trend which started with the Times

• Though with few UK Newspapers of today having such lineage of we’ve only seen in the UK the Guardian / Observer / Scotsman from the Newspaper industry itself (excludes Ireland)

• UK projects funding mainly educational / government

• Most recently partnership between Brightsolid and the British Library
What are you likely to find?

At any time in the C18th and C19th Local Papers could contain

- International news
- London News
- Country News
- Local News
  - from the County, Towns, and Villages where the paper circulated
- Crime
- Local Parish Pump Personalities & Politics
- Competitions
- Charity Donations
- Marriages, Obituaries
- Coroners Reports

- Advertisements (Local & London Traders)
  - Tradesmen / women
  - Auctions
  - Wanted Ads
  - Accidents
  - Lost property

- Theatre
- Sport (in its broadest sense)
  - Cricket, Horse Racing
  - Boxing
  - Bull Baiting
  - Cock Fighting

How many Titles Existed?

- 1780’s - 76 newspapers and periodicals in England and Wales;

- In 1821 – 267 newspapers;

- By 1851 - 563 newspapers;

- First decade of C19th - 40 additional newspapers & periodicals started each year
And the British Library holds..

- 52,000 newspaper, journal and periodical titles
- Stamp Act 1712 required a copy of every published paper to be deposited with the Inland Revenue (so far so good!)*
- Many subsequently destroyed*
- Remainder transferred in 1822 to British Museum (now BL)*
- 1869 Newspaper Printers and Reading Rooms Act: newspapers to be deposited by publishers at the British Museum**
- 1940 A Luftwaffe bomb destroys the 1903 building. An estimated 6,000 volumes of newspapers are also destroyed and a further 15,000 volumes are damaged.**

*Michael Murphy "Newspapers and Local History 1991."
** British Library Website http://www.bl.uk/collections/history.html

- Note: Gaps exist! The National Collection does not contain all newspapers, even from the 1820’s.

Visiting - Research in Person

Colindale closes soon
How to use them...

• Free to use at the British Library in Central London and at Colindale

• Free to use as part of a UK Find My Past Subscription - www.findmypast.co.uk

• Separate Newspapers only subscription also available or as £ Pay as you go

Online Access to Newspapers from Local Public Libraries (or Universities)

- **British Library 15th Century Newspapers**
  15th Century British Library Newspapers has been developed by Gale in partnership with the British Library and offers national, regional and local newspapers, taken directly from the holdings of the British Library. The whole collection is fully searchable and you can view digital copies of the original newspapers.

- **Burney Collection 17th-18th Century Newspapers**
  The largest single collection of 17th and 18th century English news media available from the British Library and includes more than 1,000 pamphlets, proclamations, newspapers and newspapers from the period. The whole collection is fully searchable and you can view digital copies of the original documents.

- **Times Digital Archive**
  The complete digital edition of The Times (London) from 1785 to 1985. Every page of every issue includes headlines, articles, images, editorial, birth and death notices and classifieds. Search or browse through each issue.

- **Newsbank**
  Newsbank enables you search and read articles published in the UK newspapers in the last 5 to 25 years (varies with different papers). All the major national daily papers are included as well as many local and regional ones.
British Newspapers 1600-1900

• **Browse Publications by Location**

  – Barbados
  – England
  – France
  – Germany
  – India
  – Ireland
  – Italy
  – Jamaica
  – Netherlands
  – Scotland
  – United States
  – Wales

17th and 18th Century Burney Collection

• Full text search of 700 Bound Volumes of newspapers and news pamphlets

• Collected by Rev. Burney

• Previously available only on microfilm.

• Mostly London titles but with some Irish, Scottish, and Local material

• Word accuracy is however lower than 80% (average is 65% possibly driven by the long “s”) so you need a strategy
## Scope of 19th Century British Library Newspaper Project

### First Stage 1800 - 1900

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- Word Accuracy is estimated at an average of 78%
- (with 20% if content 60-69% accurate target 80%)

## British Library Digitalisation Stage II

### Second Stage 1800 - 1900

- Cheshire Observer And General Advertiser For Cheshire and North Wales
- Leicester Chronicle, or Commercial and Agricultural Advertiser
- Nottinghamshire Guardian and Midland Counties Advertiser
- Berrows Worcester Journal
- Bradford Observer
- Blackburn Standard
- Isle Of Man Times And General Advertiser
- Lancaster Gazette, And General Advertiser For Lancashire West
- Daily Gazette For Middlesbrough, Stockton and District
- Sheffield Independent and Yorkshire and Derbyshire Advertiser
- York Herald
- Huddersfield Chronicle and West Yorkshire Advertiser
- Bury and Norwich Post
- Essex Standard
- Isle Of Wight Observer
- Star [Guernsey]
- Southampton Herald and Isle Of Wight Gazette
- Royal Cornwall Gazette, Falmouth Packet and Plymouth Journal
British Library Digitalisation Stage II

British Newspaper Library 1800-1900

**IRELAND**
- Constitution or Cork Morning Post
- Derry Journal
- Kerry Evening Post
- Sligo Champion
- Waterford Mail

**SCOTLAND**
- Dundee Courier

**WALES**
- Wrexham Weekly Advertiser

**LONDON PAPERS**
- The Standard
- Morning Post

Pre 1800

- Derby Mercury C19 reels 1 – 5
- Ipswich Journal reels 18 – 44.
- Derby Mercury C18 reels 45 – 63.
- Bath Chronicle reels 64 – 74.
- Newcastle Courant reels 75 – 94.

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk
Jewish Marriage Banns – from Overseas

**Source:** The Standard (London, England), Saturday, December 07, 1889; pg. [1]; Issue 20410. (16228 words).

**19th Century British Library Newspapers: Part II.**
Behind the Scenes - Digitisation

- Matthew Orford MP urges residents to take advantage of Newspaper Library at Colindale
- He saw for himself the 28 miles of shelves, 693,000 bound volumes and parcels and 500,000+ reels of microfilm as well as the work to digitise the collection to enable better public access.
- The material being digitised encompasses some 200 pre-1900 local, regional and national newspaper titles
- Scanned onsite in Colindale, then transferred to data center in Dundee, Scotland

Benefits & Features

- Free to register & search!
- New titles page to search for individual publications
- Listing A-Z & new titles in last 30 days
- Narrow searches with filters for date, region, county, specific place, type of article, public tags, or specific newspapers
- When you find an entry you want to view, you simply load the page
- Sometimes the search term appears highlighted darker grey
- Highlighting makes finding the entry much easier.
- You can order a copy of the page £££
- You can download it to your computer
- Better to enlarge the bit you want then do a screen dump
- Often throws up false hits
- Operate a fair use policy, unlimited means 1000 hits a month averaged over 3 months, not “real” unlimited use.
Online - Finding Lists of Newspapers

- Wikipedia list of online newspaper archives
- Cyndi’s List
- Genuki – UK & Ireland
- The Parish Chest – county by county resource

Wikipedia offers a great gateway to most of the well known sites

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives
**www.cyndislist.com/newspapr.htm**

- **Category Index**
  - General
  - Resources
  - Genealogy
  - Columns & Columnists
  - History
  - How To
  - Mailing Lists, Newsgroups & Chat
  - Publications, Software & Supplies
  - 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

- **Related Categories**
  - Books
  - Genealogy in the Media
  - Libraries, Archives & Museums
  - Magazines, Journals, Columns & Newsletters
  - Microfilm & Microfiche
  - Obituaries
  - U.S. - Library of Congress
  - U.S. - National Archives

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**www.genuki.org.uk/big/Newspapers.html**

- The British Library Newspaper Library at Colindale houses the national archive collection in the United Kingdom of British and overseas newspapers — “the only large, integrated, national newspaper service in the world, combining facilities for the collection, preservation, and use of newspapers all on one site”.
  - The library’s Research services for family history researchers.
  - Newspaper Order Form for use in connection with their research services.
  - Background material: The Library’s Concise History of the British Newspaper, century by century.
- Newsplan - a co-operative programme for the microfilming and preservation of local newspapers and for making them accessible to users; provides links to regional Newsplan projects, a number of which have already produced extensive online catalogues.
- The British Library Newspapers Digitisation Project “will offer users in Higher Education (HE) and Further Education (FE) free access to a virtual library of nationally, regionally and locally important digitised British newspapers from 1800 to 1900”.
- The London, Edinburgh, and Belfast Gazettes are the official newspapers of record in the United Kingdom. As well as the current editions, the website includes searchable archives of the complete gazettes from WW1 and WW2 containing medal awards, army and navy commissions, promotions and much more.
- The Newspaper Society’s online Regional Press Database lists regional and local newspapers in the UK.
- British Media Online - All the national and regional newspapers published online.
- Kidon Media-Link provide links to News sources from the United Kingdom.
- Bev Edmonds has transcribed these Extracts from Various Late 19th & Early 20th Century Newspapers.
- UK & Ireland Newspaper Obituary Notices - a free search facility provided by Ancestry of obituaries collected automatically from recent online editions of newspapers.
- Historical Newspapers - a (subscription) service incorporating The Official Index to The Times, Palmer’s Index to the Times, The Historical Index to The New York Times, and Palmer’s Full Text Online, 1785-1870.
- Richard Heaton’s Newspaper Collection - “Extracts and full Transcripts of mainly English and Irish, Georgian and early Victorian Regional Newspapers”
The Parish Chest


• Recommended website *
Other Pay to View Newspapers


- Irish Times - [www.irishtimes.com/archive/](http://www.irishtimes.com/archive/)


- The Scotsman (1817-1950) - [http://archive.scotsman.com/](http://archive.scotsman.com/)

[www.ukpressonline.co.uk](http://www.ukpressonline.co.uk)
Not everything is Good News...
Problems with Online Newspapers

- Mistakes
- Long S
- Bleeding
- Guttering
- Word wrapping
- OCR
- ... and then searching!

Mistakes Can Happen

- The Duck of Wellington
- For The Duke of Wellington
- The Queen and Umpire (Windsor and Eton Express)
- For The Queen and Empire (Windsor and Eton Express)

One or Two letters could make all the Difference
Up until c.1800 the Printed Word in the UK and elsewhere in Europe had a long S

If a word has printing in lower case the Long S could appear "most Distress" or "several" and "said"

If the Text (surname) is in Capitalised "SAMUEL" or the first S is Capital "Solihull" or the last letter is an "S" Churchwardens" no impact

Your Problem is it can be confused with f

Bleed Through

• Poor paper quality and too Bold a Text on the opposite side of page
The Newcastle Courant etc (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England),

Saturday, October 11, 1806

Guttering and text distortion
This newspaper was probably filmed from a bound volume
Tight bindings and thick volumes create a shadow or gutter

Wrapping Text

Narrow columns and long words in sentences often led to words being wrapped

So we will find words like Requested appear as Re-requested

and it will be difficult to separate wheat from chaff
OCR

- Ever searched a Newspaper Database?
- Couldn’t find what you wanted?
- Disappointed?

- We are now used to getting rapid results from online searches
- And expect problems with indexes to handwritten documents
- But we should also be aware of issues with print

OCR Problems

- Some letters easily mistaken for others, like e o & a
- Some letters missed out all together

- *Practical example: searching for the surname Heaton* – *can become*
  - lleaton
  - ileaton
  - lieaton
Which way round - Finding Names

John Frederick Smith
Smith, John Frederick
Smith, John Fredk.
Smith, Jn. Fredk.
Background - The Times

- Times Online – first major UK newspaper
- Digitalised at a very high standard
- Spell checked – Why we can find so much
- Very expensive if you pay for it yourself!
- Now extending coverage from 1985 through 2006

*The Times*, Tuesday, Mar 19, 1946

**SHERBROOK.—On March 16, 1946, at The Old Vicarage, Kingswood, Surrey, WILLIAM SHERBROOK, of The Old Vicarage, Kingswood, Surrey, and 18, Mount Street, Mayfair, London, aged 72. Cremation, Golders Green, to-morrow (Wednesday), at 11 a.m.**
The Times
11 September 1951

www.london-gazette.co.uk
What’s Inside?

Information about the lives of ordinary people, including:

- change of name by deed poll
- naturalisation
- civil service appointments (including nationalised industries)
- military, judicial, government and ecclesiastical appointments
- honours and medals
- corporate information
- bankruptcy/insolvency
- death

Deed Poll

London Gazette Nov 19 1901

Re MAXJ SCHURCH, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 58 and 59 Vict., cap. 99, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property, and to relieve Trustees."

NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons having any claim or demand against or affecting the estate of Maxx Schurck, late of 246, 140, Battersea-avenue, Kibla, W., in the county of London, Cape importer of wines, and deceased by death at I Salford, in the county of Lancashire, on the 11th day of November, 1901, deceased, are hereby required to send in their claims, debts, and demands to me, the Solicitor for the said Testator, at the address of the Testator, and I hereby require that such claims, debts, and demands shall be filed and registered at the office of the said Solicitor, and that the said Solicitor shall not have notice of any claim, debt, demand, or demand thereby declared to be included in the said Solicitor's office, and I hereby require that such claims, debts, and demands shall not be liable to any person unless such debts, claims, or demands shall not have been paid or satisfied at the time of the death of the said Maxx Schurck, deceased.

HENRY J. CORDY, Q.C., London-chall-lower-street, E.C., Solicitor to the said Max Schurck.

London Gazette 28 March 1916

Mrs. HELENA SCHURCH, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 52 and 53 Vict., cap. 99, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property, and to relieve Trustees."

NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons having any claim or demand against the estate of Helena Schurck, late of 140, Battersea-avenue, London, S.W., deceased (who died on the 11th day of March, 1916, and whose will was proved on the 15th day of March, 1916, in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice, at 140, Battersea-avenue, London, S.W., deceased, and whose executors are her daughters, Alice Schurck, late of 140, Battersea-avenue, London, S.W., deceased, and William Schurck and Mary Schurck, late of 140, Battersea-avenue, London, S.W., deceased), are hereby required to send in their claims, debts, and demands to me, the Solicitor for the said Testator, at the address of the Testator, and I hereby require that such claims, debts, and demands shall be filed and registered at the office of the said Solicitor, and that the said Solicitor shall not have notice of any claim, debt, demand, or demand thereby declared to be included in the said Solicitor's office, and I hereby require that such claims, debts, and demands shall not be liable to any person unless such debts, claims, or demands shall not have been paid or satisfied at the time of the death of the said Helena Schurck, deceased.

Mehrfeld, Emmi; Of uncertain nationality; Secretary Shorthand Typist; 15, Gunton Road, London, E.S. 26 April, 1950.

Ropedowski, Aleksander; Poland; Farm Worker; 7 Grove Terrace, Ascou, York. 26th February 1960.

Rosenberg, Leopold (known as Leo Rosenberg); Of uncertain nationality; Film Editor; 62 Greyhound Lane, London S.W.1. 19th February 1960.

Rossotti, Romantza Maria; Italy; Children's Governess; 2 Bennett Drive, Hove, Sussex. 2nd March 1960.
1901 Census in Yiddish

As printed in the Jewish Chronicle, 15 May 1901, P11
William Klingenstein

The Klingenstein Will
Hatch, Match & Despatch!

Jewish Chronicle
26 November 1982

Hanna and Arthur Knacks of South London recently celebrated their golden wedding. They met in College in 1931 at Chelsea, when both were seven years old. They grew up together in neighbouring homes, and were married in Hanna’s house. Because of the war, they were only married for three months before going to England in 1938. They had one month-old daughter, Ruth. Me and Mrs. Knacks have lived in Streatham for more than 30 years, during which time the Knacks have been a member of the town planning and management, and financial representatives of Bristo Synagogue which is now merged into the South London Synagogue.

He is also vice-president of South London Jews and represents the South London Synagogue on the United Synagogue Council. Mrs. Knacks is a member of Multiple Sclerosis Society. For a golden wedding anniversary, the Knacks provided a Kiddush for the congregation and a party in their home for family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Knacks have two grandchildren, Hannah, aged 8, and Yossi, aged 7. A student at Forest College, and a 19-year-old Karen, a pupil at Carrell College.
The Jewish Victorian: Genealogical Information from the Jewish Newspapers

Colonies!

- Jewish Chronicle
  - Hatch Match & Dispatch
    - Family reconstitution techniques in practice
    - Nuts & Bolts

  e.g. JC p3. 16 Oct. 1914
Information on JGSGB Website

Not the Daily Express 1905

- *Teglicher Ekspress*, published in Commercial Street, Whitechapel, London
- one of many Yiddish newspapers in the East End of London at the turn of the C.20th
- Today only the Tribune survives with a Yiddish edition in London!
www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/flash

http://newspaperarchive.com
www.onlinenewspapers.com

Online Newspaper Directory for the World
[Thousands of Newspapers Listed by Country & Region]

For the 50 most popular USA Newspapers, World Newspapers or Magazines accessed from OnlineNewsPapers

- NORTH AMERICA CAribbean
  [North America & The Caribbean]
  [In English]

- SOUTH AMERICA CENTRAL AMERICA
  [South & Central America]
  [In Spanish]

- AFRICA
  [Africa]
  [In French]

- ASIA MIDDLE EAST
  [Asia & The Middle East]
  [In English]

- EUROPE
  [Europe]
  [In German]

- AUSTRALASIA OCEANIA
  [Australasia & Oceania]
  [In Portuguese]

Proquest

- Institutional subscription-based service
- Mostly not available to individual subscribers
- Accessible in Libraries (esp. In the US)
- American Jewish Historical Newspapers Collection
- Family History Collection
- A few collections allow consumers to access content from home but almost all are for recent content which may, or may not be helpful in family history research.
http://icon.crl.edu/database.php

ICON: International Coalition on Newspapers

The ICON Database of International Newspapers is a freely accessible electronic resource intended to provide reliable information on newspapers published outside of the United States. It includes bibliographic descriptions of titles as well as specific information on institutions’ holdings of the same. The database serves as a central locus for information on international newspaper collections available in North American libraries and as selected libraries outside North America, providing a tool for resource discovery, access, and collection management.

Search the database of international newspapers

Newspaper Title
Country
Year
OCLC Number
Language
Institution

Search
Clear

http://ufdc.ufl.edu/hnccoll/
http://digital.nls.uk/broadsides/index.html

Welsh Newspapers Online

- Free Access
- 1804-1919
- 4 million articles
- 350,000 pages (June 2013)
PaperofRecord.com® is a Global pioneer of searchable newspaper image documents presented in their original published form

- English, French, German, Spanish
- $$$


- 1851- to date
- Over 13 million articles

- Article archive: 1851-1980 (Page Image Format- PDF)
- Article archive: 1981-Present (Text Only Format)

- Articles in the Public Domain (1851-1922) are free
- Some more recent articles also free back to 1987

- Premium text only articles & photos also available to buy
A SENTENCE OF FIFTEEN YEARS.


A SENTENCE OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

On the night of March 30, Sigismund Klingenstein, of No. 80 Rivington-street, was awakened by a burglar, and jumped out of bed to raise an alarm. As he did so, he saw the intruder spring from a window, and found that his gold watch and chain and some valuable wearing apparel had been carried off. The wife of Klingenstein, who was in a delicate condition, suffered a terrible shock, and at one time fatal consequences were feared. Next day Detective King, of the Central Office, arrested a thief named David Eldridge, of No. 150 Allen-street, and found the stolen property in his possession. It was then discovered that the prisoner had, within 10 days, perpetrated two other burglaries—one at No. 133 Eldridge-street, the other at No. 78 Rivington-street, stealing from the latter place property valued at $800. Three indictments for burglary in the first degree were found against him, and he was arraigned by Assistant District Attorney Ball, in General Sessions, Part I, yesterday. The prisoner pleaded guilty to one offense. Judge Sutherland, after remarking that Eldridge could be imprisoned for 60 years on the triple charge against him, imposed the sentence of 15 years in the State Prison at hard labor.

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Barmitzvah of Jack Joachim Neugarten
Aufbau Summer 1945

European Newspapers

• www.xooxleanswers.com/free-newspaper-archives/newspaper-archives-europe/
Commonwealth Examples

• Canadian Jewish Review (1921-1966) - [http://multiculturalcanada.ca/mcc_cjr](http://multiculturalcanada.ca/mcc_cjr)

• Canada Gazette - [http://canadagazette.gc.ca/index-eng.html](http://canadagazette.gc.ca/index-eng.html)

A Few More Free Sites


• Netherlands - [http://kranten.kb.nl//](http://kranten.kb.nl//)

• New Zealand - [http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast](http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast)

• USA - [www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html](http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html)

www.elephind.com

• Australia
• New Zealand
• Singapore
• USA

& more coming soon!
News Archive is Back!

- Had a newspaper digitisation project
- Closed it down
- Brought it back

- The current status appears “uncertain” because not accepting any new news for the project

http://archive.jta.org/
Chronicling America: Historic US Newspapers

- [http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)
- Enhancing access to US historic newspapers
- Search and view pages from 1860-1922
- Find information about US papers published between 1690-present
- Sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities & Library of Congress as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)

2 Useful Blog Postings


Example: Tennessee

- Tennessee State Library & Archives has received a grant to digitize their considerable state newspaper collection, which is currently on microfilm.
- The collection will be put online as part of the Library of Congress Chronicling America historic newspaper website.
- The process will start immediately and it is expected to take two years to complete.
- The first phase will involve 2,500 microfilm rolls covering 1836 to 1922.
- The entire Tennessee state newspaper archive consists of some 20,000 microfilm rolls and dates back to the first Tennessee newspaper in 1791 (The Knoxville Gazette).
- Tennessee is the 16th state to put their newspaper collection on the Chronicling America website.
- Access is free.

Example 2 – The Mormon Times

- PROVO, Utah — Professional genealogist Luana Darby was researching Madison Cheadle — the ancestor of a friend. But some things were not clear. Darby found the context she needed in a local newspaper.
- Official records are the mainstay of genealogical work, but some of the best information (and sometimes the only information) about ancestors is found in newspapers.
Ancestry

• More than 43 million pages of historical newspapers now available through Ancestry.com

• Includes:
  – Weather
  – Economy
  – Wars, letters home from soldiers
  – Life on the frontier

5 Tips for Searching Historical Newspapers from Ancestry

• Try Exact – to narrow the search
  – For names, click “Use Default Settings,” & select restrictions
  – For the keyword field, click the “exact” box

• Search Far and Wide

• Narrow by Time Frame

• Beyond Obituaries – don’t limit your search to people, see also war, weather etc.

• Use Quotes
Ancestry – search hints 1

• Searching the category of records separately
• To navigate to the newspaper category page, click the Search tab, then select Newspapers from the navigation bar on the right side of the page under Stories & Publications.
• To search for stories about your ancestor’s hometown, enter the town name in the keyword field.
  – Because the OCR technology used to index the newspapers on Ancestry.com indexes every word in the newspapers, it’s easy to become overwhelmed with “close” matches.
  – Restricting your search to “exact” can help narrow your search.
  – For names, click the link below the field that says “Use Default Settings,” and then select the appropriate restrictions. For the keyword field, click the “exact” box following the field.
• Don’t limit your search to your ancestor’s hometown paper. Newspapers often picked up items from other cities, counties, and states.

Ancestry – search hints 2

• To narrow your search to a particular time frame, enter a date in the “Publication” year field.
  – You can click the exact field, but also allow a little wiggle room by entering +/- 1, 2, 5 or 10 years (e.g., a search for a publication date of 1850 with +/- 10 years will search newspapers for 1840-1860).
• Don’t limit your search to your direct ancestors.
• Search for the names of cousins, siblings, in-laws, and other family members who lived in the same area.
• Remember that if you want to search for a phrase, you can put it in quotes which will tell Ancestry.com to look for that exact phrase (e.g., “California emigrant”), rather than pages that mention California in one article and emigrants from Sweden in another.
www.newspapers.com

- Launched Autumn 2012
- Subscription Site from Ancestry.com
- Mainly US Focussed
- Growth area!

Not Just Newspapers, but also...

- Data mining techniques
- Sourcing information
- Saving images
How to Preserve Newspaper Clippings

• Avoid exposure to sunlight, moisture, and extreme temperatures
• Turn out the lights! Light causes a reaction with the acid in the paper that darkens it. Keep the paper in an envelope or, even better, in an acid-free box with a cover.
• Do not fold the clipping. Folding causes undue wear and also allows two surfaces of newsprint to come in contact, which shortens the newsprint’s life. The first place that crumbles is the fold.
• Stay away from staples and paper clips. Metal clips and staples will rust, creating permanent marks on the paper.
• Don’t use sticky tape the adhesive in tape will cause paper to deteriorate quickly.
• Keep newspaper clippings separate from other paper items you’re attempting to preserve.
• Check your stationery store for a polyester-film folder with a sheet of alkaline-buffered paper as the backing. Place the unfolded newspaper clipping in the folder.
• Keep the folders in file folders and boxes constructed of high-quality, acid-free, alkaline-buffered materials.
• Make photocopies or digital images for everyday use. Leave the originals in the storage box, and handle those original as little as possible.
• Attach a record of the newspaper’s name and place of publication, the date of the issue, and the page number to authenticate the clipping. Don’t write with pen-and-ink! Use pencil or write on the outside of an acid-free envelope and then insert the newspaper clipping into that envelope.
• Never laminate paper. Lamination seals the paper, trapping in all the acids. Paper that has been laminated typically darkens and becomes unreadable within twenty years.
• Duplicate your newspaper clippings with your computer scanner.

Newspapers

• They can be used for more than to wrap fish & chips!
Don’t just take my word for it...

Bring Your Ancestors to Life Using Newspapers

- By Paul Larsen
- US Focus
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- “How to glimpse into the lives of your ancestors
- How to gain detailed information about them and their stories
- Best Free online newspaper repositories
- How to access millions of articles from thousands of newspapers
- How to search over 300 years of historical newspapers in seconds
- How to find vintage photos of your ancestors life
- How to trace your ancestors that fought in the Civil War
- How to tap into historic secrets of the past without the hassle of manually sorting through mounds of newspapers
- Tips for searching newspapers”
Agenda - Review

• Introductions

• Newspapers

• Next session:
  • 17 October 2013 - US Genealogy

• Webinar link will be sent out later in the summer.

Thank You.

Any Questions?
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