

# Finding Your Ancestor in Digitized Newspapers Online

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## What are we covering?

- Newspapers online
  - Stanford visualization project
  - ChronicalingAmerica.com – Library of Congress
  - Genealogybank.com (\$)
  - Newspapers.com (\$)
  - Newspaperarchive.com (\$)
- Putting the article and information into Reunion

## Newspapers Online

- Billions of articles
- Millions of pages of newspapers
- Thousands of newspapers
  - U.S. alone has 140,000 newspaper titles between 1690 and today
- General search vs. Advanced search
- Know your date range
- Use of keywords
- OCR Limitations

## Data Visualization: Journalism's Voyage West

- Data visualization done by Stanford University
- [http://web.stanford.edu/group/ruralwest/cgi-bin/drupal/visualizations/us\\_newspapers](http://web.stanford.edu/group/ruralwest/cgi-bin/drupal/visualizations/us_newspapers)
- Based on Chronicling America project – index of Newspaper titles
- Growth of newspapers from 1690-2011
- Plots 140,000 newspaper titles over time and space
- Does not contain articles, but does contain list of newspapers and links to Chronicling America – lists years of titles available

## Chronicling America

- Library of Congress project
- <http://www.chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
- 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 9,877,000 pages available

## 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  - Historical documents – 1789-1994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

## Newspapers.com

- Subscription based – does offer 7 day free trial
- 117 million + pages
- 3800 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

## Newspaperarchive.com

- 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
- 2.02 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

## Comparison

	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+	7376	3800
# of articles		2.02 Billion	
# of pages			117 million

## Adding the info to Reunion

- Transfer any genealogical data to Reunion
  - Add relatives, add dates
- Clipping the article
  - Grabl
  - Screen Capture – Command-Shift-4
  - JPEG/GIF vs. PDF
- Citing the source
  - Article title, Newspaper, Date, Newspaper Location, page, column, where accessed