

# Chronicling America

## Historical Newspapers for National History Day

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What are they and how do you find them?

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# Historical Newspapers

# What are Historical Newspapers?

“Historical” Newspapers are newspapers published between the 17<sup>th</sup> to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Known as "first draft" of U.S. history as recorded in the press.

- May reflect the language and attitudes of their time.
- May contain biased, offensive, and outdated words and images that may be hurtful to particular groups or people.



*Imperial Valley press.* (El Centro, Calif.), 01 Dec. 1919. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.* Lib. of Congress. <<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn92070146/1919-12-01/ed-1/seq-53/>>

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# From Print to Microfilm to Digitization

Historical newspapers were first printed on paper and then preserved as microfilm. Now microfilm are being digitized.



A growing amount of historical newspapers are digitized and can be found available online, free of access while others are available through subscription databases.

Digitization is an important preservation measure and it improves discoverability of newspaper content: digitized newspapers are typically word-searchable, while microfilm is not (it must be examined page by page).

# Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov))

- Searchable digital collection of Historical American newspaper pages produced under the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).
- The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) is a joint partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (2005-Present).
- Provides free and open-use access to millions of newspapers published through 1963.
- Chronicling America does not have every U.S. newspaper ever published, but there are newspapers from every state and territory, including three thousand newspaper titles and millions of pages.

The screenshot shows the Chronicling America website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Library of Congress logo, a search bar, and links for 'ASK A LIBRARIAN', 'DIGITAL COLLECTIONS', and 'LIBRARY CATALOGS'. Below this, the site title 'CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers' is displayed, along with a brief description of the program. A search bar is present with a 'GO' button. The main content area features a '100 Years Ago Today: 9/13/1922 (121 issues)' section, which displays three newspaper front pages: 'The Big Stone Gap Post.', 'Fergus Falls ugeblad.', and 'The Seattle star.'. Each newspaper is accompanied by a title, volume information, and page count. A sidebar on the left contains links for 'About Chronicling America', 'About the Site and API', 'Recommended Topics', 'Maps and Visualizations', and 'Help'. Below these are 'More Resources' including 'National Digital Newspaper Program', 'NDNP Award Recipients', 'Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room', 'Ask LC Newspaper & Current Periodicals Librarian', 'Historic Newspapers on Flickr', and 'Newspaper Navigator'.

For a list of NDNP State Awardees, see: <https://www.loc.gov/ndnp/awards/>

Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas

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# National History Day

# Frontiers in History: People, Places, and Ideas

Main Word

- Definition(s)
- Related Term(s)

Subcategory: People, Places, Ideas

Frontiers

- Border
- Region that forms the margin of settled or developed territory
- Limit of knowledge of the most advanced achievement in a particular field
- Pioneers
- The most advanced or recent ideas about something

Early American Settlements  
Wild West  
Territories

Innovators in fields such as medicine, technology, communication, science, space, etc.

# Next Steps:





# Topics in Chronicling America

Check our Research Guides for inspiration: <https://guides.loc.gov/chronicling-america-topics>



RESEARCH GUIDES

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## Topics in Chronicling America Research Guides

This research guide gathers together a collection of topical guides that tell various stories of America through the newspapers available in Chronicling America.

### Introduction

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Guides by War or Conflict

Guides by Subject

Guides by Themes in History

### Newspapers & Current Periodicals

Ask a Librarian

Have a question? Need assistance? Use our [online form](#) to ask a librarian for help.

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About Chronicling

## Introduction

[Chronicling America](#) provides free access to millions of historic American newspaper pages published from 1787 to 1963. Listed here are topics widely covered in the American press of the time. Each guide contains an introduction to the topic, recommended search strategies, and selected articles from Chronicling America. This guide is meant to jump start your research process. If you have questions or would like to suggest other topics, [ask a Librarian contact form](#).

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand:** Two shots in Sarajevo ignited the fires of war and drew Europe toward World War I. This guide provides access to materials related to the "assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand."

**World War I Declarations:** From 1914 to 1918, newspapers published declarations of war as over 21 countries involved themselves in World War I. This guide provides access to material related to "WWI Declarations."

**Spanish American War:** This guide for researching the "Spanish American War" which took place from 1898 to 1899. This guide provides access to material related to "Spanish American War." This guide provides access to material related to "Spanish American War."

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## Guides by Themes in History

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Change and Revolution

Communication and Exchange

Conflict and Diplomacy

Discovery and Exploration

Rights and Responsibilities

Science and Technology

Tragedy and Triumph

Work and Leisure

# Example (Alaska Gold Rush: Topics in Chronicling America)

Check our Research Guides for inspiration: <https://guides.loc.gov/chronicling-america-topics>

## Alaska Gold Rush: Topics in Chronicling America

In 1879, the Alaskan territory organizes its first mining district. This guide provides access to materials related to the "Alaskan Gold Rush" in the Chronicling America digital collection of historic newspapers.

Introduction  
Search Articles

### Summary

During the mid 19th century, eyes were focused on California's Gold Rush; however, little did many know, the next American Gold Rush would occur years later in Alaska which was not yet a state. When word spread among the public, prospectors rushed to the land of opportunity and gold. [Read more about it!](#)



"First Miners on Cleary Creek, the Banner Stream, and their wives" April 2, 1905. *The Times Dispatch* (April 2, 1905), Image 31. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.

The information in this guide focuses on primary source materials found in the digitized historic newspapers from the digital collection [Chronicling America](#).

The timeline below highlights important dates related to this topic and a section of this guide provides some suggested search strategies for further research in the collection.

**Newspapers & Current Periodicals**

**Ask a Librarian**

Have a question? Need assistance? Find out how we can help you.

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### Timeline

#### TIMELINE

<b>May 10, 1879</b>	Organization of the first mining district in Alaska.
<b>1880</b>	Major gold strike at Silver Bow Basin by prospectors Joe Juneau and Richard Harris. More prospectors head to the area and found the town of Juneau.
<b>1884</b>	Congress creates a civil government for Alaska in the Organic Act of 1884.
<b>August 1896</b>	Gold discovery is made at Bonanza Creek which would prompt a great Klondike Gold Rush.
<b>April 3, 1898</b>	Deadly avalanche kills over 60 people on the Chilkoot trail.
<b>1899</b>	News of another gold strike prompts many to head to Nome.
<b>1902</b>	Gold Discovery in the Tanana Hills leads to the founding of Fairbanks.

**About Chronicling America**

[Chronicling America](#) is a searchable digital collection of historic newspaper pages from 1777-1963 sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the

## Alaska Gold Rush: Topics in Chronicling America

Introduction

### Search Strategies

## Search Strategies & Selected Articles

The links below provide access to a sampling of articles from historic newspapers that can be found in [Chronicling America](#). You can further explore the topic of the "Alaskan Gold rush" using the following search strategies:

- Use the following terms in combination, proximity, or as a phrase:  
**Alaska, Klondike, Yukon, Juneau, Skagway, Dyea, Dawson, Nome, Fairbanks, Chilkoot Trail, Chilkoot Pass, White Pass Trail, Gold, Gold Rush, Miners, Prospectors, Stampeders, Claims, Mines**

### Selected Articles

#### SELECTED ARTICLES FROM CHRONICLING AMERICA

- "The Gold Fields of Alaska"  
*Omaha Daily Bee* (Omaha, NE), May 4, 1890, Page. 5, Image 5, col. 1-7.
- "The Rush to the Yukon"  
*The Sun* (New York, NY), March 1, 1896, Page. 4, Image 28, col. 1.
- "Inexhaustable Riches of the Northern El Dorado"  
*The San Francisco Call* (San Francisco, CA), July 20, 1897, Page. 1, Image 1, col. 1.
- "Gold Fever Raging"  
*Kansas City Journal* (Kansas City, MO), July 20, 1897, Page. 2, Image 2, col. 3.
- "The Call's' Map of the Alaskan Gold Region"  
*The San Francisco Call* (San Francisco, CA), July 25, 1897, Page. 1, Image 1, col. 1.
- "Alaska, A Chance for the Poor Man and the Capitalist"  
*The San Francisco Call* (San Francisco, CA), December 19, 1897, Page. 4, Image 4, col. 6-7.
- "Killed on the Trail"  
*The Salt Lake Herald* (Salt Lake City, UT), April 9, 1898, Page. 1, Image 1, col. 6.
- "Buried by a Mighty Avalanche"  
*The San Francisco Call* (San Francisco, CA), April 9, 1898, Page. 8, Image 8, col. 1-2.
- "Nome's Golden Sands"  
*The Saint Paul Globe* (St. Paul, MN), October 15, 1899, Page. 21, Image 21, col. 1.
- "Tanana, Alaska's New El Dorado: \$100 in Gold to the Pan"  
*The Times Dispatch* (Richmond, VA), April 2, 1905, Page. 1, Image 1, col. 1.

Understanding Issues and How to Deal with Them

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# Effectively Using Historical Newspapers in National History Day Research

# Newspapers as a Primary or Secondary Source

## Primary Sources

Created by people at the time of the event.

May provide conflicting perspectives, accounts or opinions.

Essential for understanding an event or time because they were created by people who experienced it.

“Primary sources are the raw materials of history—original documents and objects which were created at the time under study.”

## Secondary Sources

Created by someone who did not participate in the event.

Secondary sources use primary sources by analyzing, critiquing, reporting, summarizing, interpreting, or restructuring information. For historical research, secondary sources are generally scholarly books and articles.

A secondary source aims to help build the historical research from multiple perspectives and give historical research context.

Secondary sources are documents from a time and place after the event that help historians analyze and draw conclusions. Secondary sources “retell, analyze, or interpret events, usually at a distance of time or place.”

# Analyze each Newspaper Article

- Before committing yourself to using an article, first analyze it and ask yourself:

## Reliability

- Is the source of the newspaper article known and reliable, trustworthy, and accurate?

## Relevance

- Is the newspaper article relevant to the topic?

## Perspective

- Who's perspective or opinion is present in the newspaper article?

## Missing Perspective or Excluded Opinions

- Are there any missing perspectives or opinions?

# Some Issues with Newspapers

## Historic Vocabulary:

- Words change over time and you may not find what you're looking for if you don't use the correct term.
- Current terms vs. terms used in the past may vary and yield different results ex. "women's rights" v. "suffrage").
- Different regions refer to events/names/places differently.

## Difficulty in identifying the author and their perspective

- Most by-lines in historic newspaper articles are not present.

## Articles written in-the-moment sometimes have incomplete information or statistics

- A topic or event spanning multiple days will require more research and analysis to ensure information was correct. Sometimes newspapers will post corrections to their articles, sometimes they won't.

## Opinions by opposing groups may not be fully or accurately represented

- For example, newspapers written for and by various Ethnic or labor groups will focus on their audience and their concerns rather than opinions and news that do not represent or involve them.

# Tips and Suggestions in dealing with Newspapers

## Establish Context

- Newspaper articles came from a particular time and space in history
- Consider what was happening during that time and if any of that could relate to the newspaper article, potential bias, or how people/events were portrayed.

## Read Articles that ran several days after the event happened

- After in-the-moment events happen, more information becomes available
- Seek articles from different Newspaper Titles/Publishers

## Use additional types of sources

- Including secondary sources!
- This may help you validate and verify numbers, statistics, and dates

## Check the Newspaper's Title Essay

- If it is digitized in *Chronicling America*, it will have a Newspaper Title Essay submitted by an NDNP State Awardee

# Title Essays

## The sun

On October 14, 1882, attorney Fielder Bowie Chew published the first issue of the unabashedly Democratic *Morris Sun*, described by him as a "liberal, wide awake, news-giving journal," aiming to "disseminate democratic seed among the people." The *Sun* included local, state, national and international news, and also featured agricultural news, information, and advice helpful to farmers.

Stephen Celestine Murphy and Albert Sanders continued the Democratic slant of the *Sun* after taking over as editor and publisher in mid-1885. Murphy gained full control of the paper the following year. The editors of the *Sun* frequently exchanged insults with the editors of their rival Republican title, the *Morris Tribune*. In the November 4, 1886 issue, Murphy argued that the editor and publisher of the *Tribune* "indulges in the luxury of lying" by publishing content without much thought or reflection. Of note to researchers, the January 19, 1888 issue includes reports on the horrific "Children's Blizzard" that swept through Morris and resulted in the deaths of many children in the region, who were caught in the storm on their way home from school.

Hugh Whiteley served as editor and publisher of the *Sun* between 1891 and 1894, when William James Munro, former editor of the *Morris Tribune*, purchased the *Sun*. Munro declared that the newspaper "will be hereafter conducted as an independent Republican newspaper devoted to what is considered for the best interests of Morris and Stevens County." He renamed the newspaper the *Morris Sun* the following year. The *Morris Sun* included four more pages than its predecessor, making it the largest newspaper in the district.

The *Morris Sun* included international, national, state, and local news. A section of news from Germany and Scandinavia catered to immigrants from those regions. Agricultural news and items of interest to farmers continued to feature prominently as well. Norwegian immigrant Charles A. Lee became co-publisher in 1901 and served as editor and publisher from 1903 until 1917, when he left to serve the United States in World War I. Arthur Winslow Libby was editor and publisher from 1917 until 1947. Although some competition existed with publisher-editor James Crossett Morrison and his Republican newspaper, the *Morris Tribune*, there was "cooperation and helpfulness" between the editors during this time period. Libby retired from the newspaper in 1947 and sold the *Morris Sun* newspaper and plant to Morrison. Under new ownership, the *Morris Sun* adopted the eight-page, seven-column style of the *Morris Tribune* and became known as "Stevens County's first-of-the-week newspaper." The *Morris Sun* operated until 2000 when it merged with the *Morris Tribune* to become the *Morris Sun Tribune*.

Provided by: [Minnesota Historical Society; Saint Paul, MN](#)

Example: The Sun

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/essays/1504/>



# Title Essays

- Newspapers that have title essays are identified in the All Digitized Newspapers list where the “More Info” value is “Yes.”

 **CHRONICLING AMERICA**  
Historic American Newspapers

3,798 newspapers are available for viewing on this site.

Search Pages    Advanced Search    **All Digitized**

Show All Digitized Papers 1777-1963 (3,798)    Download Comp

State: All States    Ethnicity: All Ethnicities

State	Newspaper	Browse Issues	No. of Issues	Earliest Issue	Latest Issue	More Info
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">The age-herald. [volume]</a> Birmingham, Ala., 1897-1902		1630	<a href="#">1897-08-01</a>	<a href="#">1902-05-20</a>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">Alabama state intelligencer. [volume]</a> Tuscaloosa, Ala., 1829-183?		50	<a href="#">1831-01-01</a>	<a href="#">1831-12-24</a>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">The Birmingham age-herald. [volume]</a> Birmingham, Ala., 1902-1950		8237	<a href="#">1902-05-21</a>	<a href="#">1924-12-31</a>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">Birmingham age-herald. [volume]</a> Birmingham, Ala., 1890-1895		423	<a href="#">1894-07-01</a>	<a href="#">1895-10-03</a>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">Birmingham state herald.</a> Birmingham, Ala., 1895-1897		570	<a href="#">1895-10-04</a>	<a href="#">1897-07-31</a>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">The Chattanooga Daily Rebel. [volume]</a> Chattanooga, Tenn., 1862-1864		228	<a href="#">1862-08-09</a>	<a href="#">1864-04-22</a>	<a href="#">Yes</a>

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/>

Searching Tips

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# Chronicling America

# Basic Search

- Start your research with a few simple keywords to see how much you can find, and add more specific terms or filters later, to narrow your search results.

The screenshot shows the Library of Congress Chronicling America search results page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'LIBRARY OF CONGRESS' and 'CHRONICLING AMERICA' logos, along with buttons for 'ASK A LIBRARIAN', 'DIGITAL COLLECTIONS', and 'LIBRARY CATALOGS'. A search bar contains 'Search Loc.gov' and a 'GO' button. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'The Library of Congress > Chronicling America'. The main content area features a search bar with 'All states' selected for location, '1777' for start year, '1963' for end year, and 'bessie coleman' for the search term. A red circle highlights the search term. To the right of the search bar is a 'GO' button and a link to 'US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present'. Below the search bar, the page indicates 'Pages Available: 19,964,307' and provides options to 'Print', 'Subscribe', 'Share/Save', and 'Give Feedback'. The main content area displays '100 Years Ago Today: 9/9/1922 (124 issues)' and three newspaper thumbnails: 'The Appeal. [volume] (4pp.)', 'The weekly Iberian. (8pp.)', and 'Svět = World. [volume] (6pp.)'. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'About Chronicling America', 'About the Site and API', 'Recommended Topics', 'Maps and Visualizations', and 'Help'. Below these are 'More Resources' including 'National Digital Newspaper Program', 'NDNP Award Recipients', 'Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room', 'Ask LC Newspaper & Current Periodicals Librarian', 'Historic Newspapers on Flickr', and 'Newspaper Navigator'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Connect with the Library', 'Find Us On' (with social media icons), 'Subscribe & Comment' (with RSS and E-Mail options), 'Download & Play' (with Podcasts, Webcasts, and iTunesU options), and 'Questions' (with 'Ask a Librarian' and 'Contact Us' options).

# Basic Search- List of Results

The basic search returns all supported languages and the results listed first are most likely to be relevant to your search. Results will appear higher in the list when they contain:

- exact matches of your search terms;
- more of your search terms;
- repeated search terms;
- search terms that occur near each other.

The screenshot shows the Chronicling America search interface. At the top, it says "CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers" and "Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1777-1963 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present." The search bar contains "Bessie Coleman" and the date range is set to "1777 to 1963". The results show 1064 matches. Below the search bar, there is a grid of 12 newspaper page thumbnails, each with a caption. The thumbnails include:

- The broad ax. [volume] (Salt Lake City, Utah), May 08, 1926, Image 1**
- The Miami times. [volume] (Miami, Fla.), October 22, 1949, Page PAGE TWELVE, Image 12**
- The monitor. (Omaha, Neb.), May 07, 1926, Image 1**
- The Frankfort roundabout. [volume] (Frankfort, Ky.), August 05, 1899, Page 2, Image 2**
- The Kuskow times. [volume] (McGrath, Alaska), November 23, 1921, Image 2**
- The daily bulletin. [volume] (Dayton, Ohio), January 24, 1945, Image 3**
- The Pensacola Journal. (Pensacola, Fla.), May 12, 1907, 2d Section, Image 9**
- Richmond planet. [volume] (Richmond, Va.), July 05, 1930, ILLUSTRATED FEATURE SECTION, Page 7, Image 11**

# Basic Search-Article from *The Kusko Times* (Kusko, AK)

- Search terms are highlighted.
- Title of the newspaper appears at the top, along with the institution that provided the microfilm used to create the digital file.
- Citation appears at the bottom of the page.

The Kusko times. [volume], November 23, 1921, Image 2  
About The Kusko times. [volume] (McGrath, Alaska) 1921-19??  
Image provided by: Alaska State Library Historical Collections

Images: 2 of 4. Page All Pages Issues All Issues Text PDF JP2 (2.7 MB)

THE KUSKO TIMES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1921

THE KUSKO TIMES  
A. Green, Publisher; John  
Green and Sister B.  
Green, Editors.  
Published by the  
McGrath Printing Co.  
Two Dollars Per Month.  
Subscription Office,  
McGrath, Alaska.  
Advertising Office,  
McGrath, Alaska.  
Telephone Office,  
McGrath, Alaska.  
McGrath, Alaska, Nov. 23, 1921.

**PROBE OF KU KLUX**  
Federal Judge Asserts  
It the Duty of the  
Grand Jury.

The Hon. Judge W. H. Whipple,  
of Chicago, sitting in Federal court  
today, said the Grand jury  
should probe into the activities of  
the Ku Klux Klan in this territory,  
and if necessary, indict the  
members of the organization.  
Judge Whipple said that the  
Grand jury should also inquire  
into the activities of the  
organization in the State of  
Alaska, and if necessary, indict  
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**Raiders Take Big Still,  
1,350 Gallons of Mash**

Several articles of the State the  
Department of Public Safety and the  
State Police have been taken from  
the State Police in their report  
last Wednesday. It was found  
that the raiders had taken from  
the State Police, at 2300 South  
Broadway, a still containing 1,350  
gallons of mash. The still was  
found to contain 1,350 gallons of  
mash and was valued at \$100. The  
raiders also took from the still  
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**Max Simel**  
The Pioneer Trader  
Furs Bought and  
Sold  
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and Trappers'  
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Valley  
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Capt. Wallace Langley, (Manager).

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The Best in Local News.  
**TWO DOLLARS PER MONTH**  
Forwarded to Your Address.

The Kusko times. [volume] (McGrath, Alaska), 23 Nov. 1921. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress.  
-<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn95063172/1921-11-23/ed-1/seq-2/>

# Basic Search - Don't forget to save!

- Don't forget to save what you find—download the PDF of the page or use the clipping tool to get a smaller section. Zoom in on the section you want, press the blue scissors symbol, and save an image of your clipping!

Belington progressive. [volume], September 29, 1921, Image 1

About Belington progressive. [volume] (Belington, W. Va.) 1912-1927

Image provided by: West Virginia University

Belington progressive. [volume] (Belington, W. Va.), 29 Sept. 1921. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress. <<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86092333/1921-09-29/ed-1/seq-1/>>

# Basic Search – Note on Language

- Because language changes, be sure to use search terms used at the time the materials were created, even if those terms are now obsolete. For example, the following historic terms will produce more results than their modern-day counterparts:
- filling station for gas, or service station
- Afro American, colored man or women, or Negro for Black or African American
- suffrage for voting rights

The screenshot displays the Chronicling America search interface. At the top, it says "The Library of Congress > Chronicling America". Below that, there are logos for "National Endowment for the Humanities" and "CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers". A search bar contains the text "bessie coleman aviatrix" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar, it shows "Pages Available: 19,964,307" and options to "Print", "Subscribe", "Share/Save", and "Give Feedback". The search results section shows "14 results containing 'bessie coleman aviatrix'" and options to "Show only front pages", "Sort by: Relevance", and "Results per page: 20". Below the search results, there are eight thumbnail images of newspaper pages with red highlights. Each thumbnail has a caption below it:

- [The broad ax. \[volume1\] \(Salt Lake City, Utah\), May 08, 1926, Image 1](#)
- [The monitor. \(Omaha, Neb.\), May 07, 1926, Image 1](#)
- [The Chicago whip. \(Chicago, Ill.\), December 30, 1922, Part Two, Page 6, Image 6](#)
- [The Mississippi enterprise. \(Jackson, Miss.\), March 01, 1947, Page 2, Image 10](#)
- [The Colorado statesman. \[volume\] \(Denver, Colo.\), September 09, 1922, Image 1](#)
- [Imperial Valley press. \(El Centro, Calif.\), April 30, 1926, Page 6, Image 6](#)
- [The Mississippi enterprise. \(Jackson, Miss.\), February 09, 1952, Page 7, Image 7](#)
- [Belington progressive. \[volume\] \(Belington, W. Va.\), September 29, 1921, Image 1](#)

# Basic Search - Don't forget to cite!

- And remember to always **cite** your sources. It gives credit to the source of your information. Under every newspaper in the database, there is an available citation. Copy, paste, and you're done!

The screenshot shows a digital view of a newspaper page. The browser interface at the top indicates 'Image: 6 of 8', 'Page: All Pages', 'Issues: All Issues', and 'Text: PDF JP2 (3.7 MB)'. The main content includes:

- A partial article on the left mentioning 'Mrs. Swanson Impossible'.
- A central advertisement for 'BESSIE HEADS TROUPE OF STUNT ARTISTS' featuring Bessie Coleman, the aviatrice, and other performers.
- A large advertisement on the right for 'Thomas Meighan in "The Man Who Saw Tomorrow" A Paramount Picture'.
- A theater advertisement at the bottom for 'New Monogram Theater' at '3451 State Street, Corner 35th'.

At the bottom of the page, a citation is provided: *The Chicago whip.* (Chicago, Ill.), 30 Dec. 1922. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.* Lib. of Congress. <<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86056950/1922-12-30/ed-1/seq-6/>>



## Basic Search- About the Newspaper

Title essays are provided by NDNP award recipients and summarize the history, scope, and general content of the newspaper as concisely as possible.

### The monitor., May 07, 1926, Image 1

About The monitor. (Omaha, Neb.) 1915-1928

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The *Monitor* was published as a weekly newspaper from 1915-1928 and continued under the title *Omaha Monitor* until sometime in 1929. For most of its existence, it described itself as a "National weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of colored Americans." In 1915, subscriptions were \$1.00 per year, increasing to \$2.00 per year in the 1920s. In addition to national news, it had columns such as "Events and People," "General Race News," and a column on Lincoln, Nebraska, carrying such opinions as whom to send to the NAACP national convention in Detroit. The paper also carried ads, such as "Nile Queen Preparations for Hair and Skin."

The *Monitor* was published and edited by John Albert Williams, a nationally-known African American Episcopal priest who was also a civil rights activist. Following an anti-lynching lecture by Ida B. Wells in Omaha in 1894, Williams founded the Omaha Anti-Lynching League and served as its president—one of many activist roles he filled as he preached and wrote on behalf of African American issues. While at first the *Monitor* was a church paper, it quickly began reporting general news about African American issues. In late 1928, the newspaper changed its name to the *Omaha Monitor*, and it is believed to have folded in 1929.

In 1915, one issue noted that U.S. farm property values were around \$1 billion and that statistics showed the success of African Americans in "securing rich tillable land." Similarly, an article reported on Dr. Booker T. Washington's address to the National Negro Business League in Boston, noting that "despite opposition, the reproach of our being a landless people is rapidly rolling away." Washington stated that too many African Americans in cities were living hand to mouth, so farming was an important business opportunity.

In 1921, the paper soberly covered the Tulsa Race Riots and the threat of lynching. According to one of the stories, the African-American community was even the Republican National Committee

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Wednesday, January 24, 1945

## SPONSOR PROGRAM COMMEMORATING EXPLOITS OF 99TH SQUADRON

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Because this first victory which the colored flyers shot down national and racial history, to citizens who figured prominently in the development in aviation Negroes in the United States, v also participate.

Among the fliers invited who now on leave from active duty Italy, France, and North Africa will be Lt. Willard Woods, of the 332nd Fighter group, resting at Santa Ana Air base. Because of the martyred Bessie Coleman, a number of women fliers gave great inspiration to the men who later made good in the aviation world. It is to be prominent in the testimonial program. It is to be staged under the auspices of American Anti-Prejudice Society.

With Laura Bowman, fan stage star, making the welcome dress, the following will be among the guests of honor presented: Miss Marie Dickerson, first African American girl to master aviation, a private pilot's license, participate in many air shows; Miss Marie Daughter (William) famed parachute jumper. Leon Washington, former associate Dr. J. Porter Davis, pioneer aviator at Kansas City, with whom he conducted the Bessie Coleman Aero club there. Maceo B. Sifford, first California Negro to fly his own plane and to be assigned

MIAMI TIMES, MIAMI, FLORIDA  
PAGE TWELVE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1949

## Absence of Women Fliers Conspicuous at Ceremony

WASHINGTON — (AP)—When women pilots from all over the country gathered at the National Air museum of the Smithsonian Institute last Friday to pay a nation's tribute to its foremost woman flier, Amelia Earhart, the absence of Negro women pilots was very conspicuous.

The dedication culminated the three days of effort by members of Amelia Earhart Post 678 of the American Legion at Los Angeles, Cal. to have the pioneer flier commemorated with other aviation greats at the Smithsonian.

Mrs. Amy Otis Earhart, the 66-year-old mother of the late flier, said in a stirring address, "I always thought she crash landed, maybe on a tiny coral atoll. . . . But it's been so long since then. . . . With her words breaking off, the smartly dressed, white-haired lady pulled the curtain unveiling the display which will stand in the National Museum to keep alive the name of her famous daughter."

Miss Earhart disappeared on June 2, 1937, during a 2,500-mile flight from Los Angeles, Calif., to the Hawaiian Islands. It was one leg of a planned round-the-world trip begun at Oakland, Calif. Exhaustive search failed to disclose the fate of either the aviator or Fred Noonan, her navigator.

While the name of Amelia Earhart dominates a place in the archives for posterity because she accomplished so many firsts, still one could not help but recall the name of a well-known Negro woman pilot, Bessie Coleman who was killed in an air crash 11 years before Amelia's disappearance. Her effort has been made to preserve the name of Bessie Coleman who died on her last flight in 1926, when air transportation was a virgin field as far as women in general were concerned. There it was extremely slow and different for Negro women.

No permanent record, so far as could be determined, has been kept of Dorothy Doby, a Negro flier who made a one-day flight from New York to Los Angeles as early as 1926.

It is understood that prejudice and discrimination against Negro women both in training and employment has been effective in keeping their entrance into the aviation field at the minimum, still several have invaded the field and made a name for themselves and have been a credit to their sex and their race.

Perhaps one of the best known Negro women pilots today is Willis H. Havers of Chicago. Her aviation career dates back to 1933 when she was enrolled in the Aeronautical University in Chicago and took a master mechanics course.

There were only 27 Negro women in the air transportation industry in 1948 when the last U. S. census was taken.

## Federation To Sponsor Whist Tournament

The Federation of 15th and 16th streets will sponsor a whist tournament on Monday, October 24 at the Federation Center, 15th and 16th streets. Prizes will be awarded.

## College Presidents To Hear Industry Representatives

WASHINGTON — The Presidents of Negro Land Grant College Conferences, meeting here next week, will be told by leading business and industry representatives how their institutions may better equip their graduates for jobs in industry. The annual Conference opens on Tuesday, October 24, and will adjourn on October 26. All regular sessions will be held in the Federal Security Building.

This year's theme is "Guidance and Occupational Trends." The presidents of 24 affiliated colleges are expected to participate. Lawrence A. Davis, of Pine Bluff, Ark., conference president, said in his announcement:

The symposium of business people is being organized by Julius A. Thomas, industrial relations director of the National Urban League. He marks the first time Negro educators have met with industry spokesmen to discuss the problems of preparing our Negroes for various levels of jobs in industry, Mr. Thomas said. The League's concern, he added, stems from its constant search for new and better vocational opportunities for qualified Negroes, and the desire to know that competent persons are available.

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- narrow the date range from a few days before her death to the end of the following month. Select the state of Colorado, where Brown lived at the end of her life, or expand to all titles.
- enter keywords—in this case, her name, Clara Brown. She was also known as “Aunt Clara Brown” and “Angel of the Rockies.”
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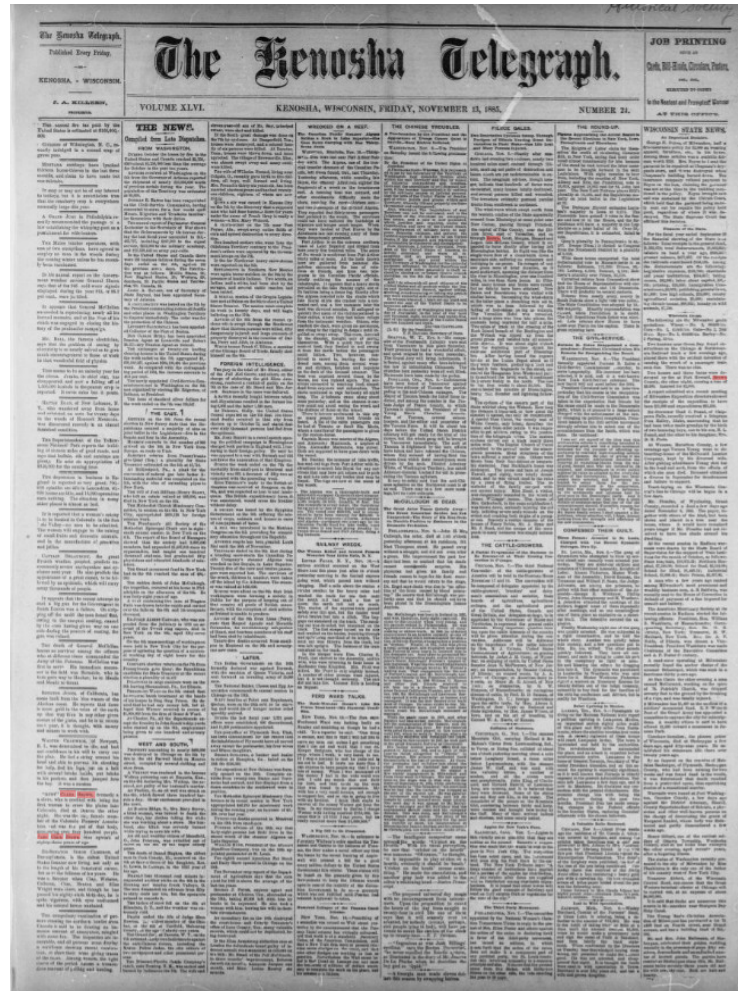
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# Advanced Search- Clara Brown's Obituary



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**A Noted Negress.**  
**THE FIRST WOMAN WHO CROSSED THE PLAINS TO COLORADO.**  
Denver Correspondence St. Louis Globe Democrat.  
"Aunt" Clara Brown, formerly a slave, who is credited with being the first woman to cross the plains into Colorado, died Monday in Denver, at her home on Arnpahoe street. She was the only female member of the Colorado Pioneer's association, and was the pet of that body, numbering over 400 people. Aunt Clara Brown was upward of 83 years of age. She remembered the outbreak of the war of 1812 well, and was a half-grown girl at that time. In her youth she was owned by a planter in Logan county, Kentucky, who sold her to some one who emigrated to Kansas where she managed to obtain her freedom and started with a wagon train to Colorado. She had no money with which to pay her passage and so acted as cook in order to pay for her transportation. The wagon train arrived at Denver in June, 1859, having encountered some 800 Indians on the way. Aunt Clara was never afraid of the Indians, as she had Indian blood in her veins, her grandparents having been savages. She was a born philanthropist, and when President Lincoln set the negroes free she took her savings and journeyed to Kentucky for her people. Later she returned with 26 members of her family, men and women, for all of whom she paid full wagon fare, and who have long since married and intermarried until they and their descendants form a notable part of the colored community in Colorado. Aunt Clara's husband and children were sold away from her long before the war. The children were in their infancy. Two years ago Aunt Clara heard that one of her slave-sold daughters was living at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and she gathered enough money by hard labor to take her to Council Bluffs. There she met her daughter, from whom she had been separated 40 years, and brought her back to Denver with her. The long lost daughter was the sole comfort of Aunt Clara's declining days. In an early day here she engaged in numerous noble charities, turned her home into a hospital, a hotel, and general refuge for those who were sick or in poverty. If those who made her home their home were able to pay her for what they received, she accepted it; if not, it did not matter. At one time she accumulated a large amount of property, but lost it all through the scheming of her agents.

Evening star. [volume] (Washington, D.C.), 07 Nov. 1885. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress.  
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# Advanced Search- Phrase Search

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- When searching for a phrase, enter the words in the order they are most likely to occur.
- The order of search words does not affect the scope of the search results, but it will affect the order of their display.
- Type "aunt clara brown" as a search phrase.

**AUNT CLARA BROWN.**  
The First Woman to Cross the Great American Desert.

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*Savannah courier.* (Savannah, Tenn.), 07 Jan. 1886. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.* Lib. of Congress.  
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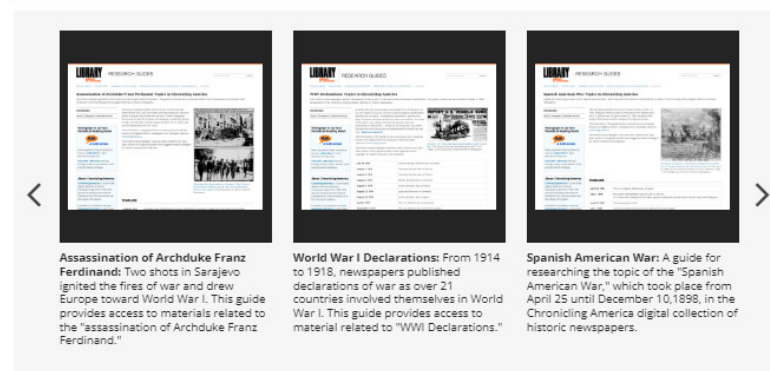
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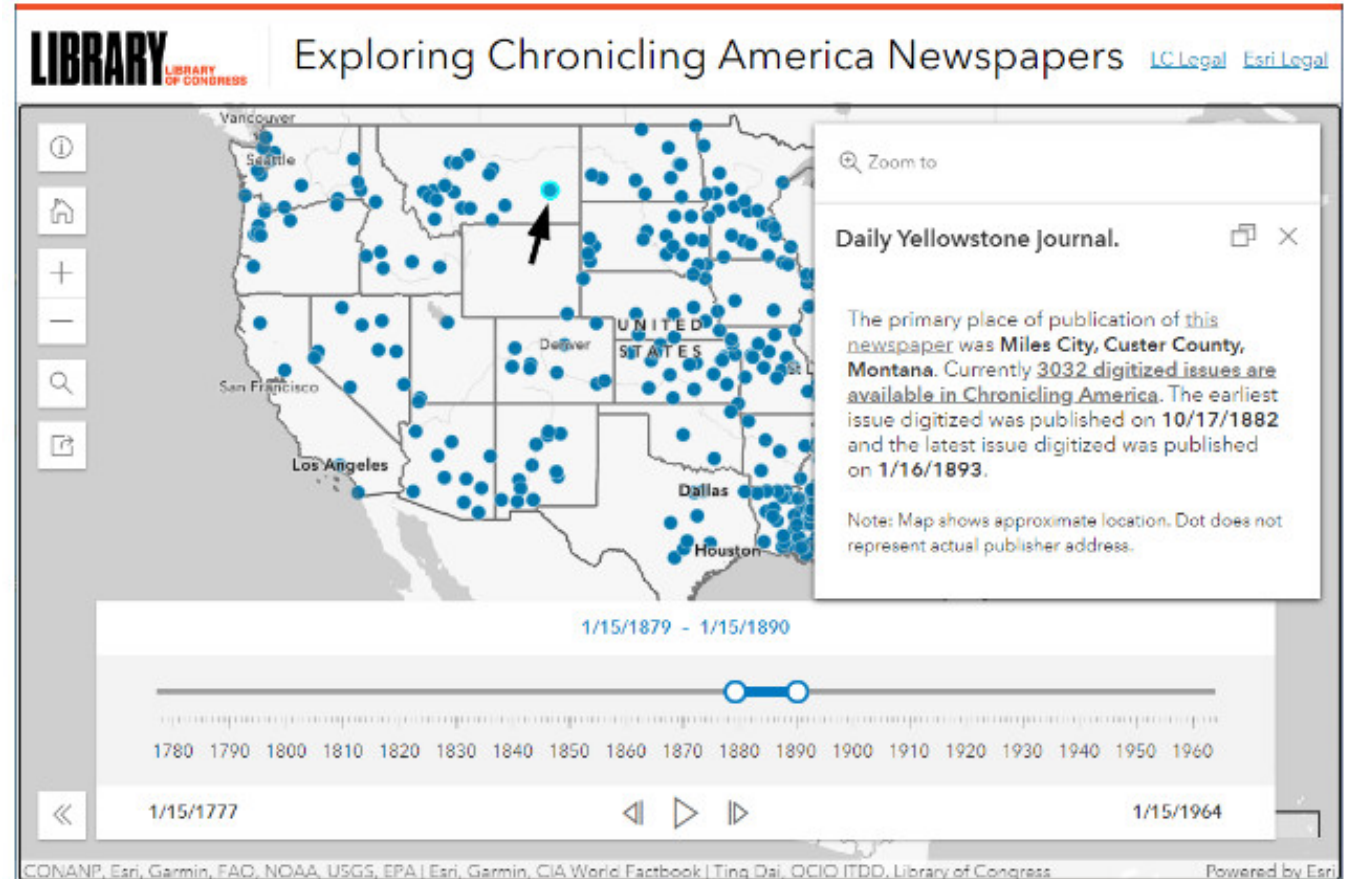
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The screenshot displays the Chronicling America website. At the top, there is a banner for "HEADLINES & HEROES NEWSPAPERS, COMICS & MORE FINE PRINT" with a "Subscribe" button highlighted by an orange box. Below the banner is a search bar and a "GO" button. The main content area features a blog post titled "Join Us for a Virtual Look at How to Use Chronicling America Newspapers in National History Day Research" dated September 13, 2022, by Amber Paranick. The post text describes a virtual event on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 1:00-1:35 p.m. EDT, led by Library of Congress Digital Conversion Specialist Mike Saelee and Reference Librarian Amber Paranick. It mentions a free digital collection of almost 20 million pages from American newspapers published between 1777 and 1963. A "SUBSCRIBE" modal window is overlaid on the page, offering options to subscribe via RSS and E-mail. The background shows the Chronicling America search interface with filters for "All states", "from 1777 to 1963", and a search bar. A sidebar on the left lists "About Chronicling America", "About the Site and API", "Recommended Topics", "Maps and Visualizations", and "Help".

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Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, became queen after the death of her father in 1952. After more than 70 years of rule, she died today at the age of 96. Read more about the beginning of her reign in our historic newspapers. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...) #ChronAm

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On this day in 1923, seven destroyers ran aground near Santa Barbara, CA due to navigational errors. Known as the Honda Point Disaster, it is the largest peacetime loss of U.S. Navy ships. Read more about it in #ChronAm. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8402432...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8402432...) #OTD

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On this day in 1911, French poet and provocateur Guillaume Apollinaire was arrested under suspicion of stealing the Mona Lisa. Read more about the legendary art theft in our historic newspaper archive. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8707808...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8707808...) #ChronAm #OTD

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The stories of the struggles from the Dust Bowl can be found in the historic newspaper pages in Chronicling America. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8201531...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8201531...) #ChronAm

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On this day in 1941, construction began on the Pentagon to house America's growing War Department. 60 years later, to the day, it was a target of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...) #OTD #ChronAm

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On this day in 1813, an American naval squadron under the command of Oliver Hazard Perry, defeated a British squadron in the Battle of Lake Erie. This gave the Americans control of the Great Lakes for the rest of the War of 1812. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn9005918...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn9005918...) #ChronAm #OTD

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In September 1776, American schoolteacher Nathan Hale volunteered for a spying mission in British occupied New York. He was later captured and executed. Read how he and the American Revolution are remembered in #ChronAm. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...) #OTD

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On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley made his first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show." His performing style brought both adoration and condemnation from critics and the public. Read more about his early career in #ChronAm. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn8304546...) #OTD



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