

Using Chronicling America for Genealogical Research

Find your ancestors in the newspapers

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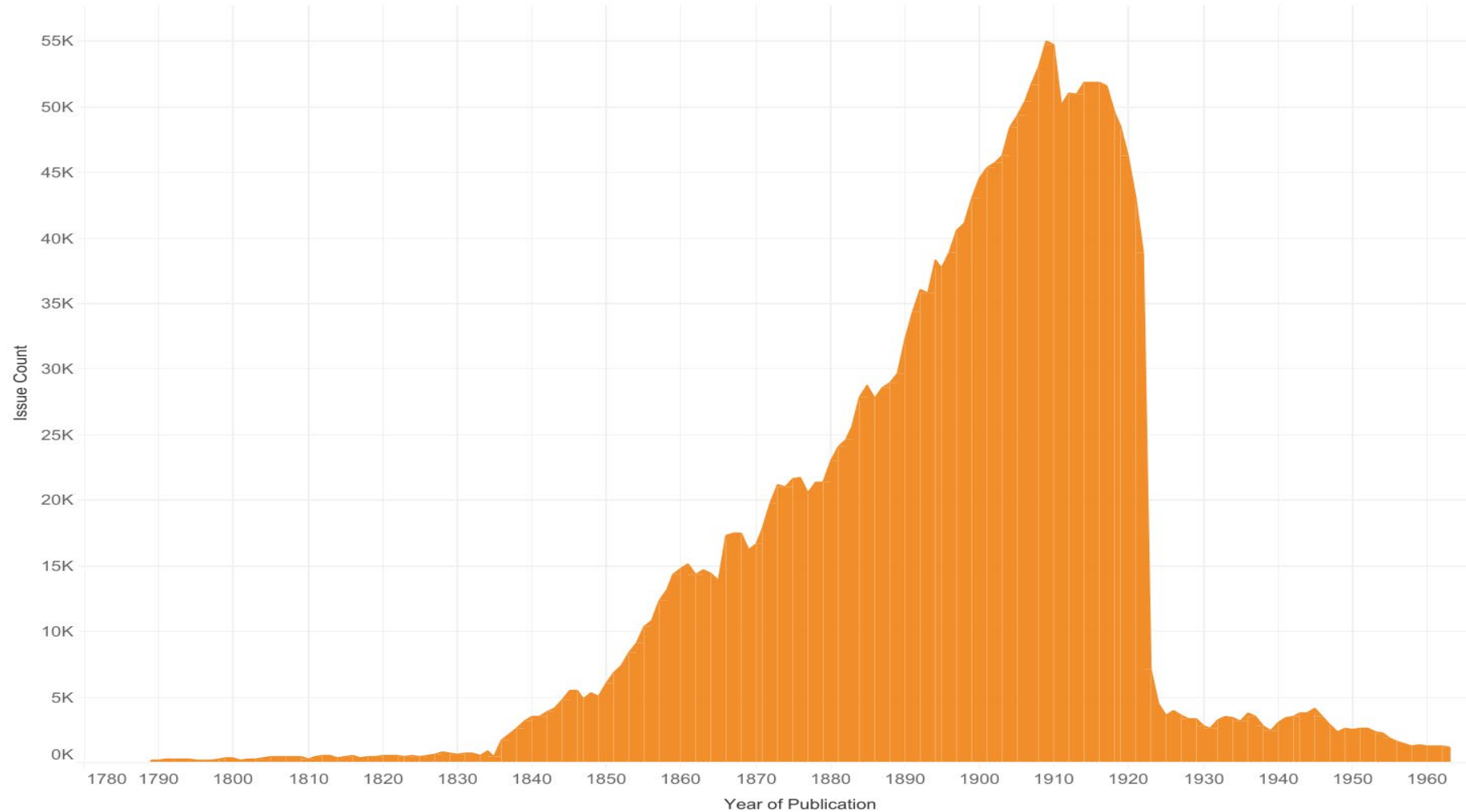
What is in Chronicling America?

- Part of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)
- Newspapers from 48 states and Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.
- 19,817,104 pages from 3765 titles.
- We expect to have 50 states and more US territories.
- We will continue to expand the collection for the foreseeable future.

The screenshot displays the Chronicling America website interface. At the top, there are search options: "Search Pages", "Advanced Search", and "All Digitized Newspapers 1777-1963". A search bar is present with a "GO" button. Below the search bar, it indicates "Pages Available: 19,781,269" and provides links for "Print", "Subscribe", "Share/Save", and "Give Feedback". The main content area shows a "100 Years Ago Today: 7/26/1922 (120 issues)" section with three newspaper thumbnails. The first thumbnail is "THE COLUMBIA EVENING MISSOURIAN" with a caption: "The Columbia evening Missourian. [volume]. (8pp.) Columbia, Mo." The second thumbnail is "Denver Jewish News" with a caption: "The Denver Jewish news. [volume]. (8pp.) Denver, Colo." The third thumbnail is "WAR ON RUM RUNNERS WITH ARMED TRUCKS THE CALEDONIAN-RECORD DR. PATTON TO LEAVE VERMONT; NO NEW RAILWAY STRIKE ORDER" with a caption: "The Caledonian-record. [volume]. (8pp.) St. Johnsbury, Vt." On the left side, there is a sidebar with navigation links: "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".

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

Years available, 1777-1963



Copyright

- All newspapers included in the collection are in the Public Domain.
- Everything published before Dec. 31, 1926 is in the Public Domain.
- Everything published after Dec. 31, 1963 is considered to be under copyright protection.
- Anything published between those dates might be under copyright.
- This requires research.
- Some third party material might not be in the Public Domain.

Who decides what is included?

- In most cases, title selection is done by a local institution (one per state).
- They also oversee digitization.
- National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) partners.
- Usually a state historical society, library, or archive, or public university library.
- Criteria for selection varies.

Some considerations for inclusion

- Availability: does the title still exist and in what condition?
- Is it a “paper of record?”
- Historical significance.
- Diversity: geographic, ethnic, religious, political.

THE IMAGES

Scanning

- Most of our images were scanned from microfilm.
- Most of original paper copies have been destroyed.
- Quality of the microfilming process can affect the quality of the digital image.



Image formats

- Two image formats to download.
- JPEG2000
 - Higher resolution, more memory.
- PDF
 - Lower resolution but less memory required.
 - Better for printing.



OCR, Optical Character Recognition

- This is what you are searching.
- It is a transcript created by computer software without direct human intervention.
- It can vary in accuracy.
- Age and condition of the newspaper pages can impact OCR accuracy.
- Some non-English content poses special problems.
- You can see it by clicking on the [Text](#) link on the toolbar.

TWICE A WEEK TUESDAY A
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Official Paper of the City of Alliance
VOLUME XXVIII.
(Twelve Pages)
ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY,' NEHUASKA, FRIDAY, APKIL 1, 1921
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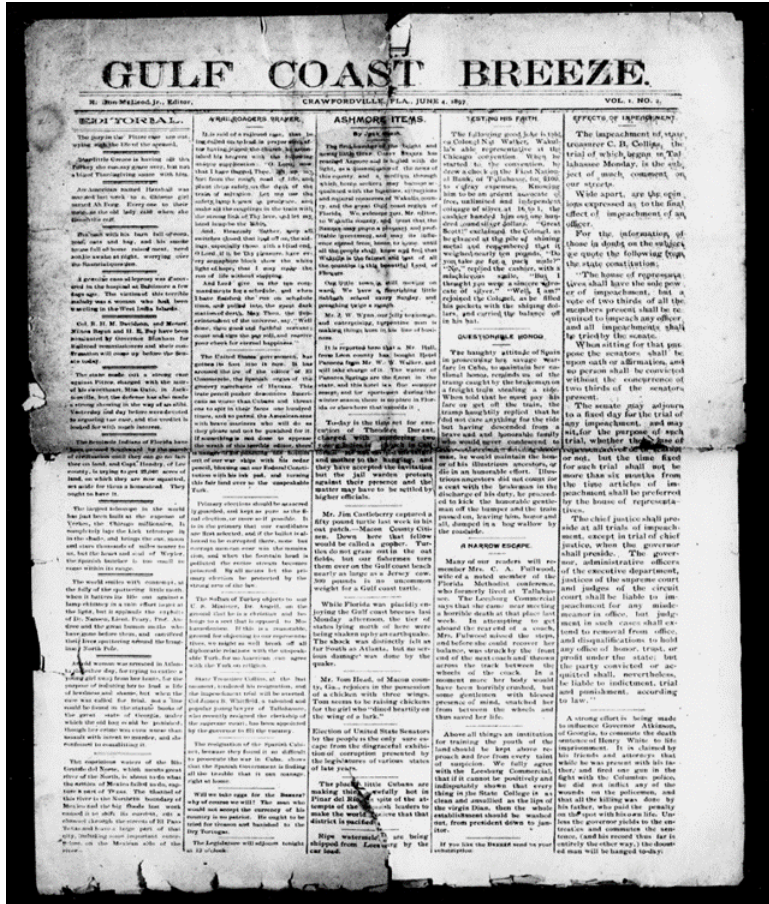
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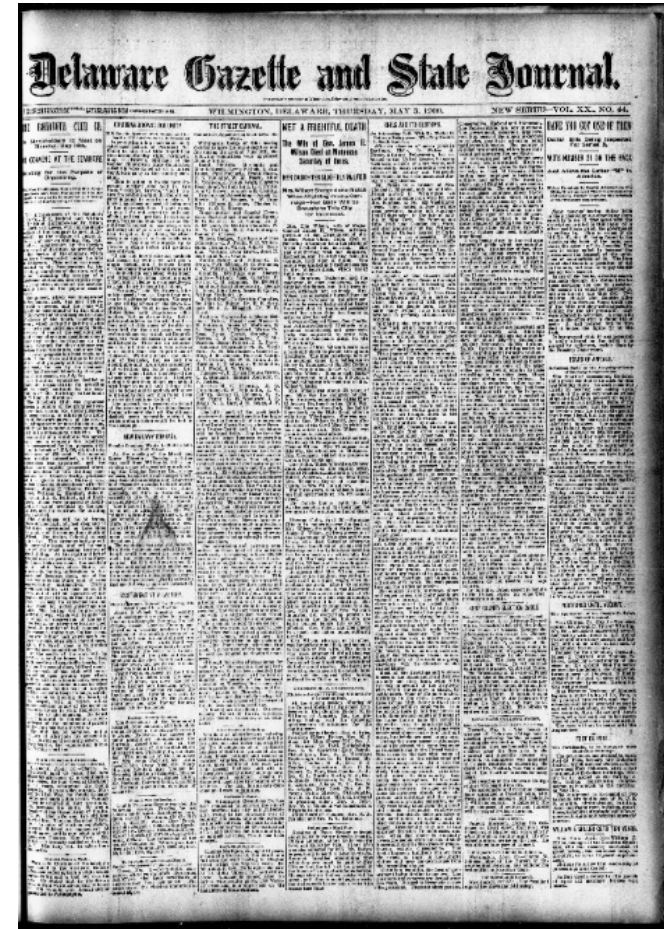
NEWSPAPER HISTORY

How newspapers evolved

1800



1900



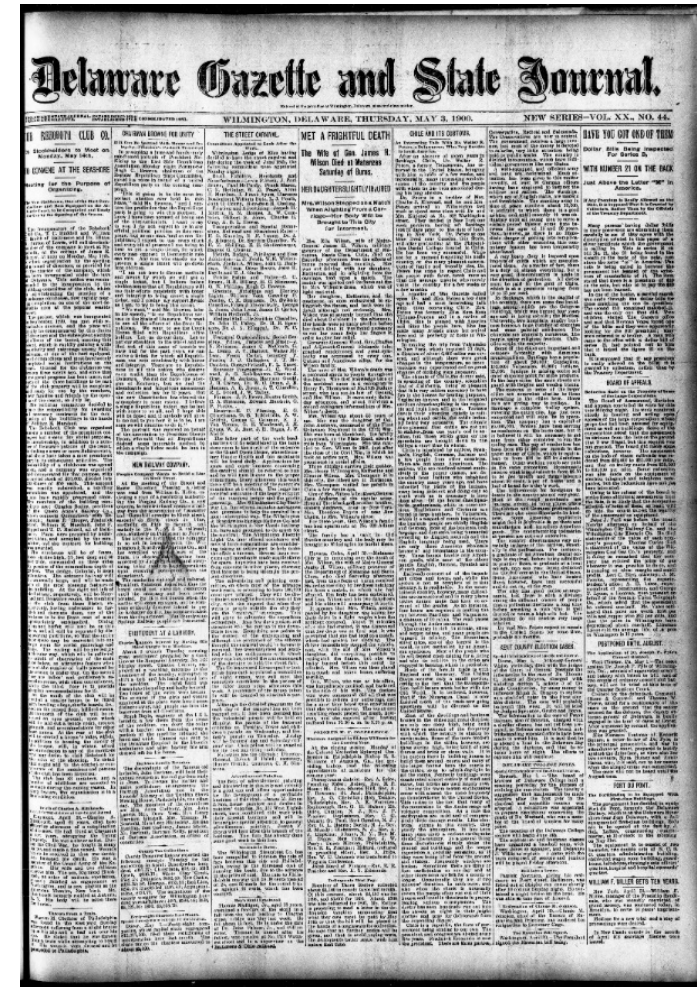
1800

- 4 pages
- Mostly business and political stories.
- Paper is expensive and printing is labor intensive.
- No reporters, editor wrote most of the stories.
- The readership is mostly merchants and government leaders.



1900

- 8 pages
- Paper is cheaper and printing more automated.
- Greater literacy.
- The news is still mostly economic and political.
- There are now sports stories, book reviews and wedding announcements.
- Some are starting society and women's columns and pages.
- Readership is still an "elite" but the elite is larger.



Bigger cities have bigger papers

- They now have reporters and are able to use wire services.
- There is usually still an editor but there are more staff making judgments.
- Many small town papers are still limited to 4 pages.



1960

- Major metropolitan papers are now sometimes hundreds of pages.
- Paper is now very cheap and printing is heavily automated.
- There is a much greater variety of news coverage.
- Coverage is more comprehensive.



Minority Press

- Focused on religious and ethnic groups that see themselves as ignored or misrepresented by the bigger papers.
- Many non-English language publications have appeared for new immigrant groups.
- There are trade and labor titles.



Don't believe everything you read

- Papers often got things wrong in the past.
- Many had strong political agendas.
- They reflected the prejudices of the time.
- Some content maybe very offensive.
- Also spelling changes
- Aeroplane – Airplane

PASSENGERS OF TITANIC IN CRASH WITH ICEBERG SAFE ON OTHER VESSELS

World's Greatest Liner, Badly
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of the Virginian.

FIVE STEAMSHIPS ANSWER
S. O. S. CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

Many Notable Persons, Including Wash-
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at Time of Accident.

Title Essays

The evening herald., April 20, 1921, Image 1

About [The evening herald. \(Klamath Falls, Or.\) 1906-1942](#)

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The evening herald. February 1, 1908 , Image 1

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The Evening Herald

In 1906, Fred Cronemiller and his wife launched a home-published newspaper, the *Evening Herald*, in the southern Oregon community of Klamath Falls, located just east of the Cascade Mountains. Two years later, Ed Murray and Wesley O. Smith bought the paper and, with the help of a linotype machine, turned the tabloid into a four-page broadsheet that ran every day except Sunday and cost five cents a copy. Murray and Smith had managed other papers in this town of 6,000 and sought to turn the *Herald* into the leading local newspaper.

At this time Klamath County was a growing area, as evidenced by the paper's advertisements boasting cheap mill lots, the region's livability, and a low incidence of malaria. In 1912, there were two other local dailies: the *Klamath Falls Express* and the *Evening Chronicle*. Both papers were purchased and then canceled by Sam Evans, who in that

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The Abbeville press and banner. (Abbeville, S.C.)
Abbeville press. (Abbeville, S.C.)
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A list of all titles published in a State

Connecticut + from 1777 to 1777 + enter one or more search words **GO**

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41 newspapers from **Connecticut** are available for viewing on this site.

State	Newspaper	Browse Issues	No. of Issues	Earliest Issue	Latest Issue	More Info
Connecticut	American mechanic and home journal. Norwich, Conn., 1849-18??		2	1849-11-16	1849-12-22	Yes
Connecticut	The bee. Newtown, Conn., 1877-1877		14	1877-06-28	1877-09-27	Yes
Connecticut	The Bridgeport evening farmer. [volume] Bridgeport, Conn., 1866-1917		2767	1909-01-02	1917-12-31	Yes
Connecticut	The Bridgeport times and evening farmer. Bridgeport, Conn., 1918-1924		1548	1918-01-01	1922-12-30	Yes
Connecticut	Connecticut chronicle. Hartford, Conn., 1947-194?		1	1948-06-05	1948-06-05	Yes
Connecticut	The Connecticut citizen. [volume] Ridgefield, Conn., 1892-189?		1	1892-10-08	1892-10-08	Yes
Connecticut	The Connecticut craftsman. Hartford, Conn., 193?-193?		1	1932-03-15	1932-03-15	Yes
Connecticut	The Connecticut labor news. New Haven, Conn., 1921-1925		216	1921-01-21	1925-03-14	Yes

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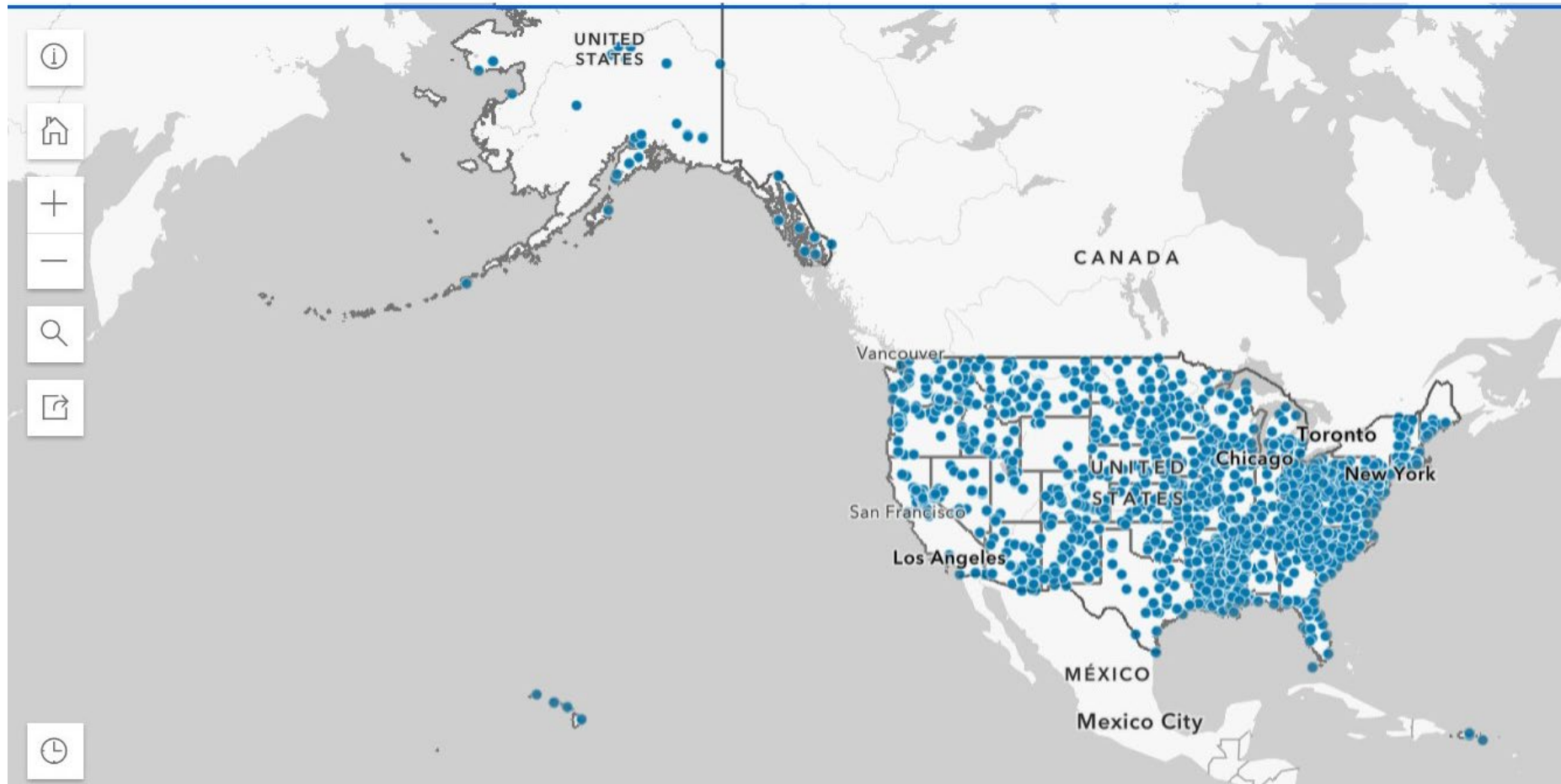


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Denver, Colo.



The Caledonian-record. [volume]. (6pp.)
St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The Link to the map and other features is on the homepage



An interactive map of titles by time and location

Click on the dot and that will give you a title

The interface features a map of the United States with blue dots representing newspaper locations. A pop-up window titled "Rogue River courier." provides details: "The primary place of publication of [this newspaper](#) was **Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon**. Currently **692 digitized issues are available in Chronicling America**. The earliest issue digitized was published on **9/26/1900** and the latest issue digitized was published on **12/25/1913**. Note: Map shows approximate location. Dot does not represent actual publisher address." The map includes a "Zoom to" search bar and a timeline at the bottom with date markers: 1/15/1898, 1/15/1909, 1/15/1777, and 1/15/1964. The timeline axis is labeled from 1780 to 1960. The map also shows city names like Salt Lake City, Denver, Phoenix, Tucson, and El Paso.



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100 Years Ago Today: 8/2/1922 (119 issues)



[The Presbyterian of the South : \[combining the\] Southwestern Presbyterian](#)



[Grand Forks herald. \[volume\] \(12pp.\)](#)



[Warren sheaf. \[volume\] \(8pp.\)](#)
Warren, Marshall County, Minn.

We also have this additional database: the US Newspaper Directory

All Newspapers

This has a listing of all Newspapers published in the United States, 1690 to today.

These are Library Catalog Records.

This is not limited to what is in our collection or what is digitized.

You can limit it to only digitized content.

Select “Online Resource” from the Material Type menu.

Some maybe behind a paywall.

US Newspaper Directory Search Results

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Your title search returned 290 results

Sort by: [Relevance](#) Results per page: [20](#)

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5. [Crisol de libertad. \[volume\] \(Miami, Fla.\) 1967-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
6. [El crisol. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1971-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
7. [La Crónica cubana. \[microfilm reel\] \(Miami, Fla.\) 1967-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
8. [La Crónica cubana. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1967-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
9. [CTC en marcha. \[microfilm reel\] \(Miami, Fla.\) 1981-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
10. [CTC en marcha. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1981-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
11. [Cuba católica. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1988-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
12. [Cuba deportiva exilio. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1968-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
13. [Cuba espera. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1972-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
14. [Cuba libre. \(Hialeah, Fla.\) 1975-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
15. [Cuba libre. \[volume\] \(Miami, Fla.\) 1959-????](#) | Languages: English, Spanish
16. [Cubamor. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1979-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
17. [El Cubano libre nacionalista. \[microfilm reel\] \(Miami, Fla.\) 1972-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
18. [El Cubano libre nacionalista. \(Miami, Fla.\) 1972-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
19. [El cubano libre. \[microfilm reel\] \(Miami, Fla.\) 1963-????](#) | Languages: Spanish
20. [El cubano libre. \[microfilm reel\] \(Miami \[Fla.\]\) 1962-????](#) | Languages: Spanish

This is our newspaper directory

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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: 157,521.

Browse the Directory by newspaper title:

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Select where the newspaper was published:

Oregon ▾ Josephine ▾ Grants Pass ▾

Select when the newspaper was published:

from 1900 ▾ to 1910 ▾

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More search options:

Frequency: ▾ Language: ▾

Ethnicity Press: ▾ Labor Press: ▾ Material Type: ▾ LCCN:

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3. [Rogue River courier. \(Grants Pass, Or.\) 19??-1918](#)
4. [Rogue River courier. \(Grants Pass, Or.\) 1886-1927](#)
5. [The Oregon observer. \(Grants Pass, Or.\) 18??-1927](#)

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Title:

The Oregon observer. : (Grants Pass, Or.) 18??-1927

Place of publication:

Grants Pass, Or.

Geographic coverage:

- Grants Pass, Josephine, Oregon | View more titles from this: [City](#), [County](#), [State](#)

Publisher:

H.J. Richmond

Dates of publication:

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(Microfilm=v.9:no.46-v.36:no.49 1901:01:05-1927:12:28 0,5,8 Holdings incomplete)

Last updated: 10/1998

HOLDING: Univ of Oregon Libr, Eugene, OR

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Available as: Microfilm Service Copy

Dates:

- <1892:2:13-1911:1:25>
- <1912:2:7-1927:12:28>

Last updated: 07/1997

Available as: Microfilm Master

Dates:

- <1892:2:13-1903:2:28>
- <1904:2:20-10:29>
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Clear **Search**

When searching for individual's names

Enter Search

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...with the **phrase**:

...with the words:

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words of each other

**THE MORE YOU KNOW THE EASIER IT
WILL BE**

The more you know about your subject the easier they are find

- Name.
- Where did they live?
- When did they live there?
- Occupation or professional title.
- Did they use initials (C. R. Walker)
- Names of spouse, parents, other relatives.
- Women were often referred to by their husband's name.
- Mrs. John D. Price. (her name was Martha).
- The Census has this information.

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COUNTY X THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910-POPULATION ENUMERATOR DISTRICT NO. 477 WARD OF CITY 15 (PART)

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	William	Son	W 10 M 6	Indiana	Ind	Ind	W	Wagon	8	11	9	1	X	
125134179	Wendemann, Samuel	Head	M W 48 M 49	Prussia	Ger	Ger	W	Blacksmith	10	10	0	0	R H	
	Anna	Wife	W 42 M 49	Prussia	Ger	Ger	W	Blacksmith	10	10	0	0	R H	
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Other resources

- Genealogical groups: local and national
- Local historical societies.
- Local public libraries.
- The Library of Congress has a Local History and Genealogy Division.
- <https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy>



So why would this person be in the newspaper?

- Unfortunately people often became newsworthy because of an unfortunate event.
- Sensational accident or crime
- Scandal and gossip.
- Involved in politics or community organizations.
- There are many other reasons but these are going to be easiest to find.





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So now you are ready to start your search

Thumbnails

- The orange rectangles (highlights) show the locations of the search terms on the page.
- The exact matches should appear first.
- Larger fonts get extra points (headlines).
- So does the number of times the term(s) appear on the page.
- After exact matches the search looks for similar spelling (Fisher, Fish, Fishing).



What to look for

- If you are searching a full name: John Parker
- Look for highlights that are close together or overlapping at the top.
- If it is in the headline even better.
- Then other highlights in the same column below.
- The person will usually be referred to by their full name first John Fisher then as Fisher later in the story.



Scattered highlights

- If you see highlights scattered about on the page.
- These are less likely to be accurate returns.
- It is possible this is something you are looking for.
- Depends on the time and effort you are willing to put in.

THE RAILROAD WORLD.
S. M. HUGHES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN.
S. M. Hughes, accompanied by J. T. Gresham, for the past several days has been in Austin, Tex., on a mission of peace and good will. He is here to see the city and to see the people. He is here to see the city and to see the people. He is here to see the city and to see the people.

RED HOT POLITICAL BATTLE.
THE CONFLICT BETWEEN CRAWFORD AND CRAWFORD.
Crawford and Crawford are at it again. The conflict is a hot one. It is a battle of the old against the new. It is a battle of the old against the new.

CRAWFORD'S TO-DAY
And Balance of Week;
Ready-Made Bed Sheets, 55c Each.
Ready-Made Pillow Cases, 12c Each.
Marseilles Quilts at \$1.80 Each.

BIG AUCTION SALE
Fort Worth, Tex., April 24, 1894.
100 Choice Residence Lots ON EASY TERMS.
THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

SEARCH STRATEGIES: EXAMPLES

Uncommon names are sometimes easier to find

Riffelmacher

rbtfeiger in Bledenstedt,
Personen, die sich setzen
en Augenblick den Stuhl
at in dem Orte The-
Menschenleben gekostet.
Iagd wurde der Stuhl
hrling fortgezogen; die
erlitt eine schwere Ver-
dgrats. Sie vermochte
ed mehr zu rühren und
) schrecklichen Leiden ge-
Idenburg.
burg. Der in Not-

tenvent Spawasser für die Stube
vorthailhaft erweisen wird.
R o t h a. S. Die Frau des Mau-
rers Mich. Riffelmachers wollte aus
dem Kleiderschrante eine Hose heraus-
nehmen, kam dabei an eine im Schran-
te aufbewahrte Schießwaffe, diese ent-
lud sich und traf die Frau so unglück-
lich in den Unterleib, daß sie nach kur-
zer Zeit verschied.
L a m. Bei der Wahl wollte eine
Partei den Todtengräber zum Bürger-
meister haben. Da sich aber die Ge-
meindebürger noch nicht begraben las-
sen wollten, so ließen sie den Todten-

Translation from online software

- Riffelmacher wanted out
- a pair of pants out of the closet
- take, came across one in the closet
- ke stored handgun, this one
- lud himself and met the woman so badly
- Lich in the abdomen that after kur
- different time
- a w a

Common Names: John Beach

John Beach

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Rev. Samuel
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Hayward Miss M. Wright James
Huddlyton Sam H Wells John Pat
Hall Augustus Wilford Henry Pat
Hickman Sol Pat Young Benjamin

Persons calling for these letters
will please say they are "advertised."
R. H. WARDEN, P. M.
June 30th, 1851.

JOHN BEACH,
HAVING purchased the entire stock of
STREET BROTHERS, at Agency City, is
prepared to sell goods at their old stand on
as reasonable terms as they can be bought
elsewhere.
*Dry Goods and Groceries, Boots and
Shoes, Hats, Caps, Iron, Nails, Cast-
ings, Queensware, &c. &c. &c.,*
always on hand. He will be glad to see
his friends and the public generally. Come
on and see what an impression the Dimes
will create. June 23d, 1851. tf.

Sale of Real Estate.
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
21st day of July next, at 1 o'clock
P. M. in pursuance of an order of the Pro-
bate Court in and for the county of Polk
in the State of Iowa, I will offer for sale
at the door of the Court House in Ottum-
wa, Wapello county, in said State, the fol-
lowing Real Estate, to-wit:
The South-East quarter of Section No.

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Silk, Delaine
brics, Irish l
dies collars;
style; Handl
Dress Goods
Hats, C
READY-MA
Queensware
Groceries, C
Dried Fruit,
most an inn
too tedious
will be pleas
ine for these

Major John Beach

IOWA.

DIED.
Major John Beach, one of the oldest
and best known citizens of Wapello
county, died at his residence near
Agency City, at 6 minutes past 2 o'-
clock, on Monday morning, August
31st, in the 63d year of his age.

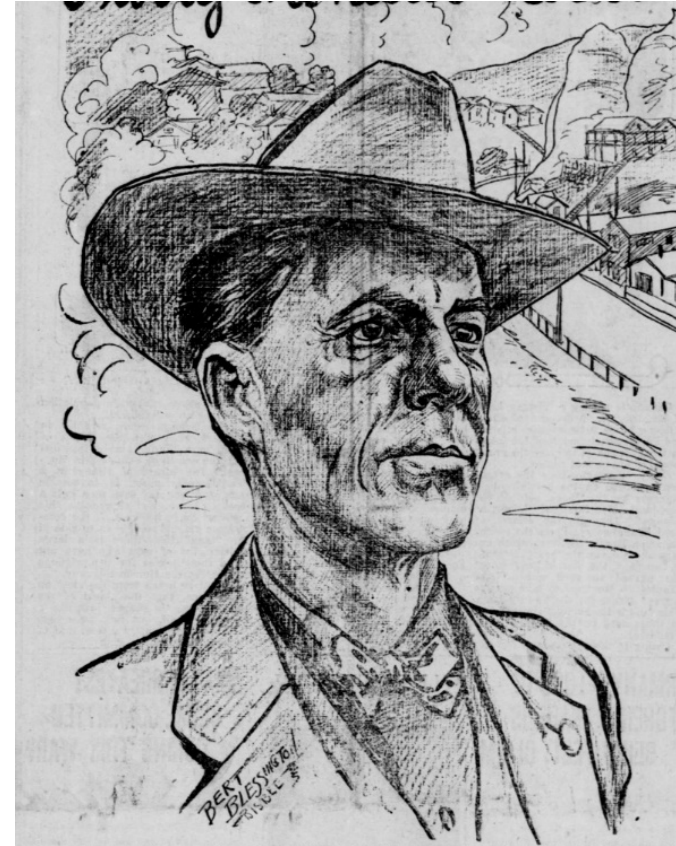
Major Beach was a son-in-law of
Gen. Street, the latter being the first
agent of the Sac and Fox Indians at
the Military Post, which was then lo-
cated near the present site of Agency
City. Upon the death of Gen. Street
Major Beach was appointed as his suc-
cessor about 1838 by President Van
Buren, which office he held until the
Indians were removed from this
section, and possibly longer.

He was probably better posted about
the early history of Wapello county,
and in fact of the Des Moines Valley,
than any one of our pioneers, and it is
hoped that his manuscript data touch-
ing these matters will be preserved and
pass into the hands of our Old Settlers'
Society for publication.

After retiring from his Indian agen-

It helps if your ancestor was a celebrity

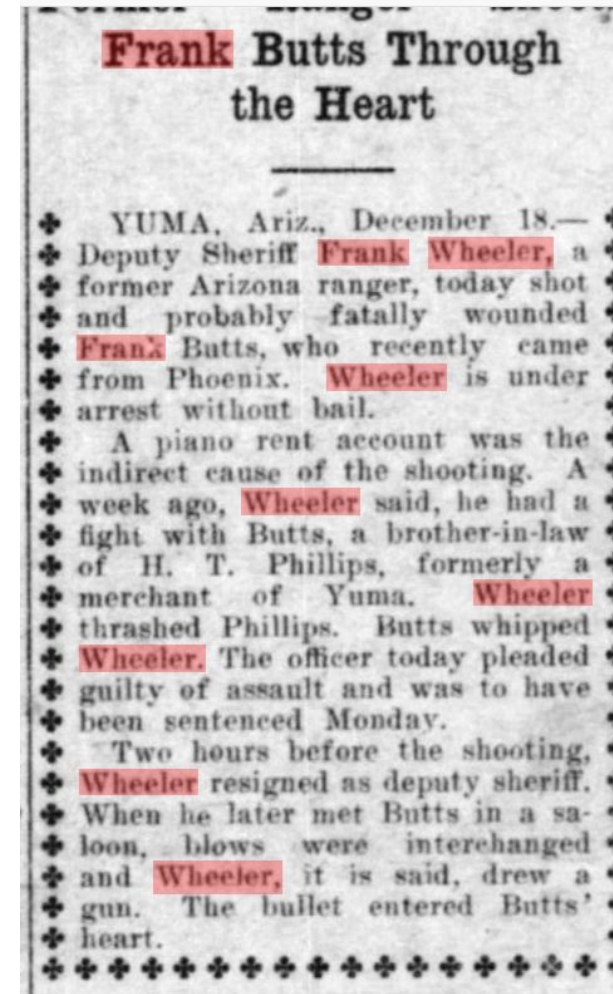
- I was helping a patron who was searching the Arizona papers for an ancestor.
- This fellow appeared often in our search results.
- This is Harry Wheeler.
- Last of the old west gunfighter/lawman.
- Lived in Arizona and his career spanned turn of the 19th to the 20th century.
- Very well known at the time and was written about frequently in the papers.



*Sheriff Harry Wheeler Delivers
Stirring Address at Meeting
Of Warren District Citizens*

Problem was we were looking for this guy

- Frank Wheeler also a lawman in Arizona at the same time.
- Also a long and storied career, just not as “romantic”.
- We did find many mentions of Harry turning up in the searches.
- A regular problem when searching for common names.
- As we learned more about Frank, we found other people involved in the various incidents.
- We used their names to search; including the unfortunate Mr. Butts here.



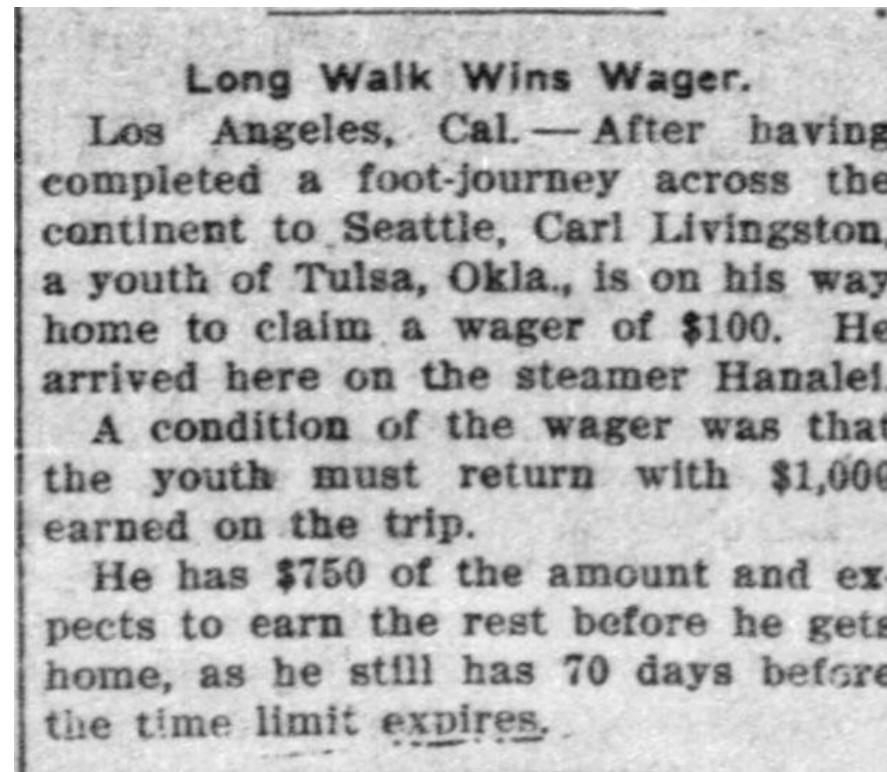
Birth and Death Announcements

- These became more common as newspapers expanded.
- These become more frequent in 1880s and 1890s.
- Frequently this depended on the whims of the Editor.
- They often preferred friends and prominent citizens.
- Sometimes these had to be paid for.
- They were often lacking in detail.
- Usually printed on the same page.



Try different searches because you never know what you will find.

- Try different combinations of terms.
- Add to the your list of terms as you learn more.
- Time and effort can pay off.



Bisbee daily review. [volume] (Bisbee, Ariz.) 1901-1971, October 15, 1909

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