

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers Update

National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)

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National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)

Intro to NDNP

What is NDNP?

- NDNP
- Partnership
 - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
 - Library of Congress (LC)
 - State partner organizations
- Develop searchable database of U.S. newspapers
- Funded by the NEH NDNP awards
- Permanently maintained at LC



What is the Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries?

- [Directory](#)
- Collection of catalog and holdings records
- Contributors across the U.S.
- Held at U.S. cultural heritage institutions

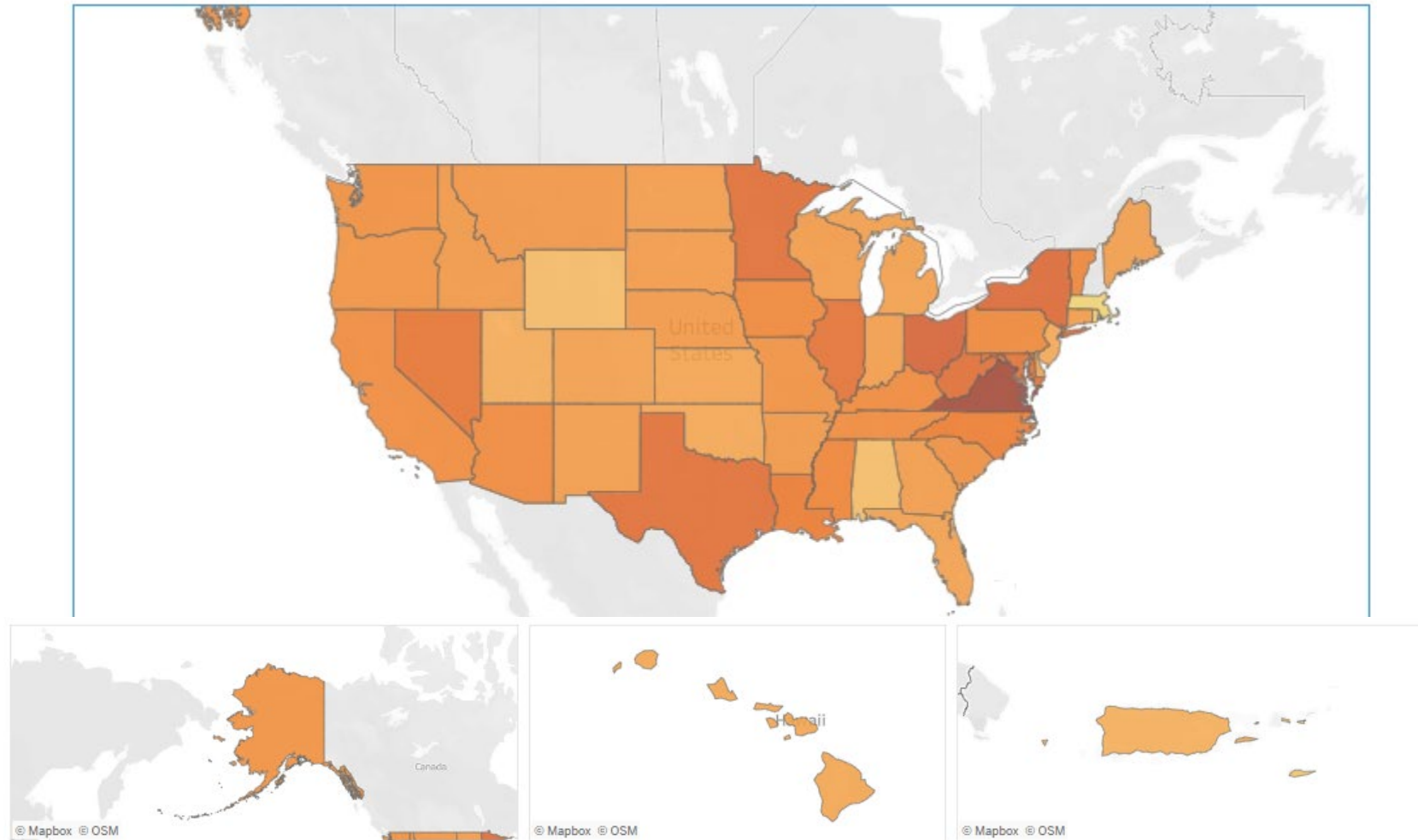
The screenshot shows the Library of Congress website interface. At the top, the 'LIBRARY OF CONGRESS' logo is on the left, and a search bar with 'This Collection' and a search icon is on the right. Below the logo, the breadcrumb path reads: 'Library of Congress » Digital Collections » Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries » About this Collection'. A 'Share' button is also visible. The main content area features a dark header with the text 'COLLECTION' and 'Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries' in orange, alongside the National Endowment for the Humanities logo. Below this, there are tabs for 'About this Collection' and 'Collection Items'. A 'Listen to this page' button is present. The 'About this Collection' section is expanded, showing 'Expert Resources' with links to 'Online Collection: Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers', 'National Digital Newspaper Program', 'Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room', 'Ask a Librarian in Serial and Government Publications Division', 'Collections with Newspapers', and 'APIs for LoC.gov'. The main text describes the directory as a searchable index of newspapers published in the United States since 1690, noting that the Library of Congress does not hold all titles included. It also mentions the directory's history, including its previous name 'United States Newspaper Directory' and its inclusion in the 'Chronicling America: Historic American Newspaper online collection'. The text explains that the directory is derived from the 'United States Newspaper Program (USNP)' (1982-2011), which was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and supported by the Library of Congress. It details how the program created machine-readable cataloging (MARC) records for state collections, contributing to the 'Newspaper Union List' and 'WorldCat'. Finally, it notes that the Library of Congress continues to update the directory by periodically harvesting CONSER-authenticated U.S. newspaper records from WorldCat and matching them with USNP-created library holdings information.

What is Chronicling America?

- Chronicling America
- Free, publicly accessible database of newspapers
 - 1770-1963
 - +21 million pages
 - 3,960 newspaper titles
 - 50 states, DC, PR, VI



Chronicling America: States



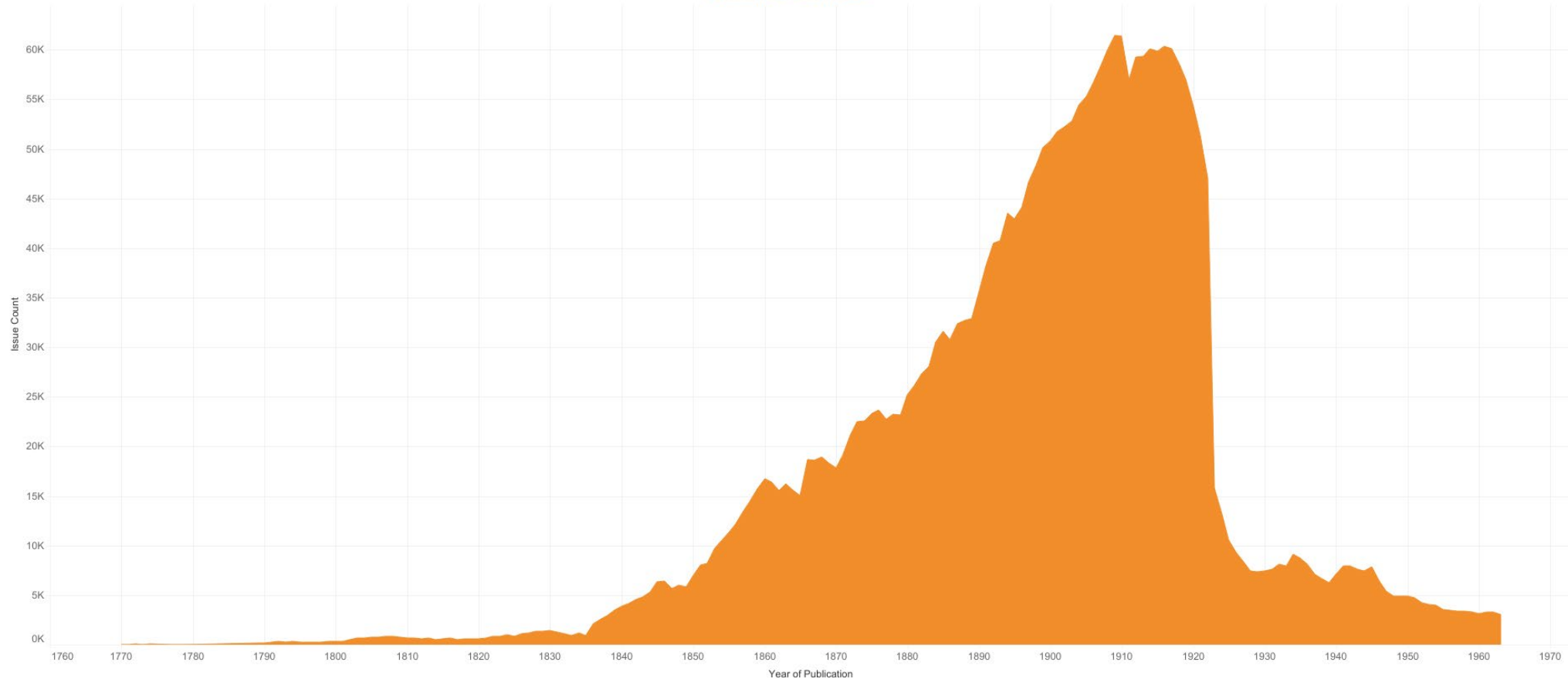
<http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/data-visualizations/>

Chronicling America: Dates (1770-1963)

Chronicling America Temporal Coverage

Chart shows the number of newspaper issues available between 1690-1963 broken down by year of publication.

Coverage as of July 2023



About:

Data in this chart is from <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> as of 7/12/2023.

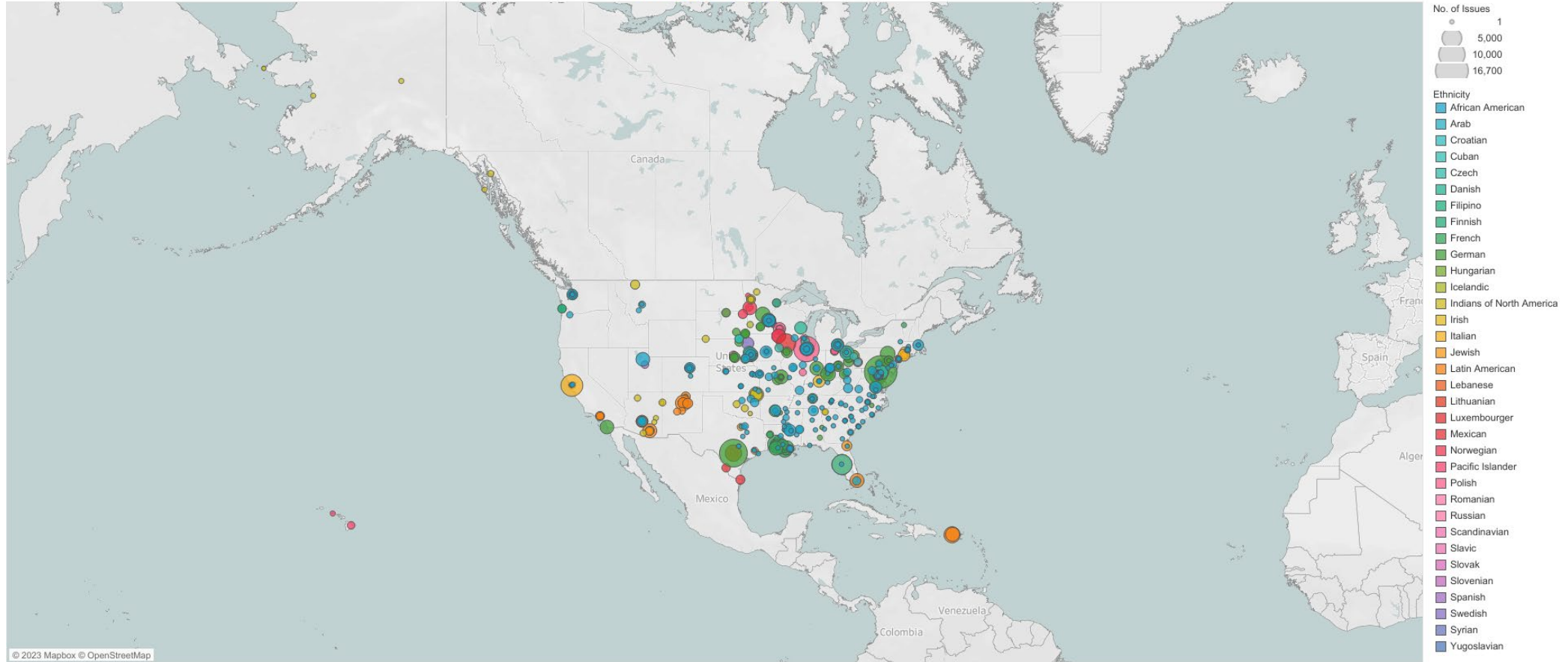
The area chart shows the number of newspaper issues available between 1690-1963 broken down by year of publication. Click on areas of the plot for more details. More info at: <https://www.loc.gov/ndnp/data-visualizations/>.

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Ethnic Press Newspapers

Chronicle America Ethnic Press Coverage (Map)

Map shows locations of newspaper titles for immigrant communities and special audiences published between 1690-1963.
Coverage as of July 2023



Tips: Use the map's zoom and pan controls to explore available titles. Click dots to see more information and link to digital issues. Click background areas of map to clear selections.
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Chronicling America: Digitization

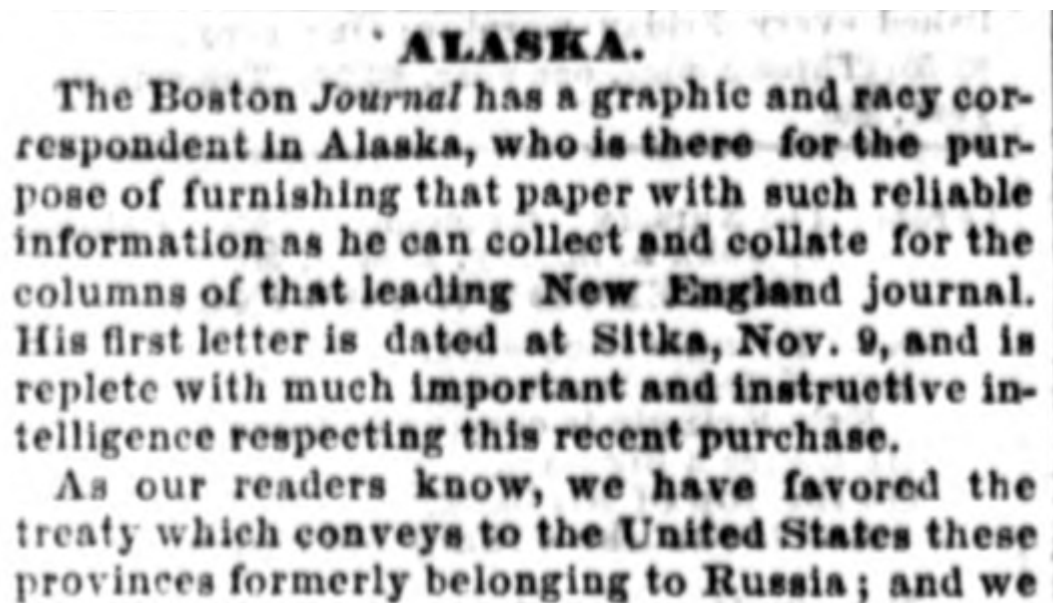
- Content primarily digitized from microfilm
- Some digitization from print and other copies
- Primarily grayscale
- Digitization package
 - Images
 - OCR



Chronicling America: Optical Character Recognition

- OCR – Optical Character Recognition
 - What a machine “reads” when looking at the page
 - What you’re searching

Image



ALASKA.
The Boston Journal has a graphic and racy correspondent in Alaska, who is there for the purpose of furnishing that paper with such reliable information as he can collect and collate for the columns of that leading New England journal. His first letter is dated at Sitka, Nov. 9, and is replete with much important and instructive intelligence respecting this recent purchase.
As our readers know, we have favored the treaty which conveys to the United States these provinces formerly belonging to Russia; and we

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Chronicling America Users

- Interface users
 - Students/teachers
 - Genealogists
 - Historians
 - Cultural heritage insts
 - Many other researchers
- Data users
 - Bulk data via API

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Migration

Searching Chronicling America

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

The screenshot displays the Chronicling America website. At the top left is the logo for the National Endowment for the Humanities. The main header includes the text "CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers" and a search description. Below this is a navigation bar with buttons for "Search Pages", "Advanced Search", "All Digitized Newspapers 1777-1963", and "US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present". A search bar contains the text "All states" with a dropdown arrow, followed by "+ from 1777 to 1963 +", a text input field "enter one or more search words", and a "GO" button. Below the search bar, it states "Pages Available: 20,100,800" and provides links for "Print", "Subscribe", "Share/Save", and "Give Feedback".

On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with the following items:

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

Below the sidebar is a "More Resources" section with links to:

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

The main content area features a "100 Years Ago Today: 11/7/1922 (97 issues)" section. It displays three newspaper thumbnails with their respective captions:

- The West Virginian.** [volume] (12pp.) Fairmont, W. Va.
- The Nenana news.** (4pp.) Nenana, Alaska
- Norwich bulletin.** [volume] (10pp.) Norwich, Conn.

Searching Chronicling America

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america/>

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Library of Congress > Digital Collections > Chronicling America [share icon]

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Chronicling America
Historic American Newspapers

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[+ Advanced Search](#)

Results: 1-40 of 2,876,832 | Refined by: [Part of: Chronicling America](#) [Available Online](#)

Refine your results

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- All Items 2,887,283

Display Level

- All 24,064,572
- Titles 3,821
- Issues 2,872,984
- Pages (Full Text) 21,187,740

Original Format

- Newspaper 2,876,826
- Web Page 26
- Periodical 2

Title

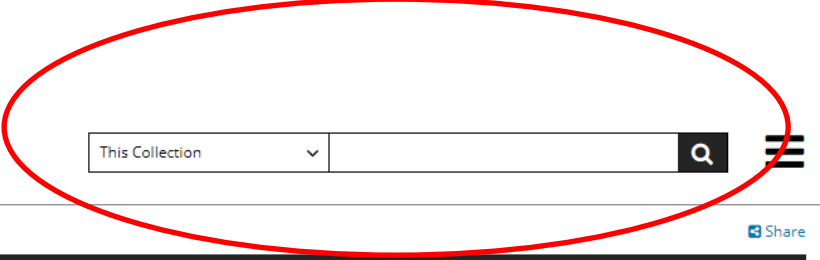
- Evening Star (Washington, D.C.) 1854 to 1972 36,935

Collection Items

View [Gallery](#) [Go](#) Sort By [Select](#) [Go](#)

NEWSPAPER The monitor (Omaha, Neb.), July 3, 1915	NEWSPAPER The monitor (Omaha, Neb.), July 10, 1915	NEWSPAPER The monitor (Omaha, Neb.), July 17, 1915	NEWSPAPER The monitor (Omaha, Neb.), July 24, 1915

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100 Years Ago Today — Nov 03, 1923 | All issues (43)



The Athens republic (Athens, Ga.), November 3, 1923



Daily Kennebec journal (Augusta, Me.), November 3, 1923



New Britain herald (New Britain, Conn.), November 3, 1923



The McCarthy weekly news (McCarthy, Alaska), November 3, 1923



Advanced Search



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Advanced Search

All Titles Issues Pages (Full Text)

All of these words:

+ Add Field

State/Province (Geographic Coverage) County City Title

Language Ethnicity

Start Date End Date

Front Pages Only

Proximity Search



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Advanced Search

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- All of these words:
- Any of these words:
- This exact phrase:
- These words within 5 words of each other:
- These words within 10 words of each other:

Counties Title

Language Ethnicity

Start Date End Date

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Advanced Search

All Titles Issues Pages (Full Text)

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Advanced Search

All Titles Issues Pages (Full Text)

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State/Province (Geographic Coverage) County City Title

Language Ethnicity

Start Date End Date

Front Pages Only

[Clear](#) [Q Search](#)

Results: 1-40 of 201,755
Containing: These words within 5 words of each other: "Abraham, Lincoln"

Refine your results

Available Online 127,474
 All Items 127,474

Display Level

All 235,133
 Titles 156
 Issues 107,503
 Pages (Full Text) 127,474

Original Format

Newspaper 127,474

Collection Items

View [Go](#) Sort By [Go](#)



Facets

Date	
1960 to 1969	1,308
1950 to 1959	2,674
1940 to 1949	4,532
1930 to 1939	7,146
1920 to 1929	13,922
1910 to 1919	22,615
1900 to 1909	24,632
1890 to 1899	18,661
1880 to 1889	10,521
1870 to 1879	5,484
1860 to 1869	15,595
1850 to 1859	123
1840 to 1849	145
1830 to 1839	8
1820 to 1829	84
1810 to 1819	4
1800 to 1809	3
1790 to 1799	17

Image 6 of The Princeton union (Princeton, Minn.), February 13, 1908

... the mountains a man named **Abraham Lincoln** bringing with him his wife and children. The...

news (Wauwatosa, Wis.), February 11, 1921

... "stich is the statue of **Abraham Lincoln** executed by Augustus Saint-Gnudens and erected In...

NEWSPAPER

Image 8 of East Oregonian : E.O (Pendleton, OR), February 11, 1909. (EVENING EDITION)

... School Flag Salute Scho Recitation: "**Abraham Lincoln**" Ruth Livengood Biography of **Lincoln** Joe Dpa"1 "**Lincoln**"...

(Ely, Minn.), February 4, 1937

... death of the first Frontiersman, **Abraham Lincoln**. Later the Widow **Lincoln** moved with her brood...



NEWSPAPER

Image 17 of The Salt Lake Herald (Salt Lake City, Utah)



NEWSPAPER



NEWSPAPER

Image 6 of Willmar Tribune (Willmar, Minn.)



NEWSPAPER

Facets

Ethnicity



African American	5,653
German	3,758
Polish	1,293
Latin American	766
Norwegian	594
Irish	459
Czech	306
Indians of North America	253
Swedish	177
Romanian	141
More Ethnicities >	



NEWSPAPER
Image 2 of The Buffalo voice (Buffalo, Johnson County [Wyo.]).



NEWSPAPER
Image 9 of Arizona republican (Phoenix, Ariz.), February 12, 1921, (Section Two)



NEWSPAPER
Image 2 of The star and Newark advertiser (Newark, N.J.), February



NEWSPAPER
Image 14 of The Salt Lake herald (Salt Lake

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Download:

Filter By:

Results: 1-6 of 6

↑ Newspapers	State	Browse Digitized Issues	Number of Issues	First Issue	Last Issue	Essay Available	Languages	Ethnicity
The Colorado Statesman (Denver, Colo.) 1895-1961	Colorado		1000	1900-01-27	1924-08-16	✓	English	African American
The Denver Star (Denver, Colo.) 1913-1963	Colorado		291	1913-03-22	1918-10-26	✓	English	African American
Franklin's Paper the Denver Star (Denver, Colo.) 1912-1913	Colorado		17	1912-11-23	1913-03-15	✓	English	African American
Franklin's Paper the Statesman (Denver, Colo.) 1906-1912	Colorado		335	1906-06-08	1912-11-16	✓	English	African American
The Statesman (Denver, Colo.) 1889-1906	Colorado		64	1900-...	1906-...	✓	English	African

Map View

Refine your results

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- Issues 2,872,984
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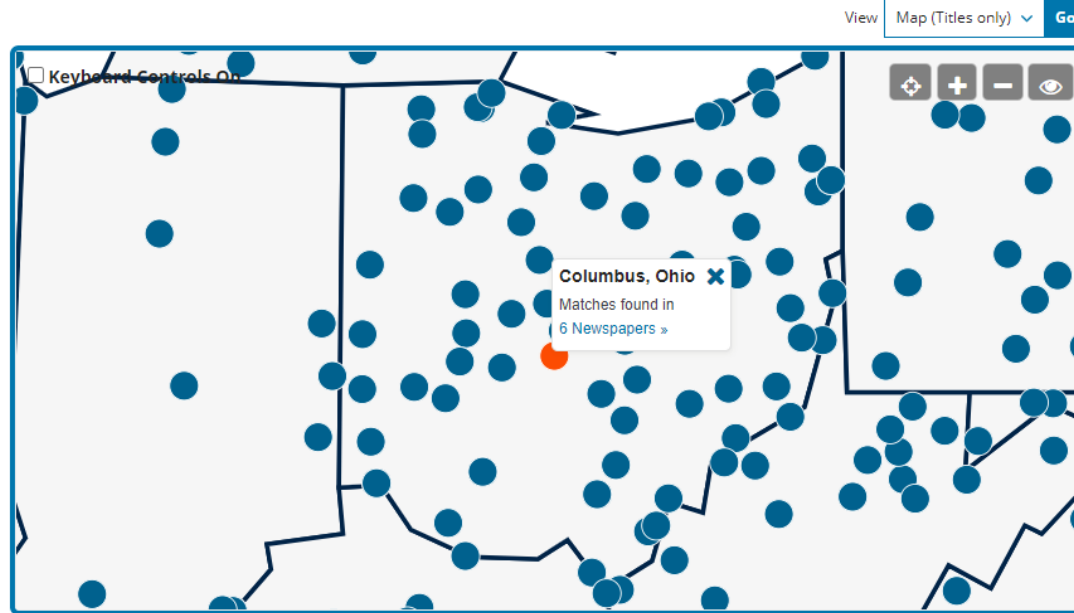
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- Columbia Phoenix (Columbia, S.C.) 1865 to 1865 2
- The Conservative (Nebraska City, Neb.) 1898 to 1902 2
- The Star and Newark Advertiser (Newark, N.J.) 1908 to 1909 2
- The Tri-Weekly Journal (Camden, S.C.) 1865 to 1865 2
- Abbeville Press (Abbeville, S.C.) 1860 to 1869 1
- Abbeville Progress (Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La.) 1913 to 1944 1
- Abendblatt (Chicago, Ill.) 1894 to 1899 1
- Abendblatt Der Illinois Staats-Zeitung (Chicago, Ill.) 1891 to 1894 1
- Aberdeen Herald (Aberdeen, Chehalis County, W.T.) 1886 to 1917 1
- Abilene Weekly Reflector (Abilene, Kan.) 1888 to 1935 1
- More Titles »

Date

- 1960 to 1969 734
- 1950 to 1959 218

Collection Items



Click on any point to see a list of newspapers.

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Newspapers at Columbus, Ohio

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[American Lancaster Gazette \(Lancaster, Ohio\) 1855-1860](#) | [digitized content available]
- NEWSPAPER
[The Lancaster Gazette \(Lancaster, Ohio\) 1863-1886](#) | [digitized content available]
- NEWSPAPER
[The Weekly Lancaster Gazette \(Lancaster, Ohio\) 1860-1863](#) | [digitized content available]
- NEWSPAPER
[The Gazette and Democrat \(Lancaster, Ohio\) 1860-1860](#) | [digitized content available]
- NEWSPAPER

Title Record

NEWSPAPER

American Lancaster gazette (Lancaster, Ohio), July 19, 1855

Lancaster American gazette

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About this Newspaper

Title

American Lancaster gazette (Lancaster, Ohio), July 19, 1855

Other Title

Lancaster American gazette

Names

Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH

Place of Publication

Lancaster, Ohio

Dates of Publication

1855-1860

Created / Published

Lancaster, Ohio, July 19, 1855

Headings

- Lancaster (Ohio)--Newspapers
- Ohio--Lancaster

Part of

American Lancaster Gazette (Lancaster, Ohio)
1855 to 1860 (162)

Chronicling America (2,876,832)

Serial and Government Publications Division
(2,887,430)

Dates

1855-07-19

Country

United States

State/Province (Geographic Coverage)

Ohio

County

Fairfield

Calendar View

NEWSPAPER

American Lancaster Gazette (Lancaster, Ohio) 1855-1860

Lancaster American gazette

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Note: Additional issues of this title may be available in other formats at LC or at libraries around the country. Check the "Libraries that Have It" tab for details, or, if present, select the LCCN Permalink for more LC holdings.

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Title Essay

NEWSPAPER

American Lancaster Gazette (Lancaster, Ohio) 1855-1860

Lancaster American gazette

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About American Lancaster Gazette (Lancaster, Ohio) 1855-1860

The *Lancaster Gazette* was established by George Sanderson and Benjamin Oswald on April 4, 1826, in Lancaster, the seat of Fairfield County, Ohio. It was the organ of the Whig Party and competed directly with the Democratic *Ohio Eagle*, which was the county's first paper, having published its first issue in 1807. Fairfield County was predominantly Democratic, and despite its minority political affiliation, and the number of changes in ownership, editorship, and name that the *Gazette* would experience over the next century, the weekly publication gradually increased in both size and popularity. Eventually, it achieved circulation numbers that surpassed all but a few of Ohio's county papers.

In 1852, under the leadership of George Weaver, the paper became known as the *Weekly Lancaster Gazette*. The *Gazette* supported the Know-Nothing or American Party for a short time starting in 1855, changing its name to the *American Lancaster Gazette*. The new masthead incorporated a portrait of President George Washington and included one of his quotes as a motto: "Place None but Americans on Guard." After the 1856 Republican National Convention, the paper began to support the Republican Party. In 1859, Robert M. Clarke and John M. Sutphen took over the paper and a new motto appeared across the masthead: "When the Press

Compromises Truth, it Ceases to be the Guardian of Liberty." Their salutatory address stated that "With whatever force we may muster, we shall engage the Democratic party—strike at its corruptions—lay bear (sic) its errors and expose its utter destitution of principle." The *Gazette* was opposed the extension of slavery but did not advocate for racial equality.

In 1860, Dr. Hervey Scott purchased the *Gazette* and another paper by the name of the *American Democrat*, merging them to form the *Gazette and Democrat*. Its motto was "The Union of the States—One Country—One Destiny." He soon sold the paper back to Clarke and Sutphen, who were joined by William H. Kooken. They changed the name of the publication to the *Weekly Lancaster Gazette*. By 1863, Clarke's interest had been purchased by A.P. Miller and the paper dropped "weekly" from its title to become the *Lancaster Gazette* once again. During the Civil War, the *Gazette* was the "uncompromising advocate of the Union" and supported all efforts by the national government to suppress the rebellion. Many of its pages were devoted to state and national political news, but the *Gazette* also printed poetry and items of local interest, including marriage and death announcements, court bulletins, agricultural information, business news, and advertisements. In 1936, the *Lancaster Gazette* merged with the *Lancaster Daily Eagle* to form the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* which still serves Lancaster and Fairfield County today.

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- Cite This Item

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Clipping Tool

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Image 1 of American Lancaster gazette (Lancaster, Ohio), July 19, 1855

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Image 1 of American Lancaster gazette (Lancaster, Ohio), July 19, 1855

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Tips for Using Chronicling America

Genealogy Tips for Newspapers

- Important dates and locations – birth, marriage, death
- Limit searches to the time and place a person would likely live
 - Particularly for common last names
- Modern day newspapers different than older newspapers.
 - Death notices/obituaries aren't always in a separate section
- Why would this person be in a newspaper?
 - Sensational accident or crime
 - Scandal or gossip
 - Involved in politics or community organization

Genealogy Tips for Newspapers

- Local notices column
- Name variations
 - Initials
 - Mr/Mrs/Miss/Messrs
 - Titles – Dr. and Judge, Capt., Col, Lt., Master, Sheriff, Mayor, Rev., etc.
 - Married women referred to by husband's name
 - First name of children not mentioned at all
- Check for common misspellings
- Check the site every other year or so for new results

J. M. Weeks, the efficient editor of the Iberian was in our town the early part of this week and made us a short call. Come again Bro.

J. S. Lann, a leading business man of Abbeville, who has been to New York buying stock, was at the Commercial Friday.--New Orleans Picayune.

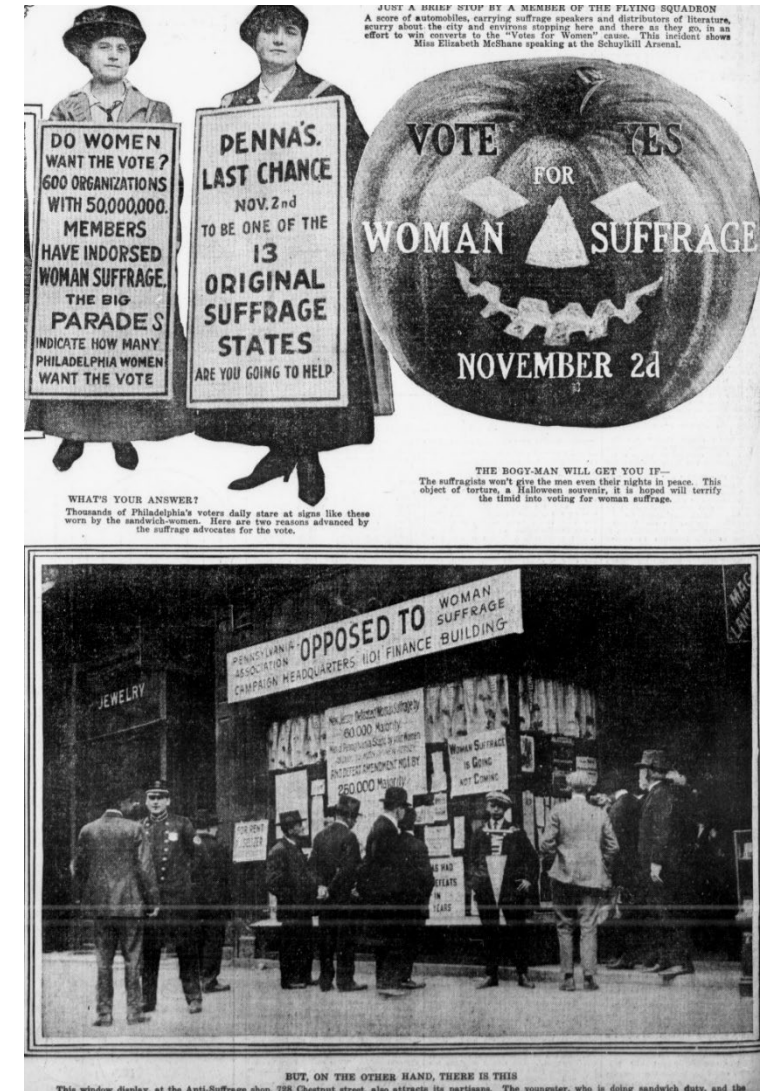
Miss Lily French, a charming young lady of New Iberia arrived in Abbeville Monday evening to spend a few weeks with here numerous friends and relatives.

Dr. R. P. Nelson and family were summoned to Opelousas by telegram last Monday to the bedside of Mrs. Nelson's brother, Judge Thomas B. Brooks, who died that night.

Dr. Ira Pierce is in the city a guest of his parents Mr and Mrs. S. W. Pierce on Iris street. The doctor is full of life and makes things lively in the neighborhood.

Teaching with Primary Sources Tips

- “First draft of history”
- Good reading level for students
- Designed for a general audience
- Good for finding the local spin on national news
 - how did your area experience WW1?
- Multiple perspectives on a single event



Teaching with Primary Sources Tips

- Historic vocabulary
 - Current terms vs. older terms
 - women's rights vs. suffrage.
 - Modern vs. historic spellings
 - airplane vs. aeroplane
 - bicycle vs. velocipede
- Offensive language



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- [Booker T. Washington: Topics in Chronicling America](#)
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- [Emancipation Proclamation: Topics in Chronicling America](#)
In 1863, more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in the Confederate states were declared free. This guide provides access to material related to "Emancipation Proclamation" in the Chronicling America digital collection of historic newspapers.
- [Fugitive Slave Ads: Topics in Chronicling America](#)
A guide for researching the topic of "fugitive slave ads" in the Chronicling America digital collection of historic newspapers.
- [Harpers Ferry: Topics in Chronicling America](#)
A guide for researching the topic of abolitionist John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in the Chronicling America digital collection of historic newspapers.
- [Harriet Tubman: Topics in Chronicling America](#)
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- [Ida B. Wells: Topics in Chronicling America](#)
Ida B. Wells was a civil rights activist who wrote in newspapers to advocate against lynching and racial discrimination. This guide provides access to material related to "Ida B. Wells" in the Chronicling America digital collection of historic newspapers.

Teaching with Primary Sources: Newspaper Title Essays

The Broad Ax

Throughout its history, the *Broad Ax* (Salt Lake City and Chicago) was issued weekly by its founder, publisher, and editor, Julius F. Taylor (1853-1934). Born into slavery near New Market, Virginia, Julius Taylor was the 13th of 14 children of Gilbert and Mary Ann Taylor. Taylor's parents and older siblings had earlier been sold to different owners but remained in relatively close proximity in the Shenandoah Valley. In the mid-1860s Taylor made his way to Philadelphia and settled successively in St. Paul, Minnesota; Fargo, North Dakota; and Chicago, before arriving in Salt Lake City in 1895. There Taylor founded the *Broad Ax*, which joined two other black newspapers published in Salt Lake City at a time when there were fewer than 1,000 African Americans in the state.

The first issue, published on August 31, 1895, carries the motto that remained with the paper until it ceased in 1931: "Hew to the line." Taylor announced that his paper would be "Democratic in politics, advocating the immortal principles of Jefferson and Jackson." He advocated racial equality, religious tolerance, and support for Free Silver (and, later William Jennings Bryan). As one scholar observed, "a sharp-tongued, Democratic, atheistic, African American editor in Utah in the 1890s stood out as an anomaly" (Michael S. Sweeney,

General Tips for 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.
- Check for newspapers written for and by various ethnic or labor groups involved in the stories being covered.

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

Check the newspaper's title essay

- Most newspapers in Chronicling America have a title essay.
- Essay provides valuable context into the publisher and audience for the newspaper.

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US Caribbean and Ethnic Florida Digital Newspaper Project

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Ohio History Connection

[Thinking Like a Historian: Using Digital Newspapers in the Classroom](#) (PDF, 3.9 KB)

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