

Newspapers and the Genealogist

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Why are newspapers important to genealogists?

- Deaths/Obituaries
- Marriages
- Social events
- Legal notices
- Clubs
- News
- Pictures
- Military news
- More....



Types of Newspapers

- National – New York Times, Chicago Tribune
- Locals – The Post Standard
- Weeklies – Tully Times, Liverpool Review
- Ethnic – Il Corriere Di Syracuse
- Religious - Catholic Sun, Religious Recorder, The Wesleyan, Jewish Observer
- Business – Syracuse Business Journal
- Specialty - The State League, The Laborer

How do I find Newspapers?

- Determine what newspaper you need.
- Where to get access?
- Request a search and copy
- Interlibrary loan
 - Microfilm
 - Photocopies
- Online
 - Library subscription Databases
 - Websites

Databases and Online Access

- Database vs. Internet
- What's in the database?
 - Digitized files of original microfilm
 - PDF and JPG formats
- What databases are available from the library? www.onlib.org
 - NewspaperArchive.com
 - Newsbank
 - America's Obituaries & Death Notices

Smart Searching

- Use **ADVANCED** Searching when available
 - [Newspaper Archive](#) – [Fulton History](#)
- For name searching use **EXACT PHRASE**
- Use phrase delimiters “quotes”
- Truncate *
- Limit by date or other fields available
- Think creatively – use key words that might be related to your search (Case Study)
- **More is less**
 - If you get too many results – add more terms
 - If you get too few, or no results – use less terms

NY Newspapers on the Internet

- Old Fulton New York Post Cards
<http://www.fultonhistory.com>
- New York State Historic Newspapers
<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>
- Hudson River Valley Newspapers
<http://news.hrvh.org>
- New York Times www.nytimes.com
- Chronicling America – Historic American Newspapers
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- New York Heritage Newspapers
<http://www.newyorkheritage.org/newspapers/>
- Cyndi's List – newspapers
<http://cyndislist.com/newspapers/>

Newspapers ---- recap

- Determine what paper you need.
- Determine if that paper still exists and who might currently own it.
- How to access?
- Request, copy, save.
- Less Is More
- Look repeatedly at sites with newspapers – collections expand, sites grow and change.

Contact your Local History and Genealogy Library for help:

- Phone: 435-1900
- Email: lhg@onlib.org