

**The Value of Historical Newspapers:
Researching our State's Logging History Online**

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Locating Historical Newspapers

- Wisconsin Digital Newspapers -
<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/WisconsinNewspapers>
(accessed June 2021)
- Guide to Wisconsin Newspapers 1833- 2004 -
<https://cdm15932.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/ladr/id/6397> (accessed June 2021)
 - whether a newspaper was published in a particular area at a particular time
 - whether files of that paper are available for research.
- US Newspaper Directory, 1690 – Present
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Browse by newspaper title
 - Browse by state(s), counties, cities
 - Limit searches by:
 - Date published
 - Frequency of publication, e.g., daily, weekly, monthly
 - Language, e.g., Bosnian, Chinese, Norwegian
 - Ethnicity Press, e.g., African American, Belgium, Polish, Slovak
 - Labor Press, e.g., Banking, Commerce, Dairying, Labor Unions
 - Directory Search Results
 - List of Newspaper titles
 - Publication dates
 - Languages other than English identified
 - Newspaper Title Results
 - Title
 - Place of publication
 - Geographic coverage
 - Dates of publication
 - Description
 - Frequency of publication
 - Language
 - Notes
 - Library of Congress Control Number (LCCN)
 - On-line Computer Library Center Number
 - Succeeding titles
 - Holdings – available where and format
- World Cat <http://www.worldcat.org/> (accessed June 2021)

Library of Congress – Chronicling America <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> (accessed June 2021)

- Produced by the NDNF –cooperative effort of National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress
- Historic period covered 1789 – 1963
- Internet-based, searchable data base of historical newspapers
- Pages available – greater than 18 million
- New pages from partners comes in batches, added regularly
- **Wisconsin Historical Society Newspaper Collections: Chronicling America** (list of digitized newspapers) <https://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/c.php?g=596638&p=4150432> (accessed June 2021)

Wisconsin Historical Society – About Our Newspapers

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:4294963828-4294963805&dsRecordDetails=R:CS1590> (accessed June 2021)

- Second largest collection of newspapers in the United States (Library of Congress largest)
- Includes titles published in each of the 50 states, U.S. possessions, and the 13 Canadian provinces, plus an assortment of military newspapers published overseas.
- More than 4,000 titles are included in the collection, with Wisconsin newspapers accounting for approximately 1,600 of these.
- Can't find a digitized historical newspaper, avoid traveling, consider inter-library loan of microfilm copies from the Historical Society. See *Interlibrary Loan for Society Materials* <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4022> (accessed June 2021)
 - Requests start at researcher's local library

Newspapers on Badgerlink <http://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov/> (accessed June 2021)

- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction project
- Free Access for Wisconsin Residents
- Available at home by Signing-in with local library card
- Wisconsin Newspapers in BadgerLink (List) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ViWMKYUqiO6O3D6CCQIIEHdKv6Bi3a2Qo_fNP9xuAw4/edit#gid=0 (accessed June 2021)
 - **Newspapers.com Library Edition**
 - US States and several International Newspapers)
 - Wisconsin – 246 newspaper titles
 - Wisconsin – 3,211,860 pages, adding more daily
 - Not all Wisconsin communities included
 - Boolean search capability
 - **Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) – Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers**
 - Weekly and Daily Newspapers
 - 2005 to ~ 90 days ago
 - Select Wisconsin Historical Newspapers (List) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Xel6xh6yXDThb4z1kOXH_vm5tWMgj1

[MvyuqHRh8hHpk/edit#gid=1073466434](#) (accessed June 2021)

- 41 newspaper titles
- 26 communities
- Downloadable and searchable pdf of pages
- **Newspaper Source Plus**
 - Full-text coverage
 - Today's major newspapers
 - Of Limited value for historical logging/lumbering stories

The Ancestor Hunt <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/> (accessed June 2021)

- Newspaper Research Links
 - Links by State - <https://theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>
 - Statewide Collections
 - Chronicling America
 - Google News Archive
 - Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers (Wisconsin Residents Only)
 - County Library Collections
 - Barron County – Rice Lake Library - <http://ricelake.advantage-preservation.com/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Chippewa County – Chippewa Falls Public Library - <http://chippewafalls.advantage-preservation.com/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Columbia County – Kilbourn Public Library - <http://kilbournpublic.advantage-preservation.com/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Dunn County – Menomonie Public Library - <http://menomonie.advantage-preservation.com/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Forest County – Crandon Public Library - <http://crandonpublicwi.advantage-preservation.com/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Jefferson County – Irving Young Memorial Library <http://irvinlyoung.advantage-preservation.com/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Juneau County – Elroy Public Library <http://elroylibrary.advantage-preservation.com/> (accessed June 2021)
 - Algoma Public Library Archives - <https://www.algomapubliclibrary.org/newspaper-archives--genealogy.html> (accessed June 2021)
 - Door County Library Newspaper Archives <http://pubinfo.co.door.wi.us:8080/jsp/RcWebBrowseCollections.jsp> (accessed June 2021)
 - Eau Claire - L E Phillips Memorial Public Library - <https://eauclaire.newspaperarchive.com/eau-claire-argus/> (accessed June 2021)

- New London Newspaper Archive -
<https://www.newlondonlibrary.org/new-london-newspaper-archive>
(accessed June 2021)
- Oconto Public Library Newspaper Archive-
<http://ocnews.co.oconto.wi.us/> (accessed June 2021)
- Waukesha County Digital Archives -
<https://waukesha.newspaperarchive.com/> (accessed June 2021)
- Waunakee Public Library Archives
<https://waunakeelibrary.newspaperarchive.com/> (accessed June 2021)
- Civilian Conservation Corps Newsletter collections (multiple links)

Research Strategies

- Browse / Smart Browse
- Boolean Search
 - Allows you to combine words – focusing your search
 - And – identifies a “word/phrase” and another “word/phrase”
 - Or – provides any of the words
 - Not – eliminates words
- Basic Search
- Advanced Search
 - Search terms act as Boolean search:
 - “With Any of the Words” = Or
 - “With All the Words = And
- Alternative searches
 - Use abbreviations – Will or Wm for William
 - Hyphenate names or words
 - Search by address if applicable
 - Business Name – Use abbreviations - Mfg for Manufacturing; Co for Company. etc
 - Consider historical names – Fosterville (1905), Winegar (1910) and Presque Isle (1959)
 - Occupation
 - Deliberately misspell commonly misspelled names or words, Boniface instead of Bonifas
 - Keywords – logging terms “log drive,” deadheads,
 - OCR issues/substitution <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/8-ways-to-overcome-ocr-errors-when-searching-newspapers> (accessed June 2021)

Saving Your Search Results

- Saving Text – Place cursor just in front of the text you want to copy. Hold left mouse button down and slide the cursor to the end of the text you want to copy. Release the left button to highlight text. Right click and select **Copy**. Place cursor where you want to place the selected text, click the left mouse button and select **Paste**.
- Use Snipping Tool <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/13776/windows-use-snipping-tool-to-capture-screenshots> (accessed June 2021)

- Available on Microsoft Windows Vista, Windows 7 and later
- From start, search all programs by typing “Snipping Tool”
- Open **Snipping Tool Menu**



- Select **New**, and **Rectangular Snip**
 - Choose the screen area to save (the screen will fade during this process) by placing the cursor at the upper left corner of the area to be snipped, and holding the left mouse button down drag the snipping box down and over the entire area you want to snip. Releasing the left mouse button will display your snip in the snipping tool box.
 - You can then click on **File** at the top left of the menu box to **Save As** a file on your computer.
 - The snipped file may also be sent to an email recipient.
- How to Use Chronicling America
 - Part 1 – Find All Newspapers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4EnNIAclpQ> (accessed June 2021)
 - Part 2 – Find Digitized Newspapers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fzJr1Q_fs0 (accessed June 2021)
 - Part 3 – Find Articles in the digitized Chronicling America <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sL2lQ42JX7s> (accessed June 2021)