BLACK AND WHITE
AND READ ALL OVER
USING ONLINE NEWSPAPER RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCH

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AGENDA

- What is a newspaper?
- History of newspapers
- Newspapers today
- Newspapers online on the web
- through NSU Alvin Sherman Library
- Questions?
WHAT IS A NEWSPAPER?

1. a set of large sheets of paper that have news stories, information about local events, advertisements, etc., and that are folded together and sold every day or every week

2. the paper on which a newspaper is printed

3. a company that publishes a newspaper

Examples:

*Miami Herald; Sun Sentinel; New York Times; Washington Post; etc.*

http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/newspaper
HISTORY OF NEWSPAPERS
BEFORE NEWSPAPERS

- Town Crier
- Posted broadsides
- Handwritten dispatches
- Circulating Letters
- Word of mouth
GUTENBERG AND PRINTING

Johannes Gensfleisch zur Laden zum Gutenberg
(c. 1398 – February 3, 1468) Mainz, Germany
Did NOT invent printing
Did invent moveable type c. 1439
That combined with a press, ink and paper
led to the first printed book in the West
in 1455 best known today as the
Gutenberg Bible
SPREAD OF PRINTING

The Atlas of Early Printing

http://atlas.lib.uiowa.edu/

- Proliferation of the printing press
- Printing in the vernacular
- Growing literacy rate
- Information access
- Freedom of the Press
OLDEST KNOWN NEWSPAPER

Relation aller Fürnemmen und gedenckwürdigen Historien
(Account of all distinguished and commemorable news)
Strasbourg, HRE, 1605
More of a pamphlet but …
EARLY AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

First newspaper published in America:
*Publack Occurrences, Both Foreign and Domestick*
was printed by Richard Pierce and edited by Benjamin Harris in Boston on September 25, 1690. One issue!

First newspaper in Florida:
*East Florida Gazette* which was first published by William Charles Wells at St. Augustine in the year 1783.
The National Endowment for the Humanities conducted the United States Newspaper Program (USNP) from 1982 to 2011.

The USNP was a cooperative national effort among the states and the federal government with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to locate, catalog, and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present.

State institutions (state library or state archives) created library catalog records.

All fifty states have now completed this project.
LOCATING U.S. NEWSPAPERS

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. Users can select a particular place and time, using keywords to locate specific titles.

Titles currently listed: 153,029.

DOES NOT provide full text content
NATIONAL DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM

National Digital Newspaper Program:

• Participants received an NEH award to select and **digitize** newspaper pages representing that state's regional history, geographic coverage, and events of the particular time period being covered.

• In Florida: UF, Gainesville.
Chronicling America (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov) provides access to information about historic newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages, and is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). Sponsored by NEH and Library of Congress.
STATE LISTS

Examples:
Florida Digital Newspaper Library
http://ufdc.ufl.edu/newspapers
Virginia Memory – Virginia Newspapers
http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/virginia_newspapers

Why look at state sites –
There may be papers not in the scope of the CA series
More current
More supplementary support material
More features – zoom in, etc.
INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS

LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche – Association of European Research Libraries)

- A group of 17 European partner institutions in the “European Newspapers” project and will provide more than 10 million newspaper pages to the EUROPEANA service. Begun in 2012.
- The European Newspapers project is part of The European Library and Europeana.

NEWSPLAN

- is a co-operative program for the microfilming and preservation of local newspapers and for making them accessible to users.
- It is an important and successful example of co-operation between public libraries, the British Library, the National Library of Scotland, the National Library of Wales, the National Library of Ireland, and the newspaper industry, working together for the preservation of a major element of the printed record of life in the British Isles over the last two hundred years. For Ireland, some local information on NEWSPLAN can be found via NEWSPLAN: National Library of Ireland.

National Archives Great Britain

- [http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/newspapers.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/newspapers.htm)
NSU NEWSPAPERS

• Go to NSU Alvin Sherman Library

• Databases by Subject

• Select Newspapers and Current Events
  • Miami Herald (text only, 1983-date)
  • Sun-Sentinel (text only, 1986-date)
  • New York Times (full image, 1851-2010)
  • And more!
  • Note – not all contain the full newspaper.

Don’t forget Ancestry Library from NSU Sherman Library

Newspaper resources and tools as well!
ONLINE PUBLIC LISTS

Elephind.com - The purpose of elephind.com is to make it possible to search all of the world's digital newspapers from one place and at one time. Elephind.com allows you to simultaneously search across thousands of articles using key words and phrases.

Wikipedia: List of online newspaper archives

Google News
http://news.google.com/newspapers
FEE BASED RESOURCES ONLINE

Newspapers.com

- This subscription site from Ancestry.com serves up 41.5 million pages from more than 900 US Newspapers
- Many don’t duplicate those online already through Ancestry.com
- http://www.newspapers.com/

Genealogy Bank from NewsBank

Paper of Record

- searchable newspaper image documents presented in their original published form – lots of Canadian papers!
  PaperofRecord.com

Individual Newspapers

Miami Herald
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