Searching for Past Lives: An Introduction to Chronicling America for Genealogists

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Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP)

LSU Libraries is proud to present the Digitizing Louisiana Newspaper Project (DLNP), which offers 56 titles from the state of Louisiana published between 1860 through 1922—a total of 100,000 pages. An additional 100,000 pages from 20 titles published between 1836-1922 are currently being processed for digitization and will be available by the end of 2013. Access the complete list of newspaper titles via the Title and Parish links on the left. Browse newspapers from Louisiana and other states at Chronicling America.

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### Survey 6 - Orleans

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The Banner-Democrat
The Bienville Democrat
Bogalusa Enterprise
The Caldwell Watchman
The Carrollton Sun
Claiborne Guardian
Colfax Chronicle: 1876
Colfax Chronicle: 1877
Comrade
Concordia Eagle
Concordia Sentinel
Constitutional
Daily Gazette and Comet
Daily Telegraph
The Era-leader
Feliciana Sentinel
Gazette and Sentinel
The Herald
Homer Guardian
The Jennings Daily Record
The Lafayette Gazette
Louisiana Capitolian
Louisiana Democrat
The Louisiana Populist
Lower Coast Gazette
Lumberjack
The Madison Journal
Madison Times
The Morning Star and Catholic
Messenger
Natchitoches Spectator
The New Orleans Crescent
Ouachita Telegraph
People's Vindicator
Progress
Rapides Gazette
The Rice Belt Journal
Richland Beacon
The Semi-weekly Natchitoches Times
Semi-weekly News
The Semi-weekly Shreveport News
Shreveport Daily News
Shreveport News
Shreveport Semi-Weekly News: 1861
Shreveport Semi-Weekly News: 1865
Shreveport Weekly News: 1861
Shreveport Weekly News: 1862
Shreveport Weekly News: 1866
Tensas Gazette
True Democrat
Voice of the People
The Weekly Messenger
West Feliciana Sentinel
Woman's Enterprise
DLNP 2011-2013 Grant Cycle Titles

Baton Rouge Gazette†
The Caucasian
The Donaldsonville Chief
The Feliciana Democrat
Houma Ceres†
The Houma Courier†
The Lafayette Advertiser†
The Louisiana Cotton-Boll†
Le Louisianais†
Louisianian
The Meridional†
Le Meschacébé†
Le Messager†
New Orleans Daily Crescent
The New Orleans Daily Democrat
The Opelousas Courier†

El Pelayo‡
Pioneer of Assumption†
Le Pionnier de l’Assomption†
The Planters’ Banner†
Pointe Coupee Democrat†
Semi-weekly Louisianian
The Southern Sentinel
The South-western
St. Landry Clarion†
St. Tammany Farmer
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True American
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General Searching in Chronicling America

Results listed first are most likely to be relevant to your search. Results will appear higher in the list when they contain

- more of your search terms;
- repeated search terms;
- search terms that occur near each other;

Your searches will yield better results if you keep the following points in mind:

- Common words such as and, not, and the are ignored by the search engine.
- Case of letters is ignored. For example, Civil and civil are treated the same.
- Diacritic characters (accent marks, in non-English text) and other special characters produce inaccurate results, so plain (unaccented) letters should be substituted for letters with diacritics.

Search and Browsing Tips

Many browsers have the capability of tabbed browsing, which opens a new pane in the current window, either in the background or the foreground. Users of Chronicling America have reported this as a useful method of navigating through search results: bringing up each result in a new tab. This may be accomplished by clicking with the right-hand mouse button (for Mac, hold down the Command key) and selecting "Open Link in New Tab."

Search results are displayed on a page that can easily be bookmarked or navigated to via the "Back" button on the browser. Every page in the Chronicling America application can be bookmarked, but only the addresses containing newspaper pages should be treated as canonical for purposes of citations and long-term referrals. These addresses are displayed in the address bar of the browser, and no special treatment is required for adding them to a citation database. (Select the "Persistent Link" URL displayed on each newspaper page view to store the link without search text highlighted.)

Search for a Phrase

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your phrase in the appropriate "...with the phrase" search box.
- When searching for a phrase, enter the words in the order they are most likely to occur.
- The order of search words does not affect the scope of the search results, but it will affect the order of their display.

Search for Words Near Each Other

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your keywords into the "...with the words" search box.
- Select a numeric value for how close the words should be to each other (proximity).
- This type of search can be helpful in narrowing results on a given person, place or event to a specific aspect of that person, place or event. For example: "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words will result mostly in articles about President Theodore Roosevelt’s Conservation policies during his administration.

Too Many Results - If a search generates too many results, try using more specific terms and/or limiting to a specific state of publication or a particular newspaper title. Use the search box options in combination to narrow your results. For example, use "President Roosevelt" as phrase and "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words to narrow results to text about only President Roosevelt’s conservation policies.
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: 151,814.

Browse the Directory by newspaper title:
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Select where the newspaper was published:
Select State(s)  Select Counties  Select Cities...

Select when the newspaper was published:
from 1690 to 2012

Enter keywords:

Here search options:
Frequency:  Language:  
Select  Select  
Ethnicity Press:  Labor Press:  Material Type:  
Select  Select  Select  

LCCN:
US Newspaper Directory Search Results

Your title search returned 82 results

1. The Caddo citizen. (Ida, Caddo Parish, La.) 1930-1941
2. Facts. (New Orleans; 1915-1922
3. The Baptist chronicle. (Shreveport, La.) 1886-1919
4. The times. (Shreveport, La.) 1979-current
5. The Shreveport times. (Shreveport, La.) 1899-1979
6. The Shreveport journal. (Shreveport, La.) 1902-1991
7. Caddo tribune. (Shreveport, La.) 1993-current
9. Shreveport evening standard. (Shreveport, La.) 1878-1879
10. The South-western. (Shreveport, La.) 1952-1970
11. Shreveport semi-weekly news. (Shreveport, La.) 1865-1872
12. Shreveport news. (Shreveport, La.) 1864-1865
13. Shreveport journal. (None) 1848-1877
14. The Caddo gazette. (Shreveport, La.) 1844-1871
15. Shreveport bulletin. (Shreveport, La.) 1872-1877
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Place of publication:
Ida, Caddo Parish, La.

Geographic coverage:
- Ida, Caddo, Louisiana
  View more titles from this: City County, State
- Vivian, Caddo, Louisiana
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Publisher:
Abney D. Scanland

Dates of publication:
1930-1941

Description:
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### SUMMARY HOLDING: Louisiana State Univ, Baton Rouge, LA

- View more titles from this institution

**Dates Available:**
- 1930-1941

Last updated: 06/1988

**Available as: Microfilm Service Copy**

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Last updated: 09/1996

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**Dates Available:**
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Homer J. Mouton (1870-1903), a son of former Louisiana lieutenant governor Charles Homer Mouton, founded the Lafayette Gazette in 1893 with Charles A. Thomas. Within a year, Mouton had purchased Thomas's share of the business and become its sole proprietor. Like his father (an officer in the White League, a paramilitary group formed to intimidate Republicans and black...
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Search Tips & Help

HELP

For research assistance or questions about the Digitizing Louisiana Newspaper Project, see information about how to contact a Librarian.

SEARCH TIPS

Louisiana newspaper titles currently available for full-text search are listed alphabetically by title or parish and by subject.

- Title List
- Parish List
- Civil War Era titles
- Historically Black titles

For subjects covered by the Louisiana newspapers, see the Topic Guides page.

ACCESSING DIGITIZED LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS ON CHRONICLING AMERICA

Access to the digitized Louisiana newspapers is provided by the Chronicling America website. Chronicling America provides access to all the participating states’ newspapers. To browse or search Louisiana newspaper titles, “Louisiana” must be selected from the state list on the search screen and/or one or more Louisiana newspaper titles must be selected from the title list. Specific years or data ranges can also be selected to limit your search. See examples of these search options below as well as a keyword sample search.

Additional instruction on searching Chronicling America is available on the Library of Congress’s website or via the Ohio State Historical Society’s podcast series.

Search by State:
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VERMILION PARISH

Abbeville, the seat of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, was founded in 1843 by Antoine Désiré Mégret, a French Capuchin missionary. Located in the heart of Cajun country, the town’s population was initially of predominantly French extraction, with a small component of Italian and German Catholics. An immigration society was established in Abbeville in 1883 to promote the agricultural opportunities of the area. This led to an influx of Midwestern farmers who helped develop the parish’s rice-growing industry. Other important local industries in the early 20th century included cattle raising and lumbering.

John Winfred O’Bryan (1887-1943) established the Abbeville Progress in 1913. Billing itself as “A Wide-Awake Home Newspaper,” the eight-page nonpartisan weekly reported a wide range of local, national and international news. Of particular local interest is news related to agriculture, including the development of farmers’ cooperative unions, the progress of the Good Roads movement in south Louisiana, and reports on the economic and social effects of the boll weevil blight. A general agricultural advice column was supplemented by separate columns on poultry, livestock, and gardening; additionally, in 1915 the paper published a series of fourteen articles from the United States Department of Agriculture entitled “The Home Garden of the South.” A fashion column and “Progress Woman’s Page” were targeted at women readers, as was much of the paper’s selection of fiction.
Topic Guides

The information below intends to provide historical context to the digitized Louisiana newspapers. The Sample Topic Guides provide search tips and links to sample articles covering Louisiana topics. An Overview of Louisiana Journalism summarizes the general development of the digitized Louisiana newspapers, and is followed by a Selection of Significant Events Reported in the newspapers. Together, this information can assist when browsing and searching the Louisiana newspapers on the Chroniling America website. For more detailed information about individual newspaper titles and their general content, please refer to the "About the Newspapers" page.

LOUISIANA TOPIC GUIDES

- Colfax Race Riot (1873)
- Louisiana Lottery (1858-1895)
- Oil & Gas Industry (1901- )
- Pin Money

OVERVIEW OF LOUISIANA JOURNALISM, 1836-1922

Journalism in Louisiana developed slowly and its establishment occurred after the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory. By 1820, newspapers appeared across Louisiana in English, French, and Spanish. During the years leading up to the Civil War, a Pro-Southern, pro-slavery Democratic newspapers far outnumbered Republican viewpoints among the Louisiana press. Many newspapers went out of business between 1861-1865 due to the Civil War, paper shortages, the occupation of New Orleans, and the eventual fall of the Confederacy. Republican newspapers emerged during this period and Democratic newspapers censored themselves for fear of the Union shutting them down. In 1877, Federal troops withdrew from Louisiana and the press witnessed a war of words that targeted both southern Republicans and African-Americans. By the 1880s, emotions waxed and other topics such as sports, literature, health, and gossip made their appearance in the newspapers.
K-12 Resources

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General Searching in Chronicling America

Results listed first are most likely to be relevant to your search. Results will appear higher in the list when they contain:

- more of your search terms;
- repeated search terms;
- search terms that occur near each other;

Your searches will yield better results if you keep the following points in mind:

- Common words such as and, not, and the are ignored by the search engine.
- Case of letters is ignored. For example, Civil and civil are treated the same.
- Diacritic characters (accent marks, in non-English text) and other special characters produce inaccurate results, so plain (unaccented) letters should be substituted for letters with diacritics.

Search and Browsing Tips

Many browsers have the capability of tabbed browsing, which opens a new pane in the current window, either in the background or the foreground. Users of Chronicling America have reported this as a useful method of navigating through search results—bringing up each result in a new tab. This may be accomplished by clicking with the right-hand mouse button (for Mac, hold down the Command key) and selecting "Open Link in New Tab.

Search results are displayed on a page that can easily be bookmarked or navigated to via the "Back" button on the browser. Every page in the Chronicling America application can be bookmarked, but only the addresses containing newspaper pages should be treated as canonical for purposes of citations and long-term referrals. These addresses are displayed in the address bar of the browser, and no special treatment is required for adding them to a citation database. (Select the "Persistent Link" URL displayed on each newspaper page view to store the link without search text highlighted.)

Search for a Phrase

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your phrase in the appropriate "...with the phrase..." search box.
- When searching for a phrase, enter the words in the order they are most likely to occur.
- The order of search words does not affect the scope of the search results, but it will affect the order of their display.

Search for Words Near Each Other

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your keywords into the "...with the words..." search box.
- Select a numeric value for how close the words should be to each other (proximity).
- This type of search can be helpful in narrowing results on a given person, place or event to a specific aspect of that person, place or event. For example: "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words will result mostly in articles about President Theodore Roosevelt’s Conservation policies during his administration.

Too Many Results — If a search generates too many results, try using more specific terms and/or limiting to a specific state of publication or a particular newspaper title. Use the search box options in combination to narrow your results. For example, use "President Roosevelt" as phrase and "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words to narrow results to text about only President Roosevelt’s conservation policies.
Showcase: Front Page of a Louisiana Newspaper

ABOUT

During the 19th century, many Louisiana newspapers were homegrown productions owned by local community members. Local newspapers often circulated among small communities where information, goings-on, and gossip spread quickly, and therefore, rarely appeared in the newspapers. In general, the front page of a 19th century Louisiana newspaper contains advertisements, legal announcements, poetry, and/or serial fiction. News headlines, feature articles, and anecdotes tend to appear alongside advertisements within the newspapers' interior pages.

Newspapers from this period provided few, if any, images or visual content among the columns of mostly uninterrupted text.

Louisiana newspapers drastically altered in layout and content during the first two decades of the 20th century. The newspapers' issues presented unique imagery in the form of photographs and cartoons and provided readers with a front row seat to the development of the advertising industry. By the 1920s, the newspapers had evolved greatly due to the Associated Press, population growth, and advanced technology.

The following images highlight the evolution of Louisiana newspapers' front-page appearance and structure. This showcase exhibits 28 newspaper titles representing the seven geographic regions of Louisiana including Acadiana/Cajun Country, Crossroads, Florida Parishes, Greater New Orleans Area, North-central, Northeast, and Northwest. To provide a wide scope of front-page evolution, the front pages selected also represent each calendar month as well as the decades covered in the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project. For identification and historical information about the titles featured in this showcase, please refer to the "About the Newspapers" section.
Exploring Digital Historic Newspapers: An Introduction to the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP) & the Library of Congress’s Chronicling America Site

By Laura Charney, Project Manager for DLNP
LSU Libraries Special Collections
April 18, 2012
Updated August 22, 2012

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DLNP Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEARCHING FOR PAST LIVES: THE DIGITIZING LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS PROJECT PRESENTS AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRONICLING AMERICA FOR GENEALOGISTS

The Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project is pleased to accept an invitation to the September 2012 meeting of GENCOM, the Genealogical Computer Society of North Louisiana. As part of the meeting, project manager Laura Charney will deliver "Searching for Past Lives" a presentation on the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project, the browse and search features of Chronicling America, and the application of both to genealogical research. The event will take place at 2:00 PM on September 23, 2012 at the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library.

For more information on GENCOM, please visit: http://gencomla.wordpress.com

For directions and other information about the Broadmoor Branch, please visit Shreve Memorial Library’s site at www.shreve-lib.org

If you would like to host an event please contact us.

PAST EVENTS

"AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DIGITIZING LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS PROJECT"

Delivered at Jones Creek Parish Library by Laura Charney

August 22, 2012 in Baton Rouge

"FINDING YOUR ROOTS IN CHRONICLING AMERICA: EMPLOYING DIGITIZED HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH"
Digitizing Louisiana Newspaper Project

ABOUT US

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HISTORY

Since 1986 LSU has been actively involved with the United States Newspaper Program (USNP). During the first phase of the Louisiana Newspaper Project (LNP), a survey was conducted by Dr. Elsie Hebert of the Manshio School of Journalism. The second and third phases (cataloging and microfilming) of LNP have been conducted by the LSU Libraries, beginning in the Fall of 1987 and continuing to the present.

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Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP)

LSU Libraries is proud to present the Digitizing Louisiana Newspaper Project (DLNP), which offers 56 titles from the state of Louisiana published between 1860 through 1922—a total of 100,000 pages. An additional 100,000 pages from 20 titles published between 1836-1922 are currently being processed for digitization and will be available by the end of 2013. Access the complete list of newspaper titles via the Title and Parish links on the left. Browse newspapers from Louisiana and other states at Chronicling America.

Click on highlighted parishes below to access digital newspapers:
Questions or Comments?

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