Past, Present, and Future of Louisiana’s Historical Newspapers

Prepared for LSU Special Collections
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Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP)

LSU Libraries is proud to present the Digitizing Louisiana Newspaper Project (DLNP), which offers 55 titles from the state of Louisiana published between 1850 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 Chroning America.

Click on highlighted parishes below to access digital newspapers:
100 Years Ago Today: September 20, 1912 (54 issues)

- The sun. (16pp.)
  New York [N.Y.]

- New-York tribune. (16pp.)
  New York [N.Y.]

- The Cape County herald. (8pp.)
  Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Content Selection

Successful selection of newspapers for digitization is the result of combining judgments about the information value and completeness of available titles, with analysis of the image capture quality that is possible from a given set of microfilm. NDNP assumes that negative microfilm will play a leading role in digital image capture and that original paper copy will fill only a limited supporting role.

Image Quality Selection Criteria

1. Technical Quality of Microfilm

Newspaper titles meeting intellectual selection criteria for high research value, geographic and temporal coverage must be of sufficient image quality on microfilm to yield satisfactory digital images and automated text conversion output. Poor quality microfilm and/or poorly prepared original material on microfilm will likely yield unsatisfactory results. See the NDNP Technical Guidelines for information on how to assess the quality of microfilm.

Intellectual Content Selection Criteria

1. Research Value

The foremost reason for selection of an individual title for digitization is that the newspaper significantly reflects the political, economic and cultural history of the State. These include, but are not limited to, titles of statewide or regional influence and titles important as a source of information about a variety of ethnic, racial, political, economic, religious, or other special audiences or interest groups.

Preference should be given to titles that are recognized as "paper of record" at the state or county level and contain published legal notices, news of state and regional governmental affairs, and announcements of community news and events, including births, deaths, and marriages.

2. Geographic Representation

One objective of the NDNP is to ensure broad geographic coverage of American newspapers in digital form. Preference should be given to titles that provide state coverage or at least multi-county coverage of a majority of the population.

3. Temporal Coverage

Titles that provide coverage of a geographic area or a group over long time periods are preferred over short lived titles or titles with significant gaps. Scanning will be limited initially to the time period 1836-1922 but good candidate titles may eventually span many decades before this target period. Continuity is preferred over short runs or scattered issues.

Refined Selection Criteria

In cases where more than one paper meets historical, geographic, and temporal criteria the selection committee may need to consider additional factors in making final decisions.

1. Bibliographic Completeness of Microfilm Copy

Newspaper issues will be scanned primarily from publicly available master microfilm. These files must be essentially complete within the 1836-1922 timeframe to achieve the temporal selection criteria. Important titles with only sporadic issues on microfilm would not be good candidates at this phase of the project. An almost complete microfilm file can be enhanced through the addition of scattered issues and near complete files can be reconstructed through the addition of a small number of issues.
High Research Value

Diversity of Louisiana
## NDNP Newspaper Eligibility Requirements for Digitization

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The Louisiana Cotton-Boll †
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The Meridional †
Le Meschacébé †
Le Messager †
New Orleans Daily Crescent
The New Orleans Daily Democrat
The Opelousas Courier †
El Pelayo ‡
Pioneer of Assumption †
Le Pionener de l’Assomption †
The Planters’ Banner †
Pointe Coupee Democrat †
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The Southern Sentinel
The South-western
St. Landry Clarion †
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General Searching in Chronicling America
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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.
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US Newspaper Directory Search Results

Your title search returned 101 results
Sort by: Relevance Results per page: 20

4. Facts. (New Orleans) 1915-19??
5. Lake Charles News Leader. (Lake Charles, La.) 1966-1973
6. The Republic. (Baton Rouge, La.) 1822-18??
7. Monroe News Leader. (Monroe, La.) 18??-19??
8. The East Baton Rouge Home Almanac. (Hammond, La.) 1967-19??
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14. Messager hebdomadaire et feuille d'avo de Baton Rouge. (Baton Rouge, La.) 1826-18??
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About The Republic (Baton Rouge, La.) 1822-18??

Baton Rouge, La. (1822-18??)

Title:
The Republic : (Baton Rouge, La.) 1822-18??

Place of publication:
Baton Rouge, La.

Geographic coverage:
- Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana  |  View more titles from this: City County, State
- New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana  |  View more titles from this: City County, State

Publisher:
R.D. Richardson & Co.

Dates of publication:
1822-1877

Description:
- Vol. 1, no. 1 (Mar. 19, 1822):

Frequency:
Weekly (2 no. a week during sessions of the legislature)

Language:
- English

Subjects:
- Baton Rouge (La.)--Newspapers.
- New Orleans (La.)--Newspapers.

Notes:
- Microfilm.
- Published in New Orleans, Aug. 2-30, 1823.
- Suspended with June 17, 1823 issue; resumed with Aug. 2, 1823.

LCCN:
sn 94093122

OCLC:
32800377

Holdings:
- View complete holdings information
### Libraries that Have It: The Daily advocate. (Baton Rouge, La.) 1854-1865

#### SUMMARY HOLDING: Boston Athenaeum, Boston, MA
- View more titles from this institution

**Dates Available:**
- 1862

Last updated: 03/1994

**Available as: Original**

**Dates:**
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**Dates Available:**
- 1861

Last updated: 04/1994

**Available as: Original**

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#### SUMMARY HOLDING: Cornell Univ, Ithaca, NY
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**Dates Available:**
- 1854-1862

Last updated: 12/1991

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Pointe a la Hache Lower Coast Gazette

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The Lower Coast Gazette, founded in 1909, was published by Frank C. Meyers (1859-1937), the Plaquemines Parish sheriff, and edited by John Dymond (1836-1922). Dymond established a sugar and cotton brokerage business in New Orleans in 1862. After the Civil War, he purchased two sugar plantations in Plaquemines Parish and became active in agricultural experimentation as well as state agricultural projects. He was also the editor and publisher of the Lower Coast Gazette and Pointe a la Hache News, both weekly newspapers.
About Lower coast gazette. (Pointe-a-la-Hache, La.) 1909-1925

Title:
Lower coast gazette. : (Pointe-a-la-Hache, La.) 1909-1925

Place of publication:
Pointe-a-la-Hache, La.

Geographic coverage:
- Pointe a la Hache, Plaquemines, Louisiana
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Publisher:
Lower Coast Gazette Co.

Dates of publication:
1909-1925

Description:
- Ceased in Aug. 1925?
- Vol. 1, no. 1 (Jan. 2, 1909)-

Frequency:
Weekly

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- English
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In December 1856, George A. Pike's *Morning Comet* and George C. McWhorter's *Baton Rouge Daily Gazette* were consolidated to form the *Daily Gazette and Comet*, which Pike edited with Rev. William H. Crenshaw. The brother of prominent Baton Rouge landowner and businessman William S. Pike, George Pike had been an outspoken member of the anti-Catholic, nativist Know-Nothing Party, which he promoted as editor of the *Morning Comet* and its predecessor the *Daily Comet*. By 1856, the party had split over the issue of slavery, whereupon Pike, now editor of the *Daily Gazette and Comet*, shifted his focus to the growing sectional crisis between North and South.

Pike opposed southern secession and called for compromise on the issue of slavery. In the presidential election of 1860, he supported Constitutional Union Party candidate John Bell of Tennessee and his running mate Edward Everett of Massachusetts. However, he also spoke favorably of pro-Union Democrat Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois. Louisiana secessionists whom Pike criticized included Senator John Slidell and Governor Thomas Overton Moore. In the months leading up to the election, the *Daily Gazette and Comet* reported on the activities of Unionists in and around Baton Rouge and on meetings of Bell and Douglas clubs. (The city ultimately cast the majority of its votes for Bell.) After the election, the paper reported local and regional responses to Lincoln's victory. Pike himself disagreed with Republican ideology in regard to slavery but considered Lincoln to have been fairly elected and encouraged southerners to adopt a "wait and see" attitude.

Published Tuesday through Saturday in four pages, the *Daily Gazette and Comet* consisted primarily of advertisements and thus helped document Baton Rouge's commercial life on the eve of the Civil War.
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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.

The Abbeville Progress published the minutes of the parish police jury (the equivalent of county councils in other
Topic Guides

ABOUT

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 Chronicling 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 (1868-1895)
- Oil & Gas Industry (1901-1921)
- 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 waned and other topics such as sports, literature, health, and gossip made their appearance in the newspapers.

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SELECTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED

Antebellum Period (1830-1859)

1831 - The Pontchartrain Railroad, Louisiana's first railroad and the first west of the Alleghenies, built
1834 - Medical College of Louisiana (now Tulane University) founded
1836 - New Basin Canal is completed
1836 - Texans besieged at the Alamo
1837 - New Orleans Picayune is established
1837 - Shreveport founded
1838 - First Mardi Gras parade held in New Orleans
1838 - St. Charles, a Jesuit institution, opens in Grand Coteau
1838 - Cherokees forced to walk the "Trail of Tears"
1838 - Henry Miller Shreve removes the Great Raft, a 160-mile logjam that had blocked navigation of the Red River
1840 - Thanks to overwhelming steamboat traffic, New Orleans becomes the second largest port in the U.S.
1840 - Theatre de la Renaissance opens in New Orleans with an all-black cast
1845 - Louisiana Constitution is rewritten
1846 - Mexican-American War begins; New Orleans becomes important staging ground for the U.S. troops
1847 - Construction of the state capitol in Baton Rouge begins
1847 - The Medical College of Louisiana (now Tulane University) becomes the University of Louisiana
1847 - The Feliciana Female Collegiate Institute opens in Jackson
1848 - Zachary Taylor, a Louisiana planter, elected U.S. President
1849 - Baton Rouge becomes the capital city of Louisiana
1850 - Compromise of 1850 passed; Fugitive Slave Act is strengthened
1850 - John McDonogh bequeaths $750,000 to establish public schools in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish
1851 - Jenny Lind performs in New Orleans under the management of P.T. Barnum
1852 - Louisiana Constitution revised again
1852 - Mansfield Female College founded; Silliman Collegiate Institute, a girls school, opens in Jackson
1853 - Yellow fever epidemic kills 11,000 in New Orleans
1854 - Republican party formed
1856 - Hurricane strikes Last Island (Isle Dernière) killing more than 200
1857 - First formal Mardi Gras carnival organizations established
1857 - Emancipation of slaves is prohibited in the state
1857 - Dred Scott Case ruled upon in the U.S. Supreme Court
1858 - Know-Nothing not in New Orleans
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 Acadia/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 below, go to the About the Newspapers page.

For a closer inspection of each front page and to examine the content, click on the images to open the original source.
DLNP Presentations

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 20, 2012

This presentation is viewable in full screen PDF and available for download with navigable bookmarks by clicking here.
DLNP Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF LOUISIANA’S HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

The Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP) at the LSU Libraries Special Collections is pleased to host a short program on historical Louisiana newspapers to be held at Hill Memorial Library’s Lecture Hall on October 9, 2012 at 2:00 PM.

The program will feature two short presentations. Assistant Curator of Books Michael Taylor will first provide a brief history of Louisiana newspapers, then DLNP Project Manager Laura Charney will detail the process and numerous advantages of transferring historical newspapers online via the Library of Congress’s Chronicling America database. A short question and answer session will follow. All are welcome to this free event.

For more information please email Laura Charney at lcham1@lsu.edu or Amy Jones at ajon109@tigers.lsu.edu

EXPLORING HISTORIC LOCAL NEWS THROUGH THE DIGITIZING LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS PROJECT

The Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP) is excited to present at Loyola University New Orleans’ Monroe Library on October 11, 2012. The presentation will be held in the Multimedia Room 2 at 12:30 PM for faculty, students, and staff to learn more about DLNP, Chronicling America, and the history of newspaper printing in Louisiana.

For more information please email Laura Charney at lcham1@lsu.edu

RESURRECTING THE PAST: DLNP, CHRONICLING AMERICA, AND DIGITIZED HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
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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:
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?

OH MAN, I DON'T KNOW! LET'S FIND OUT!

MAP OF ONLINE COMMUNITIES
SIZE ON MAP REPRESENTS VOLUME OF DAILY SOCIAL ACTIVITY (POSTS, CHAT, ETC.). BASED ON DATA GATHERED OVER THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2010
National Digital Newspaper Program

Division of Preservation and Access

Brief Summary

NEH is soliciting applications for grants to support proposals for digitizing a large number of newspapers published between 1880 and 1922 in U.S. territories. This searchable database will be performantly available at the Library of Congress (LC) and be freely accessible via the Internet. See the Web site: Chronicling America, Historic American Newspapers®. NEH intends to support projects in all states and U.S. territories, provided that sufficient funds allocated for this purpose are available. One organization within each U.S. state or territory will receive an award to collaborate with relevant state partners in this effort.
About this collection

The Louisiana Newspaper Access Program contains representative images of the earliest newspaper titles from Louisiana’s 64 parishes. This digital pilot project, which was funded in part by a Louisiana Board of Regents grant, is a precursor to LSU Libraries' involvement with the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) and the development of the Digitizing Louisiana Newspaper Project (DLNP).

The LaNeAP (or “lagniappe”) digital collection focus is early extant newspapers that are not available through the Library of Congress' Chronicling America site.

Thanks to researcher Judy Riffel and the Iberville Parish Clerk of Court office in Plaquemine 139 newspaper issues from 1831 to 1922 consisting of 13 Iberville titles, one West Baton Rouge title, and two Baton Rouge titles were added in 2012.
Welcome to the LOUISiana Digital Library.

The LOUISiana Digital Library (LDL) is an online library of Louisiana institutions that provides over 144,000 digital materials. Its purpose is to make unique historical treasures from the Louisiana institution’s archives, libraries, museums, and other repositories in the state electronically accessible to Louisiana residents and to students, researchers, and the general public in other states and countries. The LOUISiana Digital Library contains photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, oral histories, and more that document history and culture. We hope that you find the items in the Digital Library as diverse and interesting as the people and places in Louisiana.

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How To Get Started.

There are several different ways items can be accessed in the Louisiana Digital Library. Collections may be **Broweed** or **Searched**. By choosing one of the criteria on the **left menu bar**, you may browse across all of the collections based on your selection. The browse options provide hyperlinked results to more specific collections and items based on the chosen criteria.

Collections may be searched by using either the **Search box** located in the **upper right of the page** or the **Advanced Search** located on the **menu bar** at the top of the page. The Advanced Search allows for item level queries and provides results to individual items based on the search criteria. The Advanced Search feature also allows for collection specific searches.
Welcome to LSU Libraries Special Collections

Special Collections has many resources available to researchers both at this site and in the reading room in Hill Memorial Library. The following information is here to help you get started using Special Collections at LSU.

Find out more about the materials housed in Hill by exploring the five major collecting areas:

- The Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections (LLMVC)
- The Rare Book Collection
- The E.A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection
- Political Papers
- The University Archives

Special Collections and Archives collect, preserve, and make accessible materials central to our collective memory.
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LSU Libraries is pleased to present the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP), which digitizes newspapers from the state of Louisiana published between 1830 through 1932. A total of 195,000 pages from the state of Louisiana are currently available for digitization and will be available by the end of 2019. Access the complete list of news publications and their titles and Parish links on the left. Browse newspapers from Louisiana and other states on Chronicling America.

Click on highlighted parishes below to access digital newspapers:

- African-American newspapers
- Black newspapers
- Catholic Press
- Hispanic newspapers
- Native American newspapers
- Other newspapers
- Protesting papers
- Religious newspapers
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