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Newspapers/Family History

[African American Biographical Database \(Chadwyck-Healy\)](#)

The largest Electronic Collection of Biographical Information on African Americans, spanning 1790-1950. Includes photographs and illustrations, and covers the famous to the everyday person. Information ranges from biographical profiles to full-text sketches.

[Ancestry Library Edition](#)

Includes billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more.*Only accessible onsite at the Library of Michigan. No longer available for remote access as of [December 31, 2021](#).

[Ann Arbor News Historical and Current Collection \(Newsbank\)](#)

Dig deeper into the Ann Arbor News! Our new collection expands our access from 1923 to the current date.

[Black Life in America \(NewsBank\)](#)

The experience and impact of African Americans as recorded by the news media, from 1704 through present day.

[Black Thought and Culture \(Alexander Street\)](#)

Black Thought and Culture A landmark digital library of approximately 100,000 pages of non-fiction writings by major American black leaders and public figures covering 250 years of history. In addition standard works, it also includes previously inaccessible material, including letters, speeches, political leaflets, interviews, trial transcripts, and the like.

[Detroit Free Press Historical Newspaper, 1831-1999 \(ProQuest\)](#)

168 years of news coverage

[Detroit News Historical/Current MLive Publications \(Newsbank\)](#)

Historical coverage of the Detroit News (1873 - 1999), as well as access to other selected papers from around the state, including all MLive-owned publications. Coverage of MLive publications ranges from 2002 - current. Learn more through database video tutorial.

[Ethnic NewsWatch \(ProQuest\)](#)

Full-text access to newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic and minority press, providing researchers access to essential, often overlooked perspectives. The database now also contains Ethnic NewsWatch: A History, which provides historical coverage of Native American, African American, and Hispanic American periodicals from 1959-1989.

[Fold3 by Ancestry](#)

Access military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents, of the men and women who served.

[The Globe and the Mail Historical Newspaper \(ProQuest\)](#)

Digitized newspapers of Toronto, Canada that includes The Globe (1844-1936) and The Globe and Mail (1936-2017).

[Grand Rapids Press Historical and Current Collection \(Newsbank\)](#)

Enjoy greater access to the Grand Rapids Press! Our new collection extends from 1893 to the current date.

[HeritageHub \(NewsBank\)](#)

The premier collection of U.S. obituaries and death notices for in-depth biographical and genealogical research from 1824 - today. Includes deep coverage from all 50 states, hard-to-find content from the mid 1900's, and original obituary images.

[Michigan Chronicle Historical Newspaper, 1939-2010 \(ProQuest\)](#)

Primary source material essential to the study of American history and African American culture, history, politics, and the arts.

[Michigan History Magazine](#)

A popular history magazine with content useful to historians and genealogy researchers. Provided through the [Michigan eLibrary](#).

[MyHeritage Library Edition](#)

Family history/genealogy resource including more than 6 billion historical records from the United States, Europe, Latin America, and other regions. Provided through the [Michigan eLibrary](#).

[NewspaperArchive](#)

Newspapers dating from 1759 to 1977, including communities around the country.

[Newspapers.com World Edition by Ancestry](#)

The largest online newspaper archive, covering 16,200+ newspapers from the 1700s-2000s, with millions of additional pages added every month.

[Saginaw News Historical Archive, 1881-2018 \(Newsbank\)](#)

Explore Saginaw history through local news, events and people with the Saginaw News. Collection covers from 1881-2018.

[Sanborn Maps - Michigan, 1867-1970 \(ProQuest\)](#)

Sanborn maps are large-scale plans of a city or town, drawn at a scale of 50 feet to an inch. They were created to assist fire insurance companies as they assessed the risk associated with insuring a particular property. The maps list street blocks and building numbers including numbers in use at the time the map was made and previous numbers. An essential tool for brownfield remediation work, as well as genealogy and historical research.

This no longer works from home ; - (

4 Enjoy!

R.L. Polk data for major cities up to 1923 (plus lots of other valuable resources)

Wow!

Amazing!

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Locating newspaper holdings in the State of Michigan, obtaining microfilm, the USNP (United States Newspaper Project) information, the NDNP (National Digital Newspaper Program), and resources for preservation.

Newspaper Resources in Michigan and Nationally >

A comprehensive list developed by the [Clarke Historical Library](#) of Michigan newspaper titles available online from various institutions.

Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal >

The Library of Michigan subscribes to a number of newspaper databases that are accessible to Library of Michigan library cardholders. Links to these databases can be found on the [Family History](#) section of our website. Don't have a card? Apply using our [online application form](#).

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The Public Libraries of Saginaw maintains an index of more than 200,000 obituaries from the Saginaw News.

Saginaw News Obituary Index >

Sandusky District Library provides access to many scanned newspapers and local history material related to the Sandusky, Michigan area.

Sandusky District Library >

Signal of Liberty is a newspaper whose goal is to bring the issue of slavery to the minds and hearts of the readership. The newspaper shows the growing antislavery movement within Michigan focusing on local churches and other social organizations.

Signal of Liberty >

Digitized copies of "The Daily Tribune" microfilm from November 1877 - September 2015 by the Royal Oak Public Library.

The Daily Tribune (Royal Oak, MI) >

Scanned copies of The Tawas Herald (1884-1981) through the [Huron Shores Genealogical Society](#) and [Josco-Arenac District Library](#).

The Tawas Herald 1884-1981 >

This website is an index only resource. This resource covers the years 1865-1898, but does not cover all of the Ypsilanti area. Researchers may find some citations for vital records such as births, marriages, and deaths, but are encouraged to search the cited dates on the microfilm copy for further information.

Ypsilanti Commercial newspaper >

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