

Maryland Newspaper Resources

The **Historic Maryland Newspapers Project** (HMNP) is an ongoing effort at **University of Maryland Libraries** to digitize Maryland's newspapers and make them accessible for **free** on the **Library of Congress' Chronicling America** website. Our project is funded by the **National Endowment for the Humanities'** (NEH) **National Digital Newspaper Program** (NDNP) grants.

Chronicling America: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Accessing Historic Maryland Newspapers

Historic Maryland Newspapers Project at UMD Libraries

- ❖ Homepage: <https://www.lib.umd.edu/digital/newspapers/home>
- ❖ Resources: <https://www.lib.umd.edu/digital/newspapers/resources>
- ❖ Gateway to Digitized Maryland Newspapers: <https://digital.lib.umd.edu/newspapergateway>
(Searchable database of where you can find all digitized Maryland newspapers)
- ❖ All MD newspapers in ChronAm:
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/?state=Marylandðnicity=&language=>

Maryland State Archives

- ❖ Digital Maryland Newspapers: <http://speccol.msa.maryland.gov/pages/newspaper/digitized.aspx>
- ❖ Database of all Maryland Newspapers: <http://speccol.msa.maryland.gov/pages/newspaper/index.aspx>

Enoch Pratt Library

- ❖ Historical Newspapers (ProQuest and Newspapers.com)*:
<https://www.prattlibrary.org/research/databases/historical-newspapers> (*Requires a Pratt library card, which Maryland residents can obtain for free online - <https://www.prattlibrary.org/library-cards/ecard>)
- ❖ Historic Maryland Newspapers: <https://www.prattlibrary.org/research/guides/historic-maryland-newspapers>
- ❖ Periodicals Department: <https://www.prattlibrary.org/locations/central/periodicals-department>

The Afro-American

- ❖ Afro-American Black History Vault: <https://afro.com/archives/>

Books

- ❖ Dickson, J. Preston. *Newspapers of Maryland's Eastern Shore*. Centreville: Tidewater Publishers, 1986.
- ❖ Johnson, Gerald W. and Mencken, H.L. *The Sunpapers of Baltimore*. New York: Knopf, 1937.
- ❖ Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County*. Philadelphia: L.H. Everts, 1881.
Chapter 35: The Press of Baltimore.
- ❖ Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Western Maryland*. Philadelphia: L. H. Everts, 1882.
- ❖ Williams, Harold A. *The Baltimore Sun, 1837-1987*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1987.

Other Newspaper Databases

Open Access:

- ❖ Google News Archive:
<https://news.google.com/newspapers>
- ❖ Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/>

Subscription*:

- ❖ Readex
- ❖ Newsbank
- ❖ ProQuest Historical Newspaper databases
- ❖ Newspaperarchive.com
- ❖ Genealogybank.com
- ❖ Newspapers.com / Ancestry.com

(*Check Enoch Pratt or your local library to access)

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For more information about the Historic Maryland Newspapers Project,
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More Newspaper Resources

This is a list of additional resources mentioned during the
Symposium on Researching African Americans in Newspapers, October 21, 2021.
<https://www.lib.umd.edu/digital/newspapers/resources>

Chronicling America Features

- ❖ Advanced search: https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/#tab=tab_advanced_search
Narrow search by state, title, date range, language, phrases, words within a number of words from each other
- ❖ List of all titles: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/>
- ❖ List of MD titles: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/maryland/>
- ❖ US Newspaper Directory (non-digitized titles and digitized titles on ChronAm and elsewhere):
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>

Websites

- ❖ African Nova Scotians in the Age of Slavery and Abolition: <https://archives.novascotia.ca/africans/>
- ❖ The Ancestor Hunt: <https://theancestorhunt.com/>
- ❖ DC Public Library, Go Digital: <https://www.dclibrary.org/godigital>
- ❖ Genealogy Bank: <https://www.genealogybank.com/>
- ❖ Maryland State Archives, Legacy of Slavery Project: <http://slavery.msa.maryland.gov/>
- ❖ Riversdale House Museum: <https://www.pgparcs.com/3023/Riversdale-House-Museum>
- ❖ Rowell's & Ayer's American Newspaper Directories:
https://loc.gov/rr/news/news_research_tools/ayersdirectory.html
- ❖ Tim Pinnick Website: <http://www.blackcoalminerheritage.net/>
- ❖ Virginia Chronicle: <https://virginiachronicle.com/>

Books, Articles, and Presentations

- ❖ Abajian, James de T. *Blacks in Selected Newspapers, Censuses and Other Sources : An Index to Names and Subjects*. Boston: G.K. Hall, 1977.
- ❖ Bransom, Marlene Garrett. *Early African American Deaths in the Pittsburgh Courier*. Apollo, PA: Closson Press, 2011. Fifteen volumes.
- ❖ Campbell, Georgetta Merritt. *Extant Collections of Early Black Newspapers : A Research Guide to the Black Press, 1880-1915, with an Index to the Boston Guardian, 1902-1904*. Troy, N.Y.: Whitston Pub, 1981.
- ❖ Danky, James Philip, and Maureen E Hady, eds. *African-American Newspapers and Periodicals : A National Bibliography*. Harvard University Press Reference Library. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1998.
- ❖ Henritze, Barbara K. *Bibliographic Checklist of African American Newspapers*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub, 1995.
- ❖ Pinnick, Timothy N. *Finding and Using African American Newspapers*. Wyandotte, OK: Gregarth Publishing Co, 2008.
- ❖ Pinnick, Tim. "African American Newspapers in Genealogical Research." Kalamazoo Public Library, May 7, 2012. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2VVVEdLKFQ>
- ❖ Pinnick, Timothy. "Answers in African American Newspapers." *Family Tree Magazine*, May 2011.
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/heritage/african-american/answers-african-american-newspapers/>

Extra Tip: Consult with your local libraries, archives, and historical societies to review local and state histories, abstracts, and indexes for additional information on tracking down and researching local newspapers.