

Newspapers for Family & Local History Webinar

Details of newspaper databases mentioned in the webinar and other resources of interest.

West Sussex Library Service – Newspaper databases

Times Digital Archive and Illustrated London News – fully searchable editions of The Times newspaper (1785-2014) and the Illustrated London News (1842-2003) available to all West Sussex Library members from home:
<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/newspapers>

A help sheet giving guidance on using the Times Digital Archive can be found at this link: <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/times-digital-archive>

A help sheet giving guidance on using the Illustrated London News can be found at this link: <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/illustrated-london-news>

British Newspaper Archive – a growing collection of local and national newspapers from the British Library's collection. Although you can search the site for free you usually need a subscription to view any articles. However, you can view articles for free in any West Sussex Library, if you register on the site first.
<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

A help sheet giving guidance on using the British Newspaper Archive in West Sussex Libraries can be found at this link:
<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/british-newspaper-archive>

UK Newspaper databases

National Library of Scotland - The National Library of Scotland offers access to fully searchable digitised images of Scots 'Broadside' pamphlets from 1650 to 1910: <https://digital.nls.uk/broadsides/>

National Library of Wales – fully searchable digitised images of Welsh newspapers (in English and Welsh) covering the 19th century through to just after World War 1: <http://newspapers.library.wales/>

Isle of Man Newspapers - provides digital access to the most complete run of Isle of Man newspapers from 1792 to 1960:
<https://www.imuseum.im/newspapers/>

London Gazette – fully searchable digitised copies of the London Gazette dating back to 1665. A key resource for tracing military appointments, promotions, and awards as well as company information: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

Lloyds list index – The database is an index to the marine news section of Lloyd's List for the period 1740 – 1837. Please note that only the news items are included; the ordinary shipping movements have not been indexed:
<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lloydslist/>

Commonwealth Newspaper databases

National Library of Australia – fully searchable digitised newspapers from across Australia covering the 19th – 21st centuries:
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>

National Library of New Zealand - fully searchable digitized New Zealand and Pacific newspapers: <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>

Canada - Historical Canadian Newspapers Online - Links to historical Canadian newspapers that are freely available on the Internet.
<https://libguides.bgsu.edu/canadiannewspapers>

Canada - British Columbia Historical Newspapers - The BC Historical Newspapers project features digitized versions of historical papers from around the province. The titles, which range from the Abbotsford Post to the Ymir Mirror, date from 1859 to 1995.
<https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/bcnewspapers>

Canada - British Colonist - became the leading paper in the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, this website contains all the issues of the British Colonist (also called The Daily British Colonist, the Daily Colonist, and other variants) from its first issue in 1858 to December 1980. - <https://britishcolonist.ca/>

Digital Library of the Caribbean - access to digitized versions of Caribbean newspapers, gazettes, and other research materials on newsprint currently held in archives, libraries, and private collections. - <https://dloc.com/cndi>

*Library
subscription
(4 digit number
from your library
card)

Further Information – Archives, Libraries and genealogical organisations and copyright

The National Archives – The official archive of the UK Government. Search the catalogues of the National Archives plus those of record offices and other archives across the country. Some collections are available as digital downloads you will need to register on the site and there is usually a small fee per document (during COVID lockdowns the downloads have been free)
<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Useful research guides to many topics:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides-keywords/>

The National Archive research guide about newspapers can be found at this link
<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/newspapers/>

National Archive also has the following podcast:

Digitised newspapers as sources for family history - March 2012
<https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/digitised-newspapers-as-sources-for-family-history/>

Contact details and websites for archives across the country:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/find-an-archive>

The Society of Genealogists - <http://www.sog.org.uk>

National Records of Scotland – searchable catalogue of their holdings plus useful research guides: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research>

National Library of Wales – searchable catalogue of their holdings plus some digitised material available free online: <https://discover.library.wales/>

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland - The Public Record Office Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the official archive for Northern Ireland
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>

National Archives of Ireland – searchable catalogue of their holdings plus some digitised material available free online: <https://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) – Home to a range of documents, images, maps, films, and books which chart your London history from 1067 to present:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/history-and-heritage/london-metropolitan-archives>

FindMyPast

FindMyPast have produced the following YouTube videos on using newspapers for family history.

Why Newspapers Are Brilliant for Family History - FindMyPast Live - 17 July 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbLpqcigAac>

Finding Ancestors in Newspapers – FindMyPast – 24 April - 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INUS2KGGT18&t=285s>

International newspaper databases: USA

Library of Congress – fully searchable digitised newspapers from across the United States covering 1650-1963:

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america/about-this-collection/>

California Digital Newspaper Collection –

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>

Georgia Historic Newspapers – The archive is free and open for public use; includes over one million Georgia newspaper pages between 1786 and 1985

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>

Brooklyn Newspapers – digitized versions of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle (1840–1963), Brooklyn Life (1890–1924), Brooklyn Evening Star (1841–1863) and L[?] Island Star (1809–1840) - <https://bklyn.newspapers.com/>

Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection – currently includes more than 2 million digitized pages, representing more than 553 individual newspaper titles published in Colorado from 1859 up to 2020 and best of all the CHNC can be browsed and searched for free -

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/>

Hoosier State Chronicles (Indiana's Digital Historic Newspaper Progra

- provide free, online access to high quality digital images of Indiana's historical newspapers - <https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>

Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections – These collections contain 187,1 issues from 158 newspapers - <https://idnc.library.illinois.edu/>

Virginia Chronicle – a historical archive of Virginia newspapers, providing full access to full text searching and digitized images of over a million newspaper pages. - <https://virginiachronicle.com/>

Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub is a searchable website from the Minnesota Historical Society that makes millions of pages of Minnesota newspapers available online. - <https://www.mnhs.org/newspapers/hub>

Montana Newspapers – This full-text searchable database contains 761,600 pages from 123 Montana town, county, school, and tribal newspapers dated 18[?] 2018. - <https://mths.mt.gov/Research/collections/newspapers/mtne>

North Carolina Newspapers – a selection of student and community newspapers from schools and towns around North Carolina. - <https://www.digitalnc.org/newspapers/>

International newspaper databases: Europe & Rest of the World

Austrian National Newspapers Online - ANNO is the digital newspaper and magazine reading room of the Austrian National Library. Here you can browse through, search for, and read online historical Austrian newspapers and magazines. The site is in German. - <https://anno.onb.ac.at/>

Belgica Press - The portal gives you access to 111 Belgian newspapers referred to as "major newspapers", most of which appeared daily (1814-1970) however only titles that have been published up to 1918 are freely accessible. <https://www.belgicapress.be/?lang=EN>

National Library of Finland - newspapers published in Finland 1771-1899. <https://digi.kansalliskirjasto.fi/search>

Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

Cyndi's List

Useful family history database with details of historical newspaper archives in Europe and worldwide:

<https://www.cyndislist.com/newspapers/>

Google Newspaper Archive

Useful details of historical newspaper archives in Europe and worldwide:

<https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Further information - West Sussex Library Service

West Sussex Library Service offers a range of resources to help family and local historians. Further information can be found at the links below.

West Sussex Library Service – Family & Local History research website with links to resources available in libraries and on the internet

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/family-and-local-history>

West Sussex Library Service eLibrary

Find out more about the West Sussex eLibrary offer at this link. Download Libby app to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines. Download the PressReader app to access eNewspapers.

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/elibrary>

West Sussex Library Service – Ask a Librarian

You can put questions to West Sussex Librarians and receive up to 30 mins free research by filling in the form at this link:

[Libraries 'contact us' form](#)

West Sussex Library Service – Join a West Sussex Library online.

You can become a West Sussex Library member by joining online at the link given below.

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/protected/join-the-library>

Useful books in West Sussex Libraries

You can use the West Sussex Library Service online catalogue to order copies of the following book about using newspapers for historical research.

Bates, Denise

Historical research using British newspapers.

Pen & Sword History, 2016

ISBN: 9781473859005

Access the library catalogue at this link:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena>

You can have **copies of these books** sent to your nearest West Sussex Library by contacting them directly.

Alternatively if you have a West Sussex Library Card and Personal ID number, you can make your request online via the library catalogue:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena>

Copyright User

CopyrightUser.org is an online resource aimed at making UK copyright accessible to creators, media professionals, entrepreneurs, students, and members of the public.

www.copyrightuser.org

UK Government - How copyright protects your work.

An overview of current UK copyright legislation and guidance.

www.gov.uk/copyright