



Introduction to Newspaper Research

**Archives and
Information Services**

**Second Saturday
Workshop Series**



Lorenzo DeZavala State Library and Archives Building, front exterior; photo taken by Casey Dunn Professional Photography. Used with permission.

What this session covers

What's in a Newspaper?

How they can help with your research



Finding Newspapers Online

Newspaper databases and directories



Finding Newspapers in Libraries

Including the newspaper collections at TSLAC

The information in this presentation is also available on our website at www.tsl.texas.gov/ref/newspapers 





New meter connections reported by City of Tulia since last week are: D. F. De La Rosa, 426 N. Austin; Eddie Derrick, 809 N. Hale; G. W. Sikes, 619 N. Floyd; A. T. Boyd, 713 N. Maxwell; Doris Maillet, 326 N. Crosby; Raymond Perez, 506 SW 2nd.

Marriage licenses issued by the county clerk since last week were to: Charles Ray Satterfield, Amarillo, and Vicky Lynn Powell, Tulia, Theodore John Albrecht, Tulia, and Dana Susan Behne, Tulia; Billy James Glenn, Mountain View, Ark., and Sue Ann Malloy, Tulia; Terry Thomas Marley, Tulia, and Glenda Jo Carroll, Tulia; James Joseph Johnson, Tulia, and Debra Ann McCoy, Tulia.

New subscribers to The Tulia Herald since last week: A. E. Lane, 633 Allen St., Ridgecrest, California; Thomas L. Tucker, 620 N. E. First Place, Tulia, Texas.

Weather during the past week has been temperate and dry. High was 78 degrees and low 25. Cotton harvest is underway.

What's in a newspaper?

- Announcements:
 - Births, deaths, weddings, obituaries, accidents, and other events of significance
- Feature articles
- News about local events, disasters, and families
- Business advertisements
- Legal notices
- Editorials and speeches



Finding Newspapers Online

- Search by name or keyword and filter results by date, location, or newspaper title.
- Some databases include images of the actual newspapers and some are text only.
- Print or save digital copies or pages or clippings from database.
- Subscription databases may be available online for free through your local library.



Subscription Newspaper Databases



NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®

TSLAC subscribes to the Texas editions of **Newspapers.com** and **Newspaper Archive** digitized newspaper collections. Remote access and expanded coverage is available with an individual subscription.

newspapers.com 

newspaperarchive.com 

EBSCOhost



We also have access to **Newspaper Source Plus** full-text newspapers through the TexShare Database program. TexShare Databases are available to registered users of participating libraries.



www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/databases 

Check with your local library about their newspaper subscription databases.



Free Newspaper Databases



The Portal to Texas History's **Texas Digital Newspaper Program**, hosted by the University of North Texas. Includes digitized images of historical and recent Texas newspapers. Search by keyword and filter results by location, time period or newspaper title.

texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP 

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Chronicling America Historic American Newspapers, a joint project of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Includes a collection of digitized historic American newspapers from 1789-1963. Includes searchable, digitized images of several Texas and ethnic newspapers.

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov 



Searching Newspaper Databases

Include key terms in a keyword search. For example, a search for “William Smith obituaries” will return more relevant results than a search for “William Smith”.

Search for specific phrases, alternate spellings, nicknames, initials, and common abbreviations such as “Wm.” for “William”.

Search for female ancestors under a husband’s name, for example “Mrs. William Smith” or “Mrs. W. E. Smith”.

OCR text transcriptions are not always accurate. Use the information you already have to filter or browse newspapers page by page instead.

Look for videos and tutorials in each database’s help section for tips and tricks!



Finding Newspapers in Libraries

- Look for print and microform newspaper collections in local libraries and archives.
- Browse individual issues on-site at your library.
- Print or save digital copies or ask about remote copy services.
- Check for newspaper clippings in vertical file collections.



Microfilm and Print Newspapers



Texas State Library and Archives newspaper collections include online subscriptions, plus microfilm and original format newspapers. Check our Newspaper Research webpage for title lists and access options.

www.tsl.texas.gov/ref/newspapers 



Briscoe Center for American History newspaper collections include Texas, Southern, U.S., and non-U.S. titles on microfilm and in print at the University of Texas-Austin. Contact the Center directly for information about their collections and services.

www.cah.utexas.edu/research/newspapers.php 



OCLC WorldCat lists microfilm and print newspapers in libraries close to you.

www.worldcat.org 



Newspaper Directories

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Chronicling America US Newspaper Directory, 1690-present, produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). Online directory search by keyword, location, dates, and more. Individual listings include frequency, coverage, and library holdings information.

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles 



TEXAS PRESS
ASSOCIATION

Texas Press Association Newspapers. An online directory of current Texas newspapers and their contact information. Sort by city, title, or county.

www.texaspress.com/newspapers-city-ascending 



Newspaper Directories

GALVESTON CO.....Pop. 24,126	
No Election Returns. (5,656 col'd.)	
Location —Southeast, bordering on the Gulf of Mexico; land area about 350 sq. m. Natural Features —Surface generally level; soil sandy.—Agricultural productions are not large; in live-stock cattle predominate. Manufactures numerous, of which the chief are iron and machinery at the County-seat Galveston, pop. 22,253. <i>C. Ire.</i>	
Civilian (daily).....Dem..Galveston f.....	400
Journal (daily).....Dem..	7800
Journal.....Dem..	41,600
News (daily).....Ind...	8,000
News.....Ind...	5,000
Sonntagsblatt.....Dem..	2,000
Spectator.....Rep..	900
Texas Christian Advocate...Meth..	6,000
Texas Journal of Commerce...Com..	43,000
Texas Medical and Surgical Record (monthly).....} Med..	400
Texas Post (Ger.) (daily) } Dem..	1,300
(see Sonntagsblatt).....} Dem..	3,048
Texas Post (German).....Dem..	

N. W. Ayer & Son newspaper directories published in the late-19th and mid-20th centuries. Find US newspapers and periodicals by state and city, or alphabetically by newspaper title. Includes information about a newspaper's frequency, language, political affiliation, and notes on audience by religion or race.

- Early editions have been digitized to view and search by keyword, available through the Library of Congress and the Portal to Texas History.

[loc.gov/rr/news/news_research_tools/ayersdirectory.html](https://www.loc.gov/rr/news/news_research_tools/ayersdirectory.html) 

digital.library.unt.edu/explore/collections/NPRS/browse 

- TSLAC also has print copies available for onsite use. Check our catalog for years covered and availability.

www.tsl.texas.gov/catalog 



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