The Hidden Treasures for Genealogy Research
Utilizing Newspapers
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Sample Newspaper Websites/Links	Notes/Information
Historic Oregon Newspapers (Free) https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/newspapers/	Over 347 newspaper titles from across Oregon with over 2,240,049 pages.
Washington State Library: Newspapers (Free) https://washingtondigitalnewspapers.org/	Brings together over 600,00 pages from Washington's earliest Territorial newspapers to the present day.
Ancestor Hunt (Directory of Newspaper Sites) https://theancestorhunt.com/ https://theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html	Site established to help locate genealogical resources quickly. Focus on free online collections. Great resource to identify where you can locate specific newspapers and resources.
Newspapers.com ($) https://www.newspapers.com/	Subscription Based- Owned by Ancestry.com. Over 735 million pages to explore. Two subscription levels, highly encourage the Publisher Extra subscription.
Newspaperarchive.com ($) https://newspaperarchive.com/	Subscription site. Unique newspapers and obituaries.
Chronicling America (Free) https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/	Contains historic newspapers from across the US and includes newspaper pages from 1777-1963.
New York State Historic Newspapers (Free) https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/	Historical newspapers from across New York Center. You can search by county, city/town, newspaper title, and date.
Google News Archive (Free) https://news.google.com/newspapers	Has been discontinued but still provides access to the newspapers that Google scanned as part of its archival work.
GenealogyBank.com ($) https://www.genealogybank.com/	Subscription site with newspapers, obituaries, and access to census records.
Fulton History (Free) https://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html	One of the largest collections (over 50 million pages) of old newspapers online in the U.S. Newspapers span the U.S. and Canada. Based in Fulton, Oswego County, New York. One man, Tom Tryniski, created and runs the site. Searches can take a few seconds to appear, please be patient.

Fulton History Important Information
- List of Newspapers on FultonHistory.com- https://fultonsearch.org/papers/ (There are a few newspapers from Oregon on the site)
- Fulton History Docs: http://www.miegs.org/Files/Newspaper-Documentation.pdf
- Short YouTube Video on FultonHistory.com- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVWDX6oaYCg
- Example Searches on Fulton History:
  - The Exact phrase: **Multnomah Falls**
  - Boolean Search: **"Edward Austin Sheldon" and "teacher" and (Filename contains (Oswego NY)) and (Filename Contains (1867~~1897))**

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Remember not everything is on the internet, utilize all your resources!

Other places to locate newspapers. They might have a copy on microfilm!

- Local Libraries
- Historical Societies
- Local Historians
- Colleges & Universities

Newspaper Tips from Eric!

- **Always review all newspaper articles**, ex: Obituaries- Each newspaper or edition could include information not included in another obituary article. This happened with my great-grandfather's obituary. His brother's name was omitted from one obituary and included in another by a different newspaper publisher.

- **Try alternate names!**
- o If you can't locate a women's obituary and she was married, try utilizing her husband's name. ex: Try Mrs. James B. Leach instead of Mrs. Mary Leach.

- o Search utilizing abbreviations. ex: Charles (Chals, Chas, Chs), Christopher (Chris), Margaret (Maggie, Margie, Marge)

- o Blog Post on name, spelling variations: https://blog.newspapers.com/name-spelling-variations/

Common Name Search Strategies

Have difficulty locating an individual(s) by their name, try utilizing some of these methods to see what you can find….

- Utilize First, Middle, and Last Name & First, Middle Initial, and Last Name
- First Initial of First Name and Last name spelled out
- Middle Name and Last Name
- Nickname (Ex. Doc, Bill
- Shorten First Name (Example: Joe instead of Joseph)
- Parents Names
- Mother's Maiden Name
- Spouse' Name
- Children's' Names
- Locations (Birth, Marriage, Death, Residency, etc.)
- Occupation