

Newspaper Necessities

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Births & Birthdays

ADOPTION NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to All Whom It May Concern that a petition for adoption has been filed by the petitioners, Vincent M. Zembrzusi and Gertrude B. Zembrzusi, in the County Court of Will County, Illinois, whereby the petitioners seek to adopt the said James William Riggs.
Now unless you appear by May 19, 1947 and show cause against such applications, the petition shall be taken as confessed, and a default entered against you, and a decree of adoption entered.
Dated this 15th day of April, A. D. 1947.

- Look for birth notices & baptism announcements under 'Community News' or 'Society' columns.
- Many baby announcements did not list the baby's nor the mother's name.
- Birthday announcements were great news fodder at any age
- Adoptions can be found in the classifieds!

Marriages & Family

Back to School



- Awards & Accomplishments
- Dean's Lists
- Sports Stars
- Events & Happenings
- Homecoming
- Clubs and Social
- Graduations: K to College
- Graduation Announcements
- Class photos
- Engagement announcements may include photos

Weddings, Divorces & Anniversaries

- Wedding Announcements often include details of the event such as attendees & gifts!
- Divorces: Check the 'Public Notice' section for name changes.
- Anniversary Announcements
- Reunions & Holiday parties and get-togethers

Deaths In '62

Jan. 5. Mrs. Robert C. Langley of San Antonio, Tex. She was the former Ara Langley, a teacher in the local High School.

Jan. 5. Charles B. Goodson.

Jan. 10. Joseph R. Jackson of Joliet, father of the late Edwin R. Hamilton.

- Mortuary or death notices typically ran weekly announcing deaths from the previous week. Typically, name, date of death and address only
- Cards of Thanks are from families thanking friends for their support during their difficult time.
- Year-in-review columns save you the hassle of figuring out which issue ran the death notice. Check out either the last issue of the year, or first issue of the year.

Tips and Tricks

- Use family & friends as additional sources of information
- Check the newspapers where relatives lived. They would often report on the deaths of family members
- Use newspaper articles about events (accidents, military incursions etc...) You might not find your ancestor listed by name, but you can fill in pertinent details of the experience for your family history
- Cast a wider net! Sensational events were often picked up by the A.P. and other news agencies and run across the country. Don't rule out 'search hits' in other states if they match your timeline.
- Don't limit your search to within the years your ancestor lived. There are many reasons they may appear in papers after they died.

FREE Digital Newspaper Collections

Ancestor Hunt: www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html

Ancestor Hunt Small Town Library blogpost: <http://bit.ly/2ni9oTd>

Chicago Tribune Archive: <http://archives.chicagotribune.com>

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

Colorado Newspapers: www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

Elephind www.elephind.com

Family Search www.familysearch.org

Fulton History: www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html

Google News Archive <https://news.google.com/newspapers?hl=en>

Illinois Digital Archive: www.idaillinois.org

Internet Archive: www.archive.org



Utah Digital Newspapers www.lib.utah.edu/digital/unews

Veridian Newspaper Collections <https://veridiansoftware.com/collections/?category=6>

Indexed Newspaper Collections

Illinois Historical Library Obit Index:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/alplm/library/collections/newspaper/Pages/obit-index.aspx>

Newspaper Abstracts: www.newspaperabstracts.com

Ohio Obituary Index: www.rbhayes.org/main/ohio-obituary-index

Omaha Nebraska newspaper Indexes: <http://omahaobits.wordpress.com>

Southern Minnesota Newspapers:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laneblood/newsmn.html>

Troy N. Y. Newspapers: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nytigs

Subscription Newspaper Sites:

www.ancestry.com

www.archive.com

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

www.findmypast.com

www.fold3.com

www.genealogybank.com

www.newspapers.com

www.newspaperarchive.com

www.worldvitalrecords.com



Illinois Online Newspaper Collections

Harvard Diggins Public Library, Harvard, IL <http://harvarddiggins.advantage-preservation.com>

Forest Park Library, Forest Park, IL <http://forestpark.advantage-preservation.com>

Brimfield Public Library, Brimfield, IL <http://brimfield.advantage-preservation.com>

Peoria Heights Public Library, Peoria Heights, IL <http://peoriaheights.advantage-preservation.com>

Plainfield Public Library, Plainfield, IL <http://plainfieldpublic.advantage-perservation.com>

Plainfield currently has the Enterprise from 1966-1981 online. By July we will add 1982-1990!

More Online Newspaper Collections

National Digital Newspaper Program: www.loc.gov/ndnp

Obituaries 101: www.big101.com/OBITUARIES101.htm Only current obituaries are free (abstracts only)

Olden Times: <http://theoldentimes.com/news.htm> Click on "Search" in the white box on the right side.

Rootsweb: www.Rootsweb.ancestry.com

Volunteer obituary look-ups: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obitl>

Wikipedia list of digitized newspapers: <http://bit.ly/1LngsCK>

Onsite Newspaper Research

Wisconsin State Historical Society (Madison, WI) Huge circulating collection of newspapers!

www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/newspapers

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library (Springfield, IL) Statewide Illinois newspaper collection on microfilm. Now in-person only. www.illinoishistory.gov/lib/newspaper.htm

Center for Research Libraries (University of Chicago) Huge collection of ethnic presses in Illinois. Access fees apply** www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=5&l2=23&l3=44&l4=26

University of Chicago: www.uchicago.edu National & international newspapers on microfilm

Chicagoland Newspaper Resources

Chicago Public Library www.chipublib.org

- Chicago Daily News, Chicago Inter Ocean www.chipublib.org/chicago-newspapers-on-microfilm
- Chicago Examiner (digital from 1908-1918) <https://bit.ly/3aGOumS>

Newberry newspaper holdings www.newberry.org/sites/default/files/researchguide-attachments/Newspapers.pdf

Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections

- **Chronicling America** <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
 - *Chicago Day Book* 1911-1917
 - *Chicago Dziennik Narodowy* (Polish) 1900-1918
 - *Joliet Signal* 1863-1865
- **Elephind** www.elephind.com
 - *Chicago Broad Ax* 1895-1922
 - *Chicago Western Railroad Gazette* 1856-1870
 - *Great Lakes Bulletin* (Naval Base) 1918-1919
- **Google News Archive** <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
 - *Aurora Daily Express* 1882-1901
 - *Aurora Daily Star* 1921-1932
 - *Joliet True Democrat* 1859-1862
 - *Ottawa Free Trader* 1843-1944
- **Illinois Digital Archives** www.idaillinois.org
 - *Chicago Jewish Sentinel*
 - Elgin Newspapers
 - Rockford Newspapers
 - Victory Official Weekly Bulletin of the Office of War Information (WWII)
- **Internet Archive** www.archive.org
 - Antioch Newspapers 1888-1999
 - Aurora Beacon News (misc. issues) April-June 1917
 - Oak Lawn Independent 1933-2014
- **Online Newspaper Obit Indexes:**
 - Frankfort Public Library Obituary Index www.frankfortlibrary.org/research/genealogy/obitindex
 - Park Ridge Public Library Obituary Index www.parkridgelibrary.org/obituaries
 - Plainfield Public Library Obituary Index <http://wcpfh.org>