

Newspaper Necessities

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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. Zembrzanski and Gertrude D. Zembrzanski, 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.

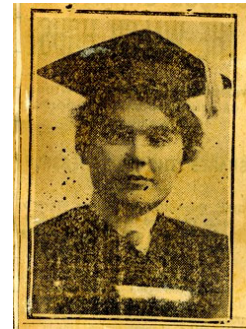
Births & Birthdays

- Look for birth notices & baptism announcements under 'Community News' or 'Society' columns.
- Baby announcements might 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, Clubs & Socials, Homecoming
- Graduations: K to College & Graduation Announcements
- Class photos



Weddings, Divorces & Anniversaries

- Engagement announcements may include photos
- Wedding Announcements include details of the event such as attendees & gifts!
- Divorces: Check the 'Public Notice' section for name changes
- Anniversary Announcements
- Reunions, Holiday parties, get-togethers

Working for a Living

- "Little Wants" columns & want-ads
- Hires, promotions & retirements

One day Mr. McDonald on going to town found that some one had deeded away his farm. However, he has not given possession as yet.

- Business advertisements
- Going-out-of-business sales/fire sales
- Religious appointments & ordinations
- Farm rentals and sales
- Accidents and injuries

Military Life

- Enlistments/Discharges
- Promotions
- Service awards
- Furloughs
- Letters Home
- Updates from the front
- Official war reports
- Embedded reporters



Community Chest

- Picnics, playdates, & parties
- Society & Church Columns
- Neighborhood Reports
- Clubs, clubs and more clubs!
- Letters to Santa

Deaths

- A death doesn't have to be sensational to be picked up by the A.P.
- Probate notices can run for many years
 - Estate papers were filed every year until minor children reached adulthood or married, then estates could be closed
- Weekly mortuary or death notices announcing deaths from the previous week
 - Name, date of death and address only
- Cards of Thanks from families thanking friends for their support during difficult times.
- Year-in-review columns:
 - Check out either the last issue or first issue

Tips and Tricks



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.

- Use *FAN club* for additional sources of information
- Check the newspapers where relatives lived.
- Include newspaper articles about events (accidents, military incursions etc.) You can fill in pertinent details about family experiences
 - 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 fit 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>
- Catholic News Archive <https://bit.ly/2UUfWFt>
- 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
- Florida Newspaper Collections <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/newspapers>
- 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>
- Virginia Newspapers
www.virginiamemory.com/collections/virginia_newspapers



Digitized Ethnic Newspapers

- Czech/Slovak Newspapers www.dlib.si/Publications.aspx
- Danish-American Newspapers <https://box2.nmtvault.com/DanishIM/>
- French-American Newspapers <https://bit.ly/2FwPYRB>
- German-American Newspapers <https://bit.ly/2TzuQiB>
- Chicago's Dziennik Chicagoski News <https://bit.ly/2uskoPW>
- Portuguese-American Newspapers <https://bit.ly/2tf9cUH>
- Swedish American Newspapers: <https://bit.ly/2eRxc8L>

Indexed Newspaper Collections

- **Plainfield Public Library Obituary Index** <http://wcphh.org>
- 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.myheritage.com **
- www.newspapers.com **
- www.newspaperarchive.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>

Chicagoland Newspaper Resources

- Chicago Public Library www.chipublib.org
 - Chicago Examiner 1904-1918
www.chipublib.org/chicago-examiner-digital-collection
 - Chicago Public Library Newspapers available on microfilm:
www.chipublib.org/chicago-newspapers-on-microfilm

Newberry Library newspaper holdings

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

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) Collection of ethnic presses: Access fees apply** www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=5&l2=23&l3=44&l4=26
- University of Chicago: www.uchicago.edu National & international microfilm

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 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