

# 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. Zembrzanski and Gertrude B. 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.

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

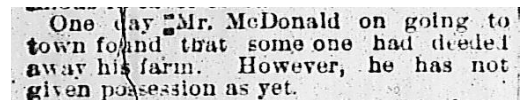
## Military Life

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



## Working for a Living

- Little Wants columns & want-ads
- Hires, promotions & retirements
- Business advertisements
- Going-out-of-business sales/fire sales
- Religious appointments & ordinations
- Farm rentals and sales
- Accidents and injuries



## Community Chest

- Small town newspapers reported on every aspect of community life!
- 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.
- 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 time. Look for the last issue of the year, or first issue of the year.

## **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.

## **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](http://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](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org)

Elephind [www.elephind.com](http://www.elephind.com)

Family Search [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Fulton History: [www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html](http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html)

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

Illinois Digital Archive: [www.idaillinois.org](http://www.idaillinois.org)

Internet Archive: [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)

Utah Digital Newspapers [www.lib.utah.edu/digital/unews](http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/unews)

Veridian Company [www.veridiansoftware.com/collections](http://www.veridiansoftware.com/collections)

## **Indexed Newspaper Collections**

Illinois Historical Library Obit Index:

[www.illinois.gov/alplm/library/collections/newspaper/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/alplm/library/collections/newspaper/Pages/default.aspx)

Newspaper Abstracts: [www.newspaperabstracts.com](http://www.newspaperabstracts.com)

Ohio Obituary Index: <http://index.rbhayes.org/hayes/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](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nytigs)

## **Subscription Newspaper Sites:**

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

[www.archive.com](http://www.archive.com)

[www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

[www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com)

[www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)

[www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com)

[www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)

[www.newspaperarchive.com](http://www.newspaperarchive.com)

[www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://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>

## More Online Newspaper Collections

National Digital Newspaper Program: [www.loc.gov/ndnp](http://www.loc.gov/ndnp)

Obituaries 101: [www.big101.com/OBITUARIES101.htm](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=5&l2=23&l3=44&l4=26)

University of Chicago: [www.uchicago.edu](http://www.uchicago.edu) National & international newspapers on microfilm

## Chicagoland Newspaper Resources

Chicago Public Library: [www.chipublib.org](http://www.chipublib.org)

Chicago Daily News, Chicago InterOcean, Chicago Herald Examiner (digital from 1908-1918)  
[www.chipublib.org/chicago-newspapers-on-microfilm](http://www.chipublib.org/chicago-newspapers-on-microfilm)

Newberry Library: [www.newberry.org](http://www.newberry.org) Microfilm newspaper holdings <http://bit.ly/2FdBicV>

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- The Ancestor Hunt [www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html](http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html)
- 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.archive.org)
  - Antioch Newspapers 1888-1999
  - Aurora Beacon News April-June 1917
  - Oak Lawn Independent 1933-2014

