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Newspaper Resource Guide

The Georgia Historical Society (GHS) Research Center holds a vast collection of material useful to those researching Georgia newspapers or assorted newspaper clippings. This is a non-exhaustive list of newspaper resources offered at GHS, as well as some online recommendations designed to serve as an introduction. Keep in mind that information can be found in many other places. The Research Center catalogs are found under the "Research" tab at www.georgiahistory.com.

Archives and Online Catalog: Within GHS's archives, we have collections that contain an assortment of newspapers and newspaper clippings. Through our online catalogs, search the title of the Georgia newspaper you are researching. A search with the phrase "newspaper clippings" will also bring up a variety of results that detail various collections that contain newspaper clippings. Some have been digitized and are viewable through the online catalog by clicking the "Records with Images" button after searching a word or phrase.

Vertical Files: Biography, Genealogy, and Subject Vertical Files may include newspaper clippings pertaining to a specific person, group of people, place, or subject. Please refer to the Biography, Genealogy, and Subject Vertical File Indexes on our website, under the Research Resources tab, or in the Research Center to see if we have Vertical Files related to your research focus.

GHS Physical Newspaper Collection: GHS has various Georgia newspapers located in the Research Center that are a part of the archival collection. These newspapers span from the colonial period up to current day and may be requested through the Research Center staff. When completed, the GHS Physical Newspaper Collection Index will be made available online and in the Research Center. More recent issues of *Savannah Morning News, Savannah Tribune,* and the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* can be found near the Vincent J. Dooley Study in the Research Center.

GHS Microfilm Newspaper Collections: GHS has various Georgia newspapers on microfilm that cover the colonial period to 2020. Please refer to the indexes located near the microfilm viewer near the back of the Research Center. These indexes will be made available online through our website. There are two indexes, one which sorts our microfilm collection by date and another which sorts our microfilm collection by title. Notable microfilm collections in the Research Center are:

- *Savannah Morning News* (1850 – 2020)
- *Savannah Evening Press* (1891 – 1996)
- *Georgia Gazette* (1763 – 1985)

Bound Volumes of Newspaper Indexes and Clippings: Within our library collections, many resources related to newspapers can be found. For certain Georgia counties, newspaper clippings have been compiled to chart the histories of these counties. Another resource that may be of use is our early Savannah newspaper indexes located in the back of the Research Center reading room near the microfilm viewer. Additionally, within our collection, GHS has indexes to the *Atlanta*

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Journal Constitution from 1971-79 & 1982-2014. Please search through our online library catalog to see if we have any books within our collection that pertain to your research focus.

Online Newspaper Resources: GHS has a few additional outside resources that are available to onsite and online researchers that may be beneficial when searching for newspapers. These online sites are in the process of digitizing additional newspapers and making them accessible every day.

- **Newspapers.com**: Through the Research Center computers, patrons have access to Newspapers.com which offers a variety of newspapers based on time period and location. Newspapers.com also has a feature which lets users search through Birth, Marriage, and Obituary announcements, sorted by date, for various newspapers.
- **Georgia Historic Newspapers**: Through the Digital Library of Georgia, Georgia Historic Newspapers has a wide variety of historic newspapers to offer that span various Georgia counties and cities.
- **Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers**: Offered through the Library of Congress, this collection offers a variety of early American newspapers. Their digitized collection spans every state and is offered online through their collection website.
- **Google News Archive**: Although it is now a discontinued project, the Google News Archive is still available to access and has a small selection of Georgia newspapers to search through.
- **Historical Newspapers of South Carolina**: Similar to the Georgia Historic Newspapers website, South Carolina has their own historic newspaper website as well. The University of South Carolina Libraries offers a wide variety of early South Carolina newspapers through the Historical Newspapers of South Carolina website.
- **Florida Digital Newspaper Library**: Through the Florida Digital Newspaper Library, one can search by county or title to find historic Florida newspapers of interest.
- **WorldCat**: Lastly, there is WorldCat. This online catalog website allows researchers to search for a title or newspaper and see where that title or newspaper is located. WorldCat provides institutional locations for the interested material. Once the holding institution has been identified, a researcher can either go to the identified institution and view the material or request the material through personal Inter-Library Loan.