

Newspaper Necessities:

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and Subscription Newspaper Databases



Presented by Tina Beard

TYPES OF NEWSPAPER FINDS

- × Births and Christenings
- × Birthdays and special events
- × School accomplishments
- × Weddings, anniversaries, divorces
- × Employment
- × Military Service
- × Social interactions, clubs, memberships
- × Deaths, funerals, memorials

ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

- × There are more to old newspapers than births, marriages and deaths.
 - + Small town newspapers reported EVERYTHING!
 - × Look for birth notices and christening/Baptism announcements under 'community news' or 'society columns'
 - × Birthday announcements (doesn't matter what age)
 - × Awards and accomplishments: Dean's lists and sports stars
 - × Graduation announcements/programs for the graduating grade/high school classes
 - × Community service: Lyons Club, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, American Legion
 - × Vacations, family reunions, family visits
 - × New home construction/moving/renting
 - × Disasters: floods, fires, earthquakes...

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. Zembrzski and Gertrude B. Zembrzski, 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.
 Joseph H. Hartley
 Clerk of the above named court
 J. Hinton Massey
 Chalstrom Bldg., Joliet, Illinois
 Attorney of Petitioners.

Birthdays Christenings Adoptions


Twins Observe 33rd Birth Anniversary

Mrs. Minnie Simmons and Marjorie O. Mottinger, Plainfield's oldest twins, observed their 33rd birthday on Sunday, Feb. 15. In honor of the occasion they were surprised by a group of relatives and friends who gathered at the Mottinger home. A picnic dinner and supper were enjoyed and the afternoon and evening spent socially. The honored celebrants received several gifts and numerous cards and telephone calls from friends during the day.

In addition to the honored guests those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Kinley, Wilbur Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter, and Joseph

ENTERTAIN FOR BRIDE-EELOT

Have Birthday Parties



ICE COUNTY, A. D. 1947.

Mrs. Mat Fahey presented her husband with a young attorney on Saturday night. He is a fine boy and his father is happy.

Winifred Alva Ethen, left, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Ethen. In 1913 she celebrated her second birthday Saturday with a party in the evening.

Another youngster who had a birthday party the first day of November is Yvonne Marie Dorinda Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth, 124 Belmont Avenue, Villa, who was four. Had her birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. H. S. Burt in Raymond, as Mr. Burt also had a birthday Saturday.

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU

- ✦ Engagement announcements
 - + Many have photos included
- ✦ Wedding Announcements
 - + Descriptions of the event replete with descriptions of the dresses and flowers!
- ✦ Yes Divorces
 - + You can also find hints towards divorce files by looking at the 'Public Notice' sections for name changes
- ✦ Anniversary Announcements
 - + Parties, get-togethers
- ✦ Military Service:
 - + Enlistments, Service awards, Furloughs, Discharges

PARENTS BALK; NURSE ELOPES

Elizabeth Jones, Plainfield's Belle, Reported Married in Chicago.

Miss Elizabeth Jones and Clarence Scirridge, sons of two prominent Plainfield families, left that city quietly yesterday morning. Before evening they had been married in Chicago. They have not yet applied for parental blessing.


Snatching Not Grounds for Divorce.
 Boston.—A snatching even of the open-faced variety, and perpetrated at the dinner table, is not sufficient grounds for divorce, according to Judge Watt. The judge declared that the woman was not justified in leaving her husband.

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IN THE COURTS

CIRCUIT COURT
 Criminal
 Nelson Curtis; sent to Joliet.
 Common Law
 Casimer Wichlinski et al vs. Myrtle Workers; judgment for \$350.
 Moritz Kuhn vs. A. Mulls; dismissed by plaintiff.
 Chancery
 Hattie Mantzko vs Bernard Mantzko; dismissed by complainant.
 Current Docket Entries
 Petition for change of name of Chas. W. Glover.
 Addie Morris vs bill for divorce.


Graduations Marriages Divorces



MISS MAY MORRISEY
 field girl who was the first Williston woman to volunteer for forestry service, now back at her front. Miss Morrisey wears gold service stripes in recognition.

Sues for Divorce.
 (Herald)

Mather, police magistrate of and member of a prominent pioneer family, was made in a sensational suit for a divorce yesterday. Mrs. Mather, represented by Attorney John H. Savage, filed the bill. She accuses her husband of gross infidelity to his marriage vows and links the name of Miss Nina Woods with his. Other women, whose names she does not know, are spoken of.



Ozwego Couple Married 65 Years
 Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lamb, above, of Oswego, will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary next Friday at their home.

Military Service



Pfc. Harold K. Walling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Walling, Barry avenue, Lockport, is shown here with his two children, Arline (seated), and Kenneth (left). Pfc. Walling has been in the army for 15 months and recently returned to the States from overseas duty. Following his furlough, he reported to Ft. Devens, Mass., where he is to be stationed. Pfc. Walling was with the 87th division of the Golden Army and wears the European theater ribbon with four battle stars, and the combat infantryman's badge. In civilian life, he was employed by the Burlington Motors, company at LaGrange. **28 27-28**



KEEP HER MOVING FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

ROLL OF HONOR

Plainfield Boys	Waring Klatt
Orrin Smith	Asa Mathas
Charles Myera	Myron Selfridge
Charles Tooker	Shelby Davis
Ralph Lane	George Rouse
Bryson Penning	John Jacobs
Edward Gardner	Dr. Fahrenbach
Harry Boardman	Lester Shaw
Charles Green	Oscar Schwank
Elmer Craig	David Fairwest
Edw. Countryman	Clay McCulley
Lewis Relyea	Otto Anna
Tracy Kazan	Ira Jones
Everett Wickham	



EARN HIS BARS
Lt. Owen B. Smith of Plainfield, Ill. Co. 1st

Masons Entertain Soldiers

One entire side of a table the length of the Masonic banquet hall was filled last night with returned Plainfield soldiers and the rest of the two big tables occupying the banquet hall to capacity was filled with the people who stood back of the soldier boys and gave freely as requested, prayed earnestly and kept a watchful eye toward the east during all the time the boys were absent from home.

On the Job

W. H. Gorham,
JUSTICE of the Peace, Minooka, Ill. Collections Jan 13-17.
Made and promptly remitted.

John A. Gilliam,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR, over Haigh's store, Yorkville, Kendall Co., Ill. All legal business, including bankruptcy, attended to. Federal and State Courts. Jan 5

Randall Cassem,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, Notary Public, Office over Mason's Shop, YORKVILLE, ILL. Business Solicited

William Graham

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WHEATLAND PLOWING MATCH ON FRY FARM

John Yahnke To Be Ordained

Friends are invited to the the Ordination Service for John Yahnke, son of Mrs. Fred Yahnke, Sunday, August 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Somonauk, Ill.

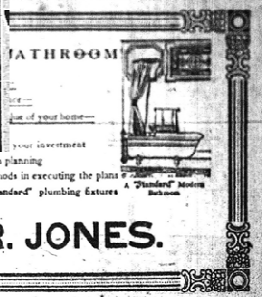
Thresher Blows Up

Eddie Brook has fate to thank being alive today.

Saturday a boiler in a threshing engine was firing on the Simon Farrel farm blew up and hurled some of the pieces a distance of fifty feet.

Mr. Brook had just stepped from the front of the boiler when the explosion came.

BATHROOM



J. R. JONES.

IN THE END...

- ✘ Think outside of the obituary box
- ✘ There are other ways to look for death information
- ✘ Probate Notices were typically run for 30-90 days after the date of death to allow creditors time to settle with the estate
- ✘ Mortuary or death notices (usually) weekly notices of deaths from the previous week. Name, date of death and address only
- ✘ Coroner's Inquest notices sometimes were run for persons who died from unnatural causes
- ✘ Cards of Thanks from families to thank the community for their sympathies during their difficult time
- ✘ Year-in-review columns

Deaths Murders Suicides

PETITION FOR PROBATE
 STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. In County court,
 Will County, in probate,
 February Term, A. D. 1962.
 To the heirs-at-law and legatees of Elizabeth
 Scofield, deceased.

COWARDLY MURDER
FARMER SHOT DOWN BY A STRANGE
BICYCLIST.
CHRIS. HENNE LOSES HIS LIFE
WHILE DRIVING TOWARD HIS
HOME.



MISS ADA SMITH,
 Whose Tragic Suicide at Her Home
 Near Plainfield Tuesday shocked
 the Community.

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.
 Jan. 16. Fred Lauterbach.

BY BEFORE CORONER AND
 VERDICT OF JURY
 the Villain Who Committed
 the Officers of the Law Trying
 the Mystery

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WWW.ANCESTRY.COM/ ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

- ✘ www.Ancestry.com has a much larger newspaper collection than Ancestry Library Edition including:
 - + The Historical Newspaper Collection
 - + Obituary Collection
 - + Historical Newspapers Birth, Marriage and Death Announcements (1850-2003)
- ✘ Search each individual newspaper databases for best results
 - + Only 80-85% of their databases are indexed within the surname search on the homepage
 - + Search by surname first then by given name. OCR search is horrible
- ✘ Ancestry Library edition is only available inside libraries, there is not remote access. They have 90% of what Ancestry.com has... What they're missing? Newspapers!

AMERICA'S GENEALOGY BANK

- ✘ Full-Text newspapers available from 1690-1977 including:
 - + Philadelphia Inquirer (1860-1922)
 - + Chicago Inter Ocean (1874-1896)
 - + Boston Gazette (1719-1798, 1800-1820)
 - + New York Herald (1802-1830)
 - + Digitized everything: advertisements, classifieds, etc...
 - + OCR text reader marginal, but better than other programs
- ✘ America's Newspapers (national coverage, various years)
 - + Abstracts of newspapers, no PDF's of articles or front pages
 - + Currently, our library only has local papers.
- ✘ America's Obits & Death Notices (national coverage, various years)
 - + Abstracts of newspapers, no PDF's of articles or front pages

WWW.FOLD3.COM

- ✘ Historical Newspapers including
 - + London Times (1785-1820)
 - + Chicago Tribune (1870-1923)
 - + San Francisco Chronicle (1865-1923)
 - + Fort Wayne Indiana Newspapers (various dates)

- ✘ Searchable within publication by
 - + Year
 - + Month
 - + Date
 - + Page Number
 - + Search Term

WRD IN CHURCH HER FATHER DESIGN



Willis Polk Says America's High Ideals in Building Are Shown in Nebraska's Capitol

Bertram Goodhue, Whose Plan is Accepted in Competition With Nation's Master Designers, Unconsciously Follows Local Man's Genius

By HARRY C. DONOHUE

Willis Polk, first of America's eminent architects to cease to be content to copy tradition—even the best tradition, apparently is to witness vindication, apparently is to witness vindication.

Tork H. Van Buren Madison of New York, Paul F. Cret and Zantlinger, Zorie & Medary of Philadelphia.

For the three judges it was determined in what was the result to all.

Was Frances Bertram Goodhue, who was married to Henry Yates Satterlee, of Boston, the wife of the architect who designed the church. An earlier sketch was designed by the architect Goodhue, a noted New York architect.

WWW.ARCHIVES.COM & WWW.WORLDEVITALRECORDS.COM

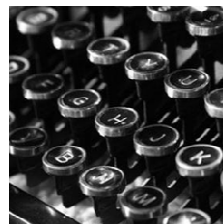
- ✘ www.archives.com
 - + Access to Newspaper Archives
 - + A subsidiary to Newspaper Archives
 - + Limited to 10 article downloads per day
 - + Fabulous collection of downstate Illinois Newspapers

- ✘ www.worldvitalrecords.com
 - + Good assortment of small digitized newspaper collections
 - + Best collection of Iowa newspapers that I have found on the Internet



PROQUEST HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS

- ✦ ProQuest Digitized everything; advertisements, classified, weather reports etc...
- ✦ Available at most university libraries & larger public libraries
- ✦ Includes Digital copies of newspapers
 - + New York Times
 - + Washington Post
 - + Chicago Tribune
 - + Los Angeles Times
- ✦ OCR text searching available (better than most)
- ✦ PDF images of all newspaper articles
- ✦ Option to view article or entire page



DIGITAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

- ✦ Chronicling America: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- ✦ Google News Archive
http://news.google.com/news/advanced_news_search?as_drrb=a
- ✦ Listing of All Google Newspapers <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
- ✦ Digital Public Library: <http://dp.la>
 - + Growing consortium of library digital collections. Some newspaper collections included
- ✦ Fulton History(New York Newspapers):
<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>
- ✦ Colorado Newspaper Collections: <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>
- ✦ Utah Digital Newspapers <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/unews/>



Search here for old New York Newspapers

Dozens of old New York photo albums and postcards are viewable here

All Newspapers		
A	B	C
A Propos 164 issues Sep 15, 1973 - Aug 17, 1974	A'tome 23 issues Feb 14, 1974 - Dec 19, 1974	L'Abelle 752 issues Sep 4, 1827 - Dec 31, 1930
L'Abelle de la Nouvelle-Orleans 275 issues Dec 31, 1662 - Dec 31, 1670	L'Abelle de la Nouvelle-Orleans 14,361 issues Jan 1, 1816 - Dec 28, 1929	The Aberdeen Times 363 issues Nov 20, 1930 - Apr 15, 2009
Acadian Recorder 128 issues Nov 16, 1864 - Dec 28, 1861	L'Acadrien 822 issues Dec 31 1919 - Aug 13, 1929	L'Action 29 issues Jan 3, 1963 - Feb 28, 1963
L'Action Conservatrice 2 issues Jun 21, 1935 - Oct 11, 1935	L'Action des Deux Montagnes 70 issues Oct 4, 1862 - Aug 25, 1965	L'Action Liberale 345 issues May 3, 1986 - Sep 26, 1991
L'Action Quebec 524 issues Nov 1, 1971 - Sep 8, 1973	L'Action Sociale 1,252 issues May 1, 1903 - Dec 30, 1916	The Action Free Press 92 issues Sep 6, 1954 - Dec 25, 1996
Adams County News 364 issues Nov 26, 1908 - Aug 26, 1917	The Adams County Record 110 issues Dec 1, 2006 - Apr 15, 2009	The Advertiser 215 issues Jul 11 1968 - Jan 3, 1973
Advertiser-News 11 issues Oct 6, 1977 - Dec 27, 1979	The Advocate 40 issues Jan 14, 1886 - Jan 6, 1887	The Afro American 3,023 issues Jan 4, 1902 - Dec 25, 1992
The Age 32,007 issues Oct 17, 1854 - Dec 31, 1989	The Age-Sentinel 61 issues Sep 7, 1925 - Apr 8, 1926	L'Aide a la France 2 issues Jun 7, 1918 - Jun 8, 1918
Ajo Copper News 486 issues Jun 2, 1976 - Apr 15, 2009	The Akron Homestowner 32 issues Apr 13, 2006 - Apr 15, 2009	The Alabama Citizen 166 issues Oct 11, 1919 - Aug 10, 1919
The Albany Herald 8,507 issues Oct 1, 1973 - Jul 31, 2009	The Albany Sunday Herald 680 issues May 1, 1977 - Nov 30, 1992	L'Album Litteraire 11 issues Jan 12, 1883 - Apr 13, 1883
L'Alconquin 9 issues	Allegheny Times 759 issues	L'Alliance 6 issues
		L'Abelle Canadienne 10 issues Dec 7, 1633 - Feb 8, 1884
		L'Abitibi 244 issues Jan 22, 1920 - Feb 24, 1926
		L'Action Catholique 7,461 issues Dec 31, 1916 - Dec 11, 1962
		L'Action Populaire - L'Horizon 2,273 issues Mar 8, 1913 - Jun 17, 1970
		The Adams Centinel 2,142 issues Nov 19, 1800 - Mar 19, 1883
		The Advertiser and Eastern Townships Sentinel 561 issues Jan 11, 1856 - Nov 7 1967
		The Afro American Ledger 368 issues Jan 5, 1906 - Jun 30 1917
		L'Algion 190 issues Sep 25, 1866 - Jan 24, 1963
		The Altemance Cleaner 7,462 issues Jan 2, 1861 - Dec 29, 1910
		Album Universel 7 issues Feb 25 1905 - Dec 30, 1905
		Allo Police! 191 issues

DIGITAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

- ✦ Hyde Park Herald <http://hpherald.com/new-and-improved-digital-archives>
- ✦ Californian Digital Newspaper Collection: <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=p&p=home&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN----->
- ✦ Pennsylvania Digitized Newspaper Collections from Penn State: <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/digipres/panp/freehistoricpanewspapers.html>
- ✦ North-Western Iowa Newspapers: Login dickinsoncounty Password: archive <http://lakepark.newspaperarchive.com/Default.aspx>
- ✦ Olden Times <http://theoldentimes.com/news.htm>
 - + To search this website you have to click on "Search" in the white box on the right side



INDEXED NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

Indexed Newspaper Collections:

- ❖ Illinois Historical Library Obit Index: <http://www2.illinois.gov/alplm/library/collections/newspaper/Pages/default.aspx>
- ❖ Los Angeles, CA Obit Index: <http://www.lapl.org/resources/indexes/rip.html>
- ❖ Ohio Obituary Index: <http://index.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/>
- ❖ St. Louis Dispatch Obituary Index from the St. Louis Public Library: <http://www.slpl.org/slpl/gateways/article240117800.asp>
- ❖ Omaha Nebraska newspaper Indexes: <http://omahaobits.wordpress.com/>
- ✦ Southern Minnesota Newspapers: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laneblood/newsmn.html>
- ✦ Troy N. Y. Newspapers (click on projects): <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nytigs>

MORE NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

- ✘ National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) <http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/>
- ✘ Obituaires 101 <http://www.big101.com/OBITUARIES101.htm>
 - + Only current obituaries are free. Abstracts of current obits, not original images.
- ✘ The Illinois Newspaper Project: www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/
 - + Comprehensive index to all known published IL newspapers. No digital copies available.
- ✘ Rootsweb www.Rootsweb.ancestry.com
 - + Volunteer obituary look-ups:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obit/>
- ✘ About.com http://genealogy.about.com/od/historic_online/
 - + Volunteer obituary look-ups This is a hard web site to search. You MUST read the instructions first. These are abstracts of newspapers only.

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR GETTING THE MOST OUT OF NEWSPAPERS:

- ✘ Family and friends as an additional source of information
 - + Check the newspapers where your ancestor's relatives lived. They would often report on the deaths of family members
- ✘ In the absence of nothing...Something!
 - + Use newspaper articles detailing events (accidents, military incursions etc...) You might not find information specific to your ancestor, 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 AP and other news agencies and run across the country. Don't rule out 'search hits' in other states if they match your timeline

ON-SITE NEWSPAPER RESOURCES

- × Wisconsin State Historical Society (Madison, WI)
 - + Largest circulating collection of newspapers in the Midwest
 - + To browse the collection visit:
www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/newspapers/
- × Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library (Springfield, IL)
 - + Statewide Illinois newspaper collection on microfilm
 - + Listing of available newspapers here:
www.illinoishistory.gov/lib/newspaper.htm
- × The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center
 - + Has an extensive newspaper collection on microfilm
<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Pathfinders/NewspaperMicrofilm.aspx>
- × Your Local Library!
 - + Microfilm can often be ordered to your library by reference staff

CHICAGO & COOK CO. RESOURCES

- × **University of Chicago:** Regenstein Library 1100 E. 57th St. Chicago, IL
 - + Large collection of local newspapers, including foreign language presses
 - + Visit www.uchicago.edu and then click on Library to search their computer catalog. Newspapers on microfilm both national and international films
 - + Chicago's foreign language presses can be found at the Center for Research Libraries' web page (CRL is a by-appointment only library):
<http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=5&l2=23&l3=44&l4=26>
- × **Chicago Public Library:** Herald Washington Branch 400 S. State St. Chicago, IL
 - + Not as big as University of Chicago's collection but has slightly better parking
 - + Chicago Daily News
 - + Chicago Inter Ocean
 - + Chicago Sun-Times
- × **Newberry Library:** 60 E. Walton Chicago, IL
 - + Only the Chicago Tribune on microfilm, no other papers