

# 19th Century U.S. Newspapers Digital Archive



*"The most interesting reading imaginable is a file of newspapers. It brings up the past age with all its bustle and every day affairs, and marks its genius and its spirit more than the most labored description of the historian."*

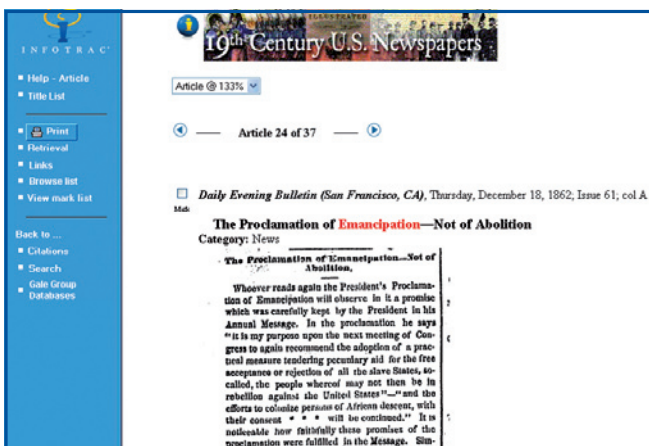
— *Savannah Republican*, Sept. 3, 1862, p. C2

As a new American nation emerged in the 1800s, the first draft of history was written by those who experienced it and recorded it in newspaper pages from coast to coast. With Thomson Gale's *19th Century U.S. Newspapers Digital Archive* - a full-text searchable, facsimile-image digital collection - experiencing 19th-century American culture, daily life and events is as easy as clicking a mouse. This close look provides a unique perspective valuable to academic researchers across a broad spectrum of subjects. With around 1.7 million pages archived - the vast majority of which have never before been accessible online - this easily-accessed resource seems endless.

The archive serves as a true portrait of the US nation through the 19th century. Newspapers were the lifeblood of the new Republic, and the contents of their pages helped shape the nation's identity, carrying not just the stories which unified American opinions, norms and interests, but fueling the crucial debates of the day. Every aspect of society and every region of the nation is found in the archive - rural and urban, large cities and small town, coast to coast and beyond. Major newspapers stand alongside those published by African Americans, Native Americans, women's rights groups, labour groups, the Confederacy, and other select groups.

## FEATURES:

- A collection of 200 U.S. newspapers
- Access to around 1.7 million pages of primary source newspaper content from the 19th century
- Full-text content and images from numerous newspapers from a range of urban and rural regions throughout the U.S
- Presents a broad cross-section of publications from the political party newspapers at the beginning of the 19th century to the mammoth dailies that shaped the nation at the century's end
- Illustrated papers that bring the 19th century to life through the drawings of many of its celebrated artists
- Newly-commissioned essays written by journalism historians to provide context and clarity to the collection
- Articles from award-winning sources on U.S. history focusing on key 19th-century topics such as slavery and the U.S. Civil War



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## EDITORIAL SELECTION:

Both chronologically and geographically comprehensive, strict criteria guided the selection of the 1.7 million pages currently in the collection. A board of five journalism historians carefully considered more than 1,000 newspapers published between 1800 and 1900. They used their knowledge of papers and their respective eras to select papers that give much more detailed insight into the nation. The result is a collection of about 200 newspapers that provide a broad yet sensitive depiction of the United States in the 1800s. Every attempt has been made by the editors to avoid duplication of newspapers already available online in another database unless omission of something might leave too large a gap in the database. *19th Century U.S. Newspapers* contributes immeasurably to 19th century American studies by providing a broad spectrum of coverage, with a comprehensive geographical and chronological range.

## SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY:

Researchers can access the information they seek in just a fraction of the time previously spent using traditional methods. Thomson Gale's *19th Century U.S. Newspapers Digital Archive* is built on the highly-regarded *The Times Digital Archive* platform. This format allows researchers to do the following:

- Search every word on every page, or browse papers issue by issue and page by page
- Search articles and captions to illustrations and adverts
- View full page facsimile or clipped articles
- Hit-term highlighting – search term highlighted as it occurs throughout the article
- Limits you searches to selected sections of the paper such as “editorials”, “Business news” and “arts”
- View both “clipped” articles and full pages.
- View search results as facsimile pages from the original works and save through the InfoMark application and/or print

## NEWSPAPERS:

Newspapers included in the collection are:

- *New York Herald* (NY)
- *Lynchburg Virginian* (VA)
- *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* (HI)
- *Rocky Mountain News* (CO)
- *Southern Illustrated News* (VA)
- *Daily Inter Ocean* (Chicago)
- *Milwaukee Sentinel* (WI)
- *Bee* (OH)
- *Mountaineer* (SC)
- And many more

## SOURCES:

Thomson Gale's *19th Century U.S. Newspapers Digital Archive* has digitised contents from the microfilm holdings of the largest and some of the most impressive collections, including:

- Library of Congress
- Wisconsin Historical Society
- South Carolinian Library
- Scholarly Resources archives
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- Maryland State Archive
- Boston Public Library
- Case Western Reserve Historical Society
- Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- University of Georgia
- Tennessee State Library and Archives
- Kansas State Historical Archives
- Colorado Historical Society
- Idaho Historical Society
- Syracuse University
- Harvard University
- North Carolina Office of Archives and History
- Nebraska State Historical Society
- Mountaineer (SC)
- And many more

*19th Century U.S. Newspapers* is an invaluable research tool for scholars and students of 19th century American history and media, politics, culture and society. It places particular emphasis on such topics as the American Civil War, African-American culture and history, Western migration and Antebellum-era life.

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