

Newspapers:
Windows into the lives of our
Ancestors and so much more!

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History of Newspapers

- **English newspapers began in 1620**
 - Content limited to foreign news
 - Taxed placed on each sheet
- **London Gazette**
 - Oldest surviving English newspaper
 - Oldest published newspaper in the UK
 - 1st published 7 Nov 1665
 - Originally called The Oxford Gazette
- **Boston News-Letter**
 - 1st official US newspaper in 1704

Vital Records

- **1700s: Morning Newspapers**
 - Births, Deaths, Marriages for Gentry
- **1800s: Morning Newspapers**
 - Births, Deaths, Marriages for Ordinary individuals
 - List key milestones



Merriam-Webster's Definition

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FRANCE VICTORIA IS DEAD AND EDWARD REIGNS

LAST WORDS OF GREAT MOMENT

Queen Victoria Whispers Short Sentences of Serious Import a Few Hours Before Death.

OSBORNE HOUSE, Jan. 22.—0.45 p. m.—Her Majesty, the queen, breathed her last at 0.30 p. m., surrounded by her children and grand-children.

COWES, Jan. 22.—The queen is said to have bade farewell to a faithful monarchical to her family assembled at her bedside at midnight. She first recognized the prince of Wales, to whom she spoke a few words of great moment; then Emperor William and the other princess died next and heard a whispered sentence. All these in the presence were in tears.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—It is probable Victoria will be buried within two days in the Frogmore mausoleum, which she erected over the prince consort in Windsor park. There will first be a lying in state for a day in Waterloo chamber, Windsor castle. The funeral will take place at 9 o'clock at night with the utmost pomp in St. George's chapel. The Kaiser of Germany and other monarchs will attend.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—King Edward VII will come to London tomorrow and public proclamation of his accession in the throne will be made. The king and queen will be sworn by the archbishop of Canterbury and the new members of the House of Commons. The Parliament will assemble at 11 o'clock and the new year is being celebrated all over the world.

Queen Passed Away Surrounded by Members of Royal Family and Foreign.

ALBERT EDWARD IMMEDIATELY IS KING

British Empire Pays Tribute to Words of the Dead Sovereign.

EVIDENCES OF MOURNING EVERYWHERE

Entire Civilized World Join in Expression of Grief and Sympathy.

KING HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME DAYS

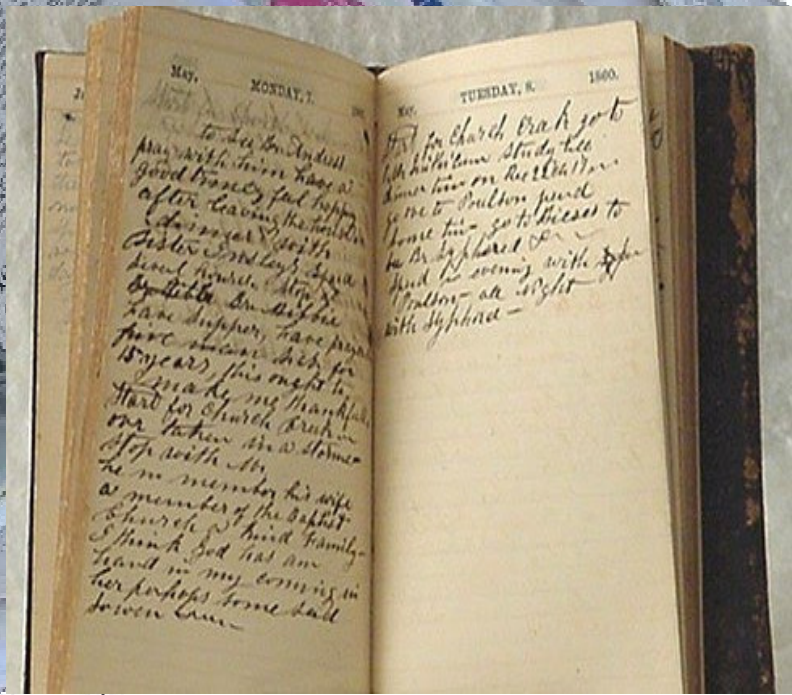
Royal Palace Now in Complete Condition a Large Part of the Time.

KING REAPER MERCIFUL IN HIS METHOD

Passed from Life to Death Powerfully as Transition from Activity into Quiet Slumber.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The king and queen were seen from the palace at Whitehall at 10 o'clock, and the king and queen were seen from the palace at Whitehall at 10 o'clock.

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MONDAY, 23rd

TUESDAY, 24th 1900

to see the king and queen with their two good horses and after leaving the palace at 10 o'clock I went to the bank to see the king and queen. I saw the king and queen and they were very kind to me. I saw the king and queen and they were very kind to me. I saw the king and queen and they were very kind to me.

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Why Search Newspapers?

- The major themes of the study are the effect of newspapers on individual readers, society in general, and the political world on both sides of the Atlantic. Thus, the newspapers became mirrors of the society in which they were produced and help show the differences that developed in Britain and America

Valuable finds in Newspapers

Advertisements

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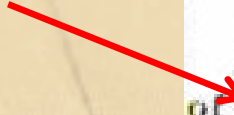
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Early Preservation: Microfilms & Digitized Newspapers

- Microfilming began about early 1920s
 - Available in most libraries
- Digitizing began in the late 1980s
- Projects set up throughout libraries
- Major databases picked up collections
 - Problems with “any word” searches
 - Each year searches improve

Any Word Searches Problems

Infant Alleged Cause of Murders Located



Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hanes of Chapman street, have been notified of the death of their nephew John Gardner, aged three, which resulted from an automobile accident which occurred on the National road, east of Cambridge at 6 o'clock, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and Virginia Gardner, who were with the little boy in the automobile were rushed to Wells hospital in Cambridge and are reported to be in a serious condition. Mrs. Hanes left Thursday night for Cambridge after hearing of the accident. The little boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner, who are well known here. They reside near Kimbolton.

**Looking for the
Chapman Family**

**Returned results
Chapman Street**

London Times – Available at Various Libraries

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Wakefield Trial

LENT ASSIZES.

LANCASTER, FRIDAY, MARCH 23.

TRIAL OF THE WAKEFIELDS.

This trial, which has alternately excited so much public curiosity and disappointment, owing to the repeated postponements that have occurred, came on in the Civil Court, before Mr. Baron HULLOCK, on Friday morning.

Before half-past six o'clock, the principal entrance to the Castle was occupied by the witnesses in the cause, who were entitled to a priority of entrance; and at a quarter before seven o'clock, all those who had tickets from the High Sheriff (and those tickets were liberally and considerably distributed to all persons who had indispensable business, including all who were in attendance for the public press) were admitted by Mr. Higgins, the Governor of the Castle, and allowed to take their places in Court. At 20 minutes before eight o'clock, the general admission of the public was permitted, and the rush was great, but the spacious area of the Court was sufficient to provide standing room without much personal inconvenience to the parties who composed the throng. Some undefended causes were heard until nine o'clock, when Edward Gibbon Wakefield appeared in Court, with his father (the late candidate for the borough of Reading), his uncle, the Chancery barrister, and his solicitor. The Rev. Dr. Davis also entered the Court, but his daughter, Mrs. Edward Wakefield, was not present. William Wakefield was brought into Court, by an order from Mr. Baron Hullock to the Governor of Lancaster Castle, who had him in custody for debt, in consequence of a writ which had been executed upon him since his arrival to take his trial. The two younger Wakefields were fashionably dressed, and took their seats near their counsel.

Mr. STARKIE opened the pleadings: the indictment ran as follows:—

THE KING v. EDWARD GIBBON WAKEFIELD, WILLIAM WAKEFIELD, EDWARD TREVENOT, AND FRANCIS WAKEFIELD.

The indictment stated that the Jurors of our Lord the King upon this oath sworn that before and at the time of the committing of

for. Miss Davis had sent on the Monday morning to a baker at Macclesfield for 180l., which she stated herself to require for the very pressing occasion of releasing a cousin of hers from sudden imprisonment. He instantly advanced the money in the presence of these Wakefields, and it was this very money which had been expended in the accomplishment of the wicked purpose. He would show that Miss Davis was actually engaged up to and after the departure of the Wakefields in conferring with another defendant, a Frenchman, not now on his trial, in adding in this conspiracy: for when they had gone but one stage from Macclesfield, on the Sunday evening, this Frenchman was sent back again to Miss Davis for further information; on the Monday morning, all three arrived at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, when the man he alluded to, Thevenot, acted as their servant: one of the Wakefields was introduced at the hotel by the name of Captain Wilson. After breakfast they went out to a coach-maker's, where they purchased, for 40l., an old second-hand green carriage, which had a barouch-box: in this carriage they all set out from Manchester, at two o'clock on the Tuesday morning; having, as he ought to state, on the preceding evening again sent the Frenchman back to Macclesfield, where he had another interview with Miss Davis. They were, no doubt, anxious to ascertain to a certainty the latest moment that Mr. Turner and family left home for London. The Frenchman came back after midnight; a letter was then prepared to be sent to Liverpool, for the purpose of carrying off the young lady. This letter, which stated the sudden illness of her mother, was a fabrication throughout. He then read the letter, which was as follows:—

“ Shrigley, Monday night, half-past 12, March 6.

“ Madam,—I write to you by the desire of Mrs. Turner of Shrigley, who has been seized with a sudden and dangerous attack of paralysis. Mr. Turner is unfortunately from home, but has been sent for, and Mrs. Turner wishes to see her daughter immediately. A stray servant will take this letter, and my carriage to you, to fetch Miss Turner, and I beg that no time may be lost in her departure, as, though I do not think Mrs. Turner is in immediate danger, it is probable she may soon become incapable of recognizing any one. Mrs. Turner particularly wishes that her daughter should not be informed of the real state of her danger, or without this precaution, Miss Turner might

The King v. Edward Gibbon Wakefield, William Wakefield, Edward Trevenot, and Francis Wakefield

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- Maguid Micharim/Le Tétouanais [Hebrew] (Oran, Algeria; 1895–1896)

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 - Ha-Magid [Hebrew] (Lyck, Berlin, Kraków [Austria-Hungary], and Vienna; 1856–1903)
 - Ha-Micpe [Hebrew] (Kraków [Austria-Hungary]; 1904–1915, 1917–1921)
 - Ivri Anochi [Hebrew] (Lwów and Brody [Austria-Hungary]; 1865–1890)
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Newspapers From Around the World!

Online Historical Newspapers

Welcome to the Online Historical Newspapers Website



Pin it

Have you ever wished you could find links to all the online historical newspapers in one place? A place where they were listed by county and city so you could find the newspapers your ancestors read? This is the purpose of the Online Historical Newspapers Website. It is meant to be used as an aid to genealogists, historians, and other researchers.

There's a lot of work that needs to be done to this site, and with all the digitized newspapers becoming available, it's likely this project will be a continuous work-in-progress!

My goal is to first list all I can find for the United States and then go on to add newspapers for other countries. There will be also lists of resources, articles, and ideas of where to find offline historical newspapers.

These links include both free sites and subscription database websites.

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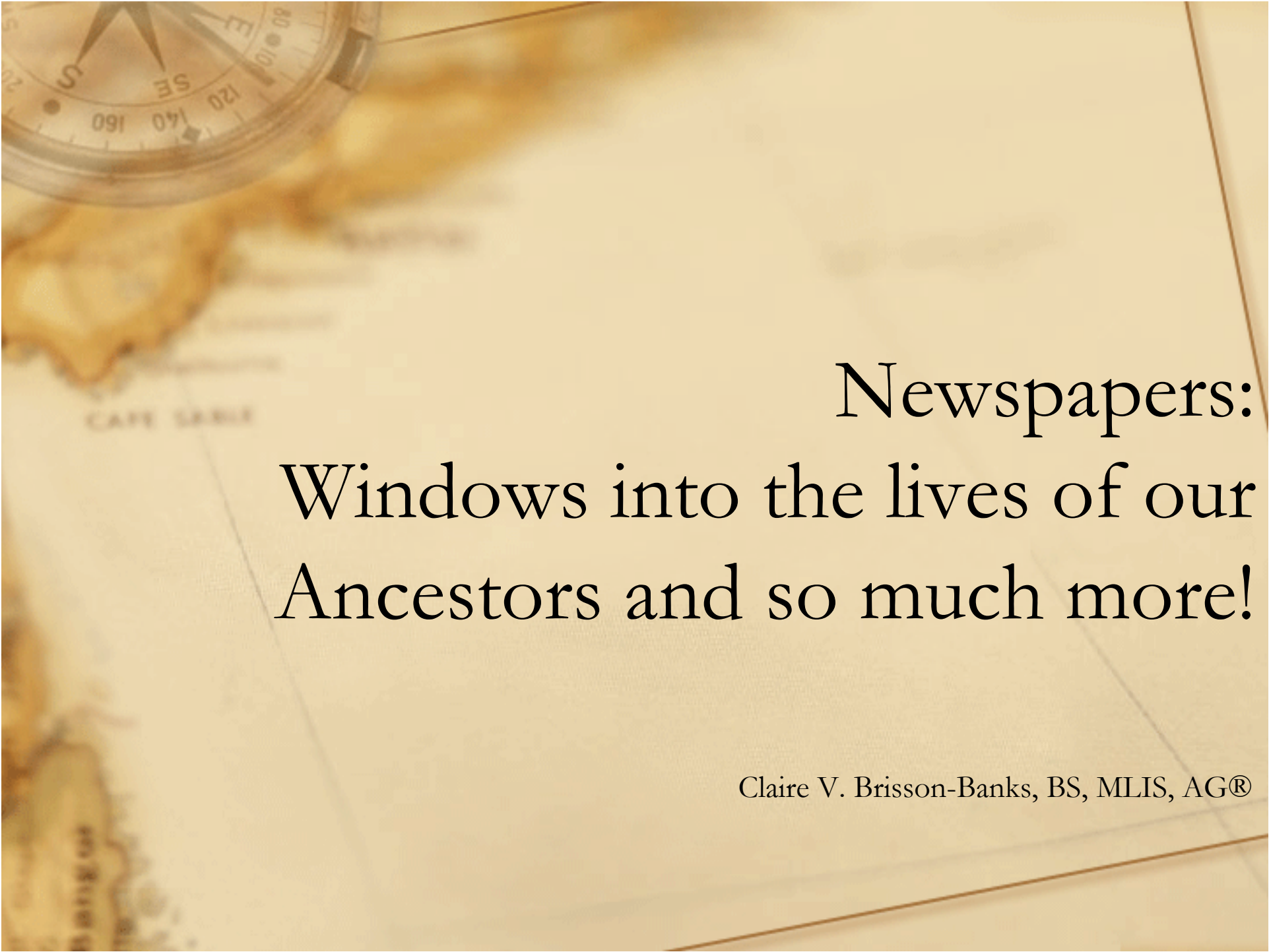
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Conclusions

- Newspapers can and often provide vital information, paint a written picture of their culture and shed light on the historical happenings of their time period, benefits that may not be found in any other resources



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