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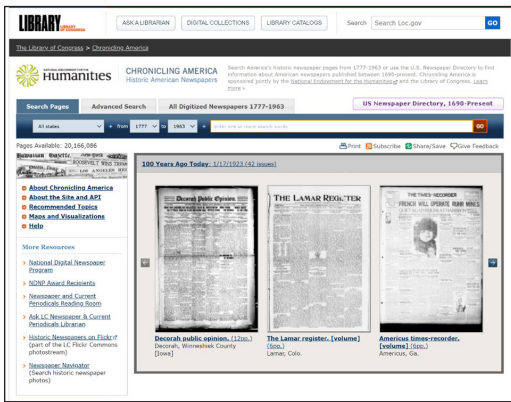
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Quick Guide to the Library of Congress's **Chronicling America**

Go to <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> to start searching historic Arkansas newspapers.

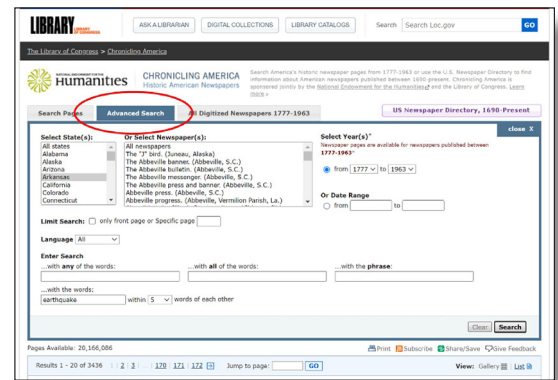


Basic word or phrase search in Arkansas newspapers

- Click the “All states” drop down menu to select “Arkansas” and select a date range to search within.
- Type the words or phrase to search for in the text box and click “GO”. (You do not need to use “and” between keywords or use quotation marks (””) around a phrase.) The best way to narrow your focus is to choose one or two unique words or phrases, rather than a longer phrase. Keep in mind terminology for people, places, and things has changed over the years, so adjust search words as needed (ex. search for Indian rather than Native American).
- Filter your search results using the drop down “sort by” menu to view results by relevance, state, title or date.

Advanced search options in Arkansas newspapers

- Search within just one or a few newspapers by selecting the newspaper name under “Select Newspaper(s).”
- Search within a specific date range by selecting the “Date Range” option and type in the dates you want to search or select the dates on the drop down calendar. This can be used to search specific date ranges like May to July in one year or for one day only (by setting the date range in the “from” and “to” dates to the same date).



To customize how the words are searched:

- Typing in the “with any of the words” search box will show results for either of the words, not necessarily all the words together.
- Typing in the “with all of the words” search box will ensure that all the words you are searching will be on the page, though not in any order.
- Typing in the “with the phrase” search box will only show results of the exact phrase in order. This is the only search box that will show an exact phrase.

To view all Arkansas newspapers and browse the issues:

- Click the “All Digitized Newspapers 1777-1963” tab and select “Arkansas” on the drop-down menu. To search for papers from a single ethnicity or language, select those from the drop-down menus. Then click “GO” on the right to see the results.
- The papers are listed in alphabetical order by title. Click a newspaper title to learn more about that paper and browse the issues.
- To browse by year and date, click the “Calendar View” link. In calendar view, you can change the year shown on the left under “Issues for.” To view an issue, click on one of the days that have a date highlighted in blue on the calendar.



For more tips, tricks, and tools for searching Chronicling America, download our comprehensive research guide.



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