Chronicling America

Hawaii Digital Newspaper Project

Free, public access to digitized U.S. newspapers from 1836 to 1922

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Supported by Library of Congress
Newspapers have been printed in Hawai‘i since the mid-1800s

Late 19th and early 20th century newspapers provide a unique, first-hand chronicle of the social, economic, and religious issues of the time as primary sources of information from the period.

Newspapers in Hawai‘i documented and shaped historical moments, including the volcanic eruptions of the Kilauea volcano on the Big Island, the labor strikes in the plantations, and the overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy.

Students can use the papers study political and social movements, or the use of language by reading the news articles, editorials, letters to the editors, etc. Teachers can use newspaper articles and ads to bring to life earlier times in history. Community members search for genealogical information.

The newspapers’ printed indexes do not include newspapers published prior to 1929. Digitizing the newspapers preserves the content but also provides a more readily accessible and searchable alternative to aging microfilm.
Digital Scholarship

Ed Ayers
President
University of Richmond

full video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gR5sghlkog8
delivered at the National Digital Newspaper Program Awardee Conference
September 2013
USNP 1980-2007

- Funded by National Endowment for the Humanities, managed by the Library of Congress
- Goals: Locate, catalog, and microfilm newspapers
  - Created bibliographic records for over 140,000 newspaper titles; provided access to 70 million pages of newsprint in microfilm
- University of Hawai’i with Hawaiian Historical Society, Hawai’i State Archives and State Library contributed for Hawai’i
- Hawai’i microfilmed 260,000 pages and cataloged 476 titles

NDNP (National Digital Newspaper Program)

- Enhance access to newspapers, build on foundation of the USNP by creating a national resource of historically significant newspapers from all the states and U.S. territories
- Establish technical conversion specs & practices for efficient basic discovery & access
- Develop production tools to ensure good digital objects that can be managed & preserved long-term
- Take preservation responsibility for the digitized newspapers
NDNP Program

- Began in 2005 with 6 state participants
- 2-Year awards to state projects, renewable
- Each state/phase to digitize 100,000 pages of microfilmed newspaper
- Newspapers picked must be from between 1836 and 1922
- Participants must write historical essays on each newspaper

Library of Congress will aggregate and permanently maintain digitized newspapers. Eventually, Chronicling America will have digitized newspapers from every U.S. state and territory.

Challenges

- Copyright issues (Who filmed the newspapers & owns the master microfilm)
- Technical specifications (Poorly filmed, low density readings)
- No universally accepted metadata standard for historical newspapers
- Titles, issues, pages and reels all need to be coded as different yet related classes of objects
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/DELIVERABLES

- Images scanned at 300-400 dpi in three image formats:
  - Grayscale, uncompressed Tiff 6.0
  - Compressed JPEG2000
  - PDF Image with hidden text
    - digital formats with a high probability of sustainability
- Provide structural and technical metadata
- OCR text for all pages
- Capture grayscale preservation microfilm targets
- Deliver all digital assets in METS object structure

METS (Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard)

includes metadata used to relate pages to title, date, and edition; sequence pages within issue or section; and to identify image and OCR files
OCR requirements

- Conform to ALTO XML schema
  **ALTO (Analyzed Layout and Text Object)** details technical metadata for describing the layout and content of physical text resources
- Provide bounding box coordinate data
  *Each column is sectioned and coordinates are used to place words*

OCR/OWR

- Optical Character Recognition/Optical Word Recognition does not yield article “transcriptions”
- Text OCR’d from images of newspapers is used for searching purposes
- The bounding box coordinate information allows for several search options
WHY?

- XML structure is used by software for generating/creating multiple outputs:
  - HTML/XHTML for Web display
  - PDF for printing
- Ease of automated editing (single records or batches of records)
- Ability to validate data
- Interoperability (e.g. Repository submission and OAI harvesting)
- Create and improve User Interface without having to redo underlying source files
### Hawai'i Newspapers

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Volcanic Eruptions on the Big Island

Newspapers provided volcano researchers a primary source for information about the eruptions before the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory was built in 1912.
Overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy

Hawaiian Gazette supported the overthrow and the replacing government.
Women’s Section

- Advice Columns
- Home Economic Tips
- Recipes
- Fashion
- Women News
Hula Performances on the U.S. Continent
Hula as Exotic “Other”

The Tacoma times. (Tacoma, Wash.) 1903-1949, March 18, 1913, Image 8

March 18, 1913, Page 8, Image 8

mous “Golden Rule” chief of po- | in the absence of her husband.

PASSengers enjoy dance behind closed doors

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—

“It was some dance, and, believe me, it was never executed by a better dancer.”

This was the way a passenger on the steamer Siberia, which arrived here today from the Orient, referred to the Hawaiian hula-
Shipping News

Timetables of ships
Lists of ships in port
Passengers arriving & departing the harbors
Lists of cargo
Import & export statistics
News briefs
- Harbors
- Shipwrecks of vessels
- Cargo
Tide, sun, moon forecasts
Weather reports
Public Notices (Legal Ads)

Laws
Government appropriation of money
Land ownership
Tax collection
Government officials
Elections for governmental positions
Public health issues (e.g. diseases)
Distribution of an estate's assets
Court events
Businesses and organizations
Utilities services & charges
Criminal acts
Political Cartoons

Uncle Sam—You fellows will please stand back while I try these oyster sandwiches myself.

The only way to stop those periodical eruptions.

—from Chicago Inter-Ocean.
LILIOUKALINA—How much can you lend me on this Honolulu crown?
PAWNBROKER—I might have let you have a few sandwiches a month ago, but it isn’t worth a wisp of hay now.
What Editorials Show

- Perceptions of events and political and social attitudes
- Prevalent Issues
- Focus and slant of the newspaper

The absence of natives i.e. pure Hawaiians from the Ministry has been commented upon unfavorably. We propose to deal with the question in a short and simple manner. It is best to speak plainly. The present is no time for such people to be in the Cabinet. The nation cannot afford to do with less than four men who shall represent the best governing power in the country. The work in hand is too serious for mere place-holders. Indeed, into such a state have we been brought by native government that it is doubtful if even four of the greatest statesmen could extricate us. Let us not be misunderstood. It is not a question of race, but of fitness. Let a Hawaiian (of Polynesian race), appear who can manage an ordinary house of business, say, who could after a study of details, be able to manage such a business as Messrs. Bishop’s, Hackfeld’s or Brewer’s. When such a man can be found, he may probably be qualified to manage the finance, or business of that far larger and more important concern, the nation. Let the native qualify himself for high office and we shall rejoice to see him a real ruler in his native land. The true work of young Hawai nei is to educate itself, not to lament its exclusion from offices, its unfitness for which has been so abundantly proved. But at present, and we fear for some time to come, let us hear no more of “native” Ministers.
What is Chronicling America?
by NEHgov  (4 minutes, 42 seconds)

http://youtu.be/FB3b9QWC-Og
NDNP, 2005-2014

National Digital Newspaper Program, 2005-2014

37 states, Puerto Rico & District of Columbia
Vermont Digital Newspaper Project

Full video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1XVBgJO0RI
Advanced Search
Search Results Display Options

Results 1 - 20 of 704

- State
- Relevance
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Results per page: 20

Show only front pages

Jump to page:
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...with the phrase:
...with the words: poi hawaiian within 10 words of each other

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All newspapers
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Akron daily Democrat. (Akron, Ohio)
Alexandria gazette. (Alexandria, D.C.)
Amador ledger. (Jackson, Amador County, Calif.)
American Baptist. (Louisville, Ky.)
The Arizona champion. (Peach Springs, Mohave Coun
The Arizona daily orb. (Bisbee, Ariz.)

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## Chronicling America Search Strategies

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Chronicling America
Hawai‘i Titles in Context

GUIDE TO

NEWSPAPERS
OF
HAWAI‘I

1834–2000

HELEN G. CHAPIN

Hawaiian Historical Society
Honolulu
### Helen Chapin’s Categories

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Helen Chapin’s Categories

- **Establishment**
  Represents the mainstream or dominant power. Pro-American business, pro-sugar, pro-annexation.

- **Alternative**
  Voices anti-establishment or countervailing views. Not necessarily pro-Hawaiian.

- **Hawaiian**
  Pro-monarchy, anti-annexation.
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                          | The Daily Honolulu Press (Honolulu, 1885-1886)  
                          | The Daily Herald (Honolulu, 1886-1887)  
                          | **The Hawaiian Star (Honolulu, 1893-1912)**  
                          | The Independent (Honolulu, 1895-1895)  
                          | **Evening Bulletin (Honolulu, 1895-1912)**  
                          | Hilo Tribune (Hilo, 1895-1917)  
                          | Austin’s Hawaiian Weekly (Honolulu, 1899-1900)  
                          | The Honolulu Republican (Honolulu, 1900-1902)  
                          | The Honolulu Times (Honolulu, 1902-1911) |
| **Alternative**           | The Independent (Honolulu, 1895-1905)  
                          | The Democrat (Honolulu, 1910-1910) |
| **Hawaiian**              | Hawaii Holomua (Honolulu, 1891-1895)  
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Historical Essays

23 newspapers from Hawaii are available for viewing on this site.

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About The Daily bulletin. (Honolulu [Hawaii]) 1882-1895

Hono[lu] [Hawaii] (1882-1895)

Title:
The Daily bulletin. : (Honolulu [Hawaii]) 1882-1895

Alternative Titles:
J.W. Robertson's daily bulletin: Feb. 1882

Place of publication:
Honolulu [Hawaii]

Geographic coverage:
Honolulu, Honolulu, Hawaii | View more titles from this: City County, State

Publisher:
J.W. Robertson

Dates of publication:
1882-1895

Description:
No. 1 (Feb. 1, 1882)-v. 3749 (Dec. 31, 1890); No. 1 (Jan. 2, 1891)-v. 1337 (i.e. 1348) (May. 15, 1895).

Frequency:
Daily (except Sun.)

Language:
English

Subjects:
Honolulu (Hawaii)--Newspapers.

Notes:
Archived issues are available in digital format as part of the Library of Congress Chronicling America online collection.
Has semimonthly supplements, 1888, called: Daily bulletin summary; has weekly supplements, 1889-May 15, 1895, called: Weekly bulletin summary (varies).
Issues for 1882-Dec. 19, 1891 called also v. 1-15; Dec. 21, 1891-1895, called v. 2-9.

As Hawaiʻi’s oldest continuously-published newspaper, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin has a complex history. The paper was first conceived in 1870 as the Daily Marine Bulletin by Henry M. Whitney after he was forced to sell the Pacific Commercial Advertiser—the forerunner of the Honolulu Advertiser—amid criticism for his condemnation of the government’s role in importing labor from Asia. Soon after the sale, Whitney began posting a hand-written, single-sheet daily news bulletin titled the Daily Marine Bulletin from his stationary and book business. The Daily Marine Bulletin included news and information on ship arrivals and mail dispatches and yet was reproached by the Advertiser: “The title of ‘Marine’ Bulletin appears to us a misnomer, seeing that gossip and criticism is [sic] freely and rather recklessly indulged in, as to matters that are not the least marine in their nature.” The comment marked the beginning of what would be a long rivalry between the two papers.
Extra! Extra! NDNP Extras!

The following sites showcase content in Chronicling America and provide examples of reusing digitized historic newspapers and associated metadata records in unique ways. Some utilize data mining techniques, harvesting, or individual newspaper pages. 

- Tips for Searching Chronicling America
- Teaching Resources
- Reusing Data from Chronicling America
- chronam (LC Newspaper Viewer Software)
- State Newspaper Project Blogs (NDNP Awardees)
- Podcasts
- Videos

Tips for Searching Chronicling America

Helpful Tips for Searching in Chronicling America
University of South Carolina

Using Chronicling America Podcast Series
Ohio Historical Society

Using Chronicling America Webinars
Ohio Historical Society

Chronicling America Search Strategy Videos
Ohio Historical Society

Teaching Resources

EDSITEment! Chronicling America Lesson Plans
National Endowment for the Humanities

Lesson Plans
Ohio Historical Society

Newspaper Narratives
The Portal to Texas History
University of North Texas
Creative Uses

Heather Rojo used the Chronicling America site to find articles about her distant relatives, the husband and mother-in-law to Queen Liliuokalani. She chronicled her search in her blog, Nutfield Genealogy:

Chronicling America and Hawaiian Cousins

More Hawaiian Relatives via the Chronicling America Website
http://nutfieldgenealogy.blogspot.com/2010/02/more-hawaiian-relatives-via-chronicling.html

Chronicling America Website, Part Two

UCSD undergraduate student Cyrus Kiani in a class on *Big Cultural Data, Visualization And Digital Image Processing* created the animation *Visualizing newspapers history: The Hawaiian Star, 5930 front pages, 1893-1912*

http://lab.softwarestudies.com/2012/03/visualizing-newspapers-history-hawaiian.html
Ukulele Ads

 Posted: August 30, 2014 | Author: hdnp | Filed under: Photos | Tags: ad, advertisement, ukulele | Leave a comment

All our ukulele ads are online! On Hamilton Library’s Flickr and Pinterest sites, that is.

Most are from U.S. Mainland newspapers. Ukulele was once a fad on the Mainland, so I searched “ukulele” in newspapers from all states but Hawaii.

Since upload, the ukulele ads instantly became popular in our collection. Many viewers seemed to find them through searching “ukulele” on Flickr.

Now we’re uploading Hawaiian souvenir ads, mostly from Hawaii Newspapers. Continuing with the Mainland’s fascination with Hawaii in the early 1900s, soon we’ll upload ads for Hawaiian music records!

Growing Up in Hanalei, Kauai

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historical articles & topic guides

Historical newspapers have a wealth of data and information for historical research.

Chronicling America features two subject guides related to Hawai‘i:

- Annexation of Hawaii
- From Territory to Statehood

The University of Hawaii Library has created the following topic guides:

- The 1895 Counter-Revolution in Hawaii
- The Chinatown Fires
- Coffee
- Diamond Head
- Haleakala
- Hula
- Labor Strikes
- Leprosy
- Missionaries in Micronesia
- Mosquitoes in Hawaii
- Pearl Harbor
- Pineapple Industry
- Statehood
- Sugar Industry
- Surfing
- Trans-Pacific Cable
- Trans-Pacific Travel
LIBGUIDE:
http://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/chroniclingamerica
Chronicling America

University of Hawaii at Manoa's contributions to the Library of Congress National Digital Library Program.

Chronicling America, a website by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), provides free, public access to a number of digitized American newspapers published from 1836 to 1922 from various states, including Hawaii. The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii at Manoa, the project to digitize various microfilmed Hawaii's newspapers.

For more information on the Chronicling America project, visit the following websites:

Chronicling America
chroniclingamerica.com

Hawaii Digital Newspaper Project
sites.google.com/a/hawaii.edu/ndnp-hawaii/

University of Hawaii Library LibGuide
guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/chroniclinga

National Digital Newspaper Program
www.loc.gov/ndnp/
neh.gov/projects/ndnp

https://www.flickr.com/photos/uhmlibrary/
Flickr Albums

https://www.flickr.com/photos/uhmlibrary/sets/
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  http://www.neh.gov/projects/ndnp.html
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Thank you – Mahalo