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## UPENN GUIDE TO HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The librarians at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia have created a series of “Guides” in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Their guide to Historical Newspapers Online is an excellent resource for finding digital copies of newspapers to support your family research. You can access this free site at <http://guides.library.upenn.edu/historicalnewspersonline>.

They offer good links to digitized newspapers in practically every state of the union, and they focus on free sites that do not require an additional subscription, although some of the sites do require you to “register” with your screen name and e-mail address. The notes for each entry indicate the years of original publication that are available at the website.

They offer 23 links to online newspapers available in the state of Illinois, many of them of fairly extensive runs for publications issued during the 19th Century. The notes will frequently give you advance notice about the quality of the digital copies. For example, the Urbana Daily Courier was microfilmed in the 1950’s and 1960’s, and the production standards were much more primitive than today’s digital efforts. So the guide warns you to expect less than perfect copy when you try to read the paper online. The notes also warn you that when the original microfilming was completed the original newspapers were destroyed, so there is no easy way to make “modern” digital copies of this particular paper.

The UPENN guide offers sixteen digitized newspapers in Massachusetts. The Boston Evening Transcript from 1851 to 1915 and the Boston Daily Evening Transcript from 1866 to 1872 are available. Barnstable County newspapers for the one hundred years from 1830 to 1930 are available. The link at [www.sturgislibrary.org/collections/barnstable-patriot](http://www.sturgislibrary.org/collections/barnstable-patriot) takes you to the seventh oldest newspaper in the United States and allows you to do word searching in all issues. A search for the surname McElroy returned 111 items. The first was from the Barnstable Patriot for Tuesday, February 06, 1883, page 2 and told the story of officers newly installed in the Provincetown Lodge of the Knights of Hibernia, with Reverend E.P. McElroy officiating as the chaplain of the Lodge. These 19th

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# CONFEDERATE OFFICERS CARD INDEX

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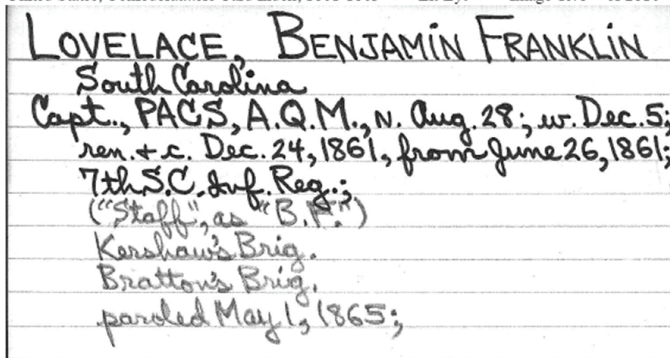
[FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) recently posted more than 200,000 images to a new "United States, Confederate Officers Card Index, 1861-1865." Each entry involves two images, one for the face of the card, the second for the reverse side of the card. At this point, the database is browseable, but not "searchable."

Looking for the surname Lovelace and Loveless, you find that these entries would be on the film Lit-Lyt, which contains 2816 images. The front of a card is an odd number, the back side of the card is the next higher even number. You can quickly move through the 2800 images, but by entering an odd number you can see how close to your target spelling you have come. By trial and error, you can close in on the desired sequence. All odd numbers (front side of cards) have information on them; some reverse sides are blank. But for others, the reverse side of the card has the personal details and family information.

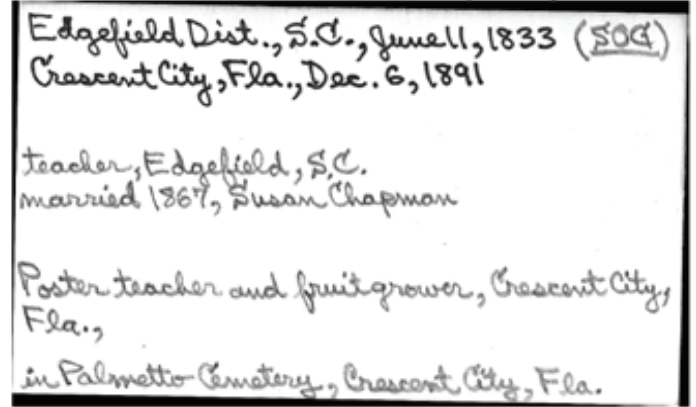
In my example, card 1669 is the first entry for a Confederate officer name Lovelace, and this surname continues through card 1690. The surname spelled as Loveless runs from 1699 through 1716.

Card 1673 introduces the military career of Benjamin Franklin Lovelace of South Carolina. He served as a Captain in several different units that are identified on the card with specific dates of service.

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United States, Confederat...ers Card Index, 1861-1865 > Lit-Lyt > Image 1674 of 2816



The reverse side of the card, on image 1674, shows details on his birth and death, his professional life as a teacher in Edgefield, South Carolina and his ultimate re-location to Florida. He is buried in a cemetery in Crescent City, Florida.

This database is only for records of officers, but there are lots of clues for further research—over 100,000 names. Take your time in browsing.

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## GOOGLE'S HISTORIC NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

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As Google began to “digitize all the world’s information,” they successfully preserved digital copies of a good number of newspapers. They soon discovered that it was a grandiose scheme that had a lot of “roadblocks” around copyright discussions. They ultimately canceled the program, but there are still very valuable materials available online for free from this former digital effort. You can find a listing of digitized newspaper holdings in the Google Archives at <http://news.google.com/newspapers>. The listing is very long. It is arranged alphabetically by title of the publication and it gives the number of issues that were transcribed and the publication dates of the original issue of the paper. The collection offers “snapshots” of history in each town in many cases. They may have only copied ten or twelve issues of a given title, but for each one that is copied, all of the pages are shown.

The Google Archive lists the *Arizona Miner*, which was published in Prescott, Arizona, for the period from 10 January 1866 through 30 December 1871. They have copied 243 issues during that time period.

Google has a very clear set of instructions for searching in the Historic Newspaper Archives at <http://support.google.com/news/?rd=1#topic=9312>. They have made some collaborative arrangements with several other for pay databases, so the Google Newspaper returns a mix of free and for pay hits for your specific search terms. They are no longer accepting new databases to include in their News Archive Search, but there is worthwhile information to be found here.

When you are looking for historic newspapers, be sure to include a time period in your search string. Use something like 1860..1865 for Civil War era newspapers. In current operations, historic newspapers mean anything older than 30 days to the Google staff. They recommend following your search terms with the two dates within which the event you are interested in may have occurred. If you use their advanced search form, you can insert the dates in the form.

If you want Google to search all articles before a certain date, you just insert an ending date in the form and leave the starting date empty. If you want to search for an event after a certain date, you can insert the starting date only and leave the ending date empty. When you pick two dates and separate them with two periods, the search engine will only look at dates between the two dates that you have specified.

[https://news.google.com/news/advanced\\_news\\_search](https://news.google.com/news/advanced_news_search)

## WIKIPEDIA'S WORLD LIST

Wikipedia maintains a list of digital newsletters by country across the globe. You can find it at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List\\_of\\_online\\_newspaper\\_archives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives)

While some countries only have digital copies for the past ten to fifteen years, there are good runs of online newspapers in quite a few of the British Isles jurisdictions and Western Europe. Many of them are available only on a subscription basis.

Use the Wikipedia list to determine which countries and which cities have digital copies. Then use a Google search in that country to see if there are resources not included on the Wikipedia list. Good practice: when searching in another country, try to do your search on the Google in that country. For example, doing a search on [www.google.it](http://www.google.it) may give more complete results than just doing the search at [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) for Italian subjects. (That is a recommendation made by Google personnel in their “how to search more effectively” workshops!)

Another useful site for European Newspapers is found at <http://www.xooxleanswers.com/free-newspaper-archives/newspaper-archives-europe/>. While it duplicates some of the links mentioned elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter, the site’s evaluation of the different sources is very provocative. It may help you decide if a site is worth searching. Their links to Canadian newspapers is listed under their category of “other international newspaper archives.”

## FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloging, entering the Fiske Library holding information into WorldCat, affixing ownership barcodes to bound books (on the back cover and on the title page). Once they are finally on the shelving in the library, they appear in our "acquisitions list" in the Newsletter. Library of Congress call numbers [in square brackets below] will quickly lead you to the material on the shelf at the Fiske Library. If the LC number is followed by PAWA or DPSE, the book must be retrieved from other library collections within the building. Ask a volunteer for assistance.

### NEW ENGLAND

- Centennial History, General Society of Mayflower Descendants 1897-1997 [E186.99.G4 C46 1999]
- Holderness - an account of the beginnings of a NH town [F44.H6 H6 1907]
- Pilgrims of Boston and their descendants F73.61.G7 B8 1984]
- Folks in Haverhill in 1783 [F74.H5 P54 1946]

### MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

- History of Pencader Presbyterian Church of Glasgow, Delaware (photocopied excerpt pgs 28-55 only) [BX9211.G6 P4 1936x]
- Morristown: a crucible of the American Revolution [E263.N5 N78 1975 no. 3]
- The New Jersey Soldier [E263.N5 N78 1975 no. 5]
- New Jersey's Loyalists [E263.N5 N78 1975 no. 20]
- Early Settlers of New York State 1760-1942 [F118 .F36 1997 cd 183]
- Otsego County NY, geographical and historical [F127.O93 B2 1993]
- Abstracts of Berks County (PA) Wills 1800-

1825 [F157.B3 M24 1997]

- Early church records of Lebanon County PA [F157.L4 W8 2000x]
- 1845 History of Monroe County PA [F157.M6 R86 1983x]
- 1845 History of Northampton County PA [F157.N7 R86 1983x]

### SOUTHERN STATES

- History of the Archdiocese of New Orleans (LA) [BX1417.N49 N65 2000]
- "Family Ties," published by South Central VA Gen Soc, new serial holding [F225 .F36]
- Index to Loudoun County VA Land Deed Books A-Z 1757-1800 [F232.L8 D853 2002 v. 1]

### MIDWESTERN STATES

- Covenant Memories: Golden Jubilee, Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant 1885-1935 [BX9797.5.S97 C68 1935]
- Missouri Research Guide [F465 .V56 1992]
- Humansville Missouri Centennial 1872-1972 [F474.H85 H4 1972]
- Bartholomew County Indiana early marriage records 1821-38 [F532.B2 R53 1977]
- Wisconsin Blue Book 1946 [JK6074 .A35]

### WESTERN STATES

- Sunlight and Storm: the great American plains [F591 .A23 1977]
- The Wild West [F594 .W67 1993]
- Colorado Marriages 1858-1939 [F775 .D46 2004 CD rack]
- California Gold: story of the rush to riches [F865 .Z38 1980]
- The Loggers (part of the Old West series) [HD9757.A5 T55 1976 PAWA]

## FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS, CONT'D.

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST

- Washington: a centennial history [F891 .F49 1988]
- Soapsuds to Sunday School - a living history of the pioneer housewife [F891 .452 1982 DPSE]
- 1845-1945 Washington Centennial Commemorative Booklet [F891 .W42 1945]
- Mining Tragedies in Carbon River Coal Country 1890-1930 [F891.C27 M56 1994]
- North Cascadians [F897.C3 R63 1980]
- Seattle Century: 1852-1952 [F899.S4 S48 1952]
- Manito Park: a reflection of Spokane's past [F899.S7 B28 1998]
- Tukwila: community at the crossroads [F899.T84 R44 1991]
- Metsker's Map of King County [G1488.K3 M42 1936]
- Big Timber, Big Men: a history of loggers in a new land [SD538.2.A1 L56 1978 PAWA]
- Glory Days of Logging [TS805 A64 1956 PAWA]
- Genealogy: Fast, Fun, Free [CS49 .M36 2005]
- Free Military Records around the world [CS49 .M36 2009]
- Courthouse Indexes Illustrated [CS49 .R657 2006]
- Genealogy: Fast, Fun, Free CANADA [CS83 .M36 2007]
- Researching Scots-Irish ancestors: the essential genealogical guide to modern Ulster, 1600-1800 [CS448.U45 R68 2005]
- Going to Ireland: a genealogical researcher's guide [CS483 .I78 1998x]
- Origin of the land tenure system in the United States [HD194 .H3 1953x]

### REFERENCE

- History of the Amish (revised) [BX8129.A6 N65 2003]
- BCG Genealogical Standards Manual - Millenium Edition [CS8.5 .B38 2000]
- Searching American Land and Deed Records, revised [CS42.7 .C37 1995]
- American Naturalization Records 1790-1990 [CS47 .N49 1998]
- Lest we forget: a guide to genealogical research in the nation's capital [CS49 .B32 1969]
- History for genealogists: using chronological time lines to find and understand your ancestors [CS49 .J35 2009]

### AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

- Burwell of Virginia [CS71.B975 1980]
- History of the Calverts who were Quakers [CS71.C175 1991]
- Carter of Virginia [CS71.C323 1980]
- The Cheney Genealogy CS71.C518 1985]
- Journal Kept by James Duncan Jr of Haverhill MA while on a journey...in November 1806 [CS71.D912 1943a]
- Memoranda of the descendants of Amos Morris of East Haven CT [CS71.M876 2000x]
- Our ancestry: Smoots - Trackwell, Angell - Tanquary and allied families [CS71.S6536 2011]

### EUROPE

- Familia: Ulster Genealogical Review (3 annual volumes 2010-2012) [CS440 .F36]
- Living in Scotland 1760-1820 [DA772 .C34 1969]
- Farm servants and labor in lowland Scotland 1770-1914 [HD1535.S38 F37 1984]

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## UPENN GUIDE (CONT'D)

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A Utah company offers you a new resource for your genealogical research. You'll find the details at [www.billiongraves.com](http://www.billiongraves.com), and you are invited to search their database for photos of graves of interest to you. A free registration of your name and address gives you access to their search engine.

Search for a name with a date of death and a date of birth. Confine your search to a specific cemetery, locality, state, or country. Yes, the collection is growing on a world-wide basis.

You are invited to download a small app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android phone and visit a cemetery near you. Using the app, you take a picture of a grave marker, the app appends GPS information to the photo, and the app transmits it to Billiongraves.com.

Volunteers, such as yourself, can sign in and receive a photo, one picture at a time, to transcribe the details of the person named on the monument, add any text in an epitaph and add any other details that are visible in the picture. Then enter "SAVE" and the information which you have entered is accepted by the central database.

When your input has been accepted, you will see details about where the gravestone was located.

If you push "NEXT," a new picture is presented. If you do not click the "SAVE" button, your input has not been sent back to the central database, but you can click on "NEXT" and get another picture to review and transcribe.

Give the website a review - then try your hand at transcription and at adding pictures. It is easy.

The FamilySearch website is cooperating with the Billiongraves website. You will find links beginning to appear from a FamilySearch result that brings you to the picture and transcription at Billiongraves.

The FamilySearch wiki also has a discussion of several other sites that offer cemetery databases for genealogical searchers at <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Cemeteries>.

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Century newspapers have lots of short items about specific persons by name and offer great background for your genealogical research.

Another article with the McElroy surname was found in the same newspaper for January 06, 1913. The item looks like this in your browser:

### **SOUTH YARMOUTH**

Mrs. Sturgis Crowell has closed her house and with her two daughters, Misses Alice and Annie, will spend the winter in Boston.

Miss Anna McElroy left last Monday for New York.

Mr. Fred Warner is spending two weeks with his family.

Capt. John Heppingstone and daughter, Mrs. Albert Matthews were recent visitors to New Bedford.

At a regular meeting of the Ladies' Social Union on Thursday evening officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Besides the extensive listing of digital newspapers by state, there is a second portion of the website that is labeled "national collections." Here they give links to the Chronicling America site at the National Archives of the United States, the Google Newspapers project (see the separate story in this issue of the Newsletter), and the University of Florida's "Newspaper Cat."

UPenn also has research guides on several other subjects that might be of interest to the genealogist. You might consider their discussion of the records of ante-bellum Southern Plantations in their microform collection. These are manuscript plantation records, including business records, account books, slave lists, overseers' reports, diaries and private letters. The finding aid tells you what microfilm is in the Penn libraries, but it also indicates which institution holds the original collections. This information is a big help if you are tracking a specific person.

## FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

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<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month

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