Michigan Newspaper Finding
Aids for News or Obituaries:
By City and County
A Guide to Accessing the Library of Michigan’s Microfilm Newspaper Collection

ABSTRACT
The newspaper resources available at the Library of Michigan are vast, one of the largest backfiles of Michigan newspapers in the country. This collection is largely unindexed. This guide identifies aids to accessing the content of some of the newspapers in the Library’s microfilm collection. The newspaper film is organized by city of publication and title of paper.

Selected articles related to Michigan were clipped for the Vertical File until about 1989. These items are filed by subject on the 2nd floor of the Library of Michigan.

A few papers are available via the Library’s CD network. Most notably the Detroit Free Press is searchable there from 1988-2001. The Detroit News is available on the network from 1993 to the present (with a one month delay). Both offer full text of the articles indexed. They do not contain photos, advertising or classified ads.

See our other Guides for information on additional electronic newspaper media.

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Indexes to full Content:
[*indicates items shelved in the Newspaper Microfilm Room]

Index to [Ann Arbor] State Journal... *Mich Z695.655 D644 1987

Bay City Times Index 1952-92 *Mich AI 21 B37


Christian Science monitor index 1979-2001 *Ref AI 21 C462 B44

Detroit gazette digest July 25, 1817 - February 21, 1829*Mich AI 21 D43 B8 1962

Detroit Free Press 1998-2001 on cd network


Flint Journal Index 1965-84 *Mich AI 21 .F52


Personal Name Index to "The New York times Index 1851-2003 *Ref Z5301 F28 2006


Times of London 1785-1991 *Ref AI 21 T45z and Ref AI 21 T452+

Obituaries from The Times 1961-1970 *Ref CT 120. O165

Traverse City, Index to Newspapers, 1858-1910 Mich AI 3 .Z68z


Western Chronicle *Mich AI 21 W477z index

Excerpted Content Indexing:

Alma record newspaper excerpt's [sic] [compiled & indexed by Carol C. Douglas] [S.l. : s.n.], 1997-
Library has 1901
Mich 2N F572.G8 D683

Library has 1978-1984
Microfiche 2N AI3 .A663z

NOTE Microfiche. [s.l. : s.n., 19--]. 10 sheets ; 11 x 15 cm.
ADD TITLE Birmingham Eccentric (Newspaper)
Microfiche 2N F574.B575 O25 1978

Twentieth century obituaries : the Cheboygan Daily Tribune, Cheboygan, MI; the Straitsland ressorter, Indian River, MI.
NOTE Photocopies of newspaper clippings arranged by surname alphabetically.
MICH 2N F574.C54 T94 1997

MICH 2N F 572 .C7 C552 1960
Farmington enterprise obituaries, August 1, 1964 to April 30, 1967, arranged by Peter and Florence Schaldenbrand. [Farmington? MI: P. Schaldenbrand?, 1967?].

DESCRIPTION. 139 leaves : ports. ; 29 cm.

NOTE Photostatic copies of newspaper obituaries, followed by index of names.
MICH 2N F574.F3 F375 1967

A century of obituaries, 1890-1999 : from Court Street United Methodist Church, 225 W Court Street, Flint, Michigan, Genesee Chapter DAR, Michigan Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution ; [compiled by Dorothy Emery Chambers].
Flint, MI : Genesee Chapter, DAR of Michigan, 2002.

DESCRIPTION 252 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

NOTE Consists chiefly of photocopies of newspaper obituaries. Also includes: "A brief history of the Court Street United Methodist Church" by Harley Topham.
MICH 2N F574.F55 C467 2002


NOTE Photocopies of obituaries from the Hamtramck newspaper.
MICH 2N F574.H22 G673 2000z

High school graduates, Hillsdale County, Michigan created by Hillsdale County Genealogical Society.

NOTE Material for this book was obtained primarily from school records. Some schools chose not to participate in the project; some yrs were missing from donated materials. Therefore, newspaper, alumni associations, yearbooks, graduation programs and various other sources were used ... The index stops as of 2002"--Pref.
ADD TITLE Hillsdale County graduate index.
MICH 2N LD7501.H55 H5 2004

Ingham County democrat newspaper of Mason, Michigan, 1901-1915 : an index to names found in death notices, burials, obituaries, notices of postmortems, murder trials and life insurance pay-offs, extracted by Julie Carr.

DESCRIPTION 85, 71, 81 p. ; 28 cm.
MICH 2N F574.M379 C374 2004

Ingham County (MI.) news, newspaper extractions 1859 -- 1877 : marriage, death, other notices.
Mason, MI: Ingham County Genealogical Society, 2003. DESCRIPTION. 21 leaves; 28 cm.

NOTE "Some years are missing."
MICH 2N F572.I5 I533 2003
Index to names appearing in the Williamston enterprise newspaper:
Williamston, Ingham County, Michigan / indexing by Robin J. Grattan.
NOTE Pt.1. 1886 -- Pt.2. 1887 -- Pt.3. 1888 -- Pt.4. 1889.
MICH 2N AI21.W455 G73 2004

Kalkaska, Michigan newspaper index.
Kalkaska : Kalkaska Genealogical Society, c2000- DESCRIPT. v. ; 28 cm.
V. 1. 1879-1900 The Kalkaska Leader.
LIBRARY HAS v.1 (1879-1900)
MICH 2N F572.K23 K256 2000x

Is your ancestor listed in here?: an index to obituaries, memoriams, and cards of
thanks, covering much of the northern tier of Kent County with a few from other
areas of Michigan, compiled and indexed by Betty L. Heiss.
NOTE Addenda shows deletions and additions.
NOTE: Consists of an index to newspaper clippings held by Cedar Springs Historical Soc.
MICH 2N F572.K3 H55 2005

Kent County, Michigan : marriage and death newspaper notices: newspaper
notices from Michigan newspapers at the Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley
Historical Library, University of Michigan / abstracted by Marguerite N. Lambert ;
indexed by James N. Jackson.
MICH 2N ( F572.K3 L36 2001

Michigan newspaper index including Detroit free press, Detroit news, Grand
Rapids press, Lansing state journal [microform].
NOTE Issued in two sections: Subjects and Names.
Microfiche 2N AI3 .D474z

Niles area obituary index [electronic resource] / compiled by the
NOTE System requirements: Microsoft Excel 97 or newer.
NOTE Title from disc label.
NOTE Coverage begins 1835.
NOTE Excel spreadsheet: 8 columns: last name, first name, date of death,
newspaper, date of newspaper, page, see also reference, and see also reference page.
MICHIGAN CD F574.N5 N553
Capac Argus, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.
MICH 2N F572.S3 C38

Ft. Gratiot Sun, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.
MICH 2N F572.S3 F67 1999

Port Huron Weekly Times, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.
LIBRARY HAS 1871:Jan. 6-1872:Mar. 21,
1878:Jan.-1878:Dec. 26,
1880:Jan. 1-1880:Dec. 30,
1882:Jan.-1884:Dec. 16,
1886:Dec. 30-1886:Jan. 5,
MICH 2N F572.S3 P675

Lake Huron Observer, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE April 13, 1844-July 14, 1845.
MICH 2N F572.S3 L37

Port Huron Observer, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE Aug. 1845-Aug. 1849.
CONTINUES Port Huron observer (DLC)sn 91066768 (OCoLC)24507323.
MICH 2N F572.S3 P679

Port Huron Weekly; and Sunday tribune / extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
MICH 2N F572.S3 P681
Port Huron Sunday Tribune.
[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
MICH 2N F572.S3 P682

Port Huron Press, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE    Jan. 4, 1864-Aug. 29, 1866.
LIBRARY HAS  1864:Jan. 4-1866:Aug. 29.
MICH 2N F572.S3 P684

Port Huron Daily Times / extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE    March 23, 1872-Sept 30, 1911.
MICH 2N F572.S3 P688

Port Huron Commercial : a weekly newspaper / extracted and typed by Marge Owens.  [1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE    June 28, 1851-April 24, 1856
MICH 2N F572.S3 P689

MICH 2N F574.J2 E44 1999

Miscellaneous Newspaper Records (mainly obituaries), Lapeer, Oakland and Sanilac counties, Michigan : includes the years 1919-1989 / copied and indexed by Mrs. Leonard Michalski of Nipissing Chapter DAR, Lapeer Michigan.
ADD TITLE  Obituaries, Lapeer, Oakland and Sanilac counties, Michigan.
MICH 2N F572.L3 M53 1997

Northville Record Newspaper Index.
[Northville, Mich.]: Northville District Library, 1993-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
LIBRARY HAS  v.1-v.2.
MICH 2N F574.N87 N87 1993
Name Index, by Frank Passic.
[S.l. : F. Passic, 1986?] DESCRIPTION vii leaves ; 28 cm.
ADD TITLE Biographical sketches.
MICH 2N F574.A525 P3 1985 Index

Indexes births, deaths, marriages, and anniversaries.
Mich 2N F 572 .I63 S54 1993

Microfilm 2S AI 21 .M55 S8z reel 1

Michigan Newspaper Finding Aids for news, obituaries, etc. by County

Multi-County

Microfiche 2S AI3 .D474z

MICH 2N F574.E8 S66 2000

Miscellaneous Newspaper Records (mainly obituaries), Lapeer, Oakland and Sanilac counties, Michigan : includes the years 1919-1989; copied and indexed by Mrs. Leonard Michalski of Nipissing Chapter DAR, Lapeer Michigan.
ADD TITLE Obituaries, Lapeer, Oakland and Sanilac counties, Michigan.
MICH 2N F572.L3 M53 1997
Berrien County

**Niles Area Obituary Index** [electronic resource] / compiled by the
[Niles, MI : The Library, <2002>-]  
DESCRIPTION 1 CD-ROM ; 4 3/4 in.
NOTE Coverage begins 1835.
NOTE Excel spreadsheet: 8 columns: last name, first name, date of death, 
newspaper, date of newspaper, page, see also reference, and see also reference page.
MICHIGAN CD F574.N5 N553

Calhoun County

**Name Index**, by Frank Passic.
[S.l. : F. Passic, 1986?]  
DESCRIPTION vii leaves ; 28 cm.
NOTE "For Biographical sketches by Dr. Elmore Palmer, reprinted in the Journal of 
ADD TITLE Biographical sketches.
MICH 2N F574.A525 P3 1985 Index

Charlevoix County

Charlevoix Courier Obituary Database [URL: http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org/charlevoix-history/obituaries]

Cheboygan County

**Twentieth Century Obituaries : the Cheboygan Daily Tribune, Cheboygan, MI; 
the Straitsland Resorther**, Indian River, MI.  
NOTE Photocopies of newspaper clippings arranged by surname alphabetically.
MICH 2N F574.C54 T94 1997

Clinton County

**Clinton County, Michigan, Pioneer Society News and Obituaries** (from news 
clippings), typed & donated by Katherine L. Cherry & Barbara L. Young. [62] leaves ; 28 cm. 
MICH 2N F 572 .C7 C552 1960
Clinton County Births to 1900 from Newspapers and Other Sources
http://www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS/births.htm  Abstracted and compiled by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society.

Clinton County Deaths from Newspapers and Other Sources
http://www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS/deaths.htm
Abstracted and compiled by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society.

Genesee County

252 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
NOTE  Consists chiefly of photocopies of newspaper obituaries. Also includes: "A brief history of the Court Street United Methodist Church" by Harley Topham.
MICH 2N F574.F55 C467 2002

Gratiot County

**Alma Record Newspaper Excerpt's [sic]** / [compiled & indexed by Carol C. Douglas] [S.l. : s.n.], 1997-
Library has 1901
Mich 2N F572.G8 D683

Hillsdale County

**High School Graduates, Hillsdale County, Michigan**  created by Hillsdale County Genealogical Society.
NOTE Material for this book was obtained primarily from school records. Some schools chose not to participate in the project; some yrs were missing from donated materials. Therefore, newspaper, alumni associations, yearbooks, graduation programs and various other sources were used ... The index stops as of 2002"--Pref.
ADD TITLE  Hillsdale County graduate index.
MICH 2N LD7501.H55 H5 2004
Ingham County

Ingham County Democrat Newspaper Index
http://www.ingcogenesoc.org/DataSearches/SearchDemocrat.aspx
Name index to the deceased, 1901 to 1915.

**Ingham County Democrat Newspaper of Mason, Michigan, 1901-1915** : an index to names found in death notices, burials, obituaries, notices of postmortems, murder trials and life insurance pay-offs, extracted by Julie Carr.
85, 71, 81 p.; 28 cm.
MICH 2N F574.M379 C374 2004

**Ingham County (MI.) News, Newspaper Extractions 1859 -- 1877** : marriage, death, other notices.
Mason, MI: Ingham County Genealogical Society, 2003. DESCRIPT. 21 leaves; 28 cm.
NOTE "Some years are missing."
MICH 2N F572.I5 I533 2003

**Index to Names Appearing in the Williamston Enterprise Newspaper** :
Williamston, Ingham County, Michigan, indexing by Robin J. Grattan.
Mason, MI: Ingham County Genealogical Society, 2004- v. ; 29 cm.
NOTE Pt.1. 1886 -- Pt.2. 1887 -- Pt.3. 1888 -- Pt.4. 1889.
MICH 2N AI21.W455 G73 2004

Iosco County

Indexes births, deaths, marriages, and anniversaries.
Mich 2N F 572 .I63 S54 1993

Iron County

**Diamond Drill (Iron County) Obituary Index**
http://www.newspaperobituaries.net/michigan/iron_county_obituaries.htm
1907 to 1996. Browseable.
Isabella County

Isabella County Obituary Index
http://www.newspaperobituaries.net/michigan/isabella_county_obituaries.htm
http://clarke.cmich.edu/resource_tab/information_and_exhibits/isabella_county_obituary/isabella_county_obituary_index.html
Obituaries published in Mount Pleasant newspapers.

Jackson County

Michigan 2N F574.J2 E44 1999

Kalkaska County

Kalkaska, Michigan Newspaper Index.
Kalkaska : Kalkaska Genealogical Society, c2000- v. ; 28 cm.
V. 1. 1879-1900 The Kalkaska Leader.
Library Has v.1 (1879-1900)
Michigan 2N F572.K2 K256 2000x

Kent County

Is Your Ancestor Listed in Here?: an index to obituaries, memoriams, and cards of thanks, covering much of the northern tier of Kent County with a few from other areas of Michigan, compiled and indexed by Betty L. Heiss.
[Cedar Springs, MI]: Cedar Springs Historical Society, 2005. DESCRIPT. 44 p.; 28 cm.
NOTE Addenda shows deletions and additions.
NOTE: Consists of an index to newspaper clippings held by Cedar Springs Historical Soc.
Michigan 2N F572.K3 H55 2005

Kent County, Michigan: Marriage and Death Newspaper Notices: newspaper notices from Michigan newspapers at the Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan / abstracted by Marguerite N. Lambert; indexed by James N. Jackson.
Livingston County

Brighton District Library Obituary Index
http://brightonlibrary.info/brightonsearchobit/  Argus
(formerly the Brighton Argus), 1880 to 2008.

Oakland County

NOTE  Microfiche. [s.l. : s.n., 19--]. 10 sheets ; 11 x 15 cm.
ADD TITLE  Birmingham Eccentric (Newspaper)
Microfiche 2S F574.B575 O25 1978

Farmington Enterprise Obituaries, August 1, 1964 to April 30, 1967, arranged by Peter and Florence Schaldenbrand. [Farmington? MI: P. Schaldenbrand?, 1967?].
DESCRIPTION  139 leaves : ports. ; 29 cm.
NOTE  Photostatic copies of newspaper obituaries, followed by index of names.
Mich 2N F574.F3 F375 1967

St. Clair County

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[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
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Mich 2N F572.S3 C38

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[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE  Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.
Mich 2N  F572.S3 F67 1999

Lake Huron Observer, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE  April 13, 1844-July 14, 1845.
Mich 2N  F572.S3 L37
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[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v. ; 28cm.
NOTE Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.
LIBRARY HAS 1871:Jan. 6-1872:Mar. 21,
  1878:Jan.-1878:Dec. 26,
  1880:Jan. 1-1880:Dec. 30,
  1882:Jan.-1884:Dec. 16,
  1886:Dec. 30-1886:Jan. 5,
  1888:Jan. 5-1889:Dec. 16,
  1896:Jan.2-1896:July 9,
Mich 2N F572.S3 P675

**Port Huron Daily Herald**, indexed & typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE July 1-Dec 31, 1901 -- April 2-June 30. 1906.
LIBRARY HAS 1901:July 1-1906:June 30.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P6733

**Port Huron Free Press** extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.
LIBRARY HAS 1929:Jan. 1-1931:Dec. 31,
  1937.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P6843

**Port Huron Sunday Commercial and Port Huron Wednesday Commercial** /
extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE Jan. 1, 1884-Dec. 31, 1884.
NOTE Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P674

**Port Huron Observer**, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v. ; 28 cm.
NOTE Aug. 1845-Aug. 1849.
CONTINUES Port Huron observer (DLC)sn 91066768 (OCoLC)24507323.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P679
Port Huron Weekly; and Sunday Tribune / extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P681

Port Huron Sunday Tribune.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P682

Port Huron Press, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE Jan. 4, 1864-Aug. 29, 1866.
LIBRARY HAS 1864:Jan. 4-1866:Aug. 29.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P684

Port Huron Daily Times / extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
[1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE March 23, 1872-Sept 30, 1911.
Mich 2N F572.S3 P688

Port Huron Commercial: a weekly newspaper / extracted and typed by Marge Owens. [1999?]- DESCRIPTION v.; 28 cm.
NOTE June 28, 1851-April 24, 1856
Mich 2N F572.S3 P689

St. Clair County Obituaries & Deaths
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mistcla2/miscobits.htm
User-submitted obituaries transcriptions.

St. Joseph County

Partial Index to the Newspapers of the Three Rivers Public Library.
Indexes Reporter, Tribune, and Western Chronicle, of Three Rivers, and Marcellus Messenger.
Mich Folio 2S F574.T62 S555 1930a

Microfilm 2S AI 21 .M55 S8z reel 1

Washtenaw County

An Index to Ann Arbor Newspapers [Microform]: Ann Arbor news, Ann Arbor Observer, Michigan Daily, University Record.
Library has 1978-1984
Microfiche 2N AI3 .A663z

Chelsea District Library Family History Index Online
http://storiesofchelsea.org/genealogy/family-history-index/ 15,500 obituary entries for Chelsea residents from its founding in 1834 to the present. Records include name information about the decedent, parents, spouses and children, as well as dates of birth and death, places of birth and death, cemetery, funeral home, date of obituary and an image of the complete obituary where available.

Washtenaw County Newspaper Notices
Index of obituaries, deaths, marriages, birthdays and other notices. Begins with the 1840s

Wayne County

NOTE Photocopies of obituaries from the Hamtramck newspaper.
Mich 2N F574.H22 G673 2000z

The Detroit Poles: a bibliography of newspaper articles and select books, pamphlets and commemorative publications, by James J. Tye.
Mich 2N F574.D4 T94 1999

Northville Record Newspaper Index.

Online Michigan Newspaper Finding Aids

Brighton District Library Obituary Index

Charlevoix Courier Obituary Database http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org/charlevoix-history/obituaries

Chelsea District Library Family History Index Online
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Clinton County Deaths from Newspapers and Other Sources
http://www.dewittlibrary.com/CCHS/deaths.htm Abstracted and compiled by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society.

Diamond Drill (Iron County) Obituary Index

Free Obituaries Online: Michigan
http://www3.sympatico.ca/bkinnon/obit_links2.htm#mi Links to sites containing obituaries, and death and funeral notices.
- Ingham County Democrat Newspaper Index
  - Name index to the deceased, 1901 to 1915.
- Isabella County Enterprise: Births, Deaths, Marriage Licenses and Marriages
  - Newspaper transcriptions, 1875 to 1900.
- Isabella County Obituary Index
  - Obituaries published in Mount Pleasant newspapers.
- Lenawee County Newspaper Extractions
  - Death and marriage notices transcribed from Adrian and other area newspapers, 1850s to 1870s.
- Macomb County Obituary Index
  - Complete coverage, 1968 to 2004; some coverage, 1880 to present
- Michigan Obituary Project
  - Links to Michigan counties with user-contributed, transcribed obituaries.
- Newaygo County Local Records Database
  - Obituaries, marriages, births, anniversaries and military service.
- St. Clair County Obituaries & Deaths
  - User-submitted obituaries transcriptions.
- Saginaw News Obituary Index
  - More than 200,000 obituaries. Project is ongoing.
- Southwest Michigan Obituary Index
  - More than 70,000 entries through 2000. Includes newspapers from Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. Project is ongoing.
- Stockbridge Newspaper Death Index
- Traverse City area: searchable coverage from 1858 for news and obituaries Via NewspaperArchive.com at the Library of Michigan
- Trenton Historical Online Databases
  - Index to city death certificates, 1908 to 2005; index to obituaries of city residents, 1905 to present; transcriptions of Bloomdale, Butler and the Old Burial Ground Cemeteries.
- Washtenaw County Newspaper Notices
  - Index of obituaries, deaths, marriages, birthdays and other notices. Begins with the 1840s.
- Western Michigan Genealogical Society Online Databases
  - Indexes to marriages, obituaries and more