Michigan Newspaper Finding
Aids for News or Obituaries:
By City and County

A Guide to Accessing the Library of Michigan’s Microfilm Newspaper Collection

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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 resorter, 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

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

Marriage and death newspaper notices, Wayne County, Michigan, 1809-1868: newspaper notices from Michigan newspapers at the Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan / abstracted by Marguerite N. Lambert; edited and indexed by James N. Jackson.


Port Huron free press extracted and typed by Marge Owens.

Port Huron daily herald, indexed & typed by Marge Owens.

The Detroit Poles: a bibliography of newspaper articles and select books, pamphlets and commemorative publications / by James J. Tye.

Port Huron Sunday commercial and Port Huron Wednesday commercial / extracted and typed by Marge Owens.
**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

The Anniversary Book : compiled newspaper clippings, by Mrs. Walter E. Eding, of
Jackson, Michigan, done in the 1940's ; prepared by Jackson County Genealogical
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.
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

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Multi-County

Microfiche 2S A13 .D474z

MICH 2N F574.E8 S66 2000

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
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 [https://www.charlevoixlibrary.org/obits-search/]

Cheboygan County

**Twentieth Century Obituaries : the Cheboygan Daily Tribune, Cheboygan, MI; the Straitsland Resorter**, 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**


**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. Hillsdale, MI : Hillsdale County Genealogical Society, 2004. DESCRIP. 802 p.; 28 cm. 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
https://icgsweb.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.  DESCRIP. 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

Mich 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)

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. DESCRIP. 44 p.; 28 cm.
NOTE Addenda shows deletions and additions.
NOTE: Consists of an index to newspaper clippings held by Cedar Springs Historical Soc.

Livingston County

**Brighton District Library Obituary Index**

http://brightonlibrary.info/brightonsearchobit/  Argus  Livingston County Press &
(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


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

**Capac Argus**, extracted and typed by Marge Owens.

[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.


NOTE  Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.


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[1999?]-  DESCRIPTION  v. ; 28 cm.


NOTE  Index of names of people appearing in the newspaper.


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NOTE  April 13, 1844-July 14, 1845.


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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,
LIBRARY HAS 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.

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**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


Washtenaw County


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 http://washtenawgenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=28 Index of obituaries, deaths, marriages, birthdays and other notices. Begins with the 1840s

Wayne County


Online Michigan Newspaper Finding Aids


Charlevoix Courier Obituary Database https://www.charlevoixlibrary.org/obits-search/

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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.


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**  
  o Name index to the deceased, 1901 to 1915.

• **Isabella County Enterprise: Births, Deaths, Marriage Licenses and Marriages**  
  o Newspaper transcriptions, 1875 to 1900.

• **Isabella County Obituary Index**  
  o Obituaries published in Mount Pleasant newspapers.

• **Macomb County Obituary Index**  
  o Complete coverage, 1968 to 2004; some coverage, 1880 to present

• **Michigan Obituary Project**  
  o Links to Michigan counties with user-contributed, transcribed obituaries.

• **Newaygo County Local Records Database**  
  o Obituaries, marriages, births, anniversaries and military service.

• **St. Clair County Obituaries & Deaths**  
  o User-submitted obituaries transcriptions.

• **Saginaw News Obituary Index**  
  o More than 200,000 obituaries. Project is ongoing.

• **Southwest Michigan Obituary Index**  
  o 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**  
  o 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**  
  o Index of obituaries, deaths, marriages, birthdays and other notices. Begins with the 1840s.

• **Western Michigan Genealogical Society Online Databases**  
  o Indexes to marriages, obituaries and more