

Newspapers online – historic & current

Check the current online versions first – many have an obit archive back 10 or 20 years. The Billings Gazette has obits back to at least 2009; most current papers will have the same or more.

Billings Gazette: Archived Newspapers

The Advantage Preservation portal <https://billings.advantage-preservation.com/> stores digital archives of recent editions of the Billings Gazette starting with January 2013. The collection is expanded at quarterly intervals and includes an assortment of early Gazettes. As damaged microfilms are replaced at the library, those reels are digitized and put on the portal.

Chronicling America: Billings Gazette

Search the Billings Gazette's historic newspaper pages from 1899-1909 at Chronicling America on the Library of Congress website <https://tinyurl.com/yxlpzpcz> .

Historic Montana Newspapers from the Montana Historical Society

The full-text searchable database Montana Newspapers <http://montananewspapers.org> contains over 400,000 pages from 60+ Montana newspapers dated 1885-2015. These do not overlap with the Chronicling America website. There is a complete list at <http://montananewspapers.org/newspapers/> of the newspapers available.

Other historic Montana newspapers are available through links from the Montana Historical Society at Digitized Montana Newspapers Online <https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/newspapers/mtnews> .

Chronicling America: More Historic Montana Newspapers

The Chronicling America project <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> from the Library of Congress features digitized historic Montana newspapers as well as other American newspapers published between 1690-present. There is a complete list at http://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/research/docs/MTDigitizedNewspapers_1ChronAm.pdf of Montana newspapers in *.PDF format for the Chronicling America site.

Keep in mind that the Library of Congress chronicles ALL of America – there are more than just Montana papers on that site.

Pieces of Montana's Past

The Montana Memory Project is a cooperative project among a number of our state's libraries and museums. Digital copies of historic photographs, documents and objects are made available for all to enjoy. Among the documents are historic newspapers for various communities. Go to the Montana Memory Project homepage <https://mtmemory.org> and find the link under Print Materials for Newspapers and Periodicals: <http://montanamemory.org/newspapers>

Other websites:

<http://www.obitlinkspage.com/> Obitlinkspage.com was created to provide an easy to access State-by-State directory of obituaries and obituaries related resources. This site is focused on obituaries, their importance in genealogy, and finding vital records such as birth certificates, death records, divorce decrees, and marriage licenses. Not everything you are looking for is there; it helps if you already have the date.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers> Google News Archive covers the entire world.

Other archival websites also have links to digitized papers. The Mountain West Digital Library at <http://mwdl.org/> , which is part of the Digital Public Library of America <https://dp.la/>, has a whole list of links when you do a search for “newspapers”.

Subscription/pay sites:

<https://newspaperarchive.com/> Newspaper Archive 1607-2019

<https://www.genealogybank.com/> Genealogy Bank 1690-2019 - Has 7-day free trial

<https://www.newspapers.com/> Newspapers.com – assimilated by Ancestry; 1700s to 2019; has 7-day free trial

& many many others – assess before you pay, but it might be worth the money

Also remember that, while our microfilm collection is not all online, you can digitize your own information simply by looking it up on the microfilm and emailing the result to yourself, or saving it to a USB drive. Then you can upload it to wherever you need it.