

Research Guide to St. Louis Newspapers

This brief guide describes the most accessible contemporary and historic newspapers related to the St. Louis area available at the St. Louis Mercantile Library, University of Missouri-St. Louis. Also included are newspaper resources available on-line, and at other St. Louis and Missouri research locations, some of which are available through interlibrary loan (ILL).



The city of St. Louis has seen numerous daily and weekly newspapers published, in addition to many trade journals. In the early and mid-19th century, newspaper competition was fierce, but over the years rivals were bought out. The *Daily Missouri Democrat* merged with the *Globe* and later the *Republic*. The *Post*, *Star*, and *Dispatch* also gradually merged together. By the 1960s St. Louis had two major newspapers, the *Globe-Democrat* as the morning paper, and the *Post-Dispatch* in the evening. Today, only the *Post-Dispatch* remains, following the closure of the *Globe-Democrat* in 1986.

For a historical look at St. Louis newspapers see the [St. Louis Reference Record](#) by W.A. Kelsoe and [A Brief History of the Globe-Democrat](#) by William J. Feustel. (On-line versions available through www.umsl.edu/mercantile)

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When viewing newspapers on microfilm, researchers may request to use a wide angle “Type 1” lens. This will allow the entire page to display on the screen. (Microfilm readers normally have a “Type 2” lens allowing greater enlargement).

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19th Century St. Louis Newspapers on Microfilm

1819 – 1826	<i>Edwardsville Spectator</i> [Illinois] (UMS MERC MICRO)
1830 – 1832	<i>St. Louis Times</i> (UMS MERC MICRO)
1836 (June-Nov.)	<i>Daily Evening Herald and Commercial Advertiser</i> (UMS MERC MICRO)
1844 – 1847	<i>St. Louis Weekly Reveille</i> (UMS MERC MICRO AN.S2 R48)
1853 – 1875	<i>St. Louis /Daily Missouri Democrat</i> (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2 G53y)
1866 (Jan.– June)	<i>Daily Missouri Democrat</i> (UMS MERC MICRO)
1867 – 1878	<i>St. Louis Daily Times / St. Louis Times</i> (UMS MERC MICRO)
1872 – 1875	<i>St. Louis Daily Globe</i> (UMS TJ MICRO AN .S2 G52y)
1875 – 1986	<i>St. Louis Globe-Democrat</i> (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2 G54)
1874 - 1877	<i>St. Louis Dispatch</i> (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2P58y)
1878	<i>St. Louis Evening Post</i> (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2P59y)
1878 – (present)	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2P6)

19th Century Journals and Magazines Published in St. Louis

1850 – 1862	<i>The Valley Farmer</i> (UMS MERC ST LOUIS IMPRINT S1 .V26) Continued by Colman's Rural World
1868 – 1869	<i>Colman's Rural World</i> (MERC RARE SM. OVR S507. C6) Devoted to the "benefit of the farmer, gardener, fruit grower and stock raiser"
1871 - 1873	<i>Illustrated Journal of Agriculture</i> (MERC RARE SM. OVR S507. M5166)
1872 – 1875	<i>Central Magazine</i> (UMS MERC MICRO and ST LOUIS IMPRINT AP2 .C39)
1882	<i>The Criterion</i> (MERC MICRO) Literary magazine
*1887 –(present)	<i>The Waterways Journal</i> (UMS MERC MICRO and TJ MICRO HE623. W3) America's oldest continuously published inland waterways trade magazine
1880 – 1882	<i>The Hornet</i> (UMS MERC MICRO) Illustrated journal
1880 – 1892	<i>The Spectator</i> (MERC RARE SM. OVR AP2. S93)
1896 – 1913	<i>The Mirror: A Weekly Journal reflecting interests of thinking people</i> (MERC RARE SM. OVR AP2. M566)





20th Century St. Louis Newspapers on Microfilm

- *1915–1945; 1947–1982;
1984–1997 *St. Louis Argus* (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2 A7)
 African-American newspaper
- *1875 – 1986 *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2 G54)
- *1878 – (present) *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2P6)
- 1982 – (present) *St. Louis Business Journal* (UMS TJ MICRO HF5001. S22x)
- 1989 – 1990 *St. Louis Sun* (UMS TJ MICRO AN. S2 S8)

Other Newspaper and Journals available on Microfilm

American Periodicals: Series I (1741-1800) and Series II (1800-1850)
UMS TJ MICRO PS531.A45 various reel no(s).

Over 600 periodical titles available for various dates and geographic regions with a supplemental index: American periodicals, 1741-1900: an index to the microfilm collection by Jean Hoornstra (University Microfilms International, 1979) available to locate articles (UMS TJ REF PS531 .A45y)

Newspaper Archive Collections

St. Louis Globe-Democrat

1920 – 1986 (ca.) St. Louis Globe-Democrat Clipping files

http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/special_collections/directory/slma-112.html

Known as the newspaper "morgue," over 10,000,000 separate articles were cut out and filed by the Globe-Democrat newspaper. The clipping files also include much material preserved from various competing newspapers, the *Post* and *Star*. Currently the library is compiling an on-line database of clipping envelope headings by PROPER NAME and ST. LOUIS SUBJECT. Other general subjects are also included, but are not indexed.

** Microfilm is recommended when searching for an article with a specific date**

1920 – 1986 (ca.) St. Louis Globe-Democrat Photographs

http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/special_collections/directory/slma-112_Images.html

Filed in a separate series are over 225,000 photographs and approximately 700 glass plate negatives. A portion of this collection is digitized and available through Virtually Missouri. Please call to inquire about non-digitized images.

1980-1989 (ca.) St. Louis Business Journal Photograph Collection

http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/special_collections/directory/slma-258.html

This collection is comprises of photographs obtained by the newspaper for use in publication. An index is available on-line. This collection is stored off site; please call ahead to request use.

Newspaper archives are available to researchers in the Mercantile Library Reading Room. An index to a portion of the files is available on-line. Please call 314-516-7247 for hours and more information.

Newspaper Indexes

*Although no comprehensive index to any St. Louis newspaper exists, many ongoing efforts have been made to create indexes for certain subjects or dates.

1878, 1884, 1886, 1887 *Le Patriote* (The Patriot) Index

French-language newspaper published in St. Louis

<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/lepatriote/lepatriote-ab.htm>

Index compiled by St. Louis County Library, Special Collections. Microfilm for these issues is available at the Headquarter Branch of the St. Louis County Library. Contact sollections@slcl.org for further information

1881 – 1882 *St. Louis County Watchman-Advocate* Index

Widest circulating St. Louis County newspaper, published 1881 – 1985

<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/watchman/watchmanindexmain.htm>

Index compiled by St. Louis County Library, Special Collections. Microfilm for these issues is available at the Headquarter Branch of the St. Louis County Library. Contact sollections@slcl.org for further information

1880-1926; 1942-1945; 1992-2005 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Obituary Index

<http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/obit.htm>

Index compiled by St. Louis Public Library, updated periodically. Microfilm available at UMSL Thomas Jefferson Library, 5th floor

1989-present *St. Louis Post Dispatch* Index (via LexisNexis™ Academic)

http://tjrhino1.umsl.edu/electronic_resources/database_details.php?ref=subj&db=148

(REQUIRES Gateway ID and Password for off campus use)

Full text articles are searchable on-line starting Jan. 1, 1989. A printed index to the Post-Dispatch exists for portions of the years 1975-present, and is available in a multiple volume set (UMS TJ REF INDEX AI21.S2 B4x and UMS TJ REF INDEX AI21.S22x).

1891 – 1914 *The Waterways Journal* Index

<http://www.umsl.edu/pott/journalindexes/journalindexes.html>

Index compiled by the Herman T. Pott National Inland Waterways Library at the Mercantile Library, updated periodically. Microfilm available at UMSL St. Louis Mercantile Library, 2nd floor and Thomas Jefferson Library, 5th floor

1915 – 1926; 1942 – 1945 *St. Louis Argus* Obituary Index

<http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/argusobit.htm>

Index compiled by St. Louis Public Library, updated periodically. Microfilm available at UMSL Thomas Jefferson Library, 5th floor

State Historical Society of Missouri, Newspaper Library (Columbia, MO)

<http://www.umssystem.edu/shs/newspaper.html> | shsofmo@umssystem.edu

Collection contains 1,270 bound volumes and over forty-one million pages of microfilm of Missouri newspapers. Also available are card indexes for the following locations and dates: *Boonville* (Cooper County), 1839-1856, 1868-1927; *Columbia* (Boone County), 1830-1835, 1843-late 1880s, 1908-1929, 1948-1955; *Franklin and Fayette* (Howard County), 1819-1830; *Jackson* (Cape Girardeau County), 1819-1826; *Jefferson City* (Cole County), 1831-1861, 1865-1926; *Liberty* (Clay County), 1846-1869; **St. Louis, 1808-1828, 1835-1840.**

These index cards are available on microfilm through interlibrary loan. A copy of the index roll list is located in the Mercantile Library Reading Room to determine which rolls to request from the State Historical Society via interlibrary loan (ILL).

On-line historical newspapers and journals

Historic Missouri Newspaper Project (pilot)

<http://newspapers.umsystem.edu>

Full text searchable of select Missouri newspaper issues; date coverage may be incomplete:

Daily Evening Herald 1835 (June-Nov.)

The Far West 1836 (Aug. – Oct.)

The Liberty Banner 1844 (March 3)

Liberty Weekly Tribune 1846 – 1883

St. Louis Christian Advocate 1857-1878

The Rolla Express 1860 – 1873

Missouri Republican 1865 (July 6)

***St. Louis Globe-Democrat* 1875 (March-Dec.)**

The Phelps County New Era 1875 – 1880

The Rolla New Era 1880-1897

The Independent 1894 – 1905

Palladium 1907 (April 30) [African-American]

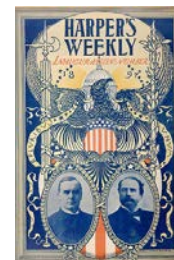
Columbia Missourian 1929, 1966-1985

Hannibal Courier 1935, 1988

St. Louis Views – Virtually Missouri

<http://www.virtuallymissouri.org/>

From the collections of the St. Louis Mercantile Library, digitized images from illustrated newspapers, such as *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* and *Harper's Weekly*, and a small number of other published images of St. Louis. The illustrated newspapers date from 1853-1891. The published engravings date from as early as 1840. Views of St. Louis in the early and mid twentieth century are included from other published sources.



New York Times Articles (1851-1995)

http://tjrhino1.umsl.edu/electronic_resources/database_details.php?ref=alpha&db=172

Indexes text, headline, author, many advertisements, and displays the lead paragraph of articles. Microfilm also available at UMSL Thomas Jefferson Library, 5th floor (UMS TJ MICRO AN .N4 T5).

The LexisNexis™ Academic database has *New York Times* full text for articles from June 1, 1980 to present, without graphics or advertisements. Access to freelance articles and other features within this publication may not be available. (REQUIRES Gateway ID and Password for off campus use).

JSTOR

http://tjrhino1.umsl.edu/electronic_resources/database_details.php?ref=alpha&db=98

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Full text access to over 600 journals and magazines from the 19th and 20th centuries. Disciplines include history, literature, business, and science.

Making of America, Michigan

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moajrnl/>

Full text searchable of:

[American Jewess](#) 1895-1899
[Appleton's](#) 1869-1881 (2 series)
[Catholic World](#) 1865-1901
[DeBow's](#) 1846-1869 + 1952 index (3 series)
[Garden and Forest](#) 1888-1897
[Ladies Repository](#) 1841-1876 (3 series)
[The Old Guard](#) 1864

[Overland Monthly](#) 1868-1900 (2 series)
[Princeton Review](#) 1831-1882 (3 series)
[Southern Literary Messenger](#) 1835-1864 + 1936
Contributor index
[Southern Quarterly Review](#) 1842-1857 (3 series)
[Vanity Fair](#) 1860-1862



Making of America, Cornell

<http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/>

Full text searchable of:

[The American Missionary](#) 1878 - 1901
[The American Whig Review](#) 1845 - 1852
[The Atlantic Monthly](#) 1857 - 1901
[The Bay State Monthly](#) 1884 - 1886
[The Century](#) 1881 - 1899
[The Continental Monthly](#) 1862 - 1864
[The Galaxy](#) 1866 - 1878
[Harper's New Monthly Magazine](#) 1850 - 1899
[The International Monthly Magazine](#) 1850 - 1852
[The Living Age](#) 1844 - 1900
[Manufacturer and Builder](#) 1869 - 1894

[The New England Magazine](#) 1886 - 1900
[The New-England Magazine](#) 1831 - 1835
[New Englander](#) 1843 - 1892
[The North American Review](#) 1815 - 1900
[The Old Guard](#) 1863 - 1867
[Punchinello](#) 1870
[Putnam's Monthly](#) 1853 - 1870
[Scientific American](#) 1846 - 1869
[Scribner's Magazine](#) 1887 - 1896
[Scribner's Monthly](#) 1870 - 1881
[The United States Democratic Review](#) 1837-1859

Internet Library of Early Journals (United Kingdom)

<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/>

Annual Register (1758); Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine (1817); The Builder (1843); Gentleman's Magazine (1731); Notes and Queries (1849); Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society (1660).

Newspaper holdings at other libraries

Search the MOBIUS Catalog of academic libraries <http://mobius.missouri.edu/search>

Subject search for [Saint Louis \(Mo.\) -- Newspapers.](#) or [Saint Louis \(Mo.\) -- Periodicals.](#)

Newspapers in Missouri: a union list, 1994 (UMS MERC REF or TJ REF Z6952.M8 N49)

Missouri Newspapers on Microfilm at the State Historical Society of Missouri, 2004
(UMS MERC REF)

St. Louis Public Library's Historic Newspapers on Microfilm

<http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/newscoll.htm>

St. Louis County Library's Historic Newspapers on Microfilm

<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/sc-news.htm>

St. Charles City-County Library Historic Newspapers on Microfilm

<http://www.win.org/library/services/lhgen/news&per.htm#NEWS>

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