



Online Historical Newspapers Class
Outline for Public Internet Class
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- 1) Search Tips for the San Jose Mercury News databases
(In Library or Remote access available to Santa Clara City Library cardholders):
 - a) San Jose Mercury and Evening News Archives database, 1884-1922 (handout)
 - b) San Jose Mercury News , 1985—Current


- 2) Free Online Newspaper Resources
 - a) California Digital Newspaper Collection: <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>
 - b) Google News Archive: <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
 - c) Chronicling America (Library of Congress): <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
 - d) Wikipedia: List of Newspaper Archives online (both free and paid):
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

- 3) Subscription Newspapers Available to Library cardholders of some other Bay Area Libraries
 - a) Visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, use the computers there and have a San Jose Public Library card (free to California residents in hand. Within the King Library, by entering a San Jose Public Library barcode and pin number on a Library workstation, you may access from the King Library San Jose State University History Databases webpage:
<http://library.calstate.edu/sanjose/databases/subject/history> these Historical Newspaper databases:

[America's Historical Newspapers](#)  Early American Newspapers is a fully searchable database offering exact reproductions of more than 700 historical American newspapers from the period 1690 through 1900. Besides the usual searching methods, users can also limit searches by selecting categories such as news/opinion, election returns, letters, poetry, legislative information, prices advertisements, matrimony notices and death notices.

[Proquest Historical Newspapers: New York Times](#)  Provides full-text, full image, cover-to-cover access to the New York Times from 1851 through 2008.

[ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The San Francisco Chronicle \(1865-1922\)](#)

 This full text database provides comprehensive coverage of the San Francisco chronicle and complete page images. From Jan 1, 1865 to Aug 31, 1868, known as The Daily Dramatic Chronicle; From Sept 1, 1868 to Aug 14, 1869, known as Daily Morning Chronicle; and from Aug 15, 1869, known as San Francisco Chronicle.

- b) Visit a branch of the San Francisco Public Library. California residents may apply for a free library card. Once you have this you may access remotely from the Library's Articles and Databases webpage:
<http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=2000028601&letter=S>

San Francisco Chronicle Historical (Proquest) 1865-1922

Offers full page and article images with searchable full text back to the first issue.

- c) Visit a branch of the Palo Alto Public Library. California residents may apply for a free library card. Once you have this you may access remotely from the Library's eResearch #newspapers webpage:

http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/lib/econtent/research_start_here.asp#newspapers

[The New York Times 1851-2009](#) A unique full-image archive that brings you the entire historical run of *The New York Times* since 1851, delivering every page of every issue from cover to cover, with full-page and article images in PDF format. This fully searchable database provides multiple search options including keyword, article type, date ranges, specific dates, authors and articles in quick results and full page images for context browsing.

[Newsbank](#) - Full text of local, state and national newspapers, including:

The Daily News (Palo Alto) - 09/14/06 to present

The Daily Post (Palo Alto) - 12/18/06 to present

The San Jose Mercury News - 06/01/85 to present

The San Francisco Chronicle - 01/01/85 to present.

[Palo Alto Newspaper Index](#) [PAHA \(Palo Alto Historical Association\) Obituary and Local News Database](#)

This database is an index to the obituaries that have appeared in local newspapers since as far back as the 1890's. Entries predominately include Palo Altans and some residents of neighboring cities who worked in Palo Alto. Copies of the obituaries themselves are available at the History Desk at the Cubberley Community Center, Room H-5, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94306. To retrieve a copy of an obituary, [email the reference desk](#) or phone the reference desk at (650) 329-2436. Visit the [PAHA website](#) for more information.

Home subscription Databases that offer Free Trial

GenealogyBank: <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/>

Over 6,500 newspapers representing all 50 states. Their advertising claims that 95% of its 1.4 billion records are exclusive to their website. Also provides access to 215 million obituaries. (30-day free trial, \$69.95 annual home subscription)

Newspapers.Com: <http://www.newspapers.com/>

This is a new subscription site from Ancestry.com offering access to more than 900 US newspapers. Most do not duplicate what is already online at Ancestry.com. (7-day free trial, \$79.95 annual home subscription but if you already have a home subscription to Ancestry.com, only \$39.95 annual fee to add access to this database)