

## “St. Louis Stories: Four Short Jewish Family History Case Studies”

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- My article that appeared in Morasha, the JGS of Illinois newsletter Spring 2017 issue, at: <https://tinyurl.com/yxxmvkme>
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- “A Tale of Two Photos: Using Photographic Analysis to Date a Family Store Renovation,” St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly, Fall 2015, at <https://tinyurl.com/s4yuraa>

**For more about** “A Name Change Saga: How the Gogolinsky Family of Warsaw Became the Barney Family of St. Louis,” see:

- My article in Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy, Spring 2016. <https://tinyurl.com/wb2hpmy>

## Online Newspaper and Book Sites for Genealogical Research

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Besides seeking family history documents such as birth, marriage and death certificates; and census, immigration, court, religious and military records, genealogy researchers should also look for their

ancestors in newspapers and books. In recent years, these resources have become increasingly available online. Many such resources are free; however, some charge subscription or pay-per-view fees for access.

A blog called The Ancestor Hunt has posted a list of links to both free and subscription newspapers at <https://tinyurl.com/y3lbyosp>.

### **Free resources: Newspapers**

Most of these sites are available on any computer that has an internet connection, but some sites are only available through a public or university library. Alumni of many universities can gain free or low-cost access to their library databases, usually by visiting the campus and presenting valid identification.

- The U.S. Library of Congress' *Chronicling America* Historic American Newspapers site has American newspapers from 1789 to 1963: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>.
- The Google News Archive, a search engine tool that provided links to free and pay-per-view newspaper articles, is no longer being maintained for historical newspapers; however, an article that explains how to access historical articles can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2s3p8no>.
- ProQuest has major newspaper databases available from public or university libraries. These databases are usually accessible on-site and are not available from home or business computers. For general information about this resource, see <https://tinyurl.com/d9xvkc>. Contact libraries directly to determine availability of specific newspapers.
- A large selection of links to European historical newspapers is available here: <http://www.xooxleanswers.com/free-newspaper-archives/newspaper-archives-europe/>
- The online European Library has had a searchable database of historical European newspapers at <http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/tel4/newspapers>; however, this site was frozen as of Dec. 31, 2016, and no updates are being made.
- Australian historical and modern newspapers (1803-2007) compiled by the National Library of Australia can be searched at <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>. It includes the Hebrew Standard of Australasia (Sydney, Australia; 1895-1953) and the Jewish Herald (Melbourne, Australia; 1879-1920).
- The Isle of Man Museum online newspaper archive of Manx National Heritage in the British Isles can be searched at <https://www.imuseum.im/search/archive/>
- The Old Fulton New York Post Card site at <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> has an online searchable database of historic newspapers mostly from New York state.
- An online database of historic newspapers from New York is available from the Northern New York Library Network and Empire State Library Network at <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>.
- The Brooklyn Daily Eagle (1841-1963) has been digitized by the Brooklyn Public Library in New York City at <http://bklyn.newspapers.com/papers/>.

- The California Digital Newspaper Collection, a project of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research at the University of California, Riverside, has papers from 1846 to the present at <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/newsucr>.
- The Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection has papers from 1859 to 2017 at <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.
- The Kentucky Digital Library includes newspapers from 1903 to 2013 at <http://kdl.kyvl.org/>.
- The Hoosier State Chronicles, Indiana's Digital Historic Newspaper Program has a searchable database of newspapers from 1804 to 2011 at <http://tinyurl.com/IndianaNewspapers>.
- Search the Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection, which includes more than 125 historic newspapers from 1831 to 2011 at <http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/>.
- A small searchable source of Wyoming online historic newspapers is available at <http://newspapers.wyo.gov/>. These newspapers are mostly from 1849 through 1922, but a few are from as recent as 1989.
- The Utah Digital Newspapers site at <http://digitalnewspapers.org/> has dozens of searchable historical newspapers.
- The Oregon Digital Newspaper Program at <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/> has newspapers from 1846 to 2019.
- The Middletown Township Public Library in Monmouth County on the eastern coast of New Jersey has searchable databases of the Red Bank Register (1878–1964) and the Daily Register (1964–1991) at <http://rbr.mtpl.org/rbr/>.
- Several universities are creating free online digital collections of newspapers. These are works in progress at various stages of implementation. Find them by using Google to search for *university library digital newspapers*.
- Some of the above, and others, have been included in a historical newspaper search engine website at <http://www.elephind.com>. It was set up by DL Consulting, a New Zealand company, but it works as a one-stop search tool that includes *Chronicling America* and several states' newspaper databases in the U.S.

### **Free Jewish resources**

- The Jewish Telegraph Agency, a news service known today as JTA, has a searchable database of articles of Jewish interest that date back to 1923 at <https://www.jta.org/archive>.
- The Sentinel, a weekly Chicago Jewish community newspaper that published from 1911 to 1949, is available from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, which has the searchable database at: <http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16614coll14>. The Sentinel is also available online and searchable at the National Library of Israel at <https://web.nli.org.il/sites/jpress/english/pages/sentinal.aspx>.

- The Cleveland Jewish News and its predecessor newspapers have a free searchable database going back 125 years at <https://tinyurl.com/y6gnmf3x>.
- The Detroit Jewish News Foundation has made available at <https://dijnfoundation.org/the-archive/> a searchable database of the Detroit Jewish News and Jewish Chronicle.
- The Pittsburgh Jewish Newspaper Project at Carnegie Mellon University has a searchable database for the Jewish Criterion (1895-1962), the American Jewish Outlook (1934-1962), the Jewish Chronicle (1962-2010), and the Y-JCC series (1926-1975) at <https://tinyurl.com/yyvyrbaw>.
- The Digital Library of Georgia has a searchable database of the American Israelite, based in Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., from 1925 to 1986 at <http://israelite.galileo.usg.edu/israelite/search>.
- The Ohio Jewish Chronicle of Columbus, Ohio, from 1922 to 1994, is available at [http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm4/index\\_ojc.php?CISOROOT=/ojc](http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm4/index_ojc.php?CISOROOT=/ojc).
- The American Jewess, a magazine, is searchable for the years 1895-1899 at <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/a/amjewess/>.
- Tel-Aviv University and the National Library of Israel have created an online searchable database called the Historical Jewish Press that includes Jewish newspapers published in various countries, languages, and time periods at <http://web.nli.org.il/sites/JPress/English/Pages/default.aspx>.
- ProQuest's American Jewish Newspapers collection offers libraries the American Hebrew and Jewish Messenger (1857-1922) of New York, the Jewish Advocate (1905-1990) of Boston, the American Israelite (1854-1922) of Cincinnati, and the Jewish Exponent (1887-1990) of Philadelphia. For general information about this resource, see <https://tinyurl.com/y6x2sgn6>. Contact libraries directly or check WorldCat to determine availability of specific newspapers.

### **Free resources: Books**

- Google Books has text-searchable complete copies of old books no longer protected by copyright at <http://books.google.com/>. For books still with copyright protection, only snippets are shown.
- FamilySearch's searchable directory of family history books can be accessed at [www.tinyurl.com/cmo9mnb](http://www.tinyurl.com/cmo9mnb).
- GenealogyGophers offers a searchable database of genealogy books at <https://www.gengophers.com/#/>.
- Other collections of free online books that are searchable by subject, title and author, but not by book content text, can be found at:
  - Project Gutenberg: [http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)
  - Classic Reader: <http://www.classicreader.com/>
  - Questia: <http://www.questia.com/>

- Open Library: <http://openlibrary.org/>
- Bibliomania: <http://www.bibliomania.com/>

### **Subscription newspaper sites**

- Ancestry.com has a searchable collection of digitized newspapers at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=149> and a collection of magazines and other periodicals at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=151>
- Ancestry.com also owns Newspapers.com, a collection of more than 800 digitized newspapers from the 1700s to the 2000s at <http://newspapers.com/>
- Paid subscribers to Newspapers.com have access to the St. Louis Jewish Light going back to 1947 at: <https://www.stjewishlight.com/archives>. A short video explaining how to search the archive can be seen at [https://www.stjewishlight.com/youtube\\_147237f0-cb0b-11e7-8064-6775555c9350.html](https://www.stjewishlight.com/youtube_147237f0-cb0b-11e7-8064-6775555c9350.html)
- GenealogyBank has American newspapers from 1690 to today at <https://www.genealogybank.com/explore/newspapers/all>.
- The NewspaperArchive site at <http://www.newspaperarchive.com/> has newspapers from 1607 to the present.
- Membership in the New England Historic Genealogical Society provides access to several databases at <http://www.americanancestors.org/>. Both of the following are also available through some local or university libraries:
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Newspapers database, 1800-1900.
  - Irish Newspaper Archive database, 1738 to today.

### **Fee-based Jewish newspaper site**

- The Jewish Advocate of Boston used to offer a searchable database for paid subscribers of historical article images from 1905 to 1990 and text articles from 1991 to the present at <https://tinyurl.com/yx99xrgk>. As of November 2019, they were no longer available.

### **More online newspaper sites**

- Links for many additional searchable online newspaper database websites—both free and fee-based—from the United States and around the world, are provided by the International Coalition on Newspapers at <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm#US>.