

Limited Access: Using NCPL's Genealogy Room to Access Digitized Newspapers & More

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Newspapers not only give us information about world and state news, they also give information about a community as a whole, often providing clues for genealogical research. Not only can we find ancestral names associated with a place and date, we find ads for community businesses, marriages, deaths, weather, and other everyday life events. Included here are only a few snippets that anyone can find by visiting the genealogy room of Nelson County Public Library.

The following are just a few examples of items found in the newspaper collection. It's clear how they can help with genealogical research. Note that many articles with information on happenings in Nelson County are published in other places, such as Hardin County, so it pays to check news from surrounding counties. Also note that family or friends from other counties, visiting Nelson County, are listed along with their places of residence.

The following entries were taken from our digital newspaper collection. As you read them, think about how you can use this tool in the research and documentation of your family history.

Nelson County Record- 1 August 1889

1. Bloomfield- The Simpson Hotel

Arrivals at Simpson Hotel—Chas. Lieber, Goodloe Searcy, Sgtt Moore, Ben Johnson, M. C. Wilson, Capt. Keene, Emma Newkirk, Bettie Newkirk, Louisville. Winder and son, Philadelphia. John B. Brewer, Lancaster, Dan Buford, Smithfield. George Anderson, Taylorsville, S. Howder, Hatches, Mt. Eden. Geo. Connor, Judson Taylor, Cox's Creek. Ed Southers, Cincinnati. Judge Fulton, Ben Talbott, Bardstown.

Transcription:

Cox's Creek: George Conner and Judson Taylor

Bardstown: Judge Fulton and Ben Talbott

Taylorsville: George Anderson

Mt. Eden: S. Howder, _____ Hatches

Louisville: Charles Lieber, Goodloe Searcy, Scott Moore, Ben Johnson, M. C. Wilson, Capt. Keene, Emma Newkirk, Bettie Newkirk.

Smithfield: Dan Buford

Cincinnati: Ed Southers

Philadelphia: Winder and son

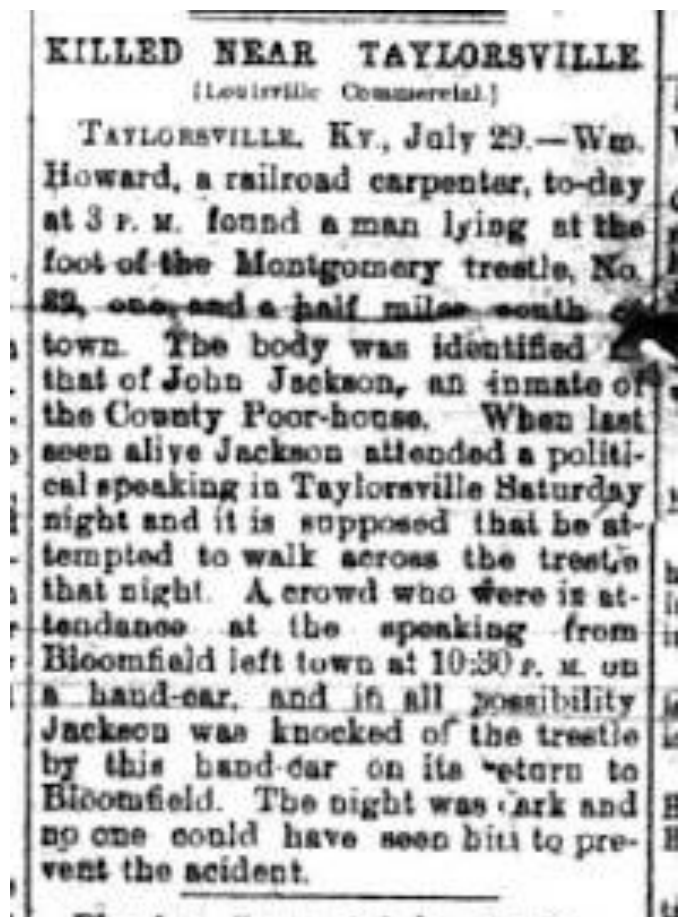
¹ *The Nelson County Record, 1 Aug 1889*. [Newspapers](#) digital file. Repository, Genealogy Room of Nelson County Public Library, Bardstown, KY.

2. Spencer County-

Taken from the same issue of the Nelson County Record :

In nearby Taylorsville, a resident of the county poorhouse was killed by a handcar in the night.

John Jackson was found lying dead at the foot of the Montgomery trestle, about 1.5 miles north of Taylorsville. A handcar, loaded with people traveling at night from Bloomfield, supposedly knocked Jackson from the trestle in the dark. This is the first death notice I've found where the deceased was victim of a handcar.²



² Ibid.

³ *The Nelson County Record*, 1 Aug 1889. [Newspapers](#) digital file. Repository, Genealogy Room of Nelson County Public Library, Bardstown, KY.

3. Gethsemane

Several family research clues are in this notice. Historically, we see that the Head & Beam Distillery "stopped" last week. A week prior to this August 1st paper would have been July 25, 1889.

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GETHSEMANE.
NELSON COUNTY.

Wheat threshing and oats cutting over. Several farmers sold their wheat, seventy cents per bushel being the highest price received.

School in district No. 40 has commenced. Miss Fannie Masterson, of New Hope, is the teacher.

Head & Beam's distillery stopped last week.

James S. Baird, of Sulphur Lick, shipped sixty-three hogs to Louisville a few days ago. They averaged about two hundred pounds, and brought four and one-half cents.

Miss Lula Brown and Sam Steele, of Louisville, are visiting relatives near here.

Sam Dant is sick.

Miss Vida Miller is spending this week with Miss V. M. Pottinger.

Sam Pottinger has returned from Pineville, where he spent several days with friends.

Superintendent McKay visited our school last week.

Joe Warner and Rowan Clark went to Fredericktown last Saturday, presumably to attend the pic-nic.

Prof. E. W. Elrod is in this neighborhood in the interest of Lynnland Female College, of which he is the principal.

Butler Pottinger has been very ill for several days with intermittent fever, and at this writing is no better.

Solicitors for the St. Vincent's pic-nic are canvassing among us.

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4. Bullitt County

The community of Solitude in Bullitt County was on the border of Nelson County, near High Grove. Two churches are mentioned in this listing along with news of gardens, illness, and visitations.

SOLITUDE.

BULLITT COUNTY.

We are glad to see the new church at High Grove so near completion. We hear that Rev. Fred D. Hale is to preach the dedication sermon.

Corn in this vicinity is unusually fine, as indeed, is everything. One of our neighbors says his potatoes are so large that it takes two people to get them out of the ground.

A protracted meeting began at New Salem Sunday, conducted by Dr. Caperton, of Louisville, and Rev. Richardson, of Hart county.

Mr. Preston Wilcoxon, who has just recovered from a serious spell of typhoid fever, is now suffering from bronchial trouble.

• Mrs. James Rouse is quite sick.

Personal—Mr. Clarence Summers, of Barren county, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Harvey Swearingen's. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Rouse with her father, Mr. Magruder. Miss Lula Patterson, one of Madisonville's most charming young ladies, is the guest of Miss Lizzie Thomas. Mr. E. O. Evans with Mr. Chas. Morton, of Bardstown. Mr. P. M. Stark with relatives at Belmont.

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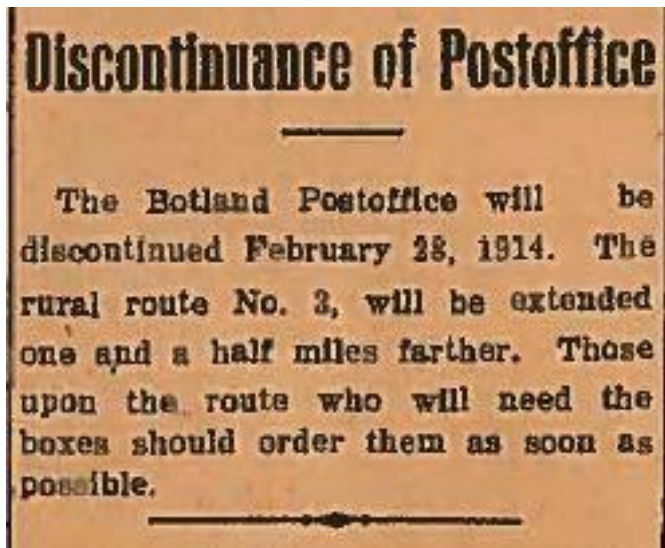
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The Kentucky Standard - an issue dated 5 February 1914

This issue of the Kentucky Standard was previously a missing issue but thanks to NCGR member, Nancy Talbott, it was donated to the Genealogy room where it has been digitized and added to the newspaper files. A laminated copy of the surviving pages is also available for viewing.

1. Botland

Anyone interested in the history of the Botland community will find it interesting to know that their post office closed in the winter of 1914.



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2. Bardstown

Not sure what to do for Mardi Gras? Go there by train from Bardstown! A round trip to New Orleans would have cost only \$20.30. Of course it was advised to estimate additional lodging costs at \$1.00 in the best private homes or \$2.00 a day in good hotels. The last statement in fine print instructs that the L & N Agent has a printed list of Rooming Houses and Hotels for customers to view.

Only a Day and Night to New Orleans
....WHAT IT WILL COST TO SEE....

MONDAY February 23 ARRIVAL OF REX 2.00 p. m., and Proteus Parade AT NIGHT	Mardi Gras The Two Big Days--February 23 and 24	TUESDAY February 24 PARADE OF REX 10 a. m., and Comus Parade AT NIGHT
New Orleans \$20.30	Mobile \$18.50	Pensacola \$18.50

ROUND TRIP FROM BARDSTOWN
... Tickets on Sale Daily February 17 to 23 Inclusive ...
SLEEPING CAR FARE \$4.00 TO \$4.50 EACH WAY
EXTENSION LIMIT ON TICKETS TO MARCH 23
TO APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST FOR THE ROUND TRIP.
Estimate for five days board and lodging at \$1.00 per day in best private homes, or \$2.00 per day at good hotels, to which add the above railroad and Pullman fares. Apply to L. & N. Agent for printed list of Rooming Houses and Hotels.

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3. New Haven

A horse and mule sale at the site of the Joseph H. Pottinger Horse Company, 1.5 miles from New Haven, was advertised in the 5 Feb 1914 issue of The Kentucky Standard. This is a great find if your family tree includes this man, or if you are interested in local history.

PUBLIC SALE
OF
Stallions and Jacks

We will sell at public auction at my stock barn 1½ miles from New Haven, Ky., on

SATURDAY, FEB. 7, 1914,
ABOUT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.,

the following described stock:

- 1 Black Imported Coach Stallion, Hazzard, No. 4997, 7 years old, 16¼ hands, bred by H. Fasting, Germany, imported by Oltmann's Bro., Watseka, Ill. This horse has proven to be a fine breeder, has fine action and a kind disposition.
- 1 Chestnut Stallion, Prince Billie B., No. 3707, five gaited saddle and harness, 16¼ hands, bred by Sam Nally, Springfield, Ky., foaled April 17, 1905, sired by Happy Beau, 1495, Grandsire Beau Brummel, of Kenmore 800, by Jewell 71, by Washington Denmark 64, Queen 48. Sirs dam by Cabell's Lexington 3234, by Gris Black Hawk, by Black Hawk (5). This is among the best stallions in the State.
- 1 Dapple Bay Stallion Vonmoth, 16 hands, fine saddle and harness horse, is 12 years past.
- 1 Black Jack, 15 hands, 12 years past.
- 1 Black Jack, 15 hands, 8 years past.

These Jacks have good bone, fine head and ear, white points. Suitable for Jennets.

- 1 Grey Spanish Jack, 14 hands, 8 years old, has proven to be good breeder.
- 1 Bay Jack, 2 years old, 14¼ hands, has extra good bone, head and ear.
- 1 Yearling Jack, with good head and ear, plenty bone.
- 2 Gov. Wood Jennets with foal.
- 1 Young Brood Mare.

Will sell on 6 or 12 months time or 2% discount for cash.
No buy-bidding, everything sells.

JOSEPH H. POTTINGER HORSE CO.
Joseph H. Pottinger, Sec. & Manager.

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4. Washington County

Death notice for Fred Carrico, funeral at St. Dominic's. Originally posted in the Springfield Sun, it was common for newspapers to copy, reprint, or rewrite news from other communities if a local person/group had connections there. Note that at the end of the obituary, --Springfield Sun is typed.

Expires Suddenly

This community was greatly shocked Wednesday morning, January 28, to hear that Fred Carrico had suddenly passed away the preceding night. Mr. Carrico had not been well for some time having been a sufferer from water on his lungs. However, Monday he appeared better than usual and had spent the day working in his tobacco. He ate supper and after prayers retired, but died within a few minutes after touching the bed. After funeral services Wednesday morning at St. Dominic's church, Father Hennessey officiating, the body was laid to rest in St. Dominic's cemetery.

Mr. Carrico was 34 years of age and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carrico. He was born and reared in this county and was one of the most industrious farmers of the county. His whole time and attention were given to his work and it was very seldom that he was seen in town except on business or in attendance at church. About ten years ago he married Miss Mary Jones, who with two little daughters survives. He is also survived by his parents, and the following brothers and sisters: Albert, Claude, Lee and Sam B. Carrico, Mesdames C. A. Montgomery, S. J. Anderson, P. S. Barber, Lagora Jones, and Miss Jennie Carrico. — Springfield Sun.

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Nelson County, Kentucky Newspaper Abstracts Book (1807-1890)

The Candid Review, Tuesday, September, 22, 1807

*Lewis Quigley has just received from Philadelphia, large quantity of copper and he flatters himself, will be enabled to furnish stills and other copper ware on low terms. Highest price given for old copper.*¹⁰

*All those who have subscribed for the building of the Academy at Bairdstown, will find their subscriptions in my hands, and immediate payment is required, with discrimination, John Weller.*¹¹

Bardstown Repository, Wednesday, June 23, 1819

*A \$5 reward for a runaway from the subscriber on Thursday, Dec. 24, last, Samuel King, an indented apprentice to the art of printing. He is about 5 feet, 6-8 inches high, dark complexion, black hair, blue eyes, down look, has but little talk, when spoken to has a smiling appearance or grin. At the same time discovering a short or broken tooth above, left handed. Had on when he ran away, dark grey cloth coat and waistcoat grey corded pantaloons, black fur hat and half boots. The above reward will be given any person who will deliver to me in Bardstown, the said runaway, or confine him in any jail in this state and give me speedy notice so that I can get him, John P. Edrington, Jan. 20, 1819.*¹²

Statewide Newspapers, Abstracted and Indexed

Beginning with a Newspaper Abstract book can save time in pinpointing the name of the newspaper, date, and main content. Some of these types of books also include a Placename and Subject Index. Such is the case with the abstracts book, The Kentucky Gazette, 1787-1800. Examples include: Bardstown, Chaplain's Creek, Saltworks, Nelson County (94 entries contained reference to Nelson County), Simpson's Creek, Distilleries, Rolling Fork, Tobacconists, and many more places and subjects. If an abstract reveals the person, date, or place being sought, it's always best to view the full article or page, if possible.¹³

¹⁰ Carolyn Wimp, Compiler; Indexed by Judy Nacke, Nelson County, Kentucky Newspaper Abstracts September 1807- September 1890, p.1 Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Inc., Vine Grove, Kentucky, 2001.

¹¹ Ibid, p. 1.

¹² Ibid, p. 3.

¹³ Karen Mauer Green, The Kentucky Gazette 1787-1800, Genealogical and Historical Abstracts, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, 1983.

Also in this book are abstracts of political significance. The entire pages of these newspapers can be viewed on www.newspapers.com. There is a yearly subscription fee if viewing from home, but the site can be used in the Genealogy Room thanks to a subscription held by the Nelson County Public Library for its patrons. This subscription is only available in the Genealogy Room of NCPL.

Ways to search for specific names or subjects in the digitized newspapers of the genealogy room are varied.

1. Narrow your focus to a particular year and just scroll through each issue until you find what you are looking for.
2. Beginning with a specific year in mind, follow the written directions posted beside computer # 1. This may seem time consuming, but once the procedure is remembered, the many steps to this will hopefully yield positive results. One of the genealogists can help with this procedure. * Caveat: The tool for searching these (ocr .pdf) is only about 70% accurate. That means if you think you have the correct year, and the search does not yield anything, you may need to change the search term or go back to method 1 from above.
3. Search the index of the newspaper abstract books to narrow search. The compiler included all known issues of the newspaper in these books so this may be the best option if you have no idea which year, newspaper, etc...you need. I have solved several brick wall situations using these books prior to searching the actual newspapers.
4. Log on to www.newspapers.com and ask one of us for help if needed. Once there, type in a search term, range of dates, and place name. If results do not appear, change the search term, date range, or place name...(or leave the place box blank). Try again.

Finally, be sure to **cite any source that you copy, print, or use in your research**. This way, you know exactly where you found an item and if you decide to create an article or book, all of your citations can be copied and pasted. Keeping a typed list (Bibliography) of your sources can save time. Copy and paste the citation and edit it for page numbers, etc...in any new document you create. Example: You wish to create a book to share with family and some of the same books or census records are used for multiple family members. If they are already typed then you can simply copy and paste to the new page and you won't have to type them over and over.

Here are some valuable links to help you cite sources:

https://www.genealogy.com/articles/research/19_wylie.html

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140705161451/https://www.progenealogists.com/citationguide.htm>

A Few Sources in the Genealogy Room of NCPL

- **Digitized and searchable newspapers** including The Kentucky Standard, The Catholic Advocate, as well as previously published papers such as The New Haven Echo and The Nelson County Record. This collection contains issues as far back as the 1800s.
- **Digitized scrapbooks** that contain news clippings from local and other newspapers; photos, and more.
- **A subscription to Newspapers.com, free for patrons** to explore within the genealogy room.
- **Newspaper abstract books.** These are summaries of news items bound into books here in the Genealogy Room, most of which were compiled by Carolyn Wimp. We have abstract books from Nelson County, Hardin County, Larue County, Breckinridge and Green County, here in the genealogy room. Others include state newspaper abstracts. These abstracts are from papers as early as the 1700s. Other newspaper abstract books we have are 2 volumes of **The Kentucky Gazette** (1700s-very early 1800s) and **Early Louisville, Kentucky Newspaper Abstracts, 1806-1828.**