

Finding Your Roots in *Chronicling America*:

Employing Digitized Historical
Newspapers in Genealogical Research

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The Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP) is a two year grant project made possible by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP).

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NDNP is a partnership between the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The goal of this program is to build a free Internet-based keyword searchable database of newspapers published in the United States between 1690-1922.

Chronicling America

The screenshot shows the Chronicling America website interface. At the top, the URL is chroniclingamerica.loc.gov. The page features the National Endowment for the Humanities logo and the title "CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers". A search bar is present with filters for "All states", "from 1836", and "to 1922". A "GO" button is next to the search input. Below the search bar, it states "Pages Available: 4,837,331".

On the left side, there are navigation links: "About Chronicling America", "About the Site and API", "Recommended Topics", and "Help". Below these are "More Resources" including "National Digital Newspaper Program", "NDNP Award Recipients", "Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room", "Ask LC Newspaper & Current Periodicals Librarian", and "Historic Newspapers on Flickr".

The main content area displays a "100 Years Ago Today: May 30, 1912 (45 issues)" section. It features three newspaper thumbnails with captions:

- Bisbee daily review. (6pp.)** Bisbee, Ariz.
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At the bottom, there is a "Connect with the Library" section with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, RSS) and links for "Subscribe & Comment" (RSS & E-Mail, Blogs), "Download & Play" (Podcasts, Webcasts, iTunesU), and "Questions" (Ask a Librarian, Contact Us). The footer includes "About | Press | Jobs | Donate", "Inspector General | Legal | Accessibility | External Link Disclaimer | USA.gov", and "Speech Enabled".

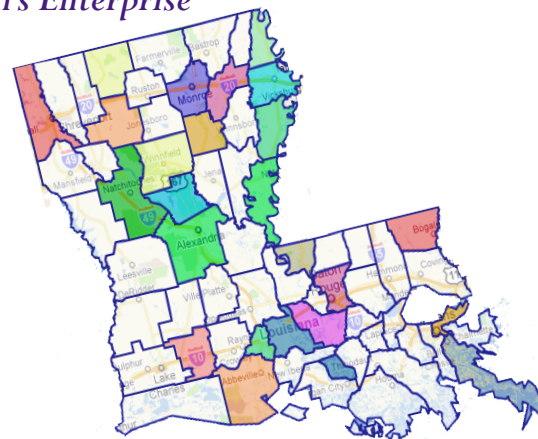
The *Chronicling America* newspaper database is maintained by the Library of Congress. It is a free resource for anyone interested in investigating history as it was recorded in the newspapers of the day. A single institution from each state is responsible for selecting and digitizing newspapers for submission to this database.

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In 2009 LSU Libraries Special Collections was awarded its first two year grant. During the 2009-2011 grant cycle 54 English-language newspapers published between 1860-1922 and representing 23 parishes were digitized. They are currently available on *Chronicling America*.

DLNP 2011-2013 Grant Cycle Titles

Baton Rouge Gazette †

The Caucasian

The Donaldsonville Chief

The Feliciana Democrat

Houma Ceres †

The Houma Courier †

The Lafayette Advertiser †

The Louisiana Cotton-Boll †

Le Louisianais †

Louisianian

The Meridional †

Le Meschacébé †

Le Messenger †

New Orleans Daily Crescent

The New Orleans Daily Democrat

The Opelousas Courier †

El Pelayo ‡

Pioneer of Assumption †

Le Pioneer de l'Assomption †

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St. Tammany Farmer

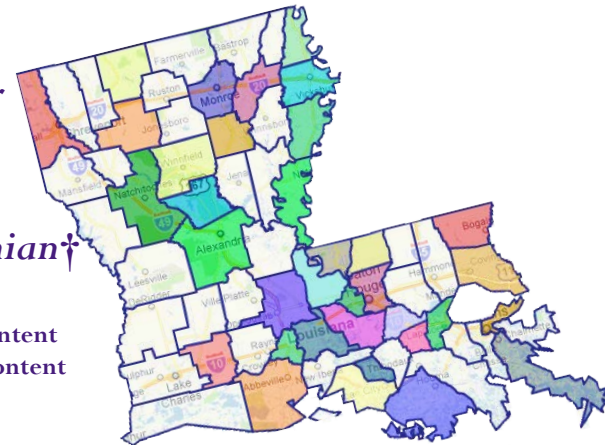
Sugar Planter

True American

The Weekly Louisianian †

† Features French language content

‡ Features Spanish language content



In 2011 LSU Libraries Special Collections was awarded its second two year grant. During the 2011-2013 grant cycle, DLNP will digitize 29 newspaper titles from 17 parishes. These newspapers are some of the first in *Chronicling America* to feature non-English content. Publications dates span between 1836-1922.

Genealogy & DLNP

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/pages/results/?state=Louisiana&date1=1836&date2=1922&

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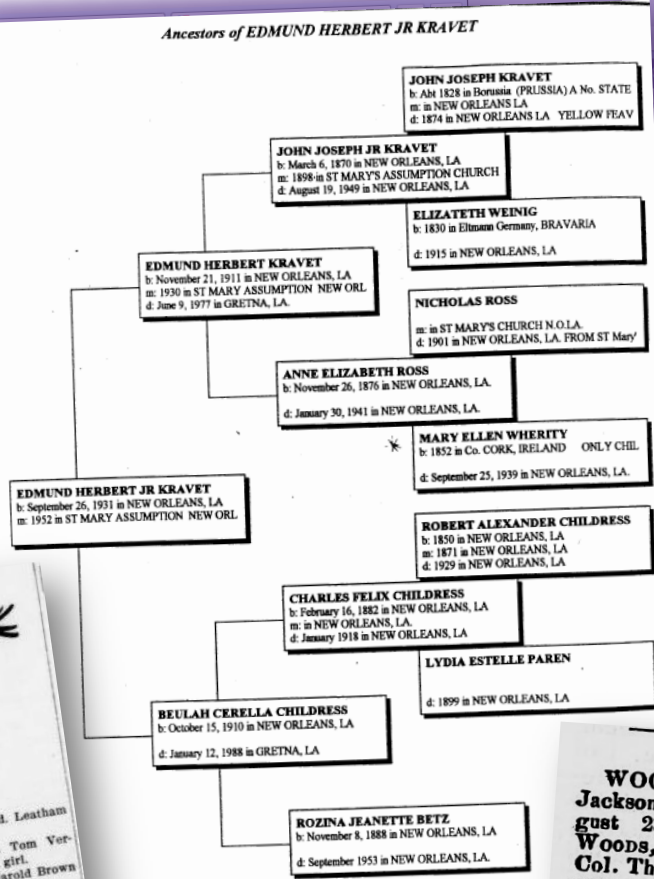
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Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Leatham of 728 Whitney Avenue.—a girl.

DIED.

WOODS.— At her residence in Jackson, La., on Thursday, August 23d., 1877, Mrs. Wm. H. Woods, eldest daughter of the late Col. Thos. H. Oswald, aged 56 years.

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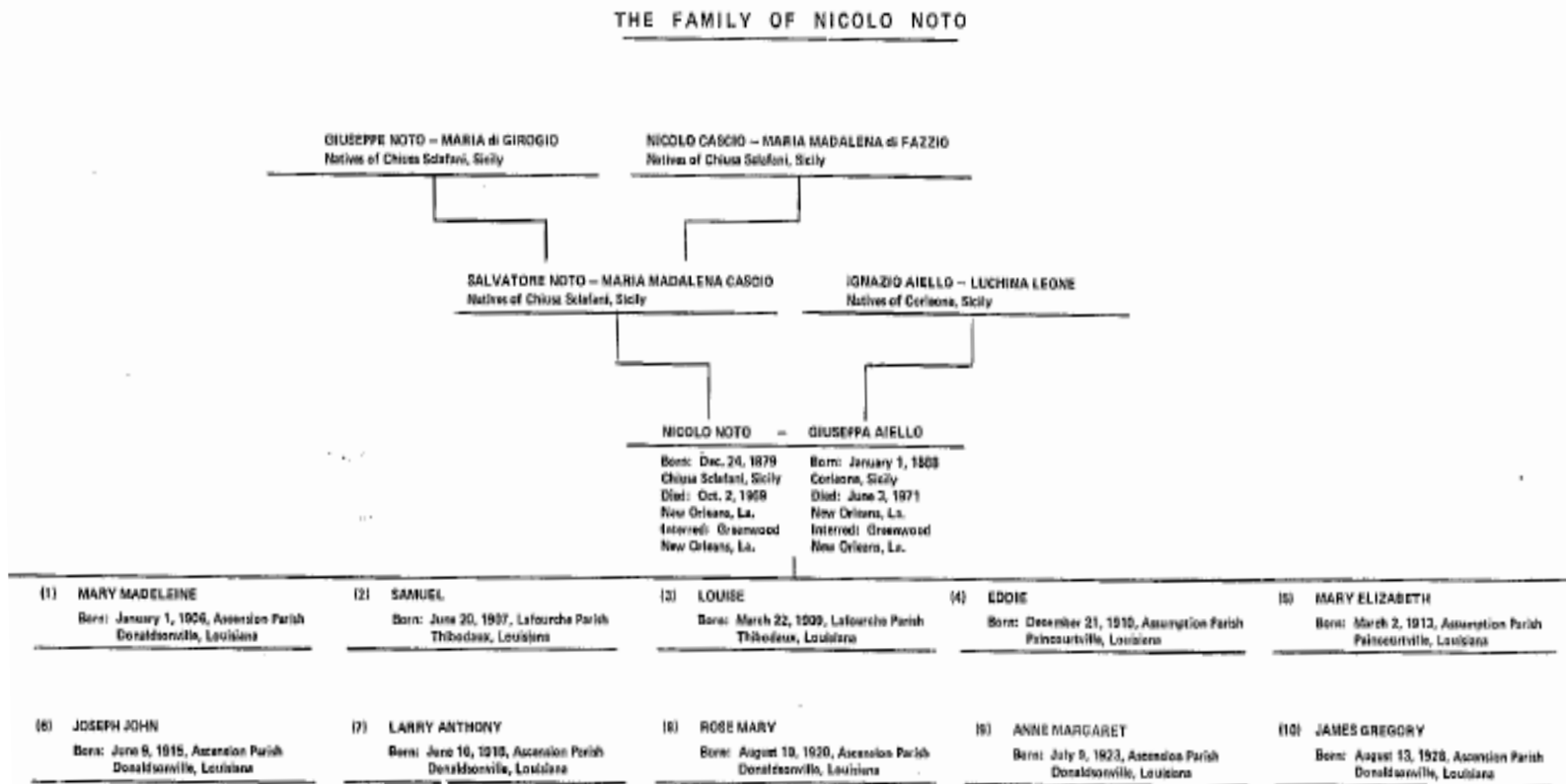
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The purpose of this presentation is to briefly explain how to incorporate DLNP into family history research, beginning with an introduction of how historic newspapers are traditionally used in genealogy, a quick overview of how to create dynamic searches, and a short discussion in how you can broaden the usage of historic newspapers to develop more rounded out family histories.

Family tree from : Cooper Pilgrim, M.L. (Ed.). Ancestors of Edmund Herbert Jr. Kravet, Gumbo Roots, 7(3), 26.

Traditional Family Tree Climbing




For the novice and expert alike, one of the main goals in genealogy is to gather the names and important dates of relatives as a means of constructing the basis of the family tree.

Start at Home



Most people start at home with the documents they have and the family they know. Talking to relatives, asking them to recall all they can about members of their family and then writing down as much of this oral family history is the ideal start to any genealogy project. As always it is important to remember that memory is an imperfect resource at best so everything should be checked and verified against documentary evidence such as historic newspapers.

Basic 3 For Building the Family Tree



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Birth

Marriage Announcements.

The marriage of Mr. Paul Guidry to Miss Una Beslin, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Beslin, is announced to take place at the Catholic Church at five o'clock in the evening, Wednesday the 6th inst.

The marriage of Mr. Clovis Potier to Miss Edna Bonin, the pretty daughter of Mr. Evalture Bonin, both of St. Martinville, is announced to take place Monday December 4th., at the Catholic Church, at five o'clock in the evening,

Marriage

Mother Of Triplets Died.

Mrs. O. Hergruder of Port Barre who some time ago gave birth to three boys, died in the hospital in New Orleans last week, the three little boys having died before her. Mrs. Hergruder being sick since the birth of the babies, was taken to New Orleans where she died.

John Dietch Died.

John Dietch who was accidentally hurt in an automobile race near Ponchatola, last week, died at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans this week. Young Dietch graduated at the High School here two years ago and had many friends here.

Death

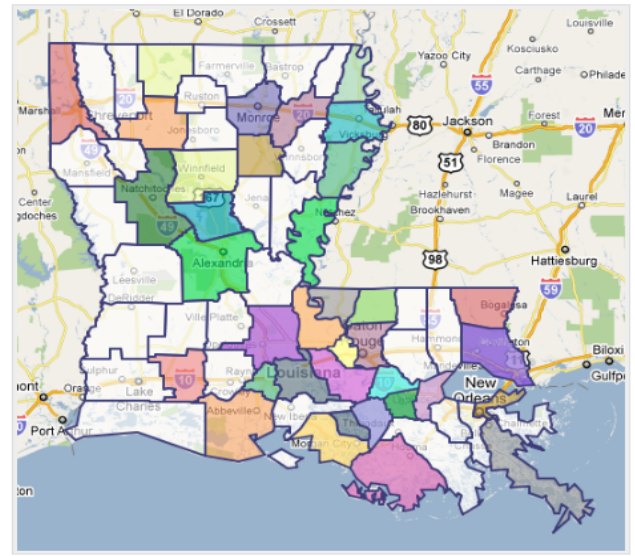
Once you have some names and dates you can begin the actual search process with the basic 3 major events that shape the family tree: birth, marriage, and death.

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The DLNP site has some great information and resources for you to use, especially if you want to *browse* Louisiana newspapers but for people wanting to *search*, you will be primarily concerned with four items: Search Tips & Help, How to Search *Chronicling America*, DLNP Presentations, and the link to *Chronicling America*.

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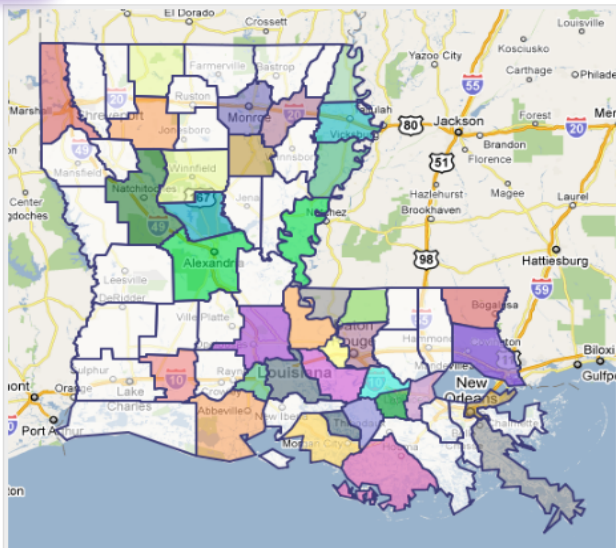
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Search Tips and Help will take you to the DLNP rundown on how to develop a search.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Louisiana State University Hill Memorial Library website. The page is titled "Search Tips & Help" and is part of the "Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project". The browser address bar shows the URL: www.lib.lsu.edu/special/cc/dlnp/search_tips_and_help.html. The page features a navigation menu with options like "HOME", "ABOUT US", "COLLECTIONS & CENTERS", "RESEARCH", "SERVICES", and "A TO Z". A sidebar on the left contains "QUICK LINKS" and "RESEARCHING WITH NEWSPAPERS" sections. The main content area includes a "HELP" section with instructions on how to search for Louisiana newspaper titles, a "SEARCH TIPS" section, and a section titled "ACCESSING DIGITIZED LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS ON CHRONICLING AMERICA". The page also includes a search bar at the bottom with options for "Search Pages", "Advanced Search", "All Digitized Newspapers 1836-1922", and "US Newspaper Directory, 1699-Present".

This page provides guidance in navigating both the DLNP site and *Chronicling America*, complete with screenshots. It is essential that users learn how to search *Chronicling America* because, while the database is keyword searchable, searching it is not as intuitive as using Google and commonplace limiters such as NOT, OR, and AND will not work.

www.lib.lsu.edu/special/cc/dlnp/search_tips_and_help.html

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HELP

For research assistance or questions about the Digitizing Louisiana Newspaper Project, see information about how to [contact a Librarian](#).

SEARCH TIPS

Louisiana newspaper titles currently available for full-text search are listed alphabetically by title or parish and by subject.

- Title List
- Parish List
- Civil War Era titles
- Historically Black titles

For subjects covered by the Louisiana newspapers, see the [Topic Guides](#) page.

ACCESSING DIGITIZED LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS ON CHRONICLING AMERICA

Access to the digitized Louisiana newspapers is provided by the [Chronicling America](#) website. [Chronicling America](#) provides access to all the participating states' newspapers. To browse or search **Louisiana** newspaper titles, "Louisiana" must be selected from the state list on the search screen and/or one or more Louisiana newspaper titles must be selected from the title list. Specific years or data ranges can also be selected to limit your search. See examples of these search options below as well as a keyword sample search.

Additional instruction on searching [Chronicling America](#) is available on the Library of Congress's website or via the Ohio State Historical Society's podcast series.

Search by State:

Search Pages: [Advanced Search](#) [All Digitized Newspapers 1836-1922](#) [US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present](#)

Users interested only in learning how to conduct searches in *Chronicling America* may choose to use the text-based instructions prepared by the Library of Congress by following the “How to search *Chronicling America*” link.

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/help/#general_searching

General Searching in Chronicling America

Results listed first are most likely to be relevant to your search. Results will appear higher in the list when they contain

- more of your search terms;
- repeated search terms;
- search terms that occur near each other;

Your searches will yield better results if you keep the following points in mind:

- Common words such as **and**, **not**, and **the** are ignored by the search engine.
- Case of letters is ignored. For example, **Civil** and **civil** are treated the same.
- Diacritic characters (accent marks, in non-English text) and other special characters produce inaccurate results, so plain (unaccented) letters should be substituted for letters with diacritics.

Search and Browsing Tips

Many browsers have the capability of tabbed browsing, which opens a new pane in the current window, either in the background or the foreground. Users of Chronicling America have reported this as a useful method of navigating through search results- bringing up each result in a new tab. This may be accomplished by clicking with the right-hand mouse button (for Mac, hold down the Command key) and selecting "Open Link in New Tab."

Search results are displayed on a page that can easily be bookmarked or navigated to via the "Back" button on the browser. Every page in the Chronicling America application can be bookmarked, but only the addresses containing newspaper pages should be treated as canonical for purposes of citations and long-term referrals. These addresses are displayed in the address bar of the browser, and no special treatment is required for adding them to a citation database. (Select the "Persistent Link" URL displayed on each newspaper page view to store the link without search text highlighted.)

Search for a Phrase

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your phrase in the appropriate "...with the phrase" search box.
- When searching for a phrase, enter the words in the order they are most likely to occur.
- The order of search words does not affect the scope of the search results, but it will affect the order of their display.

Search for Words Near Each Other

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your keywords into the "...with the words" search box.
- Select a numeric value for how close the words should be to each other (proximity).
- This type of search can be helpful in narrowing results on a given person, place or event to a specific aspect of that person, place or event. For example: "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words will result mostly in articles about President Theodore Roosevelt's Conservation policies during his administration.

Too Many Results - If a search generates too many results, try using more specific terms and/or limiting to a specific state of publication or a particular newspaper title. Use the search box options in combination to narrow your results. For example, use "President Roosevelt" as phrase and "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words to narrow results to text about only President Roosevelt's conservation policies.

Too Few Results - If a search generates too few results, try alternate terms or broader subjects and relax any limiting criteria (date ranges, state limitations, etc.).

Because language changes, be sure to use search terms used at the time the materials were created, even if those terms are now obsolete. For example, the following historic terms will produce more results than their modern-day

Following the “How to Search *Chronicling America*” link will direct users away from the DLNP site to the detailed instructions and search suggestions on the *Chronicling America* site.

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Users desiring a more detailed, step-by-step visual instruction in navigating DLNP and searching *Chronicling America* may be interested in other presentations available on the “DLNP Presentations” page.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.lib.lsu.edu/special/cc/dlnp/dlnp_presentations.html. The page header includes the LSU logo, the text "LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY", and navigation links for "SPECIAL COLLECTIONS" and "HILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY". A secondary navigation bar contains "HOME", "ABOUT US", "COLLECTIONS & CENTERS", "RESEARCH", "SERVICES", and "A TO Z".

The main content area is titled "DLNP Presentations" and features a presentation slide. The slide has a purple and white background with the following text:

Exploring Digital Historic Newspapers:
 An Introduction to the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP) & the Library of Congress's *Chronicling America* Site

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By Laura Chamey, Project Manager for DLNP
 LSU Libraries Special Collections
 April 18, 2012

Below the slide, there is a note: "This presentation is also viewable in full screen PDF and available for download with navigable bookmarks by clicking here." At the bottom of the page, it says: "The DLNP team would like to host online presentations that feature the digitized Louisiana".

The left sidebar contains several sections:

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The “Exploring Digital Historic Newspapers” presentation thoroughly demonstrates how to browse DLNP, navigate *Chronicling America*, and utilize a variety research options not detailed in this presentation.

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Finally, users ready to dive into their searches can follow the *Chronicling America* link to access the database.



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Or Select Newspaper(s):
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- Select State(s):** A dropdown menu with 'Louisiana' selected.
- Or Select Newspaper(s):** A list of newspapers including 'All newspapers', 'Abbeville progress. (Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La.)', 'The Abilene reflector. (Abilene, Kan.)', 'Abilene weekly reflector. (Abilene, Kan.)', 'The Abingdon Virginian. (Abingdon [Va.])', 'The Adair County news. (Columbia, Ky.)', 'The Afro-American citizen. (Charleston, S.C.)', and 'Akron daily Democrat. (Akron, Ohio)'.
- Select Year(s)*:** A range from 1836 to 1922.
- Or Date Range:** A range from 10/1/1920 to 12/31/1920.
- Limit Search:** A checkbox for 'only front page or Specific page'.
- Enter Search:** Three input fields: '...with any of the words:', '...with all of the words:', and '...with the phrase:'. The phrase 'Charles Logan Ford' is entered in the third field.
- Additional options:** '...with the words:' followed by a 'within 5 words of each other' option.

At the bottom of the search area, there are 'Clear' and 'Search' buttons. The footer of the page shows 'Pages Available: 4,837,331' and social media links for 'Print', 'Subscribe', and 'Share/Save'.

Let's suppose we are looking for a death notice on a relative by the name of Charles Logan Ford and we know he died in the fall of 1920. We can limit our search to the state of Louisiana and to a date between October 1, 1920 through December 31, 1920. With the "with the phrase" search we should get back results featuring all of the terms we entered *in the order* they are entered. This is ideal for proper names. Again, do not enter include any ANDs, THEs, ORs, NOTS, or quotations marks.

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Louisiana + from 1836 to 1836 + enter one or more search words **GO**

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1 results containing **"the phrase "Charles Logan Ford"'"**

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[The herald. \(New Orleans, La.\), October 21, 1920, Page 11, Image 12](#)

For this search we get one result. Now, let's back up and try something different.

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Let's say we were unsure of his full name or that our records indicate his name was simply "Charles Ford". If we had searched that in the "phrase" search (keeping everything else the same) we would get different results...

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But we don't have to give up yet. If we are unsure of a full name or how the name appeared in a newspaper, we can search for the parts of the name "within X number of words" of each other. Here we will search Louisiana newspapers between October 1, 1920 through December 31, 1920 for the words "Charles" and "Ford" within 5 words of each other.

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Louisiana + from 1836 to 1922 + Charles Ford **GO**

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1 results containing "Charles Ford"

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[The herald. \(New Orleans, La.\), October 21, 1920, Page 11, Image 12](#)

We get a result.

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Once we have a newspaper page we want to view, clicking on the image or the hyperlink beneath it will open the page in a viewer that allows for you to explore the page more closely.

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88064020/1920-10-21/ed-1/seq-12/?words=FORD-Charles+Ford?date1=10%2F01%2F1920&row. The search interface includes a search bar with 'Louisiana' selected for location and 'Charles Ford' for the search term. The results show 'The herald., October 21, 1920, Page 11, Image 12'. The viewer interface at the top of the page image shows 'Image: 12 of 18', navigation arrows, and options for 'View: Text', 'PDF', and 'Download: JP2 (5.1 MB)'. The newspaper page itself is a scan of page 11 from 'The Herald' dated October 21, 1920. It features several columns of text and numerous advertisements. A yellow circle highlights a section in the 'OBITUARY' column, which contains the text: 'WIFE OF JOHN W. FORD, DECEASED'. Other visible advertisements include 'Algers Sash, Door and Blind Co., Inc.', 'The Kitchen Cabinet', 'BREAD', 'H. Martinez', 'Dr. H. Mason Fay', 'W. ZIEHER', 'CALDERO'S ICEWORKS', 'Model Sheet Metal Works', 'School Supplies', and 'REMEMBER'.

With the page we want open in the viewer, we can use our mouse to move the page, zoom in/out, and otherwise arrange the page however we want.

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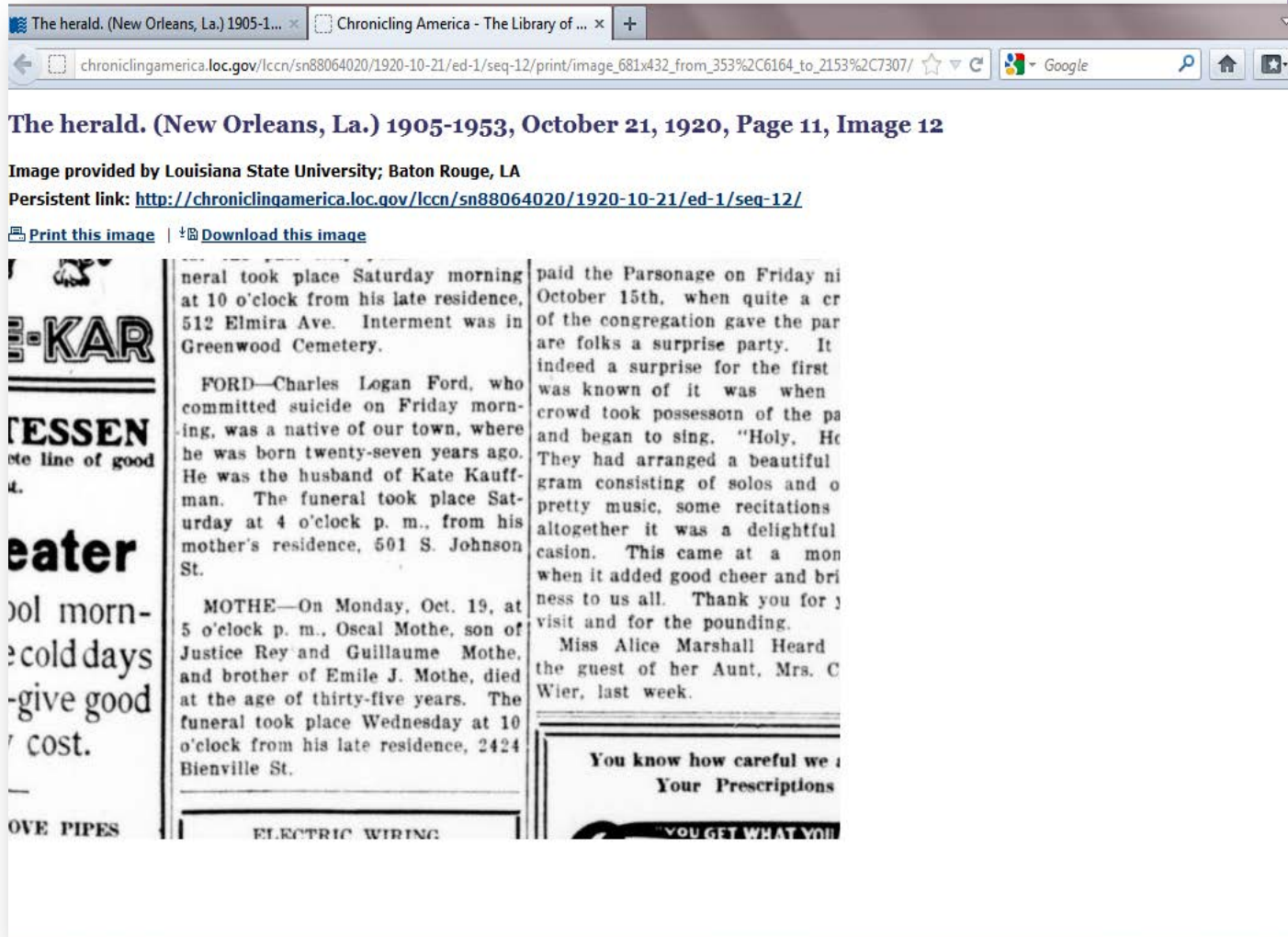
neral took place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from his late residence, 512 Elmira Ave. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

FORD—Charles Logan Ford, who committed suicide on Friday morning, was a native of our town, where he was born twenty-seven years ago. He was the husband of Kate Kauffman. The funeral took place Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m., from his mother's residence, 501 S. Johnson St.

MOTHE—On Monday, Oct. 19, at 5 o'clock p. m., Oscar Mothe, son of


paid the Parsonage on Friday, October 15th, when quite a crowd of the congregation gave the parsonage folks a surprise party. It indeed a surprise for the first time as he was known of it was when a crowd took possession of the parsonage and began to sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy." They had arranged a beautiful program consisting of solos and organ and pretty music, some recitations altogether it was a delightful occasion. This came at a moment when it added good cheer and brightness to us all. Thank you for your visit and for the pounding.

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Basic 3 For Building the Family Tree



BIRTHS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Leatham of 227 Eliza St.—a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vergona of 424 Eliza St.—a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of 229 Homer St.—a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Leatham of 728 Whitney Avenue.—a girl.

Birth

Marriage Announcements.

The marriage of Mr. Paul Guidry to Miss Una Beslin, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Beslin, is announced to take place at the Catholic Church at five o'clock in the evening, Wednesday the 6th inst.

The marriage of Mr. Clovis Potier to Miss Edna Bonin, the pretty daughter of Mr. Evalture Bonin, both of St. Martinville, is announced to take place Monday December 4th., at the Catholic Church, at five o'clock in the evening,

Marriage

Mother Of Triplets Died.

Mrs. O. Hergroder of Port Barre who some time ago gave birth to three boys, died in the hospital in New Orleans last week, the three little boys having died before her. Mrs. Hergroder being sick since the birth of the babies, was taken to New Orleans where she died.

John Dietch Died.

John Dietch who was accidentally hurt in an automobile race near Ponchatola, last week, died at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans this week. Young Dietch graduated at the High School here two years ago and had many friends here.

Death

That concludes the “quick and dirty” guide to searching *Chronicling America* and, ideally, should give you a jump start to filling in the skeleton of your family tree as you continue to search for birth, marriage, and death announcements.

Generational History

“An interdisciplinary study of the development of individual families across generations – analyzing the dynamics of ethnicity, intermarriage, status, and migration in economic, legal, and social contexts; otherwise, the practice of genealogy as a field of history , following precepts of peer-reviewed scholarship.” – E.S. Mills, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly: Centennial Issue 91* (December 2003): 266.

More rigorous research aligns closely to what Elizabeth Mills, a prominent certified genealogist and social historian defines of in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* as “Generational History”



Essentially Mills thinks genealogists should become social historians, to go beyond the task of cross checking and documenting your findings to actively placing individuals in historical *context*. And while there are plenty of peer-reviewed scholarly articles and books on everything from economic conditions to fashions of the time, the fastest and most effective way to learn about the details of your family's daily lives is to consult a local newspapers from their time. In historical newspapers you can learn about politics, the global climate, fashion and food, major concerns of the day, popular sentiments, social activities, and even prejudices that your family members lived through.



ELSIE FERGUSON
STAR IN PARAMOUNT PICTURES

DRASTIC ACTION MARKS SEARCH FOR BOMB PLOT GUILTY
 E.P. Fisher Wm. J. Flynn

Remember
 We will not tolerate
 any longer
 Free the political
 prisoner or it will be
 sure death to all of you
 American Anarchist
 fighters

Shortly after the Wall Street disaster Thursday, messages were being flashed all over the country, detective agencies were hot on trails, soldiers were being rushed to establish guard at all important federal points. One of the most important clues that resulted in the arrest of E. P. Fisher (above at left), was based upon the fact that warnings of the impending disaster had been written by Fisher to a number of his friends. He says that his knowledge of the affair was through telepathy only. His sanity is questioned. Wm. J. Flynn, chief of the secret service of the U. S., was sent from Washington on a special train and given the right of way. Here is a pile of shrapnel in the form of window weights that perforated everything from stone walls to human beings and horses. The note was found in a nearby mail box, rubber stamps having been used to obviate all possible tracing.

A PHENOMENAL GAME OF THE WORLD SERIES

Elmer Smith knocking "homer."

Wamby's Triple-Play Unassisted

The fifth game of the series stands out as one of the most brilliant ball games ever played. It was a decided victory for the Cleveland Indians, 8-1, but the unprecedented feats performed will make history for baseball. A home run, with the bases full, by Elmer Smith (shown above), an unassisted triple play by Wambsgater, and a second home run with two on bases by Bagby, all of the Cleveland Indians, also three successive double plays in as many innings.

**PUBLIC OPPOSES
 GOV'T OPERATION**

Canvass of 5,154 Editors Shows
 4,466 Communities Against
 Socialistic Experiment.

**WOMEN VOTERS OF THE FIFTEENTH WARD WHO WILL
 CAST THEIR FIRST VOTE AT NOVEMBER ELECTIONS**

Voting Strength of Ward Increased Approximately 1300 By New Registrations—Names of Those Registering From Third and Fourth Precincts Printed Below—Other Precincts Follow Next Week

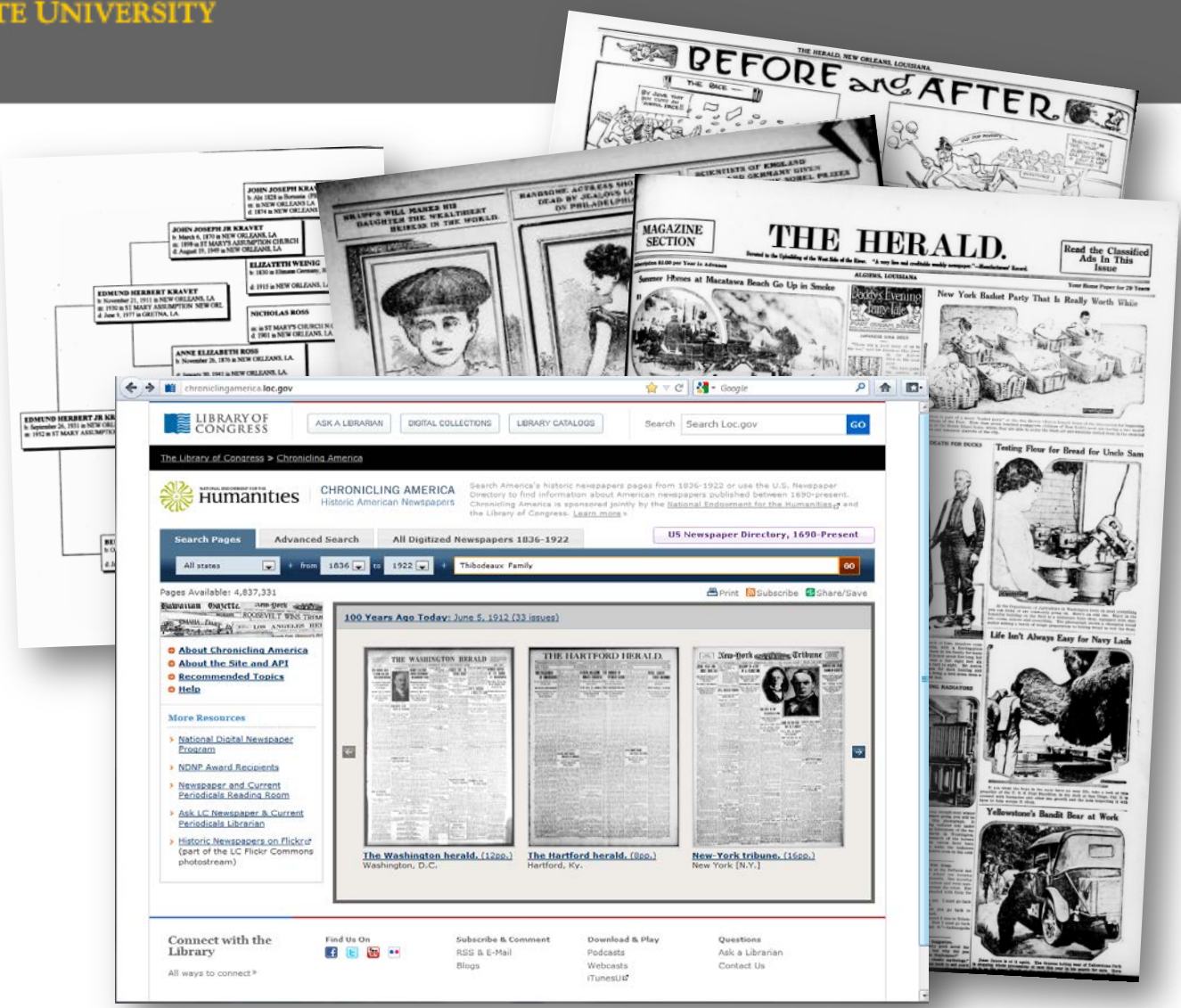
LIQUOR AND BRIBERY.

Whatever may be our views on the expediency of the eighteenth amendment, we must recognize that it is the law of the land and must be obeyed. Also, it must be enforced.

**Foreign Immigration
 For New Orleans**

ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE
 STARTS MOVEMENT TO DI-
 VERT IMMIGRATION TO
 NEW ORLEANS FROM
 NEW YORK.

For example, we can ascertain quite a bit of information about the time and place that Charles Logan Ford lived in just by exploring the single issue of the newspaper in which his obituary was printed. The October 21, 1920 issue of *The Herald* (New Orleans) shows that at the time of his death there were growing concerns about socialism, a desire to draw immigrants to New Orleans, and controversial opinions about Prohibition. We also know that Elsie Ferguson was still a star, that the Cleveland Indians had played one highest lauded games of the World Series, that women were voting, and that the Wall Street Bomber had yet to be identified.



In sum, whether searching for a particular person or wanting to know more about a long deceased family member's daily life – *Chronicling America* is an excellent free resource for family and generational history.

Additional Online Resources

Guide to Louisiana Genealogical Materials in LSU Libraries

http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/cc/sg/LA_genealogy.pdf

National Archives: Resources for Genealogists

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/>

East Baton Rouge Parish Library Genealogy Resources

<http://ebrpl.libguides.com/genealogy>

New Orleans Public Library Genealogy Resources

<http://nutrias.org/links/genlinks/genlinks.htm>

Family Search

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Genealogy Today

www.genealogytoday.com

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