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ATLANTA HISTORIC NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/atlnewspapers>

THIS DATABASE CONSISTS of more than 67,000 newspaper pages, spanning the years 1857-1922 and provides historical images that are both full-text searchable and can be browsed by date.

The archive includes the following Atlanta newspaper titles: *Atlanta Daily Herald* (1873-1876), *Atlanta Georgian* (1906-1911), *Atlanta Intelligencer* (1851, 1854-1871), *Atlantian* (1911-1922), *Daily/Georgia Weekly Opinion* (1867-1868), *Georgia*



Literary and Temperance Crusader (1860-1861), *New Era* (1869-1872), *Southern Confederacy* (1861-1864), *Southern World* (1882-1885), *Sunny South* (1875-1907), *Weekly Constitution* (1869-1882) and more.

Another great newspaper resource for both those with ancestors from Atlanta and students of mid-to-late 19th century and early 20th century American history.

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OLD FULTON NEW YORK POSTCARDS

<http://FultonHistory.com>

DON'T LET THE NAME of this website fool you ...it actually provides searchable access to a collection of over 13,501,000 Old New York State Historical Newspaper Pages.

To learn what pages and coverage are included, check out http://fultonhistory.com/my_photo_albums/All_Newspapers/index.html. From here you can browse the available issues or if you prefer, there is an excel spreadsheet available at http://fultonhistory.com/my_photo_albums/All_Newspapers/PostCard_NewspaperIndex.xls which also allows you to browse a particular newspaper of interest.

Or, there is a search engine on the main page that

allows you to search on terms of interest. When you find an entry of interest, just click on it and a PDF version of the identified article becomes available; you can then zoom in/out, print, save or perform other actions on the found article.

I'll tell you that it's a website that is somewhat different from what you are used to. Though, if it has coverage of the newspapers for a community that interests you for a particular time period, you won't care that it's an older-style website that can be a little awkward to use.

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DIGITIZED NEW JERSEY SANBORN MAPS

<http://library.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbsc/aids/sanborn/sanborn-web.xls>.

THE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY Library has completed a multi-year project of digitizing a collection of 19th- and 20th-century maps that illustrate the history and development of communities around New Jersey.

The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections has cataloged and scanned some 16,000 lithograph sheets of 21 by 25 inch Sanborn Co. fire insurance maps that have been in the library's Historic Maps Collection since the 1970s.

Fire insurance maps, pioneered in the United States by the Sanborn Co. in the mid 19th century, enabled insurance companies to determine the risk and liability of a property based on data, such as the size, shape and function of buildings or the materials used to build particular structures.

There is an online catalog of the Sanborn records available in this collection, <http://library.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbsc/aids/sanborn/> (note that this is the most basic of interfaces). Viewers can access the online maps, organized by county and town, from an Excel spreadsheet, <http://library.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbsc/aids/sanborn/sanborn-web.xls>.

Only maps published up to 1922 are available for viewing on the website, and they are not downloadable.

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OHIO OBITUARY INDEX

www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/

AN INDEX TO OVER 1,600,000 obituaries, death and marriage notices and other sources from Ohio from the 1810s to the present day is available on the website for the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center. This index only includes obituaries for select counties, shown on this map, <http://index.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/display.asp?id=934&subj=index> and the referenced newspapers with information on years indexed can be found at <http://www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/list.asp>. Besides



obituaries, other sources have been included and a list of these is found at <http://www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/OtherSources.asp>.

Copies of any obituaries found in the index can be obtained for a nominal charge from the center and details are provided on how to do this.

If you have Ohio ancestors, check the index for them. Even if they didn't live in the counties identified on the map, it doesn't mean that their death was not reported elsewhere. Obituaries can be such a great source of information about an ancestor.

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SWISS REFUGEES DATABASE

http://etat.geneve.ch/dt/archives/a_votre_service-liste_refugies-1700.html

THIS IS A DATABASE of more than 25,000 persons who fled to neutral Switzerland during World War II. The complete list is presented alphabetically, either as one list or as a series of lists, one for each letter of the alphabet.

Information about each individual includes name (first and last), date of birth and nationality. The site is in French.

Much of the content in the database is under-

standable on inspection and for any unfamiliar text, use an online translator (this is highly suggested for the introductory material given, which explains the context of the entries and any peculiarities that you might come across).

Note that the dates are given as day.month.year, which is the European convention.

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LONDON LIVES

www.londonlives.org

A FULLY SEARCHABLE database of 240,000 manuscripts from eight archives and fifteen datasets, giving access to 3.35 million names from 18th century London. This collection focuses on plebeian Londoners and as such includes the records created by the criminal justice system as well as by poor relief institutions, those that provided medical treatment, etc.

We genealogists know that documenting non-landed individuals can be a challenge in the 18th century and this website opens the door to those researching such for London. The database is searchable and contains fully digitized images of included documents.

Even if you are not researching 18th century London ancestors, you'll find that the website provides a fascinating window into the life of London's poor.

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