

Rob Weir: Notes on Newspaper Research

1) The Library of Congress Chronicling America project, which has a searchable database of digitized newspapers: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america/>

2) Dover Public Library's online digital archive, which includes old issues of Fosters as well as other goodies: <https://dover.advantage-preservation.com/>

3) The obituary index for Fosters: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/library/research-learn/fosters-index/>

Not that the index covers the old issues that have been digitized as well as more recent issues, nearly up to the present. You can lookup the old issues (1926 and early) on the above digital archive. More recent ones can be consulted on microfilm at the library.

For contemporary obituaries, many families are doing them online only, rather than paying for the newspaper to carry them. Most of the online ones are aggregated on <https://www.legacy.com/>

4) The company DPL used for its archive has worked with many other communities on similar projects. It is worth checking out their directory to see if the communities where your ancestors lived have digitized archives as well: <https://communityhistoryarchives.com/>

5) We also discussed two subscription-based newspaper archives., <https://www.newspapers.com/> and <https://www.genealogybank.com/>

6) If you are an NEHGS member note that they offer members access to several online newspaper databases, including NewspaperArchive, 19th Century U.S. Newspapers, Early American Newspapers, and the New York Times (1985-Present)

7) Many newspapers remain undigitized and only on microfilm. The largest New Hampshire collection is at the NH State Library. The Boston Public Library has a good collection for New England as well. And don't forget to try contacting the local public library of the town in which your ancestors lived. You might find that they have microfilm of a local newspaper that no one else has.