



# The Historic Maryland Newspapers Project.

--- AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND LIBRARIES ---

--- MARYLAND AWARDEE OF THE NATIONAL DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM ---

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

### What is the National Digital Newspaper Program?

The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) is a partnership between the **National Endowment for the Humanities** (NEH) and the **Library of Congress** (LC) to develop an online, searchable database of digitized U.S. newspapers.

The NEH funds one institution, or one partnership between institutions, from each state and territory to select and contribute digitized newspaper content **published between 1836 and 1922**. Within the two-year grant period, awardees deliver 100,000 digitized pages. Newspapers are **digitized from microfilm**—specifically from a second-generation duplicate of the camera master.

The digitized pages are available for free at **Chronicling America** (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>), which is maintained by LC.

### How are titles selected for digitization?

Projects that are awarded an NDNP grant are responsible for establishing an **advisory board** to recommend titles for digitization. Our advisory board is made up of historians, archivists, librarians, and educators from across Maryland. At the beginning of a two-year NDNP award, advisory board members **recommend titles and prioritize them for digitization**. To be considered for digitization, a title must meet these **basic requirements**:

1. The newspaper must have been published in the state of Maryland;
2. The newspaper must reflect the political, economic, and cultural history of Maryland, with preference given to papers of record; and
3. The newspaper must have been published between 1836 and 1922.

Project staff also evaluates the **technical quality** and **completeness** of the title on microfilm before a title is digitized. Sometimes print copies are used to supplement the run on microfilm.

### Can I nominate a title for digitization?

**Yes!** To nominate a title for digitization, email [ecaringo@umd.edu](mailto:ecaringo@umd.edu) with as much of the following information as possible:

- ☞ **Title**
- ☞ **LCCN**
- ☞ **Years of publication**
- ☞ **City of publication**
- ☞ **Institution that holds the master microfilm**

If the title meets the NDNP criteria for digitization, it will be forwarded to the advisory board for consideration.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> GRANT AWARDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

107,414 pages digitized and available  
Pages span 1840-1913, 3 cities, 8 titles

### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRANT AWARDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

At least 100,000 additional pages by August 31, 2016  
Pages span 1841-1922, 10 cities, 10 titles

### CONTENT PARTNERS

Maryland State Archives  
Maryland Historical Society  
Library of Congress

## TITLES DIGITIZED BY THE HISTORIC MARYLAND NEWSPAPERS PROJECT.

Title	Publication Location	Years Digitized	Available on Chronicling America?
The Aegis & Intelligencer	Bel Air	1864-1922	Coming soon!
American Republican and Baltimore Daily Clipper	Baltimore	1844-1846	✓
Baltimore Commercial Journal, and Lyford's Price-Current	Baltimore	1847-1849	✓
Baltimore Daily Commercial	Baltimore	1865-1866	✓
Catoctin Clarion	Mechanicsville/ Thurmont	1871-1922	Coming soon!
Cecil Whig	Elkton	1841-1922	Coming soon!
Civilian & Telegraph	Cumberland	1859-1865	✓
The Daily Banner	Cambridge	1902-1922	Coming soon!
The Daily Exchange	Baltimore	1858-1861	✓
Democratic Advocate	Westminster	1865-1922	Coming soon!
Der Deutsche Correspondent	Baltimore	1858-1918	1858-1913: ✓ 1914-1918: Coming soon!
Maryland Free Press	Hagerstown	1862-1868	✓
Montgomery County Sentinel	Rockville	1856-1922	Coming soon!
The Pilot / The Pilot and Transcript	Baltimore	1840-1841	✓
Port Tobacco Times, and Charles County Advertiser	Port Tobacco	1845-1898	Coming soon!
Prince George's Enquirer and Southern Maryland Advertiser	Upper Marlboro	1882-1922	Coming soon!
Saint Mary's Gazette / Saint Mary's Beacon	Leonardtwn	1845-1922	Coming soon!

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

We will soon launch **an online database of digitized Maryland newspapers**. This resource will assist users in determining if a title has been digitized and where they can access it. It will include both newspapers freely available and those behind pay walls. Look for an announcement on the Maryland History and Culture Collaborative Google Group as soon as it is up and running.

We also hope to **expand the scope of the project beyond participation in the NDNP** in the future. Possibilities include:

- ☞ Developing a digital repository for Maryland newspapers
- ☞ Digitizing content not eligible for the NDNP
- ☞ Offering services that increase access to newspapers:
  - ☛ Digitization
  - ☛ Hosting
  - ☛ Digital preservation
  - ☛ Grant writing assistance

Let us know how the project can grow to better fit the needs of your institution, collections, and users!

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