

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, AND SERIALS

RESEARCH GUIDE

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AT LHA

Hamilton Newspapers on Microfilm

Newspapers published in Hamilton, both current titles and those no longer published, are available on microfilm in the Local History and Archives Department. They include:

Physical location: Cabinets beside CE3 desk

Hamilton Spectator

Semi-weekly: July 1846-April 1908

Weekly: May 1850-Dec 1891

Daily: May 1852-Dec 2021

Hamilton Herald, 1889 to 1936

Hamilton Times 1859 to 1906

Hamilton Weekly Times 1864 to 1888

Hamilton Times 1906 to 1909

Hamilton Daily Times 1910 to 1920

Hamilton News 1947 to 1956

Hamilton Daily News 1955-1956

Hamilton Spectator Historical via ProQuest

ProQuest's Hamilton Spectator Historical features scanned copies of Hamilton Spectator dating 1846-2025.

Researchers can access this from home using their HPL card, by using any HPL public computer, or accessing Guest WiFi at any HPL Branch.

[See our Hamilton Spectator Historical collection on ProQuest](#)

[Get help with Hamilton Spectator Historical](#)

Globe and Mail Historical via Proquest

ProQuest's Hamilton Spectator Historical features scanned copies of Globe and Mail dating 1844 to 2021.

Researchers can access this from home using their HPL card, by using any HPL public computer, or accessing Guest WiFi at any HPL Branch.

[See our Globe and Mail Historical collection on Globe & Mail](#)

[Get help with Globe & Mail](#)

Community Newspapers on Microfilm

Physical location: Cabinets beside CE3 desk

File path: No finding aid

Local community newspapers, both current titles and those no longer published, are also available. They include:

Ancaster News (1975-2015)
Dundas Star (1893-2015)
Dundas True Banner (1863-1885/1976-2015)
Dundas Valley Journal (1973-1979)
East Hamilton Journal (1991-1992)
Flamborough News (1990-1992)
Flamborough Review (1977-2015)
Glanbrook Advocate (1978-2015) Label says: (1978-1985)
Hamilton Journal (1987-1990)
Hamilton Mountain News (1971-2015)
Stoney Creek News (1948-2015)
Waterdown Review (1918-1976)
West Hamilton Journal (1980-1986)

Periodicals

Physical location: CE3 Stacks

File path: Old HPLnet > Local History and Archives > Documents > Finding Aids > "PERIODICALS A-L" and "PERIODICALS M-Z" (both updated to 2018)

Periodicals on Microfilm in Alcove

Physical location: Reading Room Alcove cabinets

File path: These items are not on any finding aid, including the Periodicals Finding Aid.

Advocate 1987-1994
Arts Beat 1992-2003
Canadian Quarter Horse Journal 1976-1979
Canadian Railway & Marine World 1898-1936
Canadian Rider 1977-1987
Canadian Transportation 1937-1966
City Parent 1994-2003
Cost & Management 1956-1985
Dofasco Illustrated News 1938-2002
Entertainer Magazine 1973-1978
Forever Young 1998-2003
Germania Post 1960-2003
Hamilton Cue Magazine 1983-1986

Hamilton Magazine 1978-1983, 1996-2003
Hamilton This Month 1985-1995
New Hamilton Weekly 1987-1994
Recorder 1973-1978, 1981-1993
Rider 1996-2003
Seniors Review 1994-2003
View Magazine 1995-2010
Western Rider 1987-1994

Newspaper Scrapbooks

Physical location:

Scrapbooks are collections of newspaper clippings, primarily from the Hamilton Spectator, on a variety of subjects. They are catalogued and indexed in the WTL card catalogue.

A complete list is included in a duotang on top of the bookshelves, and this list is also on our website.

<https://lha.hpl.ca/scrapbooks>

File path: Old HPLnet > Local History and Archives > Documents > Finding Aids

In the event that a scrapbook is missing, original copies are available in the third floor stacks area. Researchers can use the original for research but please let the Archives Assistant know that a copy is missing.

Herald and Times Newspaper Scrapbooks on Microfilm

Physical location: Reading Room Alcove

File path: No finding aid or inventory

Herald Scrapbook

Volume A1 to C2

Volume C3 to C5

Volume C6 to G1

Volume H0 to J1

Volume J1 to M1

Volume M1 to M4

Volume M5 to P3

Volume P4 to S2

Volume S2 to S4

Volume S4 to W1

Times Scrapbook

Volume A1 to Volume C5

Volume D1 to J1

Volume L1 to P1

Volume P1 to S4

Volume S4 to W3

Volume W3 to Z

Newspaper via “Historical Documents on Microfilm”

Physical location: Reading Room Alcove

File path: Finding Aid is located Old HPLnet > Local History and Archives > Documents > Finding Aids

Argus – Microfilm No. 63
Cailliopean – Microfilm No. 63
Canada Christian Advocate – Microfilm No. 63
Canada Evangelist – Microfilm No. 63
Canadian Home – Microfilm No. 63
Catholic Standard – Microfilm No. 64
Charivari – Microfilm No. 63
City Enterprise: 1864 – Microfilm No. 64
Commercial Advertiser – Microfilm No. 63
Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation News – Microfilm No. 64
Daily Evening Journal: 1854 – Microfilm No. 63
Dominion Watchman – Microfilm No. 63
Election News – Microfilm No. 63
Evening Journal: 1870 – Microfilm No. 63
Evening Times: 1869 – Microfilm No. 65
Free Press – Microfilm No. 63
Gore Gazette – Microfilm No. 63
Grimsby Beach Weekly: 1934 – Microfilm No. 64
Grimsby Beach Weekly: 1934 cont'd – Microfilm No. 65
Hamilton Daily Times and Hamilton Spectator [Feb. 1918 - Feb. 1919] – Microfilm No. 104
Hamilton Gazette – Microfilm No. 63
Hamilton Herald: 1913, 1892, 1900, 1901, 1911, 1913, 1927, 1926, 1919, 1918, 1928, 1928, 1929, 1929, 1935 – Microfilm No. 63
Hamilton Herald: 1936 – Microfilm No. 64
Hamilton Labour News: 1916 – Microfilm No. 64
Hamilton Labour Union – Microfilm No. 64
Hamilton Ladies Journal – Microfilm No. 64
Hamilton Mountain Times: 1958 – Microfilm No. 65
Hamilton News: 1951, 1952 – Microfilm No. 64
Hamilton Review: 1959 – Microfilm No. 64
Hamilton Times: 1894 – Microfilm No. 65
Hamilton, Our Greeting – Microfilm No. 64
Hamilton, The Investigator: 1891 – Microfilm No. 64
Hoot, City Hall Knews – Microfilm No. 64
Journal Express: 1850 – Microfilm No. 65
MacKenzie's Weekly Message, 1854 – Microfilm No. 65
Morning Banner – Microfilm No. 64
Morning Post – Microfilm No. 64
Oak Hall Times – Microfilm No. 64
Palladium of Labour – Microfilm No. 64
Peoples Journal – Microfilm No. 64
Provincialist – Microfilm No. 64
Real Estate News – Microfilm No. 64

Reform Banner – Microfilm No. 64
Reform Banner and Railway Chronicle – Microfilm No. 64
Spectator Scrapbooks Vol. 1, 6 – Microfilm No. 46
Spectator Scrapbooks Volumes 2 to 5 & 7 – Microfilm No. 44
Spectator Scrapbooks Volumes 8, 9, 10, & 11 – Microfilm No. 45
Spirit of the Age – Microfilm No. 63
The Beacon: 1835 – Microfilm No. 63
The Bee – Microfilm No. 63
The Evening Times: 1886 – Microfilm No. 64
The Hamilton Spectator: 1846 – Microfilm No. 65
The Herald: 1845 – Microfilm No. 65
The Morning Post: 1901 – Microfilm No. 65
The Provincialist: 1849 – Microfilm No. 65
Weekly Tocsin – Microfilm No. 63
Western Mercury – Microfilm No. 63
Workingman's Journal – Microfilm No. 63

Original Folio Newspapers

Physical location: This collection is next to the poster collection in the Annex, lower cabinet with Drawers #11-15.

File path:

L:\Public Service\Branches\Local History & Archives\CASUAL STAFF\Lists & Updated Finding Aids\Finding Aids > "Hamilton Newspaper Folio" and "Newspaper Folio", which are both different than the "Folio Newspaper" physical two-page inventory found in the top drawer of the newspaper cabinet (Drawer #11).

Gardiner Scrapbooks

A set of scrapbooks collected by a local newspaper editor, Herbert Fairbairn Gardiner. All of these volumes are indexed for easy access.

The Hamilton Spectator Collection

Physical location: Unknown

File path: No finding aid.

About: <https://lha.hpl.ca/articles/hamilton-spectator-collection>

In June of 1978 John G. Doherty, Executive Editor of the Spectator, arranged with the Special Collections Department [now Local History & Archives] of the Hamilton Public Library to transfer their reference files of photographic negatives and news clippings from January 1955 to December 31, 1973 to the Special Collections Department. It was suggested at that time that it would be a good idea to arrange a yearly transfer of photographic negatives so that the Spectator only had the most recent five years worth of negatives at the paper. This was not done, however, and the negatives from 1974 to 1983 did not arrive completely until the summer of 1988. It was specifically noted by Mr. Doherty that this transfer involved not only custody of the negatives but also ownership of the negatives.

"The Hamilton Public Library...now own these negatives and accept full responsibility for their use."

[Note: This ownership does not include copyright rights which were not included in the original agreement]

The transfer in the summer of 1988 also involved some of the S Files of Special Subject and Event negatives dating back as far as the Royal Visit of 1939.

There was a further transfer in 1990 of negatives from January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1984, books from the Spectator Library, the McCullough Collection, the Murdoch Collection and further S Files.

In January of 1995 the daily negatives from September 5, 1987 to September 28, 1990 as well as some later S files were transferred. Included was a box of miscellaneous negatives from differing dates (some undated and unidentified) as well as some files that had been missed from earlier transfers.

The Regular Files are arranged strictly chronologically. To find a specific negative it is necessary to know the exact date that the photograph appeared in the Spectator. The file for that date can then be pulled and the negatives checked for this photograph. The only negatives contained in these files are those taken specifically by Spectator photographers. Photographs provided by outside sources are not included (i.e.: wire photographs, prints from private photographers, etc.). Also, some negatives are still held by the Spectator in the S Files that they have retained for their own use. The S Files held by Special Collections are arranged according to the titles, etc. that were on the files when they arrived from the Spectator. They have been left as they were originally organized. A detailed index to these files has been prepared and is found at the end of this finding aid.

In 2000 the daily negatives from September 29, 1990 to December 31, 1998 were transferred. There is no detailed index to the Regular Files.

Transfers of negatives from the Hamilton Spectator to Local History & Archives [then Special Collections] at the Hamilton Public Library.
1978, 1988, 1990, 1995, 2000

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Regular File By Date. Black & White negatives, coloured negatives

S File By Date. 1939-1947, 1948-1949, 1950-1953, 1954-1959

S File 1940's - 1950's By Title

S File Baseball. n.d., 1949-1969, 1971-1973

S File By Title. A-Ch, Ci-E, F-K, L-Misc, Miss-P, Q-So, St-Z

S File Football. 1952-1973

S File Grey Cup. 1957-1973

S File Hockey. n.d., 1949-1968, 1971-1973

S File People. By last name

S File Politics.

Federal Politics. n.d., 1968-1982

Municipal Politics. n.d., 1968-1982

Provincial Politics. 1971-1981

S File S-1 1953-May 21, 1956

S File S-2 Aug. 23, 1956-Aug. 1959

S File S-3 1960-1965

S File S-4 1966-1971

S File S-5 n.d.
S File S-6 1956-1973
S File S-7 1974-1981
S File S-8 By Title
S File S-9 By Title
S File Spectator Employees ca 1947-1966
S File Spectator Miscellaneous
Books from Spectator Library
McCullough Collection
Murdoch Collection
Photographs (antiquarian)

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Archives of Ontario

If researchers come in asking for a particular newspaper we don't have, the Archives of Ontario may have it in their collection related to Hamilton and surrounding area. For up-to-date information, please look at the Archives of Ontario website.

Original and Microfilmed Newspaper Collections in the Archives of Ontario that are related to Hamilton and surrounding area:

Burlington Cadet
Canadian Christian Advocate
Canadian
Charivari
Calvinist Contract
Canadian Illustrated News
Canadian Labour World
Cuvantul Romanesc
Dominion Watchman
Evening Journal
Evening Palladium Palladium of Labour, Labour Union
Free Press
Gazette
Golden Horseshoe Magazine
Herald
Herald of the Truth
Journal and Express
Labour News
Lilliputian Argus
The Morning Banner
New Democracy
New Dominion
People's Journal
Provincialist

Reform Banner & Railway Chronicle
Review
Royal Templar
Times
Spectator
The Silhouette
La Settimana
The Templar Quarterly
Western Mercury

Library and Archives Canada

If researchers come in asking for a particular newspaper we don't have, Library and Archives of Canada may have it in their collection. For up-to-date information, please look at their website.

Original and Microfilmed Newspaper Collections in Library and Archives Canada include:
The Gore gazette and Ancaster, Hamilton, Dundas and Flamborough advertiser
Ancaster News
Stoney Creek News

Online Historical Newspaper Sites

Bowling Green State University (BGSU) Libraries – LibGuide on Historical Canadian Newspapers

Provincial breakdown of online newspapers with date range.
URL: <https://libguides.bgsu.edu/CanadianNewspapers>

Includes:
Hamilton: Daily Spectator 1858
Hamilton: Hamilton Evening Times 1864-1868
Hamilton: Hamilton Gazette 1852-1856
Hamilton: Weekly Times 1858-1864
Ancaster: Gore Gazette 1827-1829

Chronicling of American Newspapers

Search American historic newspapers from 1789 to 1963 and the US Newspaper Directory from 1960 to the present.
Library of Congress American Newspapers: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/>

Foreign Newspaper Collections at the Library of Congress

Listing of other online historic newspapers sites, as well as a link to the Library of Congress Newspaper Indexes.
Library of Congress Newspapers: lcweb.loc.gov/rr/news/oltitles.html

Democracy at War

A searchable digitized collection of more than 140,000 contemporary Canadian newspaper clippings that report on the events of the Second World War. The Hamilton Spectator contributed heavily to this collection with news stories and editorials documenting virtually every aspect of the war, as well as subject files on each participating country, armed forces and major campaigns. The Hamilton Spectator also kept information on the political, economic and social life of Canada.

https://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/newspapers/canadawar/canadawar_e.html

Cyndi's List of Newspapers

Mostly North American but includes links to some UK and European papers as well.

Cyndi's List of Newspapers: <https://www.cyndislist.com/newspapers>

Canadiana: Serials: Periodicals, Annuals and Newspapers

URL: <https://www.canadiana.ca/collection-serials>

The Serials collection includes a wide range of dailies, weeklies, specialized journals and mass-market magazines, as well as city directories and annual reports from churches, schools, and corporations. Specialized publications include trade or industry journals in addition to popular magazines catering to various demographics: men, women, students, children, and diverse ethnolinguistic communities. Early periodicals are an invaluable source of information for researchers in all fields, as they offer a remarkable record of thought and opinion on diverse issues facing society. Lavishly-illustrated journals open a captivating window onto early Canadian society and culture through their articles, advertisements, cartoons, drawings and photographs.

Size: 1,700 periodical titles with 95,000 issues; 255 annual titles with 1,100 issues; 330 newspaper titles on 2,000 reels of film

Selection criteria: Serials contains annuals up to 1900, periodicals up to 1920 and newspapers up to 1930. The periodicals subset draws heavily on the [Early Canadian Periodicals](#) project, which worked closely with an Advisory Committee to determine the collection parameters and scanning priorities.

Newspapers.com

URL: [Newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

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