



Using Chronicling America Podcast Series Transcript

NDNP Podcast 4: How Do I Perform a Basic Search?

Background

In collaboration with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress, the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio developed and produced a series of video podcasts that will help teach you how to access the rich content available on the historical newspaper database Chronicling America (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>).

About NDNP Podcast 4: How Do I Perform a Basic Search?

Description	Ready to do a search? Watch this podcast to learn how to use the Search Pages (basic search) feature of Chronicling America. You will also learn more about how newspapers are selected for the website.
Hosts	Jenni Salamon
Duration	2:03
URL	http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/resources/tutorials

0:01	One of the first questions people ask when using Chronicling America is: "How do I do a basic search?" Well, Chronicling America is not only increasing access to historic newspaper pages by putting them online but by making them keyword searchable.
0:14	To do a basic search, all you need to do is find the blue search box on the Chronicling America homepage. The basic search will allow you to search all images on the website by typing a search term into this box on the far right of the larger dark blue box. You can limit your search and the basic search to a particular state or to a date range .
0:37	When doing searches in Chronicling America, it is important to keep in mind
0:41	that the content available on the website is limited to which states are currently participating in the project and which states have participated in the past, what paper titles they have selected and the date ranges for those newspapers, and that no newspapers before 1836 or after 1922 will be available on the website. The site will never contain every single newspaper page ever published in the United States.
1:08	State projects only contribute about 100,000 pages every two years, which, compared to the amount of newspaper pages that are available, is not very much at all.
1:17	So, why don't we go ahead and do a sample search. Let's search an Ohio newspaper. By clicking on this drop-down arrow you can scroll down to Ohio and



1:27	we'll do a search for McKinley. In the search box, we'll just type McKinley. You can either press enter or hit the Go button.
1:38	When you're selecting your search terms, it's important to keep in mind that common words like "and", "the" and "not" are ignored; the search is not case sensitive; and that special characters or characters with accent marks are ignored.
1:51	And that concludes our "How Do I Do A Basic Search?" podcast.
1:55	For information about how to work with your search results, please see a separate podcast.