

USING NEWSPAPERS

Information from an online class

1. Editors in the early days cast a wide net for subscribers (\$\$\$). Consider this when looking for articles on specific areas of the country.
2. Marriages were almost always announced in the newspapers, including dates, times, places, etc.
3. Marriage notices will often give additional information about family members.
4. Clues about family may be clarified and add missing data. Also may describe current conditions in surroundings.
5. Good to use to compare with other records.
6. Can show 'missing' children not on census.
7. Genealogy Bank site ... be sure to check government documents.
8. May often clarify 'certificate' info/birth, death, etc.
9. Even newspapers used abbreviations for names (Wm. instead of William, for example).
10. Often the wording might be different than how we might write it now. It is only in recent times that US English has been standardized.
11. Reunions often listed.
12. Will have information about the times the family lived in.
13. Articles will be written as the 'author' saw them.
14. Often carried letters from military personnel.