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## Virginia Newspaper Project Contributes to Chronicling America

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The [Library of Virginia](#) and the Virginia Newspaper Project have now contributed 100,000 pages to [Chronicling America](#), a free national database and repository of digitized and searchable historical newspapers.

As of now the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Newspaper Project have added the following papers to the Chronicling America database:

*Richmond Planet* 1889-1910

*Alexandria Gazette* 1900-1910

*Shenandoah Herald* (Woodstock) 1900-1910

*Highland Recorder* (Monterey) 1900-1910

*Virginia Citizen* (Irvington) 1900-1910

*Richmond Times* 1890-1903

*Richmond Dispatch* 1884-1903

*Richmond Times-Dispatch* 1903-1910

*Farmville Herald* 1899-1910

These papers cover an incredible rich period in our state's and nation's history. The late 19th century was a period of economic change for Virginia and the South. Railroads were being rebuilt from the devastation of the Civil War and new rail systems offered opportunities for farmers and manufacturers. New industries were taking hold. The state coped with deficits and newly enfranchised blacks struggled to exercise their rights in an era of increasing racial prejudice. These papers document this time in our state's history covering both the monumental events and the everyday lives of citizens.

[Chronicling America](#) is a partnering effort funded by the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) and administered by the [Library of Congress](#) to provide free access to United States imprint newspapers published between the years 1836 and 1922. The initial phase of the program focused on the years 1900–1910. The dates in subsequent grant cycles have expanded and, with a recent grant award from NEH to the Library of Virginia, the eligible dates have increased to 1860–1922.

Please take a moment to visit this dynamic site where you can browse through a wide selection of Virginia titles as well as newspapers from ten other states and the District of Columbia. Recent awards to Virginia and to seven additional states increase the ranks of partnering states to 21.

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Chronicling America will eventually contain 20 million pages of historic American newspapers dating from 1836 to 1922. In addition to the digitized pages, Chronicling America offers educational essays on every title represented and a directory of all newspapers published in the U.S. dating from 1690 to the present.

The Virginia Newspaper Project is sponsored by and headquartered at the Library of Virginia. Using grant funds made available through the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Virginia Newspaper Project was established at the Library of Virginia in 1993. The University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, and the Virginia Historical Society have served as co-sponsors.

The Virginia Digital Newspaper Project builds on the foundation established by the Virginia Newspaper Project. Both initiatives are sponsored and headquartered at the Library of Virginia. Using grant funds made available through the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Virginia Newspaper Project was established at the Library of Virginia in 1993. The University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, and the Virginia Historical Society have served as co-sponsors. The Virginia Digital Newspaper Project is scheduled to contribute 100,000 pages in the next twelve months.

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### About the Library of Virginia

The Library of Virginia ([www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)), located in historic downtown Richmond, holds the world's most extensive collection of material about the Old Dominion and has been a steward of the commonwealth's documentary and printed heritage since 1823. The story of Virginia and Virginians has been told in many ways since 1607. At the Library of Virginia it is told through more than 110 million manuscripts and more than 1.8 million books, serials, bound periodicals, microfilm reels, newspapers and state and federal documents, each an individual tile in the vast and colorful mosaic of Virginia's experience.