



# What is the Digitized Newspaper Project?

The *Digitized Newspaper Project* was undertaken by the Huron County Library and Huron County Museum to digitize more than a century's worth of historical Huron County newspapers from across the county and make them accessible to anyone, anywhere, on-line for free.

*"Huron County Museum staff have found the digitized newspaper collection to be an invaluable tool for researching local history in preparation for exhibits, programmes, presentations and more. Capturing the information from the digitized newspapers helps maximize research efficiency and accuracy."*

Elizabeth French-Gibson  
Huron County Museum, Senior Curator

## Where is the project at now?

To date, more than 16,700 historical newspaper issues have been digitized and the files have been accessed by thousands of researchers each year. The collection includes newspapers from 1848 to 2008 from across all of Huron County.

Thousands more newspapers are still waiting to be digitized and we need your financial support to continue.

## How will the money I donate be spent?

### **The Digitization Process:**

Huron County staff gather microfilm and hardcopy holdings and send them to an outside vendor to be professionally digitized. When the files are returned, staff check for quality, process the tiff files, apply OCR (Optical Character Recognition), and upload the finished pdf files on-line.

The money you donate will pay for the digitization expense and dedicated project staff.

# How can I access the Digitized Newspapers?

The digitized newspapers are available on-line:  
[www.huroncountymuseum.ca/digitized-newspapers](http://www.huroncountymuseum.ca/digitized-newspapers)

The weekly newspapers carry local, regional, national and international stories that are of great value to students, teachers, historians, genealogists and researchers.

Ask your local librarian for more information on how to use the digitized newspapers' search engine to make your next research project a breeze!

*“One of the goals of both the Huron County Library and Huron County Museum is to gather, steward and share our collective history and knowledge for our communities. The ongoing Digitized Newspaper Project has provided a valuable resource for researchers and contributed to the creation of many creative projects and important local works. Making community histories easily accessible contributes to the cultural identity of Huron County.”*

Beth Rumble - Director of Cultural Services and County Librarian

My husband is from the Wingham area, we have both lived (in Wingham) previously, and your (digitized newspaper) collection is super for being exactly where we need to search. We are in Australia so physical access to the collection is impossible.

Elaine Hopper - Melbourne Australia

The on-line digital newspapers are an invaluable resource to genealogists as they often provide the only source for an event in an ancestors life. Reporters of the day captured minute details uncommon in today's newspapers due to privacy laws, hence providing us with a gold mine rich in lost details. They also give context for the period and put access in the hands of researchers around the world.

Colleen McGuire - President - Ontario Genealogical Society - Goderich Branch



# I want to support the Digitized Newspaper Project!

## How can I donate today?

Donations can be made in person at the Huron County Museum located at 110 North St. or by emailing the Museum at [museum@huroncounty.ca](mailto:museum@huroncounty.ca) or calling 519.524.2686 for more information.

### Watch for these exciting events in support of the Digitized Newspaper Project:

*Huron Discount Time Machine* (fund raising event)  
September 20, 2019 at the Huron County Museum



Purchase a raffle ticket at the Huron County Museum or at any Huron County Library branch for your chance to win the quilt, *Barn Quilts on Display*, donated by the Goderich Quilters' Guild. Raffle closes Oct 1, 2019, draw to be held at the *Annual Textile Show and Sale* on November 2, 2019 at the Huron County Museum.

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