

Mount Clemens Public Library Historical Newspaper Backfiles

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I. Introduction

The library holds a number of newspaper backfiles in 35mm microfilm format. Microfilm reader/printers are available in the library and copies may be made from microfilm for 20 cents per page. Microfilm searching is self-service, and the library does not lend microfilms.

II. Mount Clemens Newspapers

The earliest known newspaper in Mount Clemens was the *Mount Clemens Patriot*, a weekly publication founded in 1840 and later absorbed by the *Macomb Gazette*. The *Gazette* was sold in 1856 and the name was changed to the *Republican Standard*. The *Standard* became the *Mount Clemens Monitor*, a weekly publication, in 1866. A number of other publications came and went briefly through the years.

Daily news publication came on the scene at the turn of the century. In 1901, the *Daily Leader* and its weekly adjunct, the *Mount Clemens Press*, were born. The *Monitor* began publishing daily in 1940. In 1942, the *Monitor* and *Leader* merged, and the first edition of the *Daily Monitor-Leader* was published on April 3, 1942. In 1964, the *Daily Monitor-Leader* was merged with the *South Macomb News*, a weekly, and the *Tri-City Progress*, another weekly which served the Warren-Center Line-Utica area of the county. After a brief run as the *Monitor-Progress*, the new paper became the *Macomb Daily*. The *Macomb Daily*, still published in Mount Clemens, continues to serve as Macomb County's daily newspaper today.

Mount Clemens Public Library holds a fairly complete run of microfilmed newspapers published in Mount Clemens for the years 1882 to present. **Significant gaps in the run exist for the year 1898, January 1901 – June 29, 1902, November – December 1902, and the year 1922.** Detailed holdings by specific newspaper title are as follows:

Mount Clemens Monitor (weekly):

- miscellaneous issue reel including: Jan. 29 1869; Feb. 26, 1869; Jan. 2, 1880 – May 28, 1880; May 1898; Aug. 9, 1900; Aug. 1, 1902; Sept. 18, 1916; Jan. 6, 1922.
- Jan. 6, 1882 – Feb. 12, 1892
- Apr. 16, 1891 – Dec. 30, 1897 (some gaps on reel)
- Jan. 25, 1894 – Dec. 30, 1897
- Jan. 6, 1899 – Jan. 11, 1901
- Jan. 2, 1903 – Jul. 23, 1909
- Jul. 30, 1909 – Feb. 2, 1912 (some gaps on reel)
- Feb. 9, 1912 – Dec. 30, 1921
- Jan. 7, 1926 – Dec. 25, 1931
- Jan. 6, 1933 – Dec. 30, 1936

Mount Clemens Advertiser-Monitor:

- Jan. 1937 – Aug. 23, 1940

Mount Clemens Daily Monitor:

- Aug. 26, 1940 – Apr. 2, 1942

Mount Clemens Press (weekly):

- Jan. 5, 1883 – Feb. 12, 1892
- Jan. 27, 1887 – Apr. 9, 1891 (some gaps on reel)

Mount Clemens Daily Leader:

- miscellaneous issue reel includes: Nov. 11, 1918; Dec. 11, 1918; Feb. 3 – Feb. 7, 1919; Jul. 11, 1919; Aug. 25, 1919; Aug. 9, 1923
- Jun. 30, 1902 – Oct. 28, 1902
- Feb. 1, 1921 – Jul. 30, 1921
- Mar. 1923 – Dec. 31, 1929
- Oct. 26, 1931 – Feb. 9, 1942

Daily Monitor-Leader:

- Apr. 3, 1942 – Aug. 31, 1964

Mount Clemens Monitor-Progress (daily):

- Sept. 1, 1964 – Oct. 14, 1964

Macomb Daily

- Oct. 15, 1964 – present

III. Other Area Newspapers

The library holds backfiles of a number of other newspapers important to the history of Macomb County and southeastern lower Michigan, as well as a few national titles. All backfiles are in 35mm microfilm format, except where noted. Some films are housed in a non-public storage room and must be requested from library staff.

Armada Times

- Sept. 18, 1919 – Nov. 15, 1979

Christian Science Monitor (must be requested from storage)

- 1970 – 1990 (microfilm)
- 1991 – Aug. 2008 (fiche)

Detroit Free Press (must be requested from storage)

- 1955 – 2008

Detroit News

- 1939 – 2008

East Detroit News

- Nov. 1928 – Nov. 1931

Halfway News

- 1926-27

Macomb County Legal News

- Feb. 1957 – Dec. 1988

New Baltimore-New Haven Star

- 1926 – 1941

***New York Times* (must be requested from storage)**

- 1851 – 1990 (microfilm)
- 1991 – Oct. 2008 (fiche)

***Richmond Review* (stored on compact disc)**

- Jan. 1911 – Dec. 1959

Roseville Record

- 1926 – 1931

Saint Clair Shores News

- 1926 -1931

South Macomb News

- 1931 – 1964

***Tri-City Progress* (continues *Utica South Macomb Progress*)**

- Dec. 21, 1955 – 1964

Utica Sentinel

- Sept. 1, 1876 – Nov. 28, 1919
- Jan. 21, 1921 – Dec. 31, 1926
- 1927 – 1971

***Utica South Macomb Progress* (continues as *Tri-City Progress*)**

- 1954 – Dec. 14, 1955

Van Dyke – Center Line Press

- 1926 – 1931

***Wall Street Journal* (must be requested from storage)**

- 1970 – 1990 (microfilm)
- 1991 – Oct. 2008 (fiche)

Warren-Fraser Herald

- 1926 – 1931

IV. Newspaper Indexes

The library holds the following print indexes to newspapers:

Detroit News Index, 1976-2008

New York Times Index, 1851-2008 (must be requested from storage)

Wall Street Journal Index, 1976-2008 (must be requested from storage)

Online newspaper indexes are available from the library's web site for the following:

[Macomb Daily](#) Aug. 1994 – present (local news only)

[Macomb County Obituary Index](#), (various Macomb County newspaper titles), obituaries only, with Mount Clemens papers complete from 1941 to present. There is a significant amount of sporadic older content in the index as well.

V. Online Newspapers

The following full-text, searchable newspapers are available to Michigan residents online through www.mel.org:

Detroit News, 1999 – present

New York Times, 1995 – present

Grand Rapids Press, Aug. 2000 – present

Lansing State Journal, 1999 – present

Access to Small Town Newspapers content is available through www.footnote.com (in-library use only for full-text, but index is searchable on the web any time).