

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. 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.

Advisor (Chesterfield/Harrison/New Baltimore ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- June 1985 - June 1986, Jan. 20 – Oct. 26, 1987

Advisor (Clinton Township ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- July 1977 – Nov. 6, 1979

Advisor (Clinton/Fraser ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1980-1981

Advisor (Clinton/Fraser/Mount Clemens ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1982-June 5, 1985

Advisor (Clinton/Mount Clemens ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- Jun. 13, 1985 – Jun. 19, 1986, Jan. - Jun. 1987

Advisor (Clinton/Mount Clemens/S. Clinton/Fraser/Chesterfield/Harrison ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- Jul. - Dec. 1987

Advisor (Fraser/Macomb/Clinton ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- Jun. 13, 1985 – Jun. 19, 1986, 1987

Advisor (Macomb/North Clinton ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1988 – Oct. 11, 1993, Mar. 21, 1994 – 1996

Advisor (Mount Clemens/Fraser/Clinton/Harrison ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1991 – Oct. 11, 1993

Advisor (Mount Clemens/Fraser/Clinton/Chesterfield/Harrison ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1988-1990

Advisor (Mount Clemens/S. Clinton/Harrison ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- Oct. 18, 1993 – 1996

Advisor (Roseville/East Detroit ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1987 – Apr. 20, 1992

Advisor (Shores ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1987-Apr. 20, 1992

Advisor (Utica/Shelby ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- Jul. - Dec. 1975, Aug. 8 – Nov. 13, 1979, Jul. - Dec. 1985

Advisor (Warren ed.) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1988-1989

Anchor Bay Beacon (New Baltimore)

- 1956 - April 1993

Armada Times

- Sept. 18, 1919 – Nov. 15, 1979

Bay Voice (New Baltimore)

- April 6, 1983 – Aug. 1, 2007

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

NOTE: Detroit Free Press was on strike on the following dates: Dec.2, 1955-Jan.16, 1956; Apr.16-May 10, 1962; Nov.18, 1967-Aug.9, 1968. No films exist for these dates.

Detroit News

- 1939 – 2008

NOTE: Detroit News was on strike on the following dates: Dec.1, 1955-Jan.15, 1956; Apr.12-May 10, 1962; Jul.22-Nov.22, 1964, Nov.16, 1967-Aug.8, 1968. No films exist for these dates.

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

North Macomb News Press (New Baltimore)

- 1946 - 1955

Richmond Review (stored on compact disc)

- Jan. 1911 – Dec. 1959

Rochester Source (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1990 – Mar. 1992

Roseville Record

- 1926 – 1931

Saint Clair Shores News

- 1926 -1931

South Macomb News

- 1931 – 1964

Sunday Source (Shelby/Utica/Sterling area) (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- Sep. 9, 1990 - Mar. 8, 1992

Tri-City Progress (continues Utica South Macomb Progress)

- Dec. 21, 1955 – 1964

Troy Source (hard copy – must be requested from storage)

- 1990-Apr. 20, 1992

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

Warren-Fraser Herald

- 1926 – 1931

IV. Newspaper Indexes

The library holds the following print indexes to newspapers:

Detroit News Index, 1976-2008

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 library subscribes to the *Detroit Free Press* 1831-1922 online. This subscription database may be searched in the library. Remote access is not available.

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

New York Times, 1995 – present

Grand Rapids Press, Aug. 2000 – present

Lansing State Journal, 1999 – present

Access to the *Chicago Tribune*, 1849-1923 is available through fold3.com (in-library use only for full-text, but index is searchable on the web any time).

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