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Historic Alaska newspapers now available online!

JUNEAU – Alaska’s first batch of digitized historic newspapers has gone live on *Chronicling America*! Researchers can now search through Alaska newspapers dated 1898-1921, online, free!

In 2016, the Alaska State Library received a grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). The Library of Congress, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, provides training and support to awardees to digitally preserve historic newspapers and make them available to researchers – an exciting advancement from offering individual reels of microfilm through inter-library loan! You will find Alaska titles on *Chronicling America*, a text-searchable, online database that provides free access to the public. Moreover, *Chronicling America* has over 12 million pages of newspapers from forty-six states and territories, ranging in date from 1789-1924.

As of August 15, 2017:

- First batch of Alaska papers is available on *Chronicling America*
- To date, there are 9,010 digitized, searchable pages from three titles:
 - Alaska Daily Empire, 1912-1918 (1,206 issues)
 - Douglas Island News, 1898-1907 (448 issues), and
 - The Thlinget, 1908-1912 (47 issues)

By August 2018, The Alaska State Library Historical Collections will make 100,000 pages of Alaska historical newspaper pages available to the public for personal and professional research. The digitized pages will go up on *Chronicling America* in 10,000 page monthly batches over the next year until the 100,000 page limit is reached. We plan to apply for the 2018-2020 cycle to continue with this work. If you are interested in serving on the Newspaper Advisory Committee for the next cycle, or if you have any questions, contact Leah Geibel, Project Coordinator, at leah.geibel@alaska.gov or Anastasia Tarmann, Project Director, at anastasia.tarmann@alaska.gov.

2016-2018 Alaska NDNP Titles Selected for Digitization by the Newspaper Advisory Committee:

1. The Alaska Daily Empire (Juneau, Alaska). 1912-1922.
2. Douglas Island News (Douglas City, Alaska). 1898-1921.
3. The Thlinget (Sitka, Alaska). 1908-1912.
4. The Daily Alaskan (Skagway, Alaska). 1898-1922.
5. The Nome Nugget (Nome, Alaska). 1901-1922.
6. The Alaska Prospector (Valdez, Alaska). 1902-1918.
7. The Iditarod Pioneer (Iditarod, Alaska). 1910-1919.
8. The Cordova Daily Times (Cordova, Alaska). 1914-1922.
9. The Seward Gateway (Seward, Alaska). 1904-1922.
10. The Alaska Citizen (Fairbanks, Alaska). 1910-1920.

To start your historical Alaska newspaper search today visit *Chronicling America* at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov. For updates on when new titles will become available, consult the State Library's website at library.alaska.gov or the project blog, Alaska Digital Newspaper Project, found at: akdnp.wordpress.com. For more information on the National Digital Newspaper Program visit www.loc.gov/ndnp. For tips on searching *Chronicling America* visit the Help page at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/help. Happy Searching!

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