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The Context of Our Lives...Part 2

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Historical and social context help complete the picture of the stories and events during the lives of our ancestors. In part one of this story, current events, religion, education, migration, and property examples were provided as a springboard for searching newspaper articles.

In this installment, even more topics will be explored. [Visit our BLOG](#) to see examples to aid in the discovery of what life was like for our ancestors.

Military

Newspapers certainly carry headlines and articles about conflicts and wars, but many publications also include information about local folks in the military. These “records” can be very simple in nature or quite detailed.

Weather

Major weather events help give context to a time period. Even daily weather reports can help set the stage for an important event in your family history.

Organizations

In the past and even present day, organizations and clubs publish their activities and members in the newspaper. While your ancestor may not be named directly, reading about an organization they were part of might help you better understand who they were in their community.

Political

Politics is a widely publicized topic in newspapers. Scoping out articles from the national level all the way down to a small town can provide a wealth of information. See how the electoral college has changed over time and candidates running for offices of all kinds.

[Visit our BLOG to read the entire post](#) and learn ways to uncover the story of your ancestors.

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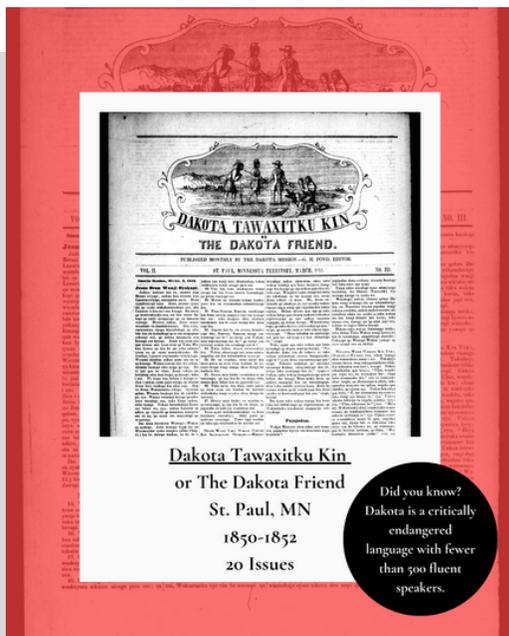


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Labor, Union, and Trade Publications

Newspapers that focus on specific topics are a fun find in the collection at NewspaperArchive. There are many publications that supported labor, trade, and their respective unions. Explore titles like *The Gem Worker*, *Atchison Trade Bulletin*, and the *Button Workers' Bulletin*.



NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

DAKOTA TAWAXITKU KIN

1850-1852

This newspaper was first published in 1850 by the Dakota Mission and a missionary acting as editor, Gideon Hollister Pond. Gideon and his brother Samuel William Pond settled in the Dakota lands around 1830. Over the years, the brothers learned the Dakota language. They even created an alphabet and Dakota to English dictionary.

Issues of the Dakota Tawaxitku Kin included articles in Dakota and English. Some issues even had sections of the Dakota alphabet, vocabulary, and grammar.

[READ THE DAKOTA TAWAXITKU KIN](#)

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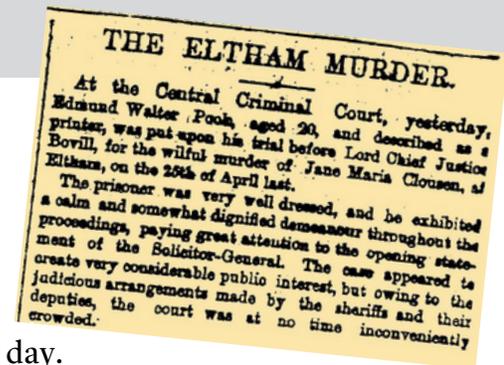
The Death of Jane Clousen

Jane Clousen was found barely clinging to life on the morning of April 26, 1871, near the town of Eltham. She succumbed to her brutal injuries that same day.

Edmund Pook was charged with Jane's death, and the case was widely publicized in newspapers around the world.

Edmund was found not guilty, and several years later, George Bingham came forward and confessed to the heinous crime. However, weeks later, it was revealed that he made up the entire story.

[The horrific death of Jane Clousen is still an unsolved mystery. Become a super sleuth and read articles about the case at NewspaperArchive to see if you can crack the case.](#)



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