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## **State Library contributes *Tacoma Times* to *Chronicling America***

***Site is home to 2.3 million historic newspaper pages***

**OLYMPIA...** *Tacoma Times* is among nine newspapers and more than 50,000 historic newspaper pages recently contributed to *Chronicling America*, making Washington State's contribution to the program a total of 16 titles and 92,000 pages. *Chronicling America* is a project of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress.

The *Tacoma Times* was one of several West Coast papers founded by Edward Willis (E. W.) Scripps. Scripps' approach was to provide minimal funding for printing equipment and facilities in small or mid-sized cities. Scripps left the day-to-day operation of his newspapers in the hands of ambitious young editors who were offered stock in the company. Some of the early graduates from the University of Washington's journalism program served as editors for the *Tacoma Times*. People can read and research issues from this and other newspapers around Washington and U.S. for free at [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov).

"These historic newspapers are a rich resource for historians, genealogists and other researchers," said State Librarian Jan Walsh. "They provide names, dates, images and tell the story of a community or region in such a comprehensive way. They bring local history alive."

*Chronicling America* provides free and open access to over 2.3 million full-text searchable pages from 295 titles published between 1860 and 1922 in 19 states and the District of Columbia. The [Washington State Library's National Digital Newspaper Program \(NDNP\) grant](#) was recently renewed through June of 2012 allowing more pages from other

newspapers around Washington State to be uploaded over the next two years.

“It’s exciting to have this collection in Chronicling America. It will give researchers the ability to search across multiple collections of newspapers from various states at once,” said Deputy State Librarian Marlys Rudeen.

Part of the mission and purpose of the Washington State Library is to collect, preserve and make accessible to Washingtonians materials on the government, history, culture and natural resources of the state. [Read more about the State Library.](#)

Newspapers from Washington State currently included in Chronicling America are [Cayton’s Weekly](#), 1917-1921; [Colfax Gazette](#), 1900-1912; [Colville Examiner](#), 1907-1922; [Commonwealth](#) (Everett), 1911-1914; [Daily Republican](#) (Seattle), 1896; [Leavenworth Echo](#), 1904-1922; [Pullman Herald](#), 1888-1922; [The Ranch](#) (Yakima), 1894; [The Ranch](#) (Seattle), 1902-1914; [Ranche and Range](#) (Yakima), 1897-1902; [The Republican](#) (Seattle), 1896-1898; [San Juan Islander](#) 1899-1914; [Seattle Republican](#), 1900-1913; [Tacoma Times](#) 1903-1918; [Washington Farmer](#) (Spokane), June 15, 1914; and [Yakima Herald](#) 1893-1912.

For more information about Chronicling America, contact Laura Robinson, Washington’s National Digital Newspaper Program manager, at [laura.robinson@sos.wa.gov](mailto:laura.robinson@sos.wa.gov) or (360) 570-5568.

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