



## Heritage Microfilm and NewspaperARCHIVE Announce Access for State of West Virginia

*Heritage Microfilm and their digital brand NewspaperARCHIVE have secured an arrangement with the State of West Virginia to provide their institutional newspaper archive product, ACCESS NewspaperARCHIVE, to libraries state-wide.*

Cedar Rapids, Iowa (PRWEB) February 27, 2009 -- Heritage Microfilm, premier preservation vendor, has partnered with the State of West Virginia to grant state-wide access to more than 90 million historical newspaper pages through their product ACCESS NewspaperARCHIVE. Access to the site will be provided to every library in West Virginia via their website portal [www.wvinfo depot.org](http://www.wvinfo depot.org).

"We have some great West Virginia newspapers in our collection," said Jamie Leon, ACCESS NewspaperARCHIVE Product Manager. "Now students, genealogists, researchers, historians and more will be able to access papers like the Charleston Gazette and the Morgantown Post at their local libraries. Karen Goff and West Virginia reacted quickly to supply a research tool in heavy demand by the people."

ACCESS NewspaperARCHIVE allows users to search through full-text and full-image scans of the newspaper pages. Each page is replicated as it was printed, with articles, ads, puzzles, comics, and classifieds intact.

"The West Virginia Library Commission is pleased to add NewspaperArchive to WVInfoDepot.org, the collection of online databases available to all West Virginians. Librarians from all types of libraries suggested that WVLC enlarge the historic dimension of the collection," said West Virginia Library Commission Director Karen Goff. "NewspaperArchive gives searchers the opportunity to read first hand reports of both historic and everyday events, in West Virginia and throughout the country. The fact that the subscription also enables WVLC to annually add digitized material to the database is tremendously exciting. The West Virginia Library Commission provides online databases with funding from the West Virginia State Legislature and the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Institute of Library and Museum Services."

In addition to allowing access to the entire NewspaperARCHIVE database, the arrangement between Heritage Microfilm and the State of West Virginia includes the digitization of 300,000 unique West Virginia historical newspaper pages each year.

ACCESS NewspaperARCHIVE.com includes more than 90 million fully-searchable newspaper pages, and is growing at the rate of almost 75,000 pages per day.

Librarians or researchers interested in the ACCESS NewspaperARCHIVE resource can visit the ACCESS blog at <http://access.heritagemicrofilm.com> or contact Jamie Leon at [jleon\(at\)newspaperarchive.com](mailto:jleon(at)newspaperarchive.com).

### About Heritage Microfilm

Heritage Microfilm, Inc., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a major archival microfilm and digitization company. Heritage Microfilm was founded in 1996 and quickly became one of the premier newspaper preservation vendors in North America. They are currently trusted with the preservation microfilming of more than 600

North American newspaper titles, as well as several international ones. Publishers or librarians interested in more information about Heritage Microfilm can visit <http://www.heritagemicrofilm.com>.

### About NewspaperARCHIVE

In 1999, Heritage Microfilm launched the brand NewspaperARCHIVE, the world's largest historical newspaper database online. NewspaperARCHIVE contains tens of millions of newspaper pages from 1759 to present, spanning almost 3,000 newspaper titles and 762 cities. Every newspaper in the archive is fully searchable by keyword and date making it easy to quickly explore historical content. Anyone interested in finding more information about Heritage Microfilm and NewspaperARCHIVE.com can visit [www.newspaperarchive.com](http://www.newspaperarchive.com).

### About the West Virginia Library Commission

The West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) was created in 1929 (Chapter 10, West Virginia Code) to develop and advise libraries in the state. The very core of the mission of the West Virginia Library Commission is ensuring all residents of the state, regardless of geographic location, educational background, or economic status, access to high quality library services and information resources to meet their needs.

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