Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers: Announcing Two Interactive Dataset Tools

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The Library of Congress and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announce the addition of two new interactive tools for creating and analyzing Chronicling America datasets. In addition to the over 20 million pages of digitized news available, for every newspaper added to Chronicling America, National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) state partners provide 500-word newspaper biographies or title essays. These essays contain information about the editor or publisher, the history of the publication, information about the community the newspaper served, and important events the newspaper covered.In a recent National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) blog post, Daniel Evans, a PhD student at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign and Pathways Intern with the NEH, describes his project to re-envision these newspaper essays as data. He created two web-based Jupyter notebooks that guide researchers through the process of using these essays as data. Using both notebooks requires little-to-no programming experience. They are included with other tutorials and resources on the Library of Congress's GitHub repository. Their goal is to provide researchers with a downloadable dataset of all the title essays and tips on how one can create specific queries related to a variety of research needs and interests.

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