



# Aberdeen Local Studies

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS



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# Guide to resources available

At the library, Local Studies hold:

- ◇ **an extensive collection of historical newspapers on microfilm**, covering not only Aberdeen City but also Aberdeenshire, Banffshire and Kincardineshire.
- ◇ **a substantial news cuttings collection** covering both people and topics from the late 19th Century onwards.
- ◇ **various local periodicals**, both historical and current, such as *The Deeside Field*, *Leopard Magazine*, *Northern Scotland and Roustabout*.
- ◇ **digitised versions of historic newspapers available from home** (19th Century British Library Newspapers and The Scotsman Digital Archive) and **free access to the British Newspaper Archive website** in all library buildings.



We are more than happy to help you use any of the above resources and assist you in finding relevant material on your research topic.

## Online resources

The following databases can all be **accessed freely on computers in our libraries and on your home computer**, using your library membership number.



### The 19th Century British Library Newspapers

This database contains a range of newspapers published in Britain from 1800 to 1900, including *The Aberdeen Journal*.



### The Illustrated London News (ILN)

The *ILN* was the world's first illustrated weekly newspaper and you can search online from its first issue in 1842 until 2003.



Digital versions of every edition of **The Scotsman** from 1817 to 1950 and of **The Times** from 1785 to 2007 are **available** via the Scotsman Archive & UK Newsstand.



See the Aberdeen City Libraries website to view our other online resources at

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/library](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/library)

## Online resources

Local Studies provide free access to a number of websites that enable in-depth searching of historic newspapers.

### The British Newspaper Archive (BNA)



The BNA is very useful for searching historic newspapers. It includes *Aberdeen Herald and General Advertiser* (1844-1862), *Aberdeen Evening Express* (1879-1955), *Aberdeen Free Press* (1855-1897), *Aberdeen Press and Journal* (1748-1950), *Aberdeen People's Journal* (1863-1939), *Aberdeen Weekly Journal* (1914-1945), and much more.

**The library has a subscription for unlimited on-site access.** Access is free but users must create an account on the website. This allows for articles and searches to be saved.

## News cuttings collection



Our **newspaper cuttings collection** includes articles of interest dating from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century onwards.

The articles are organised into biographical cuttings and general topics of interest (e.g. Air accidents, Gordon Highlanders, The Lemon Tree, Place names, University of Aberdeen etc.).

The collection is stored in a staff area only. Please ask a member of staff for assistance.

Bound volumes of cuttings on a variety of topics are also available on the open shelves in the Information Centre (e.g. Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen Harbour, Bridges, Aberdeen in the Fifties etc.).

## Newspapers on microfilm

Our collection of newspapers on microfilm cover Aberdeen City and the surrounding area.

We also hold microfilm copies of *The Times* newspaper, *The Sunday Times* and the *Times Literary Supplement* for certain years.



**Microfilm reader machines** are available in the Information Centre, Central Library. There is no booking system but during busy periods, sessions will be limited to one hour maximum.

**Printing facilities** are available, costing 20p per A4 sheet and 40p per A3 sheet.

Please consult our ***Newspapers on microfilm*** leaflet for full details on our holdings.

## Indexes from local papers

### The Silver City Vault



The Aberdeen Local Studies' own website provides **free and remote access** to a newspaper and periodical index. It also includes an index of advertisements and a large number of records relating to Aberdeen family history (marriage, obituary and pauper indexes).

The website can be accessed at:

**[www.silvercityvault.org.uk](http://www.silvercityvault.org.uk)**