

NEWSPAPERS OF DANBURY

Introduction: This register was compiled in the fall, 1975 by Jeffrey Morris, a History major at Western Connecticut State College as a student developed study project. It lists copies of newspapers published in Danbury, Connecticut which may be found on file in the Scott-Fanton Museum, Danbury Public Library and the Ruth A. Haas Library.

I. DANBURY SCOTT-FANTON MUSEUM

This museum has the basic collection of original newspapers from the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They are listed here in chronological order based on those copies of the newspapers on file, which generally correspond to the order of their dates of publication. Chronological order is at times interrupted owing to simultaneous publication dates of two papers.

The Farmer's Journal

(Danbury) Tuesday, January 11, 1791. Vol. I, No. 44

"published by Nathan Douglas and Edward Ely"

(Danbury) Tuesday, March 22, 1791. Vol. II, No. 2 - Whole No. 54

"by Douglas and Ely"

Farmers Chronicle

(Danbury) Monday, September 30, 1793. Vol. I, No. 16

"published by Edward Ely"

Republican Journal

(Danbury) Monday, October 29, 1798. Vol. III, No. (illegible)

"compiled by Stiles Nichols for Douglas & Nichols"

New England Republican

(Danbury) Wednesday, August 15, 1804. Vol. I, No. 5

"printed by Gray & Steele"

Republican Farmer

(Danbury) Wednesday, December 11, 1805. Vol. III, No. 2

"published by Stiles Nichols & Co."

-(This is the only Danbury Republican Farmer on file. Stiles Nichols subsequently relocated the paper to Bridgeport. The museum does have on file the following copies of the R.F. published in Bridgeport: Wed. Aug. 10, 1814 (Vol. V, No. 225), and a bound volume covering the period Apr. 7, 1824 to Apr. 5, 1826. There is also a copy from Tues. Mar. 5, 1850, by which time the paper was marked "William S. Pomeroy, editor & proprietor")--

The Day

(Danbury) Tuesday, February 16, 1813. Vol. I, No. 37

"published by John C. Gray"

Danbury Recorder

"published by Orrin Osborne"

Tues. Oct. 3, 1826	Vol. 1 - No. 32	
" June 19, 1827	II	17 Whole No. 69
" Oct. 30, 1827	II	36 88

"printed & published by W. & M. Yale"

Wed. Sept. 23, 1829	Vol. IV - No. 32
" Mar. 10, 1830	V 56
" May 26, 1830	V 67
" Feb. 9, 1831	V 104
" Apr. 13, 1831	VI 113
" May 18, 1831	VI 118

"printed & published by W. Yale"

Wed. Mar. 7, 1832	Vol. VII - No. 160 (2 copies)
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Danbury Gazette

"by Samuel Wilmot"

--(founded in 1833; has format identical to the later

Thurs, Aug. 13, 1835	Vol. III- No. 136
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Recorders)--

The Danbury Times

"by Edward B. Osborne"

--(founded in 1837; continues the Recorder-Gazette format)--

Wed. Sept. 26, 1838	Vol. II - No. 65
" Jan. 31, 1844	VII 31

"H. & L. Osborne, Editors & Proprietors"

Wed. Jan. 5, 1848	Vol. XI - No. 28
" Jan. 12, 1853	XVI 28
Thurs. May 22, 1862	XXVI 47
" Feb. 5, 1863	XXVII 32
" Oct. 15, 1863	XXVIII 16

"Bailey & Donovan, Proprietors"

Thurs. June 17, 1869	Vol. 36 - No. 2	Whole No. 1808
" Feb. 10, 1870	36	36 1842

On Monday, January 30, 1933, the paper became the Danbury News-Times (Vol. 51, No. 1) having "merged" with (actually, absorbed) the The Danbury Times. This was a new paper using the old Times name. The only copy of it which could be located is that of Monday evening April 7, 1930, Vol. 4, No. 83, and can be found in the Scott-Fanton Museum. It was apparently a victim of poor timing, having begun publication just in time for the Depression.

The Jeffersonian

(Danbury)

Wed. Mar. 28, 1860	Vol. I - No. 3	"William A. Croffut, Editor"
" May 14, 1862	III	114 "W.A. Newton, Publisher"
" July 19, 1865	VI	280 "B. Frank Ashley, Proprietor"
Sat. June 29, 1867	VIII	17 "J.H. Swertfager, Editor"
" Oct. 17, 1868	IX	33 "
" Jan. 16, 1869	IX	46 "
" Feb. 12, 1870	X	50 "
" Mar. 5, 1870	XI	1 "

The Danbury News

--(Formed Mar. 17, 1870 by the merger of The Jeffersonian into The Danbury Times.
"...to be neutral in politics.")

Thurs. Nov. 17, 1870	Vol. I - No. 36 (Whole No.)			
Wed. Feb. 22, 1871	I	50	50	
" Feb. 21, 1872	2	51	102	
" Oct. 30, 1872	3	35	139	
" Jan. 15, 1873	3	46	150	"Bailey & Donovan,
" Jan. 22, 1873	3	47	151	Editors & Proprietors"
" April 9, 1873	4	6	162	
" Aug. 27, 1873	4	25	182	
" Feb. 25, 1874	5	1	208	
" Feb. 24, 1875	("supplement to The Danbury News")			
" Mar. 24, 1875	6	5	264	(first page only)
" " "	("supplement to The Danbury News")			
" July 5, 1876	7	20	331	(Centennial Edition; 3 copies)
" June 6, 1879	10	16	484	"J.M. Bailey, Publisher"
" Mar. 31, 1880	11	6	526	("supplement to Danbury News")
Thurs. May 27, 1880	11	15	535	
Wed. Sept. 21, 1881	12	31	603	(President's death; 3 copies)
" Dec. 21, 1881	12	44	616	
" Sept. 6, 1882	13	29	653	"J.M. Bailey,
" Sept. 13, 1882	13	20	654	Editor & Proprietor"
" Nov. 8, 1882	13	38	662	
" Jan. 31, 1883	13	50		
" May 2, 1883	14	11		
" Aug. 22, 1883	14	27	703	
" Apr. 15, 1885	16	8	786	
" May 6, 1885	16	12	789	
" Feb. 17, 1886	16	50	834	
" Mar. 24, 1886	17	3	839	
" Nov. 24, 1886	17	39	888	(2 copies)
" Mar. 15, 1888	18	48	955	(2 copies)
" Mar. 21, 1888	18	49	956	
" May 23, 1888	19	6		
" Jan. 16, 1889	19	40	999	
" Mar. 8, 1889	20	4	1015	
" Oct. 9, 1889	20	26	1037	
" July 22, 1891	22	16	1132	
" Feb. 8, 1893	23	43	1208	
" Mar. 6, 1895	25	47	1309	"Flint & Smith,
" Sept. 8, 1897	28	22	1440	Proprietors & Publishers"

The Evening News

In 1884 The Danbury News began publication of a daily paper under the above name. A complete selection of these is available on microfilm, as described in more detail later in this list. The following original copies of this newspaper are, however, on file at the Scott-Fenton Museum, though many are in very poor condition and it is advised that the microfilms be relied upon for research.

The Evening News

Sat. Oct. 31, 1885	No. 552	Sat. Mar. 17, 1888	No. 1162
Mar. 24, 1886		Mon. Mar. 19, 1888	1163
Tues. Jan. 17, 1888	1120	Thur. June 13, 1889	1478
Mon. Mar. 12, 1888	1159	Thur. June 20, 1889	1483 (3 cop)
Fri. Mar. 16, 1888	1161		

Danbury Evening News (New press & format, same publisher)

June 12, 1890	Mar. 5, 1894
July 26, 1890	Mar. 6, 1894
Mar. 6, 1891	Mar. 28, 1895 (very poor condition)
Mar. 15, 1892	July 15, 1895 "Women's Edition"
July 1, 1892	Apr. 23, 1897
Apr. 10, 1892	Sept. 30, 1897
Thurs. Jan. 6, 1898 - Vol. 30, No. 4 (pp.3-6 only; deaths, 1897)	

Hatters Journal (large style newspaper)

(Danbury) Thursday morning, July 19, 1855. Vol. I, No. 8
"G.W. Morris, Editor & Proprietor"

The Globe

(Danbury) Oct. 3, 1874. Vol. II, No. II. "circulation 1,000"

The Danbury Globe "published by Globe Printing Co. W. Frank Page,
Nov. 28, 1874 - Aug. 22, 1876 Bound copies Editor"

Hatters Journal "Dedicated to the interests of Journeyman Hatters"
(a trade publication apparently unconnected with the earlier newspaper)
Danbury, April, 1882, Vol. I, No. 3

The Danbury Fair Record (consists entirely of advertisements)
Wed. Oct. 3, 1883

The Daily Dispatch

(Danbury) Wednesday morning, Oct. 28, 1896. Vol. IV, No. 257

The Danburian "published the first Saturday in every month"
Nov. 4, 1899 Vol. I, No. 1
Dec. 2, 1899 Vol. I, No. 2 (4 copies)

The City Square Dealer "by Miss Weichert's Sunday-School Class"
Dec. 5 and 6, 1911. Vol. I, Nos. 1 & 2

Special Folder: Danbury Disasters

collection of selected newspaper accounts, some mounted.
Dam break 1869
Blizzard 1888
Flood 1955

II. DANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY
RUTH HAAS LIBRARY, WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

Both these libraries contain identical microfilm collections prepared, apparently, under the auspices of the Danbury News-Times, covering the period 1837 to the present. Labeling of the collection is, at times, misleading. Its actual contents are outlined below.

Danbury Times (weekly) 1837-1870

Vol. I, No. 1: July 5, 1837; Vol. 36, No. 40: Mar. 10, 1870 (last)

Microfilms from this first period are erroneously labeled "Danbury Evening News" which did not yet exist. Reel #1 contains the note "Jan-June 1837 is missing", an obvious mistake since the Times did not begin publishing until July. However, also noted as missing are July 1841-June 1842 from Reel 1, and July 1844-June 1845, July 1847-Dec. 1849 from Reel 2.

Danbury News (weekly) 1870-1884 (see p. 3 for explanation of
Vol. I, No. 1: Mar. 17, 1870 formation of this newspaper)

The Evening News (daily except Wednesday and Sunday) 1884-1890

Danbury Evening News (same) 1890-1933

Danbury News-Times (daily) 1933-present

J.M. Bailey, publisher of the News, began the daily Evening News in 1884. However, the weekly paper was continued simultaneously, being a morning paper on Wednesdays, and was included in a subscription to the Evening News, which did not publish on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the microfilm collection switches over to The Evening News in 1884 but excludes the Danbury News after that point. Thus, the only copies of the weekly paper after 1884 available in Danbury are the originals in the Scott-Fanton Museum. (see I).

In 1890, Mr. Bailey acquired a new printing press, and The Evening News took on a new size and appearance. The masthead was changed to Danbury Evening News, although The Evening News continued to appear on all the rest of the pages. The complete story of this change, along with a history of the newspaper from its beginning as the Times, appears on page 1 of the issue of Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1890.

After J.M. Bailey's death, the paper was continued by Flint & Smith. By 1933, the publisher was Danbury News Publishing Co. On Monday, Jan. 30, 1933, the paper became the Danbury News-Times (Vol. 51, No. 1) having merged with (actually, absorbed) The Danbury Times. This was a new paper using the old Times name. The only copy of it which could be located is that of Monday evening, April 7, 1930, Vol. 4, No. 83, and can be found in the Scott-Fanton Museum. It was apparently a victim of poor timing, having begun publication just in time for the Depression.

---Part of this microfilm collection is duplicated by bound volumes of the News-Times on reserve at the Ruth Haas Library. In all cases it is advised that microfilm be used in preference to any originals at the library or the Scott-Fanton Museum, which should be subject to a minimum of handling.--