Getting Started With The Amesbury Digital Newspapers

The Amesbury Digital Newspapers are a great historical resource for researching their genealogy, and Amesbury-specific topic, and more! This guide will get you started with the digital newspapers, but if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the reference desk at 978-388-8148 ext. 619 or at reference@amesburylibrary.org.

Our newspaper archive covers the following newspapers and city documents: Amesbury News (1886-2013), Amesbury Daily News (1894-1962), City Directories (1864-1959), Valuation Lists (1825-1892), and Town Work Valuation Lists (1893-1918).

If you are looking for the historical Newburyport Daily News newspapers (and other publications), please see the Newburyport Public Library’s website for access: https://www.newburyportpl.org/services/online_resources.

Where to Find the Newspapers

1. From the homepage on our website at www.amesburylibrary.org, go to the right-hand side of the page where it says “Resources”. Underneath it will say “databases”. Click on “databases”.

2. On the database page, scroll down to the third item that says “Amesbury Digital Newspapers”. Click on “Amesbury Digital Newspapers” to open the database:
How to Search the Newspapers

1. Once you are in the Amesbury Digital Newspapers there are a few ways to perform a search:
   
a. If you are looking for a **person, place or event**: type the name into the top search box that says “Find People AND Places AND Events” in quotes. For example, if you are looking for John Smith, type “John Smith” in the search box with quotation marks. If you want to search our entire database for your person, place or event, click on the blue “Discover” button located underneath the search box.

![Search for John Smith](image1)

b. If you only want results from a **specific date range**: first enter the search term you are looking for (a person, place or event in quotes), then you go to the second box that says “Between” and click on the dates to choose the range.

![Date Range Selection](image2)

c. If you are looking for something in a **certain publication**: on the home screen click on the title of the publication that you want to search. For example, if you want to search the Amesbury Daily News, click on the Amesbury Daily News (see the first screenshot below). Once you are in the list of Amesbury Daily News
newspapers, you can either search for a person, place or event in the search box, like you would from part A, or you can browse the papers by date using the filters on the left hand side of the page (see the second screenshot below).
How to View the Results of Your Search

1. To see your search results, click on the title of the publication on the search result page (see the screenshot below).

2. This will open the document with the search term highlighted wherever it appears. For example, the screenshot below is from the search of “John Smith”: 

![Search results from Amesbury Daily News](image-url)