

Summary Information:

Collection Title: Joliet Area Newspapers, 1853-1924, 1936-1987

Collection Number: MSS.01

Date Range: 1853-1924, 1936-1987

Size: 100 boxes

Location: Crate Storage

Creator: Joliet Daily News, Joliet Republican, Joliet Herald News, Joliet Sun, Joliet Signal, Joliet Morning News, Joliet Daily Times, Joliet Free Press

Abstract: The Joliet Area Newspapers Collection houses bound issues of significant Joliet newspapers including the Joliet Daily News, Joliet Daily Times, Joliet Free Press, Joliet Herald News, Joliet Morning News, Joliet Republican, Joliet Signal, and the Joliet Sun. The newspapers cover approximately from 1853-1987 with significant gaps in some areas.

Acquisition Information:

2022.09.01 – 2022.09.129 : Donated to the collection by the Joliet Public Library in 1991. The original paperwork could not be found for these items, and none were marked with accession numbers. They have been given 2022 accession numbers to maintain consistency within the collection. The accession includes bound copies of the newspapers included in this collection as well as loose issues of the Joliet Herald News.

2008.20.01 : The Joliet Evening Herald News Centennial Edition, 1936 donated to the collection by Dale Kiesow in 2008.

2004.126.01 : Issues of the Joliet Sunday Times from October, 1924. Donated to the museum in 2004 by Mike and Donna Olha.

2010.09.04 : Issues of the Joliet Herald News regarding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Donated to the collection by Peter Nichols in 2008.

2005.39.46 and 2005.39.49 : Issues of the Joliet Herald News regarding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Donated to the collection in 2005 by Lynn Gilmore.

2011.11 : Bound issue of the Joliet Daily News, the Joliet Evening Herald and the Daily Republican purchased for the museum collection by the Curator.

Citation: Item Description. MSS.01 Joliet Area Newspapers, Joliet Area Historical Museum. Box #, Folder #. Date Accessed.

Restrictions: None

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Background Information:

History:

Early settlements in the Chicagoland Area saw a local newspaper publication as essential to the success of an aspiring city. Suburban newspapers reported on local news and information that readers could not find in the Chicago dailies. In 1839 thirteen Joliet investors purchased a printing press and hired editor O.H. Balch to publish Joliet's first newspaper, the *Joliet Courier*. The first edition of the *Joliet Courier* ran on April 20, 1839. The *Joliet Courier* would undergo several name changes including the *Joliet Signal* (1843), *True Democrat* (1847), *Joliet Republican* (1862), *Joliet Record* (1870), *Joliet Sun* (1872), *Joliet News* (1877), and the *Joliet Herald* (1904) until finally adopting the *Joliet Herald-News* in June of 1915. Not all variations of the *Joliet Herald-News* are present in this collection. In addition to the *Joliet Herald-News*, Joliet saw various other newspaper publications throughout its history including the *Joliet Morning News* (1877), *Joliet Daily Times* (1893), *Joliet Daily News* (1881), and the *Joliet Free Press* (1913). Many of these newspapers overlap in time of publication and had weekly, daily, and Sunday editions.

Scope and Content Arrangement:

The Joliet Area Newspapers Collection houses bound copies of various Joliet Area newspapers. The collection has been separated into 9 series arranged alphabetically by newspaper publication and then arranged chronologically within each series. The newspapers date from 1853 to 1987. Each box in the collection houses one bound newspaper book, with a few boxes of misc. loose newspaper issues in Series 4: *Joliet Herald-News*. Due to space constraints the collection is physically housed in two locations. Series 1: *Joliet Daily News*, 1876-1914, and Series 6: *Joliet Republican*, 1863-1909 are the largest series in the collection and are housed separate from the remaining series.

The series in the collection are as follows:

- Series 1: *Joliet Daily News*, 1876-1914
- Series 2: *Joliet Daily Times*, 1893-1894, 1921-1924
- Series 3: *Joliet Free Press*, 1913
- Series 4: *Joliet Herald-News*, 1904 – 1907, 1936
- Series 5: *Joliet Morning News*, 1877-1880
- Series 6: *Joliet Republican*, 1863-1909
- Series 7: *Joliet Signal*, 1853-1885
- Series 8: *Joliet Sun*, 1875-1876, 1880

Related Materials:

Herald News Morgue Files located in filing cabinets in the North Hallway (NH) and the East Room (ER).
Herald News Photographs located in filing cabinets in the South Room (SR)

Content Listing:

Series 1: Joliet Daily News, 1876 – 1914

Location: NH.2.1

Scope: The Joliet Daily News ran from the late 1880s through 1912 at which time the publication changed names to the Joliet News. The newspaper continued to be printed as the Joliet News until it closed in 1915. The issues housed in this collection cover almost the entire period of publication with minimal gaps.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Daily News, Sept.-Dec. 1881	1
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-May 1883	2
Joliet Daily News, 1891	3
Joliet Daily News, July-Dec. 1896	4
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-June 1897	5
Joliet Daily News, July-Dec. 1897	6
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-June 1898	7
Joliet Daily News, July-Dec. 1898	8
Joliet Daily News, July-Dec. 1899	9
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-June 1900	10
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-June 1902	11
Joliet Daily News, July-Dec. 1902	12
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-March 1904	13
Joliet Daily News, April-June 1904	14
Joliet Daily News, July-Sept. 1904	15
Joliet Daily News, Oct.-Dec. 1904	16
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-March 1905	17
Joliet Daily News, April-June 1905	18
Joliet Daily News, July-Sept. 1905	19
Joliet Daily News, Oct-Dec. 1905	20
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-March 1906	21
Joliet Daily News, April-June 1906	22
Joliet Daily News, July-Sept. 1906	23
Joliet Daily News, Oct.-Dec. 1906	24
Joliet Daily News, Jan-March 1910	25
Joliet Daily News, April-June 1913	26
Joliet Daily News, July-Aug. 1913	27
Joliet Daily News, Sept.-Oct. 1913	28
Joliet Daily News, Nov.-Dec. 1913	29
Joliet Daily News, Jan.-Feb. 1914	30
Joliet Daily News, March-April 1914	31

Series 2: Joliet Daily Times, 1893-1894, 1921-1924**Location:** RR.3.1-3

Scope: The Joliet Daily Times ran from the early 1890s, and stopped printing around 1925. The newspaper printed daily issues except for Sundays. The issues housed in the collection cover the later period of the publication, but have significant gaps in the early publications skipping from mid-1894 to the beginning of 1921.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Daily Times, Aug.-Dec. 1893	32
Joliet Daily Times, March-July 1894	33
Joliet Daily Times, March-April, 1921	34
Joliet Daily Times, May-June 1921	35
Joliet Daily Times, July-Aug. 1921	36
Joliet Daily Times, Sept.-Oct. 1921	37
Joliet Daily Times, Nov.-Dec. 1921	38
Joliet Daily Times, Jan.-Feb. 1922	39
Joliet Daily Times, March-April 1922	40
Joliet Daily Times, May-June 1922	41
Joliet Sunday Times, Oct. 1924	42

Series 3: Joliet Free Press, 1913-1914**Location:** RR.3.3

Scope: The Joliet Free Press ran for just one year from 1913 until 1914 at which time the publication adopted the name Joliet Morning Free Press. The Joliet Free Press was published daily, except on Sundays.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Free Press, Dec. 1913 – Jan. 1914	43
Joliet Free Press, Feb.-March 1914	44

Series 4: Joliet Herald News, 1904 – 1907, 1936-1987**Location:** RR.3.3-4, RR.4.1

Scope: The Joliet Herald News was Joliet's first published newspaper but was originally published under the name Joliet Courier in April of 1839. The name Joliet Herald was adopted in 1904, and the publication officially became the Joliet Herald News in 1915. The newspaper published Daily, Sunday, and Evening editions, all of which can be seen in this collection. In addition to the bound copies of the Herald News, this series notably contains issues regarding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. There are also special anniversary issues for the publican including the 100th, 125th, and 150th anniversaries.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Evening Herald, Nov. 1904 – Jan. 1905	
Joliet Sunday Herald, Feb.-April 1905	45
Joliet Sunday Herald, July-Sept. 1906	46

Joliet Evening Herald, Oct.-Dec. 1906	47
Joliet Evening Herald, Jan.-March 1907	48
Joliet Herald News, Jan.-April 1910	49
Joliet Evening Herald News Centennial Issues (Loose), 1936	50
Joliet Herald News, Centennial Edition, June 3, 1936	51
Joliet Herald News, 100 th Anniversary Edition, May 14, 1936	52
Joliet Herald News, Misc. Loose Issues, approx. 1924-1987	53

Series 5: Joliet Morning News, 1877-1880

Location: RR.4.1-2

Scope: The Joliet Morning News was published between 1877 and 1880 by Chas. Dutcher. The issues housed in the collection cover the period of publication.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Morning News, 1877	54
Joliet Morning News, 1878	55
Joliet Morning News, Jan-June 1879	56
Joliet Morning News, July-Dec. 1879	57
Joliet Morning News, Jan-June 1880	58

Series 6: Joliet Republican, 1863-1909

Location: NH.2.2

Scope: The Joliet Republican, also known as the Daily Republican, the Joliet Republican, and the Joliet Weekly Republican ran from the mid-1800s until 1911. The newspaper was published daily, except on Sundays and published a weekly edition.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Republican, 1863	59
Joliet Republican, May 1868 – May 1869	60
Joliet Daily Republican, Feb.-June 1879	61
Joliet Daily Republican, July-Dec. 1879	62
Joliet Republican, July-Dec. 1882	63
Joliet Daily Republican, Aug.-Dec. 1893	64
Joliet Daily Republican, July-Dec. 1899	65
Joliet Daily Republican, Jan-June 1901	66
Joliet Daily Republican, July-Dec. 1901	67
Joliet Daily Republican, Jan.-June 1902	68
Joliet Daily Republican, July-Dec. 1902	69
Joliet Daily Republican, Jan.-June 1903	70
Joliet Daily Republican, July-Dec. 1903	71
Joliet Daily Republican, Jan.-June 1904	72
Joliet Daily Republican, Sept.-Dec. 1904	73
Joliet Daily Republican, Jan.-March 1905	74

Joliet Republican, April-June 1905	75
Joliet Daily Republican, July-Sept. 1905	76
Joliet Daily Republican, Oct.-Dec. 1905	77
Joliet Daily Republican, Jan.-March 1906	78
Joliet Daily Republican, April-June 1906	79
Joliet Daily Republican, July-Sept. 1906	80
Joliet Daily Republican, Jan.-March 1907	81
Joliet Republican, Jan.-March 1909	82
Joliet Republican, April-June 1909	83
Joliet Republican, July-Sept. 1909	84
Joliet Republican, Oct.-Dec. 1909	85
Joliet Republican, July-Sept. 1910	86
Joliet Republican, Oct. 1910-Jan. 1911	87

Series 7: Joliet Signal, 1853-1885

Location: RR.4.2-3

Scope : The Joliet Signal was first published in 1844 under the title Juliet Signal. It is unclear when the newspaper stopped being published. The publication has run under several publishers including A. Stillman, S.W.Randall, and Zarley & Co.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Signal, 1853 and 1880	88
Joliet Signal, 1876	89
Joliet Signal, 1878	90
Joliet Signal, 1879	91
Joliet Signal, 1881	92
Joliet Signal, 1882	93
Joliet Signal, 1884	94
Joliet Signal, 1885	95

Series 8: Joliet Sun, 1875 – 1876, 1880

Location: RR.4.3-4

Scope: The Joliet Sun (also known as the Joliet Daily Sun) was published from 1874 thru 1882. The issues housed in this collection cover the period of publication with minimal gaps.

Box Title	Box #
Joliet Daily Sun, Oct. 19, 1874 – Sept. 30, 1875	96
Joliet Sun, Aug. 1875	97
Joliet Daily Sun, Feb. 1876	98
Joliet Sun, 1876	99
Joliet Sun, 1880	100

