

Research Guide

REELS OF MICROFILM CONTAINING THE NATIONAL DEMOCRAT NEWSPAPER AT THE CASS DISTRICT LIBRARY'S LOCAL HISTORY BRANCH.

The *National Democrat* was the third newspaper published in Cass County, behind the *Cass County Advocate* (started 1845) and *Cass County Literary News* (in 1846), its first issue being published in Cassopolis on March 17, 1850. It was published weekly for over 74 years, its last issue appearing April 24, 1924.

Despite the fact this paper had hardy support within the local community for over seven decades, a relatively few copies have survived. Below is a list of reels of film containing issues of the *Democrat*, spanning 1851-1919. These reels contain miscellaneous issues of the *Democrat* that have survived. Be sure to check the "Rare Newspapers" page on our website which contains a few more recently discovered (or rediscovered) issues of this title.

Reel D1: *Edwardsburg Argus*, Aug. 11, 1887; *St. Joseph Herald*, June 20, 1885; *National Democrat*, November 20, 1859. (No indication on this film of what company did the filming, where, or when it was completed).

Reel K1 – 1851: May 13; May 27; June 3; June 10; June 24; July 8; July 15; July 22; Aug. 5; Aug. 12; Sep. 2; Sep. 16; Sep. 23; Sep. 30; Oct. 7; Oct. 28; Nov. 18; Nov. 25; Dec. 2; Dec. 9; Dec. 16; Dec. 23. **1852:** Jan. 13; Jan. 20; Jan. 27; Feb. 3; Feb. 10; Aug. 17; Sep. 14. **1855:** Apr. 14. **1856:** Apr. 12. **1863:** May 5; May 12; May 19; May 26; June 2; June 9; June 16; June 23; June 30; July 7; July 14; July 21; July 28; Aug. 4; Aug. 11; Aug. 18; Aug. 25; Sep. 1; Sep. 8; Sep. 15; Sep. 22; Sep. 29; Oct. 6; Oct. 13; Oct. 27; Nov. 3; Nov. 17; Nov. 24; Dec. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 15; Dec. 22; Dec. 29. **1864:** Jan. 3; Jan. 5; Jan. 12; Jan. 19; Jan. 26; Feb. 2; Feb. 9; Feb. 16; Feb. 23; Mar. 1; Mar. 8; Mar. 15; Mar. 22; Mar. 29; Apr. 5; Apr. 12; Apr. 19; May 3; May 10; May 17; May 24; May 31; June 7; June 14; June 21; June 28; July 5; July 12; July 19; July 26; Aug. 2; Aug. 9; Aug. 16; Aug. 30; Sep. 6; Sep. 13; Sep. 20; Sep. 27; Oct. 11; Oct. 18; Oct. 25; Nov. 1; Nov. 8; Nov. 15; Nov. 22; Nov. 29; Dec. 6; Dec. 13; Dec. 20. **1865:** Jan. 10; Jan. 17; Jan. 24; Jan. 31; Feb. 14; Feb. 21; Feb. 28; Mar. 7; Mar. 14; Mar. 21; Mar. 28; Apr. 4; Apr. 11; Apr. 25. **1866:** May 3; May 10; May 17; May 24; May 31; June 7; June 14; June 21; June 28; July 5; July 12; July 19; July 26; Aug. 2; Aug. 9; Aug. 16; Aug. 23; Aug. 30; Sep. 6; Sep. 13; Sep. 20; Sep. 27; Oct. 4; Oct. 11; Oct. 18; Oct. 25; Nov. 1; Nov. 8; Nov. 15; Nov. 22; Nov. 29; Dec. 6. (This reel was filmed by Charlotte Rifenberg of United Microfilm Service, Record Retention Systems, Cassopolis, Michigan on January 10, 1989.)

Reel K2 – 1866: Dec. 20; Dec. 27; **1867:** Jan. 3; Jan. 10; Jan. 17; Jan. 24; Jan. 31; Feb. 7; Feb. 14; Feb. 21; Feb. 28; Mar. 7; Mar. 14; Mar. 21; Mar. 28; Apr. 4; Apr. 11; Apr. 18; Sep. 26; Oct. 3.

1868: May 7; July 2; July 9; July 16; July 23; July 30; Aug. 13; Aug. 20; Aug. 27; Sep. 3; Sep. 17; Oct. 1; Oct. 8; Oct. 22; Oct. 29; Nov. 5; Nov. 12; Nov. 19; Nov. 26; Dec. 3; Dec. 10; Dec. 17; Dec. 24; Dec. 31. **1869:** Jan. 7; Jan. 14; Jan. 21; Jan. 28; Feb. 4; Feb. 11; Feb. 18; Feb. 25; Mar. 4; Mar. 11; Mar. 18; Mar. 25; Apr. 1; Apr. 8; Apr. 15. **1870:** Jan. 6; Jan. 20; Jan. 27; Feb. 3; Feb. 10; Feb. 17; Feb. 24; Mar. 3; Mar. 10; Mar. 17; Mar. 24; Mar. 31; Apr. 7; Apr. 14; Apr. 21; Apr. 28; Aug. 25; Sep. 15; Sep. 22; Sep. 29; Oct. 6; Oct. 13; Oct. 20; Nov. 10; Nov. 17. **1871:** Sep. 7; Oct. 12; Oct. 19; Oct. 26; Nov. 2. **1872:** Jan. 18; Dec. 19. **1873:** Apr. 24; May 8; May 15; May 22; May 29; June 5; June 12; June 19; June 26; July 3; July 10; July 17; July 24; July 31; Aug. 1; Aug. 8; Aug. 22; Sep. 11; Sep. 18; Sep. 25. (This reel was filmed by Charlotte Rifenberg of United Microfilm Service, Record Retention Systems, Cassopolis, Michigan on January 10, 1989.)

Reel K10 – 1873: Oct. 9; Nov. 6; Nov. 13; Nov. 20; Nov. 27. **1874:** Jan. 8; Jan. 15; Jan. 22; Jan. 29; Feb. 5; Feb. 12; Feb. 19; Feb. 26; Mar. 12; Mar. 19; Mar. 26; Apr. 2; Apr. 9. **1875:** June 3; June 10; June 17; June 24; July 1; July 8; July 15; July 22; July 29; Aug. 5; Aug. 12; Aug. 19; Aug. 26; Sep. 2; Sep. 9; Sep. 16; Sep. 23; Sep. 30; Oct. 7; Oct. 14; Oct. 21; Oct. 28; Nov. 4; Nov. 11; Nov. 18; Nov. 25; Dec. 2; Dec. 9; Dec. 16; Dec. 23; Dec. 30. **1876:** Jan. 6; Jan. 13; Jan. 20; Jan. 27; Feb. 3; Feb. 10; Feb. 24; Mar. 2; Mar. 9; Mar. 16; Mar. 23; Apr. 6; Apr. 13. Following 1876 issues are miscellaneous issues of the *National Democrat* 1877-1912, with issues of the *Herald Republican* (Dowagiac) dating from 1909, and *Dowagiac Daily Herald* dating from 1910, being interspersed among the *National Democrat* issues. (This reel was filmed by Charlotte Rifenberg of United Microfilm Service, Record Retention Systems, Cassopolis, Michigan on January 10, 1989. Whereabouts and contents of reels K3-9 are unknown.)

Reel K15 July 12, 1856; Jan. 5 – Oct. 25, 1900. (This reel was filmed by Western Michigan University Regional Archives & History Collections in 1986. Whereabouts and contents of reels K11-14 are unknown.)

Reel K18 Sep. 1 – Dec. 19, 1898; Miscellaneous copies Oct. 29, 1914 – July 18, 1919. (This reel was filmed by Charlotte Rifenberg of United Microfilm Service, Cassopolis, Michigan on February 1, 1989. The whereabouts and contents of reels K16-17 are unknown.)

Reel K20 Oct. 25, 1900 – July 10, 1902. (Reels K20 to K22 filmed by Western Michigan University in 1986. Contents and whereabouts of Reels K19 unknown.)

Reel K21 July 10, 1902 – Mar. 24, 1904.

Reel K22 Mar. 24, 1904 – Nov. 16, 1905.

Reel K23 Nov. 16, 1905 – Aug. 21, 1913 (and retake list).

