

Research Guide

Index to the microfilm reels of the Cassopolis Vigilant in the collections of the Cass District Library's Local History Branch

The first issue of the *Cassopolis Vigilant* was published on Thursday, May 16, 1872. Reels A1-16 part 1 filmed by UMI for Library of Michigan in 1969. Obituaries have been indexed from 1872 – 2020 in card file at the local history branch. Obit index covering 1998 – present are also available online www.cassdistrictlibrary.org/cass-county-obituary-index/

Reel A1: May 16, 1872 – Sep. 6, 1877. (Missing May 14, 1874 – January 13, 1876).

Reel A2: Sep. 6, 1877 – July 7, 1881. (Months Jan – Apr 1880 are out of order).

Reel A3: May 20, 1880 – May 12, 1881. (Filmed in reverse).

Reel A4: July 7, 1881 – July 3, 1884.

Reel A5: July 10, 1884 – July 28, 1887.

Reel A6: Aug. 4, 1887 – Aug. 14, 1890.

Reel A7: Aug. 21, 1890 – Aug. 17, 1893.

Reel A8: Aug. 24, 1893 – Sep. 10, 1896.

Reel A9: Sep. 17, 1896 – Sep. 21, 1899.

Reel A10: Sep. 29, 1899 – Mar. 27, 1902.

Reel A11: Apr. 3, 1902 – Oct. 6, 1904.

Reel A12: Oct. 13, 1904 – Apr. 9, 1908.

Reel A13: Apr. 16, 1908 – Nov. 11, 1909.

Reel A14: Nov. 18, 1909 – Aug. 22, 1912.

Reel A15: Aug. 29, 1912 – June 10, 1915.

Reel A16 part 1: June 15 – Dec. 25, 1915 & all 1917 + Jan. 1 – Dec. 25, 1919. (1916 & 1918 on Reels A16 parts 2 and 3).

Reel A16 part 2: Jan. 6, 1916 – Jan. 24, 1918. (Reels A16 parts 2 and 3 filmed by United Microfilm Service of Cassopolis, Michigan in 1989).

Reel A16 part 3: Jan 31 – Dec. 26, 1918.

NOTE: Reels A17-27 were filmed in reverse chronological order. Example: the actual running order of Reel A17 is 1922, 1921, and 1920. To further complicate matters, pages within each issue were filmed out of order. These reels are the only extant copies of the *Vigilant* from these years. It is believed they were filmed locally during the 1970s, but there is no information on the film or box indicating the company that did the work, or when it was completed.

Reel A17: 1920, 1921, 1922.

Reel A18: 1923, 1924, 1925.

Reel A19: 1926, 1927, 1928.
Reel A20: 1929, 1930, 1931.
Reel A21: 1932, 1933, 1934.
Reel A22: 1935, 1936, 1937.
Reel A23: 1938, 1939, 1940.
Reel A24: 1941, 1942, 1943.
Reel A25: 1944, 1945, 1946.
Reel A26: 1947, 1948, 1949.
Reel A27: 1950, 1951, 1952.
Reel A28: 1953, 1954. (Reels A28 was filmed in reverse chronological order 1954-1953. Also runs Dec – Jan with pages out of order. No indication of who did the work. Only extant copy of the papers.),
Reel A29: 1955.
Reel A30: Jan. 5 – Dec. 27, 1956. (Filmed by Itek Bus.Prodts. Southfield, MI Jan. 31, 1979).
Reel A31: 1957. (Filmed March 19, 1978 by Itek).
Reel A32: 1958. (Filmed Oct. 4, 1979. No indication on film or box of what company did the work).
Reel A33: 1959. (Filmed Jan. 20, 1983. No indication on film or box of what company did the work).

NOTE: Reels #6241 – #6261 were filmed from only extant copies of the *Cassopolis Vigilant* dating 1960 – 1978. These bound issues were acquired by the Cass District Library's Local History Branch in 2003 by Sherry Hilden from former publisher Jim Spaniolo. In 2019 these bound issues were microfilmed by Preservation Microfilming at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI for the Cass District Library's Local History Branch.

Reel #6241: January 7 – December 29, 1960.
Reel #6242: January 5 – December 28, 1961.
Reel #6243: January 4 – December 27, 1962.
Reel #6244: January 3 – December 26, 1963.
Reel #6245: January 2 – December 31, 1964.
Reel #6246: January 7 – December 30, 1965.
Reel #6247: January 6 – December 29, 1966.
Reel #6248: January 5 – December 28, 1967.
Reel #6249: January 4 – December 26, 1968.
Reel #6250: January 2 – June 26, 1969.
Reel #6251: July 3 – December 25, 1969.
Reel #6252: January 1 – December 31, 1970.
Reel #6253: January 7 – December 30, 1971.
Reel #6254: January 6 – December 28, 1972.
Reel #6255: January 4 – December 27, 1973.

Reel #6256: January 3 – December 26, 1974.
Reel #6257: January 2 – December 25, 1975.
Reel #6258: January 1 – December 30, 1976.
Reel #6259: January 6 – June 30, 1977.
Reel #6260: July 7 – December 29, 1977.
Reel #6261: January 5 – December 28, 1978.

NOTE: Reels A34 – A51 were filmed by Imaging Office Systems, Inc. (in either Ft. Wayne or Indianapolis, IN) August 17 – 24, 1995.

Reel A34: March 2, 1978 – April 26, 1979.
Reel A35: May 3, 1979 – September 11, 1980.
Reel A36: September 18, 1980 – December 17, 1981.
Reel A37: December 24, 1981 – March 10, 1983.
Reel A38: March 17, 1983 – March 29, 1984.
Reel A39: April 5, 1984 – January 31, 1985.
Reel A40: February 7, 1985 – December 12, 1985.
Reel A41: December 19, 1985 – September 25, 1986.
Reel A42: October 2, 1986 – July 9, 1987.
Reel A43: July 16, 1987 – May 12, 1988.
Reel A44: May 19, 1988 – April 6, 1989.
Reel A45: April 13, 1989 – April 19, 1990.
Reel A46: April 26, 1990 – January 31, 1991.
Reel A47: February 7 – December 26, 1991.
Reel A48: January 2, 1992 – January 7, 1993.
Reel A49: January 14 – December 2, 1993.
Reel A50: December 9, 1993 – October 20, 1994.
Reel A51: October 27 – December 29, 1994.

Reel A52: Jan. 5 – Dec. 28, 1995 (Filmed in 1999 by UMI, Ann Arbor, MI).
Reel A53: 1996 – 1997. (Filmed 1999 by UMI, Ann Arbor, MI).
Reel A54: 1998. (Reels A54-A58 filmed by Proquest in 2004).
Reel A55: 1999.
Reel A56: 2000.
Reel A57: 2001.
Reel A58: 2002.
Reel A59: 2003. (Reels A59-A73 filmed by Proquest annually).
Reel A60: 2004.
Reel A61: 2005.
Reel A62: 2006.
Reel A63: 2007.

Reel A64: 2008.

Reel A65: 2009.

Reel A66: 2010.

Reel A67: 2011.

Reel A68: 2012.

Reel A69: 2013.

Reel A70: 2014.

Reel A71: 2015.

Reel A72: 2016.

Reel A73: 2017.

Reel A74: Jan. 4, 2018 – Dec. 27, 2018. (Reels A74-A75 filmed by Advantage Archives of Cedar Rapids, Iowa).

Reel A75: Jan. 3, 2019 – Dec. 26, 2019.