

Research Guide:

Niles Gazette and Advertiser 1835-1837 issues on microfilm.

Cass County's first newspaper was the *Cass County Advocate*, originally published at Cassapolis beginning on March 11, 1845. However neighboring Berrien County's first newspaper began publication nearly ten years earlier, at Niles on September 5, 1835. It was titled the *Niles Gazette and Advertiser* and often included news items regarding Cass County because many of its subscription base lived east of the village of Niles.

During the 1830s, Michigan was still on the frontier of North America. The southwestern counties of Berrien (1831), Cass (1829), Van Buren (1837), and St. Joseph (1829) were "set off" as geographical units on October 29, 1829 and organized in the years in parenthesis. Thus, the Gazette and Advertiser is an important source document for those studying any of those early county histories as they are so intertwined.

Here is a listing of the issues of the *Niles Gazette and Advertiser*, published weekly, on microfilm at the Local History Branch of the Cass District Library. The original filming was done at the Michigan State Library in 1967.

The first issue dated September 5, 1835 is not extant.

1835: Sep 12; Oct 3 (this was the third issue published.); Oct 10; Oct 17; Oct 24; Oct 31; Nov 7; Nov 14; Nov 21; Nov 28; Dec 5; Dec 12; Dec 19; Dec 26.

1836: Jan 2; Jan 9; Jan 16; Jan 23; Jan 30; Feb 6; Feb 13; Feb 20; Feb 27; Mar 5; Mar 12; Mar 19; Mar 26; Apr 2; (NOTE: Apr 9 not extant); Apr 16; Apr 23; Apr 30; May 11 (Publication day changes, no missing issues); May 18; May 25; Jun 8 (NOTE: No issue published Jun 1); Jun 15; Jun 22; Jul 6 (No issue published Jun 29); Jul 13; Jul 20; Jul 27; Aug 3; Aug 10; Aug 17; Aug 24; Aug 31; Sep 7; Sep 14; Sep 21; Sep 28; Oct 5; Oct 18 (Day of publication changes, no issues missing); Nov 1 (This is first issue published after Oct 18); Nov 15 (No issue published Nov 8); Nov 22; Nov 29; Dec 6; Dec 13; Dec 20 (Last issue of 1836, no issue published Dec 27).

1837: Jan 3; Jan 10; Jan 17; Jan 24; Jan 31; Feb 7; Feb 14; Feb 21; Feb 28.