

## Research guide: *Niles Republican*, 1845.

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The Local History Branch of the Cass District Library has the following issues of the *Niles Republican* from the year 1845 on microfilm.

The editor of the *Niles Republican* from 1842-1862 was Darius Burgess Cook, born in Litchfield, Connecticut on January 1, 1815. Cook started as a printer's rat at a New England paper, then moving to Michigan in 1836 he worked at a paper in Pontiac before heading to Washington, DC. While in our Nation's Capital he worked as a printer on the *Washington Intelligencer*, covering the actions of the US Senate which then included such giants as Henry Clay.

He soon returned to Michigan and worked for the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, taking a leave of absence to spend the winter of 1839-1840 in the forests of Allegan and Barry Counties with the Indians and fighting off wolves and panthers. His accounts were written and published in 1889 in the book "Six Months Among Indians".

In 1842 he set out from Kalamazoo on the Chicago Road with a printing press on the back of a wagon and got as far as Niles. When he learned that Niles did not have a Democratic newspaper he stayed and bought the *Niles Republican* (started in 1839). Cook sold it in 1862, and started the *Niles Mirror*.

The 1845 issues of the *Niles Republican* contain marriage, death, and birth announcements of Cass County residents, in addition to advertisements for information for lost farm animals that went astray.

**1845:** Jan 4; Jan 11; Jan 18; Jan 25; Feb 1; Feb 8; Feb 15; Feb 22; Mar 1; Mar 8; Mar 15; Mar 22; Mar 29; Apr 5; Apr 12; Apr 19; Apr 26; [May 3 MISSING]; May 10; May 17; May 24; May 31; Jun 7; Jun 14; Jun 21; Jun 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; Dec 13; Dec 20; Dec 27.