Barnstable Patriot Newspaper

Digital Archive

The First 100 years, 1830-1930
The Barnstable Patriot began publication with its first weekly issue on June 26, 1830. The Patriot is the oldest continuous, uninterrupted publication in Barnstable County, Massachusetts, and is the seventh oldest newspaper in the United States.

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Goals for Barnstable Patriot Project

- Digitize the first 100 years
- Raise all funds through grants and donations
- Scan from microfilm rather than originals
- Keyword searchable
- Ability to limit by various search criteria
- Easy, clean interface
- Ability to add content in the future
Funding for Project

- IMLS/LSTA Grant
- Barnstable Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
- Lothrop Family Foundation
- Donations from individuals and organizations
- Total project cost – Approximately $60,000
Newspaper Index Searching

Welcome to the Sturgis Library's Barnstable Patriot digital newspaper archive. The Barnstable Patriot began publication with its first weekly issue on June 26, 1830. The Patriot is the oldest continuous, uninterrupted publication in Barnstable County, Massachusetts, and is the fourteenth oldest newspaper in the United States. Originally published by Dr. James B. Minot, Frank Goss took the reigns in the late 1880s. An auto生意 and businessman, Goss, along with his son, also established several other Cape Cod newspapers, including the Provincetown Advocate, available as a digital archive courtesy of the Provincetown Public Library.

The Barnstable Patriot digital newspaper archive currently covers the first 100 years of newspaper issues — 1830-1930. There are plans underway to provide access to additional years, for access to print and microfilm copies of the issues from 1925 to date, please contact the Sturgis Library at (508) 362-4636 or library@sturgislibrary.org.

The Patriot is still being published today. Current issues can be read online at the Barnstable Patriot website. Archived issues are available from 1830 to date at the Patriot archive page.

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Additional Considerations

- Beta testing
- Promoting the archive/index
- Providing training
- Budgeting and fundraising for hosting costs
- Troubleshooting & maintenance

The public library will be closed on next Thursday and Friday as the librarian will be away attending a meeting of the Cape Cod Library Association.