

## **REVEALS NEWSPAPER WAS IN CITY 100 YEARS AGO**

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 7 May 1956

Cookeville can now lay claim to having had a newspaper one hundred years ago as a result of a copy of the *Cookeville Times* recently found in the possession of Dr. Kenneth L. Haile, local physician.

Dr. Haile has held until recently a May 22, 1858 edition of the *Times* which was No. 44 of Volume II, thus dating the beginning of the paper in 1856. Miss Ella Morgan, an aunt in Gainesboro gave Dr. Haile the paper several years ago and he held it until just recently when he donated it to the state library where it will be laminated and preserved for the future. The lamination process is guaranteed to preserve old newspapers and other papers for at least 500 years.

Dr. Haile said he had no way to preserve it but by putting it in the state library where it can be processed it will be available for research for many years to come.

Dr. Haile also had some other old newspapers which he presented to the state library including one issue of *The Upper Cumberland* published on August 26, 1880 in Gainesboro.

Guy Stewart director of publicity at Tennessee Tech, who is currently working on his Ph. D dissertation entitled "Middle Tennessee Newspapers, 1799-1876," recently learned about the paper while talking with Dr. Haile about his research.

Since then, Stewart also has learned of another Cookeville newspaper published in 1876 called the *Middle Tennessean*. The only known copy of this paper is in the library of the Chicago Historical society.

Until just a few weeks ago the earliest known newspaper in Cookeville was *The Putnam County Herald*, according to the Union List of United States newspapers. It lists the beginning of the *Herald* in 1903. The Union List and Brigham's Bibliography of American Newspapers before 1820, the two standard academic bibliographies, list no other earlier Cookeville paper.

The *Times* and *Middle Tennessean* are now part of the 47 newspapers discovered by Stewart which are not listed in the two aforementioned bibliographies. In addition to the 47 new titles Stewart has found at least 1,500 issues of newspapers which are not listed in these standard bibliographies.

Because these two Cookeville newspapers have just recently been discovered, Stewart thinks there may be a possibility that other papers are existing that have not previously recorded, and he appealed today to anyone having any such information to contact him.

**Note: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN:**

<http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/newspapers/tn-paper.htm>

Newspapers on Micro-Film at TSLA:

The vast collection of newspaper microfilm at the Library and Archives includes almost every existent newspaper published in Tennessee. The filming project began in 1957 and Library and Archives staff have been preserving Tennessee newspapers ever since.

This list includes information about each known newspaper in the state, arranged by the place of publication. (A list of these [communities arranged by county](#) is also available.) The entry includes the title of the paper, the frequency of publication, and the dates of operation of that paper. Title changes and mergers, if known, are also noted.

The holdings information lists the dates for which we have issues of the paper. In many cases a newspaper may have been published for many years but only a few issues have survived to be microfilmed. Dates in brackets indicate that only scattered issues between those dates are available.

### **Interlibrary Loan**

The Tennessee State Library and Archives will loan microfilmed Tennessee newspapers to other **libraries in Tennessee**. TSLA does **not** loan newspaper microfilm to libraries outside of Tennessee.

TSLA will loan out a newspaper microfilm reel **if we hold the negative of the microfilm reel**. A table of [newspaper titles & dates not available for loan](#) is located on our page of [interlibrary loan policies and procedures](#).

### **Purchasing Microfilm**

Newspaper microfilm for which the State Library and Archives owns the master negative may be purchased. For more information about microfilm sales, contact our [Preservation Services staff](#).

### **Searches by Mail**

Our Research Services office can search a specific newspaper issue to locate and copy an article by mail. [Instructions and information](#) about fees can be found on our web site.

### **Additional Newspapers**

If you know of original newspapers not included in this list which are available for filming, please contact our [Preservation Services staff](#). The [Tennessee Newspaper Project](#) at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville is compiling a database of newspapers available statewide.

#### **Cookeville (Putnam)**

*Citizen*. N 27? 1895 - 1899? w.

Filmed with *Cookville Press*

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** My 19 1897

*Citizen*. Je 23 1954 - Je 14 1960. w.

Continued by *Cookeville Citizen*.

Filmed with *Cookeville Citizen*

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Je 23 1954 - Je 14 1960

*Cookeville Citizen*. Je 21 1960 - Ja 7 1969. w.

Continues *Citizen* (1954 - 1960).

Merged with *Putnam County Herald* to form *Cookeville Herald - Citizen*. Jan. 7, 1969 filmed with *Cookeville Herald and Citizen*.

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Je 21 1960 - Ja 7 1969

*Cookeville Courier*. My ? 1890 - ? w.

Filmed with *Cookeville Press*

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Je 1 1893

*Cookeville Free Press*. Mr 7 1963 - Jl 5 1963. w.

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Mr 7 1963 - Jl 5 1963

*Cookeville Herald - Citizen*. Ja 14 1969 - sw.d.

Supersedes *Cookeville Citizen* and *Putnam County Herald* (1929 - 1969).

Frequency varies: sw. Ja - Ap 1969; d. My 1 1969 - .

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Ja 14 1969 – present

*Cookeville News*. 1863? - ? w.

Filmed with *Cookeville Press*

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Mr 8 1873

*Cookeville Press*. ? 1887 - 1917? w.

**TSLA HOLDINGS:** My 2 1889; Mr 27, Jl 17 1890; 1894 - 1895; Ja - D 10 1896; 1897 - 1903; S 1 1904; 1905; O 10 1907; [1908 - 1909] 23, 30 1911; Je 6, Jl 18; S 19, O 9; D 5 1912; Ja 30, F 27; My 15,29; Jl 17; O 17 1913; S 25 1914

*Cookeville Times.* Jl 26? 1856 - ? w.  
Filmed with *Cookeville Press*  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** My 22 1858

*Dispatch.* A 21 1965 - Jl 19 1987. w.tw.d.  
Continues *Tennessee Pictorial Dispatch.*  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Ap 21 1965 - Jl 19 1987

*Middle Tennessean.* N 19? 1873 - ? w.  
Filmed with *Cookeville Press*  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Ap 16 1876

*Putnam County Herald.* F 11 1903 - O 5 1922. w.  
Continued by *Semi - Weekly Putnam County Herald.*  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** F 11 1903 - Ap 4 1906; Mr 1907 - O 5 1922

*Putnam County Herald.* D ? 1929 - Ja 2 1969. w.sw.  
Continues *Putnam County Herald And Upper Cumberland News.*  
Merged with *Cookeville Citizen* to form *Cookeville Herald - Citizen.*  
Frequency varies: sw. My 30 1955 - Mr 31 1960. Ja 2 1969 filmed with *Cookeville Herald - Citizen*  
Filmed with *Putnam County Herald* (1903 - 1922).  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** 1930 - Ja 2 1969

*Putnam County Herald And Upper Cumberland News.* F 17 1927 - D? 1929. sw.  
Supersedes *Upper Cumberland News* and *Semi - Weekly Putnam County Herald.*  
Continued by *Putnam County Herald* (1929 - 1969).  
Filmed with *Putnam County Herald* (1903 - 1922)  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** F 17 1927 - 1928

*Semi - Weekly Putnam County Herald.* O 9 1922 - F 14 1927. sw.  
Continues *Putnam County Herald* (1903 - 1922).  
Merged with *Upper Cumberland News* to form *Putnam County Herald And Upper Cumberland News.*  
Filmed with *Putnam County Herald* (1903 - 1922)  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** O 1922 - N 1924; Ap 23, 30, My 4; D 29 1925; D 20, 23, 30 1926; Ja - F 14 1927

*Tennessee Pictorial Dispatch.* Ag 14 1963 - Ap 14 1965. w.  
Continued by *Dispatch.*  
Filmed with *Dispatch*  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Ag 14 1963 - Ap 14 1965

*Upper Cumberland News.* Ja 3 1923 - F? 1927. w.  
Merged with *Semi - Weekly Putnam County Herald* to form *Putnam County Herald And Upper Cumberland News.*  
Filmed with *Cookeville Press*  
**TSLA HOLDINGS:** Ja 31 1923; O 29 1924

\*Read more about Putnam Co., TN at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>