



# RESEARCH GUIDE

## Hartford Courant

### Introduction

The *Hartford Courant*, the country's oldest newspaper in continuous publication, is now searchable online and available in full text for the following years: historically **1764-1984** and currently **1992+**. Older issues (**1985-1991**) not accessible online are available on microfilm in the Babbidge Library, Microform Research Collection, Level 3. To locate those articles in the *Hartford Courant* not yet available electronically, use the print indexes described in this guide.

### Online Access

*Hartford Courant Historical* 1764-1984

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **Hartford Courant Historical**

Provides full page and article images as well as full text.

*Newspapers through ProQuest*

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **Newspapers through ProQuest** → **Hartford Courant**

Provides full-text access to the *Hartford Courant* from January 1, 1992 to the present.

*iConn, the Connecticut Digital Library*

<http://iconn.org>

*iConn Newsstand* provides full text access to the *Hartford Courant* from January 1, 1992 to the present.

Also provides full text for five major newspapers. Accessible to all who hold a Connecticut Public Library Card.

*LexisNexis News*

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → **LexisNexis News**

Provides full-text access to the *Hartford Courant* from 6 months ago to the present.

Step One: Select General

Step Two: Select Power Search

Step Three: Enter Search Terms.

Example: budget and Rell

Step Four: Select Source: The *Hartford Courant*

Step Five: Specify Date

*Hartford Courant on the Web* 1764-1979, 1992+

<http://www.courant.com/> → under *Newspaper Services* → **Archives – From 1764**

*Courant Archives* provides free access to citations and abstracts of articles only; charges apply to view and print full text. Online archives provide text and do not include photographs.

### Microfilm Access to the *Hartford Courant*, 1764 – 1837; 1985-1991: Babbidge Library

The *Hartford Courant* on microfilm is located in the Babbidge Microform Research Collection, Level 3.

Babbidge holdings:

**1764-1774** *Connecticut Courant (Hartford, Conn. : 1764)*

No. 1 – no. 492 • Nov. 19, 1764 – May 31, 1774

Location: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfilm**

Shelved as: *Early American Newspapers (Connecticut, Hartford)*

- 1774-1778** *The Connecticut Courant and Hartford Weekly Intelligencer*  
 No. 493 – no. 681 • June 7, 1774 – Feb. 10, 1778  
 Location: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfilm**  
 Shelved as: *Early American Newspapers (Connecticut, Hartford)*
- 1778** *Connecticut Courant (Hartford, Conn. : 1778)*  
 No. 682 • Feb. 17, 1778  
 Location: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfilm**  
 Shelved as: *Early American Newspapers (Connecticut, Hartford)*
- 1778-1791** *The Connecticut Courant, and the Weekly Intelligencer*  
 No. 683 – no. 1364 • Feb. 24, 1778 – Mar. 14, 1791  
 Location: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfilm**  
 Shelved as: *Early American Newspapers (Connecticut, Hartford)*
- 1791-1837** *Connecticut Courant (Hartford, Conn. : 1791)*  
 Vol. 27, no. 1365 – vol. 73 no. 3806  
 Mar. 21, 1791 – Dec. 30, 1837  
 Location: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfilm**  
 Shelved as: *Early American Newspapers (Connecticut, Hartford)*
- 1985-1991** *Hartford Courant*  
 Vol. 148, no. 335 – vol. 154, no. 359  
 Dec. 1, 1985 – Dec. 25, 1991  
 Location: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfilm**  
 Shelved as: *Hartford Courant*

## Microfilm and Print Indexes to the *Hartford Courant*: Babbidge Library

- 1764–1820** *Index to Connecticut News in the Connecticut Courant*  
 Microfilm version of a card index compiled by the Connecticut Historical Society.  
 Search the *Connecticut Courant* by names and subjects arranged alphabetically.  
 Location: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfilm**  
 Shelved as: *Early American Newspapers (Connecticut, Hartford)*
- 1956–1985** *Hartford Courant Index* 26 vols.  
 Locations: Bound volumes: **Level A Annex /AI 21 H372 1991**  
 Card file: **Level A** (left of Journal Collection mobile stacks)  
 Microfiche: **Level 3, Babbidge Microform Research Collections, Microfiche**  
 Compiled by Charles Towne, longtime *Courant* editor, and former instructor at the University of Connecticut.  
**Bound volumes** are organized by broad topic; e.g., Accidents, Crime, Industry, etc. Within volumes, news items are arranged chronologically. The entry date in the *Index* refers to the date the event occurred; all events listed are reported and appear in the following day's paper.  
 The **card file** is a name index, including personal and corporate names, as well as some special headings, such as musical and theatrical works. Divided into three categories (general, business, and performing arts), entries refer to the date of an event, with additional reference to the appropriate bound volume.  
 See the beginning of each bound volume for detailed guidance on the use of these indexes.  
**Microfiche collection:** contents of bound volumes in fiche format.
- 1978–1989** *Connecticut News Handbook*  
 Bound volumes: **Level A Annex /AI3 C66** [Holdings: 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984–1986, 1989]  
 Compiled at Southern Connecticut State University, and published by the Connecticut Information Company.
- 1987–1993** *Index to the Hartford Courant* 7 vols. [McMillan Indexing Service]  
**Level A Annex /AI 21 H37**  
 Annual cumulation of semi-annual indexes to all seven regional editions of the *Hartford Courant*. Includes local, state and regional articles, with selected wire service articles dealing with local or state subjects.

For additional help, contact:

- Reference Desk, Babbidge Library (860) 486-2513 <http://www.lib.uconn.edu>
- **Hartford Courant Research Line:** (860) 241-6573 (fee based)  
<http://www.courant.com/about/custom/thc/thc-research,0,5781179.htmlstory>