

Owensboro Newspapers: Special Editions, Kentucky Bicentennial Articles and Yearly Chronologies

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Owensboro Newspaper Special Editions

The following are special editions of Owensboro, KY newspapers that are available in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library. On right is listed the location in the Kentucky Room where they can be found – on microfilm or in the KRVF (Kentucky Room Vertical Files):

Date:	Title - number of supplemental sections - pages	Location
<u>Owensboro Messenger:</u>		
1888: 10-11	God's Country, Where We Live and Why We Live Here; 2 p	[microfilm]
<u>Owensboro Inquirer:</u>		
1899: 1-29	Special Illustrated Edition on Owensboro and Daviess County; 16 p	[microfilm]
<u>Owensboro Messenger:</u>		
1900: Spring	Ann Illustrated Souvenir Edition of the Daily Messenger; 30 p	[microfilm]
1907: 9-22	Greater Owensboro (Owensboro businesses); 12 p	[microfilm]
<u>Owensboro Inquirer:</u>		
1909: 8-1	25 th anniversary edition of the Inquirer; 1 section, 14 p	[microfilm]
<u>Owensboro Messenger:</u>		
1910: 5-22	Booster's Edition (Owensboro businesses); 2 sections, 16 p	[microfilm]
<u>Owensboro Inquirer:</u>		
1911: 1-29	Special edition; 12 p	[microfilm]
1917: 2-22	70 th anniversary of T. J. Turley special; 12 p	[microfilm]
1924: 5-29	Club & Development Edition; 8 sections, 96 p	[microfilm]
1927: 1-16	Opening of Kentucky Aircraft Company; 8 p	[microfilm]
<u>Owensboro Messenger:</u>		
1938 2-17	WOMI Radio station signs on the air; 1 section, 8 pages	[microfilm]

Owensboro Inquirer:

1938: 2-17 WOMI Radio station signs on the air; 1 section, 8 pages [microfilm]

Owensboro Messenger:

1939: 9-12 50th anniversary of S. W. Anderson's; 1 section, 20 pages [microfilm]

1940: 7-28 Dedication of Owensboro Bridge; 1 section, 32 p [microfilm]

1950: 9-9 Opening of Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital Addition,
1 section, 20 p [microfilm]

Owensboro Inquirer:

1951: 9-25 Kentucky Wesleyan College Opens Edition; 1 section, 10 p [microfilm]

Owensboro Messenger:

1953: 10-13 General Electric's 75th Anniversary; 1 section, 24 p [microfilm]

Owensboro Inquirer:

1954: 8-16 Owensboro Free – Bridge Edition; same in Messenger on 8-17;
3 sections, 60 p [microfilm]

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer:

1955: 1-26 Owensboro Municipal Electric plant opens; 1 section, 20 p [microfilm]

1955: 7-1 Owensboro's Sixth Annual Soap Box Derby; official souvenir
program, 20 p [microfilm]

1956: 10-24 Western Kentucky Gas Company Progress Section, 22 p [microfilm]

1959: 6-28 Opening of Dewey & Almy Chemical Plant; 1 section, 40 p [microfilm]

1961: 6-14 Murphy Miller Day; 2 sections, 36 p [microfilm]

1962: 7-28 Texas Gas Transmission Corporation Open House; 4 sections, 68 p [microfilm]

1963: 10-4 Opening of Owensboro Motor Hotel; 2 sections, 28 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY]

1963: 11-16 Gabe's Inn Opening; 2 sections, 26 p [microfilm & KRVF – Fiorella, Gabriel]

1964: 6-30 Elmer Smith Power Plant Dedication; 1 section, 24 p [microfilm]

1964: 9-5 New Courthouse Edition; 1 section, 24 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Daviess Co., KY: Courthouse]

1965: 10-5 Daviess County Sesquicentennial Edition; 4 sections, 50 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]

1966: 8-12 Harvey Aluminum Company Edition; 3 sections, 44 p [microfilm]

1967: 9-15 New Western Kentucky Gas Company Building; 2 sections, 32 p [microfilm]

1968: 12-7 Messenger-Inquirer: New Publishing Home; 3 sections, 32 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Newspapers]

1969: 1-22 New Owensboro National Bank Building Edition; 3 sections, 28 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY Banking: Owensboro National Bank]

1969: 4-29 Dedication of Brescia College Science Building; 2 sections, 16 p [microfilm]

1969: 7-26 Opening of new Citizens State Bank building; 3 sections, 32 p [microfilm]

1969: 10-4 Opening of new Citizens Security Life Insurance Co.; 2 sections, 16 p [microfilm]

1970: 1-4 It happened in Owensboro in the Sixties; 1 section, 10 p

- 1975: 1-1 Messenger-Inquirer Centennial; 1 section, 16 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Newspapers]
- 1976: 5-2 Bicentennial – Part I; 4 sections, 28 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 6-6 Bicentennial – Part II; 5 sections, 32 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 7-4 Bicentennial – Part III; 4 sections, 32 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 1977: 4-4 Dedication of Pinkerton Tobacco Company; section E, 8 p [microfilm]
- 1977: 10-16 Executive Inn Rivermont Dedication; 1 section, 24 p [microfilm]
- 1978: 2/28 Towne Square Mall Grand Opening; 1 section, 28 p [microfilm]
- 1979: 4-27 First Owensboro International Barbecue Festival; 1 section, 20 p [microfilm]
[special supplements for subsequent Barbecue Festivals can be found on
microfilm and/or KRVF – Owensboro, KY: International Barbecue Festival]
- 1985: 9-2 Famous Front Pages; 4 sections, 40 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 1985: 10-23 Messenger-Inquirer: How To Get Your News In The Newspaper; 1 section, 16 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Newspapers]
- 1986: 8-10 The Last Hanging, 3 p (1A, 10A & 11A) [microfilm]
- 1986: 8-31 A Generation Remembers – Daily Life 1900-1949; 1 section; 4 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 9-1 A Generation Remembers – Daily Life 1900-1909; 1 section; 4 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 9-8 A Generation Remembers – Daily Life 1910-1919; 1 section; 4 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 9-15 A Generation Remembers – Daily Life 1920-1929; 1 section; 4 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 9-22 A Generation Remembers – Daily Life 1930-1939; 1 section; 4 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 9-29 A Generation Remembers – Daily Life 1940-1949; 1 section; 4 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 1991: 3-10 The Storm’s Over – Soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf War; 1 section, 20 p
(not microfilmed) [KRVF – Veterans]
- 1992: 5-10 Kentucky Portrait, 1792-1992; 7 sections, 76 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 1992: 9-11 Opening of RiverPark Center; 1 section, 40 p
[KRKF – Owensboro, KY: RiverPark Center]
- 1993: 10-9 From Typewriters To High-Tech; 1 section, 16 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Newspapers]
- 1994: 5-15 New Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital Grand Opening; 1 section, 24 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Hospitals]
- 1997: 3-23 Flood: Surviving The Storm; 1 section, 16 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Floods: 1997]
- 1997: 7-4 Owensboro Bicentennial Celebration, 1797-1997; 1 section, 40 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Bicentennial]

- 1998: 4-23 Mount Saint Joseph Conference Retreat Center; 1 section, 16 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Mount St. Joseph Academy]
- 1998: 7-31 Vision 2008: Welcome To The Future; 4 sections, 40 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 1999: 1-16 Wendell Ford: A Life of Service; p7A and 2 sections, 28 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Biography: Ford, Wendell H.]
- 1999: 4-25 Our Young Men of The Wall; 1 section, 6 p [microfilm & KRVF – Vietnam War]
- 1999: 12-31 Covering the Century; 5 sections, 56 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 2000: 1-1 Covering the Century; 5 sections, 56 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 1-2 Covering the Century; 5 sections, 56 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 2000: 6-1 Messenger-Inquirer 125 Years of Service; 1 section, 32 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Newspapers]
- 2001: 3-30 Focus on Frederica; 1 section, 20 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: History]
- 2002: 8-16 Bridge to the Future: The William H. Natcher Bridge; 1 section, 6 p [microfilm]
- 2002: 9-5 Ten Year Anniversary of RiverPark Center; 1 section, 12 p
[microfilm & KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Riverpark Center]
- 2012: 8-23 Taking Off: Owensboro unveils new riverfront; 1 section, 16 p [microfilm]
- 2014: 1-29 Opening of Owensboro Convention Center; 1 section, 32 p
[KRVF – Owensboro, KY: Owensboro Convention Center]

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Articles Published in 1992 in the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer Commemorating Kentucky's Bicentennial

Issue of:

- January 6 - "Sassafras A Survivor": Owensboro's Sassafras Tree
- January 13 - "Kentucky, Daviess Share Spirited Past: Whiskey still plays key role in state economy, association says. Distilleries flourished here during 19th century."
- January 20 - "We thought it would never quit: 1937 flood one for the ages."
- January 27 - "Local war hero led battles against American Indians": Brig. Gen. Thomas Cruse.
- February 3 - "Kentucky guerillas led Courthouse burning": Bill

Davison.

- February 10 - "House may mark start of Lincoln's career: Future president was tried for operating a ferry without a license" - By Squire Samuel Pate of Hancock County.
- February 17 - "Day of dreams ended in flames - Story inspires plan for book, replica": Frank P. Sheehan's 1927 airplane crash.
- February 24 - "Schools learned lesson of equality": Integration.
- March 2 - "A Scotsman's dream preserved in buildings": Airdrie Iron Works.
- March 9 - "What makes a 'worst' fire?": Owensboro and area's worst fires.
- March 16 - "County's poor farm possesses rich history: Land on which Windridge Country Club is built once was home to paupers."
- March 23 - "Riverboat captain's legacy still standing": Captain James M. White of Breckinridge County.
- March 30 - "Industrial dream city died in 1850s: All that's left of Bon Harbor are hills near Ben Hawes State Park."
- April 6 - "Man retraces tracks of city transportation!"
- April 13 - "Owensboro once in a league of its own: Kitty League's Oilers made home here until 1955... City Marks 125 years of playing game."
- April 20 - "Confederate general used legendary tactic for 1st time in McLean - 'Kentucky belle' warned rebels of nearing troops": Nathan Bedford Forrest & Battle of Sacramento.
- April 27 - "Bridge designer proud of work: Owensboro man engineered the Indiana approach."
- May 4 - "The birth of Owensboro's barbecue industry: Ancestor of Old Hickory owner credited as its founding father."
- May 11 - "McLean native first American to die in action in World War I: Jim Gresham's name endures as that of a hero."

- May 18 - "These folks should be in Daviess hall of fame."
[note: article, "Nominees submitted for Daviess County Hall of fame", June 11, 1992, p.3D]
- May 25 - "Popcorn blast ended Hancock festival": Accident at barbecue in Hancock County in 1933.
- June 1 - "Water walker kept excitement afloat along Ohio River."
- June 8 - "Desegregation in schools ended 80-year fight."
- June 15 - "Jones the man who 'saved' city a century ago": Rev. Samuel Porter Jones.
- June 22 - "Seven Hills: 'a workers' dream."
- June 29 - "Muhlenberg a general before a county": Gen. John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg.
- July 6 - "Scandal rocked Chautaugua Park."
- July 13 - "Real road hogs once traveled Frederica Street."
- July 20 - "Area history is one sick story: Measles, smallpox, malaria epidemics part of deadly past."
- July 27 - "Ellendale Fair drew 20,000 each week: In the Gay Nineties, it was the place to be."
- August 3 - "Area flipped Whigs over politics."
- August 10 - "The Last Hanging": Hanging of Rainey Bethea in Owensboro in 1936.
- August 17 - "Different kind of horsepower fueled Owensboro's Derby": Owensboro Soap Box Derby.
- August 24 - "'He was strictly all business': A little ingenuity, and a passion for work helped Jim Ellis create his own empire."
- August 31 - "'It was like a river playground': Yellow Banks offered area 'a good beach'."
- September 7 - "Former slaves organized Owensboro's first labor union."
- September 14 - "Before Bonnie and Clyde, Daviess saw Grace and Carl

- Browder": Grace and Carl Browder.
- September 21 - "Lifestyles of Owensboro's rich and famous: In the 19th century, national movers and shakers built beautiful houses along the Ohio."
- September 28 - "Railroad delivered excitement in 1888."
- October 5 - "Forget scratch-off lotto: Owensboro was once a riverside Las Vegas."
- October 12 - "Owensboro once moved up and down on the Ohio River": Steamboat - City of Owensboro.
- October 19 - "Daviness had more than 1 pioneer: Benjamin Field served as a surveyor, soldier, public official."
- October 26 - "The reign of the Night Riders: Farmers turned to violence when monopoly cut tobacco prices."
- November 2 - "Colleges have been in region since the 1820s."
- November 9 - "Union general held region in grip of iron": Execution of Daviness Countians, Charles W. Thompson and Pierman Powell, by Union general Stephen G. Burbridge.
- November 16 - "Family's roots sunk deep in the soil: The Homeplace is Daviness' lone bicentennial farm." Farm of Ronnie Wells in family over 200 years.
- November 23 - "Toll roads: A good idea up in flames."
- November 30 - "Rebel guerrilla stormed western Kentucky": Quantrill's raid in Ohio County.
- December 7 - "The woman too pretty to hang: Movies, play inspired by murder trial": Beulah May Sheriff.
- December 14 - "Former slave lived story of rags to riches": Recollections of Theodora Jackson Smith.
- December 21 - "Residents struggled with land, Indians: Fought over Muhlenberg, McLean in 1800s."
- December 28 - "So, when did the city get electric lights?" - Quiz based on Messenger & Inquirer's Bicentennial articles

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1883	<u>Owensboro Messenger & Examiner</u>	2 Jan 1884 p2
1885	<u>Owensboro Weekly Messenger</u>	2 Jan 1886 p1
1887	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1888 p2
1891	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	3 Jan 1892 p4
1899	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	31 Dec 1899 p3
1901	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	29 Dec 1901 p9
1903	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	3 Jan 1904 (part missing)
1903	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1904 p7
1904	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1905 p15
1905	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	31 Dec 1905
1905	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	31 Dec 1905 p12
1906	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	30 Dec 1906 p9
1906	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1907 p4
1908	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	3 Jan 1909 p14
1922	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	31 Dec 1922 p1B
1923	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	30 Dec 1923 p1B
1924	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	28 Dec 1924 p1B
1924	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1925 p1 (part missing)
1925	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	27 Dec 1925 p9B
1925	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	27 Dec 1925 p5
1926	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	2 Jan 1927 p9B
1926	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	26 Dec 1926 p8A

1928	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	30 Dec 1928 p3
1929	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	29 Dec 1929 p8A
1930	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	28 Dec 1930 p4
1931	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	3 Jan 1932 p6
1932	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1933 p4
1933	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	31 Dec 1933 p6B
1934	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	30 Dec 1934 p4B
1935	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1936 p5B
1936	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	3 Jan 1937 p8B
1937	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	2 Jan 1938 p2B
1938	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1939 p4B
1939	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	31 Dec 1939 p4B
1939	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	31 Dec 1939 p7
1940	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1941 p6
1940	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1941 p4
1941	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	4 Jan 1942 p4B
1942	<u>Owensboro Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1943 p2B
1943	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	2 Jan 1944 p2B
1944	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	31 Dec 1944 p2B
1945	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	30 Dec 1945 p8B
1946	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	29 Dec 1946 p8B
1947	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	28 Dec 1947 p11B
1948	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	2 Jan 1949 p6B
1949	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1950 p4B
1950	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	31 Dec 1950 p6A

1951	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	30 Dec 1951 p3B
1952	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1953 p2B
1953	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	1 Jan 1954 p4B
1954	<u>Owensboro Messenger</u>	2 Jan 1955 p4D
1955	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1956 p2D
1956	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	30 Dec 1956 p1D
1957	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	29 Dec 1957 p2D
1958	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	28 Dec 1958 p2D
1959	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1960 p4A
1960	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	1 Jan 1961 p4B
1961	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	31 Dec 1961 p4C
1962	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	30 Dec 1962 p8A
1963	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	29 Dec 1963 p4B
1964	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	31 Dec 1964 p8A
1965	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	31 Dec 1965 p6B
1966	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	31 Dec 1966 p5A
1967	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	31 Dec 1967 p2B

[For years not listed there were no chronologies found.]

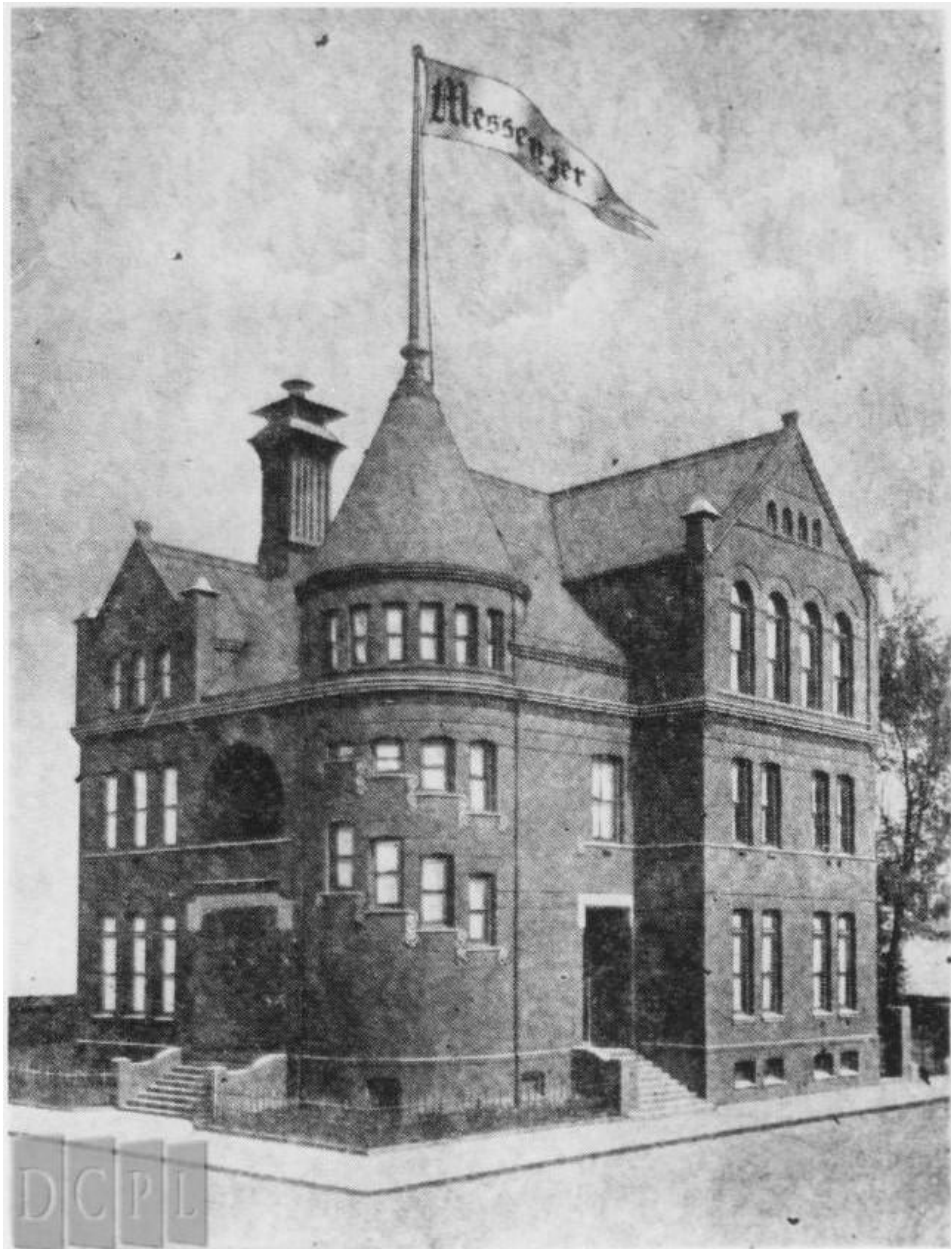
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1863	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	24 Jan 2013 p2 p1B
1875	“	1 Jun 2000 p1B
1877	“	21 Feb 2002 p1B
1878	“	9 Jan 2003 p1C

1879	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	29 Jan 2004 p1B
1880	“	13 Jan 2005 p1B
1881	“	5 Jan 2006 p1B
1882	“	4 Jan 2007 p1C
1883	“	17 Jan 2008 p1C
1884	“	8 Jan 2009 p1C
1885	“	14 Jan 2010 p1B
1886	“	20 Jan 2011 p1C
1887	“	5 Jan 2012 p1B
1888	“	3 Jan 2013 p1B
1888	“	10 Jan 2013 p1B
1889	“	2 Jan 2014 p1B
1890	“	22 Jan 2015 p1C
1891	“	7 Jan 2016 p1B
1892	“	5 Jan 2017 p1B
1893	“	4 Jan 2018 p1B
1894	“	3 Jan 2019 p1B
1894	“	16 Jun 1994 p1D
1894	“	7 Jul 1994 p1D
1894	“	25 Aug 1994 p1D
1895	“	2 Jan 2020 p1B
1895	“	28 Sep 1995 p1D
1896	“	14 Jan 2021 p1C
1896	“	25 Jan 1996 p1C
1897	“	16 Jan 1997 p1C

1898	<u>Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer</u>	22 Jan 1998 p1C
1899	“	7 Jan 1999 p1C
1900	“	13 Jan 2000 p1C
1901	“	11 Jan 2001 p1B
1902	“	3 Jan 2002 p1B

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