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Journalism in Florida, 1900-1910

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Chronology

1900-1910

1900

- Florida population: 528,542
- Florida's state flag is adopted.
- Newspapers in Florida begin using stories from the reorganized Associated Press Service.

DADE COUNTY

Miami Metropolis / later: **The Miami News**, Miami, 1896-1988

- January 1900 -- All of the newspaper's files are destroyed in a fire.

HARDEE COUNTY

Florida Advocate / later: **The Herald-Advocate**, Wauchula, 1900-Present

1901

- Governor: W.S. Jennings, 1901-1905
- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; James P. Taliaferro
- May 1901 -- Jacksonville's fire destroys 1700 buildings and leaves 10,000 persons homeless.
- September 6, 1901 -- President McKinley is assassinated during a visit to the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York.
- U.S. President: Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Labor Templar, African-American newspaper, Jacksonville, 1901-1920s?

GADSDEN COUNTY

Gadsden County Times, Quincy, 1901-Present

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Daily Herald, Orlando, 1901-1903

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, 1884-Present

- April 1, 1901 -- William Lincoln Straub, A.P. Avery, and A.H. Lindelie buy the *St. Petersburg Times* from the Gore family for \$1,300.

1902

- May 21, 1902 -- St. Augustine is hit by a small earthquake shock.
- The annual subscription rate for a typical Florida weekly is approximately \$1.50.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Florida Enterpriser, Palatka, 1902-?

1903

- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; James P. Taliaferro
- Florida officially obtains title to the Everglades from the United States government.

DADE COUNTY

The Miami Evening Record / later: **The Miami Herald**, Miami, 1903-Present

- Frank B. Stoneman and A.L. LaSalle, who were formally with the *Orlando Daily Herald*, establish Miami's first daily newspaper.

JACKSON COUNTY

The Graceville News, Graceville, 1903-Present

PINELLAS COUNTY

Tarpon Springs Herald, Tarpon Springs, 1903-?

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Fort Pierce News / later: **The Tribune**, Fort Pierce, 1903-Present

1904

- Mary McLeod Bethune opens the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute,
- which later becomes Bethune-Cookman College.
- November 8, 1904 -- President Theodore Roosevelt is reelected.
- There are approximately 20 daily and 115 weekly Florida newspapers in 1904.

PASCO COUNTY

Dade City Banner / later: **Pasco News**, Dade City, 1904-Present

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Daily News / later: **Daytona Beach News-Journal**, Daytona Beach, 1904-Present

1905

- Governor: Napoleon Bonaparte Broward, 1905-1909
- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; James P. Taliaferro
- The Buckman Act consolidates various state-subsidized learning institutions into the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College in Tallahassee.

LEON COUNTY

Weekly True Democrat / later: **Tallahassee Democrat**, Tallahassee, 1905-Present

- The *Weekly True Democrat* is founded by Monticello printer John Collins.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Daily Lake Worth News / later: **Palm Beach Daily News**, Palm Beach, 1894-Present

- Henry Flagler's company sells the newspaper to Richard Davies.

1906

- Governor Broward launches the Everglades drainage project.
- Progressive state reforms are made in the areas of education, child labor, health, and public utilities.

ALACHUA COUNTY

The University News / later: **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Gainesville, 1906-Present

- October 19, 1906 -- The first issue of the University of Florida's student newspaper is published. It is originally called *The University News*, but in 1912 the name is changed to *The Florida Alligator*. In 1973 it becomes *The Independent Florida Alligator*.

DUVAL COUNTY

Florida Standard / later: **Standard-Sentinel**, African-American newspaper, 1906-1919

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando Reporter / later: **Orlando Sentinel**, Orlando, 1876-Present

- The *Orlando Reporter* and the *Orlando Evening Star* are merged.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Independent / later: **Evening Independent**, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986

1907

- Senators: Stephen R. Mallory; William J. Bryan (Appointed to fill vacancies: William H. Milton; James P. Taliaferro)
- The employment of children becomes a major issue for legislators.
- The United Press news service is formed. In 1909 the International News Service is also offered to newspapers.

CALHOUN COUNTY

The County Record, Blountstown, 1907-Present

DADE COUNTY

Miami Morning News-Record / later: **The Miami Herald**, Miami, 1903-Present

- The *Miami Morning News* merges with *The Miami Evening Record* to create Miami's first morning daily. Frank B. Stoneman is the editor and A.L. LaSalle and his son are co-owners. **Miami Metropolis** / later: **The Miami News**, Miami, 1896-1988
- The newspaper's circulation grows when the *Metropolis* and Publisher Bobo Dean criticize the powerful Henry Flagler.

PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Petersburg Independent / later: **Evening Independent**, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986

- November 7, 1907 -- The *St. Petersburg Independent* changes its name to the *Evening Independent*.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Santa Rosa Press Gazette, Milton, 1907-Present

1908

- The Choctawhatchee National Forest is established.
- Florida becomes a site for the production of silent films.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, 1908-Present **SEMINOLE COUNTY**
Sanford Herald / later: **Seminole Herald**, Sanford, 1908-Present

1909

- Governor: Albert W. Gilchrist, 1909-1913
- Senators: James P. Taliaferro; Duncan U. Fletcher
- U.S. President: William H. Taft, 1909-1913
- A hurricane halts construction of the overwater railroad to Key West.

DADE COUNTY

Miami Morning News-Record, Miami, 1907-1910

- Frank Shutts takes over the paper and pays off the paper's debts with Henry Flagler's backing.

POLK COUNTY

Mulberry Press, Mulberry, 1909-Present

1910

- Florida population: 752,619
- There is a violent nine-month long cigar strike in Tampa.

DADE COUNTY

Miami Morning News-Record / later: **The Miami Herald**, Miami, 1903-Present

- December 1, 1910 -- The *Miami Morning News-Record* changes its name and becomes *The Miami Herald*.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola Brother / later: **Colored Citizen**, African-American newspaper, Pensacola, 1910-1965

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, 1895-Present

- *The Tampa Tribune* building is set on fire during a violent Tampa cigar strike.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Evening Independent, St. Petersburg, 1906-1986

- September 1, 1910 -- Major Lew B. Brown launches his famous Sunshine Offer where the newspaper is given away free any day the sun does not shine.

POLK COUNTY

Fort Meade Leader, Fort Meade, 1910-Present