

ProQuest Obituaries™ – Data Sheet

ProQuest Obituaries (Coming Summer 2006) provides more than 10 million obituaries and death notices in full-image format from the full, uninterrupted run of top national newspapers.

Dating back to 1849, ProQuest Obituaries offers information from across the U.S. – East Coast, Mid-West, South, and the West Coast. Titles from which these records are drawn include:

- *The New York Times* (from 1851)
- *Los Angeles Times* (from 1881)
- *Chicago Tribune* (from 1849)
- *Boston Globe* (from 1872 - 1923)
- *Washington Post* (from 1877)
- *Atlanta Constitution* (from 1868 -1929)
- *Chicago Defender* (from 1909 -1975)

No other product offers access to obituaries and death notices from the complete historical runs of major national newspapers.

Obituaries and Death Notices – Two Key Genealogical Resources

An obituary is often the only "biographical sketch" that was ever devoted to an individual and can provide valuable clues that significantly advance genealogical research. It often includes such important details such as: proper full name, maiden name, spouse information, names of parents, siblings, and children, occupation, religious beliefs, cause of death, and more.

Genealogists and librarians have consistently commented that obituaries and death notices that are more than 40 years old have the greatest research value. ProQuest has focused on making deep historical data available electronically and entirely cross-searchable.

Searching ProQuest Obituaries

ProQuest Obituaries provides obituaries and death notices in **full-image format**, allowing researchers to view a reproduction of the actual record as it appeared. Some obituaries and death notices included a photograph and where possible they have been included in the product. ProQuest Obituaries cross-searches more than 150 years of history from diverse sources, allowing users to easily search the entire database and significantly reduce research time.

Users will be able to search by name of the deceased person, by date, and by keyword in the full-text contained in the obituary and death notice (e.g., location, occupation, hobbies, family members, or other personal information). Additionally, **wildcard searching** is included which can be used to help with name variations.

Other Important Benefits Include:

- Remote access for public and academic libraries allowing users to access ProQuest Obituaries at their convenience, from a variety of locations at any time
- Easy-to-use interface – simple enough for a beginner, yet sophisticated enough for the advanced researcher
- Content will grow over time with more records from both historical newspapers and current newspapers

ProQuest Genealogy Center

The launch of ProQuest Obituaries adds another vital component to the ProQuest Genealogy Center, which already includes two of the most powerful genealogy databases in the world in Ancestry® Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online™, plus a host of other complementary resources in both electronic and microform.

For more information on ProQuest Obituaries, please call (800) 521-0600 ext. 3344 or send an email to salesadmin@il.proquest.com