

DeKalb History Center

Newspaper Books Collection

Introduction: This collection of historic DeKalb County newspapers includes newspapers from 1919-1995. Not every year of every newspaper within that span is represented in the collection. Primary titles include the *DeKalb New Era*, the *Decatur-DeKalb News*, and the *Decatur-DeKalb News/Era*.

Provenance: Collection is made up of multiple accessions and donations.

DeKalb New Era, *Decatur-DeKalb News/Era*, and *Decatur-DeKalb News/Era Business and Financial Review* newspapers were donated by Joe Hiatt of *DeKalb News*: accession #1998.24; accession date April 30, 1998.

Access: Access to the collection requires advanced notice because of the large format books. Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist.

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Size: 176 bound volumes, broadsheet and tabloid size. *DeKalb New Era* measures approximately 22.75" by 17.75", *Decatur-DeKalb News/Era* measures approximately 23.5" by 14.5", and the *Decatur-DeKalb News/Era Business and Financial Review* measures approximately 14" by 11.5".

Description: This collection of historic DeKalb County newspapers includes newspapers from 1919-1995. Not every year of every newspaper within that span is represented in the collection. In particular, the collection of bound issues of the *DeKalb New Era* from years prior to 1940 is incomplete. While physical copies of papers from these years are not available, the microfilm collection in the archives includes images of the *New Era* from 1911-1955, filling in the gaps in the bound newspaper collection.

An odd doubling takes place within the collection of books of the *Decatur-DeKalb News* in the early 1970's. Two different editions of the *News* seem to have been produced – one with the masthead reading “The *Decatur-DeKalb News North*” that appeared on Wednesdays and one simply called “The *Decatur DeKalb News*” that appeared on Thursdays. The *News North* is bound by year and the *News* is bound in six month segments. The *News North* seems to appear in years prior to 1973, while the *News* covers years following 1973. The collection includes bound copies of both publications in 1973.

Near the end of 1978, the owners of the *Decatur-DeKalb News* bought the *DeKalb New Era*. The first edition of the merged *Decatur-DeKalb News/Era* appeared on January 4, 1979. This purchase is noted in the first issue of the 1979 *Decatur-DeKalb News Business and Financial Review*.

Though the collection ends in 1995, there are implications that the DeKalb News/Era continued on at least into 1996. The final issue of the News/Era in the collection previews the newspaper's planned coverage of the then approaching 1996 Olympics.

For more history, see *The Last Linotype: The Story of Georgia and Its Newspapers Since World War II*, by Millard B. Grimes (Mercer University Press, 1985)

Atlanta Constitution

March-April 1931

May-June 1932

The Atlanta Journal Magazine (#FITS.9)

1936

Decatur-DeKalb News (#1998.24)

1959	1966
1960	1967
1961	1968
1962	1969
1963	1970
1964	1971
1965	1972
	1973

1973 Jan-June	1976 Jan-June (2)
1973 July-Dec	1976 July-Dec (2)
1974 Jan-June	1977 Jan-June
1974 July-Dec (2)	1977 July-Dec
1975 Jan-June (2)	1978 Jan-June
1975 July-Dec (2)	1978 July-Dec

Decatur-DeKalb News/Era (#1998.24)

1979 Jan-June	1987 July-Sept
1979 July-Dec	1987 Oct-Dec
1980 Jan-June	1988 Jan-June
1980 July-Dec	1988 July-Dec
1981 Jan-June	1989 Jan-June
1981 July-Dec	1989 July-Dec
1982 Jan-June	1990 Jan-June
1982 July-Dec	1990 July-Dec
1983 Jan-June	1991 Jan-June
1983 July-Dec	1991 July-Dec
1984 Jan-June	1992 Jan-June
1984 July-Dec	1992 July-Dec
1985 Jan-June	1993 Jan-June

1985 July-Dec	1993 July-Dec
1986 Jan-June	1994 Jan-June
1986 July-Dec	1994 July-Dec
1987 Jan-Mar	1995 Jan-June
1987 April-June	1995 July-Dec

Decatur-DeKalb News Business and Financial Review (#1998.24)

1973 July-Dec	1976 July-Dec
1974 Jan-June	1977 Jan-June
1974 July-Dec	1977 July-Dec
1975 Jan-June	1978 Jan-June
1975 July-Dec	1978 July-Dec
1976 Jan-June	

Decatur-DeKalb News/Era Business and Financial Review (#1998.24)

1979 Jan-June	1989 Jan-June
1979 July-Dec	1989 July-Dec
1980 Jan-June	1990 Jan-April
1980 July-Dec	1990 May-Aug
1981 Jan-June	1990 Sept-Dec
1981 July-Dec	1991 Jan-June
1982 Jan-June	1991 July-Dec
1982 July-Dec	1992 Jan-April 30
1983 Jan-June	1992 May 7-Aug 27
1983 July-Dec	1992 Sept 3-Dec 31
1984 Jan-June	1993 Jan-April 30
1984 July-Dec	1993 May 6-Aug 26
1985 Jan-June	1993 Sept 2 -Dec 3
1985 July-Dec	1994 Jan-April
1986 Jan-June	1994 May-Aug
1986 July-Dec	1994 Sept-Dec
1987 Jan-June	1995 Jan 5-April 27
1987 July-Dec	1995 May 4-Aug 31
1988 Jan-June	1995 Sept 7-Dec 28
1988 July-Dec	

DeKalb New Era (#1998.24)

1919-20 Jan-Dec	1956
1923-24 Jan-Dec	1957
1929-1930	1958
1932 Jan-Dec	1959
1937 Jan-Dec	1960
1938 Jan-Dec	1961

1939 Jan-Dec	1962
1940 Jan-Dec (2)	1963
1942 Jan-Dec	1964
1943 Jan-Dec	1965
1944 Jan-Dec	1966
1945 Jan-Dec	1967
1946 Jan-Dec	1968
1947 Jan-Dec	1969
1948 Jan-Dec	1970
1949 Jan-Dec	1971
1950 Jan-Dec	1972
1951 Jan-Dec (2)	1973
1952 Jan-Dec	1974
1953 Jan-Dec	1975
1954 Jan-Dec	1976
1955 Jan-Dec	1977
	1978

DeKalb News/Sun (#FITS.8)

1974 Jan-June	1975 July-Dec
1974 July-Dec	1976 Jan-June
1975 Jan-June	1976 July-Dec

DeKalb Tribune (#FITS.7)

1968-69 Sept-Dec
 1969-70 Sept-Sept
 1970-71

Harper's Weekly

1857 to 1866

Lithonia Observer (#1995.23)

1979	1982
1980	1983
1981	1984
1985	

Scientific American (#FITS.10)

1903(?), Vol. LV (55)
 1905, Vol. LXXXVIII (88)