

# Dallas Morning News (1885-1984)

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## Quick Facts

Thorough historical coverage from the largest newspaper in Texas  
Fascinating insight into American life from the late-19th century to the late-20th century  
Ideal for a broad range of users, including researchers, students and genealogists

## Overview

Since 1885, the *Dallas Morning News* has been a leading source of news in the Southwest. Renowned for its extensive state and regional coverage, the award-winning paper is also recognized for its reporting on and analysis of national issues and, with its network of foreign bureaus, coverage of events around the world.

### 19th-century beginnings

The *Dallas Morning News* was founded on October 1, 1885, as a satellite publication of the *Galveston Daily News*. The newspaper's early issues chronicle Dallas's formative steps from a farming and ranching center into a major industrial city. Its late-19th-century archives are a rich resource for original reporting on the financial impact of railroads, the annexation of East Dallas (which made Dallas the largest city in the state), the economic collapse of 1893, the city's subsequent financial recovery and much more. Only three years after its founding, the *Dallas Morning News* was publishing a daily edition of eight to 12 pages and a Sunday edition of 16 pages. By 1895, its circulation had reached 17,000.

### A rich source of 20th-century history

The *Dallas Morning News* also serves as a valuable resource for American culture and history, chronicling issues and events of national and worldwide importance. Beginning at the turn of the century, the *Dallas Morning News* began softening its political stances to avoid controversy. By 1906, circulation reached 38,000. During the early 1920s, the paper censured the Ku Klux Klan. It also stopped running advertisements for oil stocks, because it became impossible to identify honest businesses from dishonest ones. By the late 1920s, circulation climbed to 86,000. Its deep archives offer unique insight into local topics such the discovery of "black gold" outside of Dallas in 1901, Bonnie and Clyde's notorious crime spree and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. Issues and events of national and international importance are also captured in detail, during the Progressive Era, World War I, women's suffrage struggles, the Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, World War II, the course of the Cold War, Civil Rights Acts, the Vietnam War, anti-war movements, Reagan and the New Right's initiatives and more.

### An American Newspaper Archive

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