

Colonial American Newspapers (through 1776)

Title	Date Founded	City   State	Founding Editor or Publisher(s)	Date Ended	Notes
1.) <i>Publick Occurrences</i>	1690	Boston	MA Benjamin Harris	1690	Only one issue published
2.) <i>Boston News-Letter</i>	1704	Boston	MA John Campbell	1776	First continuous periodical in British NA. cf Boston Post-Boy
3.) <i>Boston Gazette</i>	1719	Boston	MA Wm. Brooker	1798	Later, under Edes & Gill, famously Patriot
4.) <i>American Weekly Mercury</i>	1719	Philadelphia	PA Andrew Bradford	1749	First PA paper. Innovative focus on local news
5.) <i>New-England Courant</i>	1721	Boston	MA James Franklin	1727	Literary, entertaining, and iconoclastic. "Hell-Fire Club" writers
6.) <i>New York Gazette (First)</i>	1725	New York	NY Wm Bradford (later w/ H. DeForeest)	1745	First NY paper. Took gov't side in Zenger trial. cf. NY Evening-Post
7.) <i>New-England Weekly Journal</i>	1727	Boston	MA Samuel Kneeland	1741	Consolidated with Boston Gazette 1741
8.) <i>Maryland Gazette (First)</i>	1727	Annapolis	MD Wm. Parks	1734	First MD paper. Noted for essays
9.) <i>Pennsylvania Gazette (1)</i>	1728	Philadelphia	PA Samuel. Keimer	1815	Purchased by Benjamin Franklin & H. Meredith 1729
10.) <i>Evening-Post (First) (Until 1735:Weekly Rehearsal)</i>	1731	Boston	MA J. Gridley (as <i>Weekly Rehearsal</i> )	1775	Originally a literary journal Later published by Thomas Fleet and sons
11.) <i>South-Carolina Gazette (2)</i>	1731	Charleston	SC Thomas Whitmarsh	1802	First SC paper. Eliz.Timothee 1st woman editor. Var.name changes
12.) <i>Philadelphische Zeitung (First)</i>	1732	Philadelphia	PA Benjamin Franklin	1732	First foreign-language periodical in British NA
13.) <i>Rhode-Island Gazette</i>	1732	Providence	RI James Franklin	1734	First RI paper, Franklin's second.
14.) <i>South-Carolina Weekly Journal</i>	1732	Charleston	SC Eleazer Phillips	1732	No existing copies
15.) <i>New York Weekly Journal</i>	1733	New York	NY John Peter Zenger	1751	Made famous by Zenger's trial for libel
16.) <i>Boston Weekly Post-Boy</i>	1734	Boston	MA E. Huske	1775	Partnered with Boston <i>News-Letter</i> in 1768
17.) <i>Virginia Gazette (First)</i>	1736	Williamsburg	VA Wm. Parks, later Hunter; Dixon & Nicolson	1780	First VA paper. Various ownership changes, moved to Richmond 1780
18.) <i>Hoch Deutsche Pennsylvanische Geschicht-Schreiber (3)</i>	1739	Germantown, later Philadelphia	PA Christopher Saur (Sower)	1778	Various name and location changes. Tory views proved fatal.
19.) <i>Pennsylvania Journal</i>	1742	Philadelphia	PA Wm. Bradford III	1793	"Tombstone" Stamp Act cover. Published Paine's "Crisis" 1776
20.) <i>New-York Weekly Post-Boy (later Gazette, etc)</i>	1743	New York	NY James Parker	1773	Various changes of name and publisher. Cont'd 1st NY <i>Gazette</i>
21.) <i>Hoch Deutsche Pennsylvanische Journal</i>	1743	Philadelphia	PA Josphed Crellius	1743	No copies exist
22.) <i>New-York Evening-Post</i>	1744	New York	NY Henry DeForeest	1753	Succeeded <i>New-York Gazette</i>
23.) <i>Maryland Gazette (Second)</i>	1745	Annapolis	MD James Green	1839	Note different publisher than first <i>Maryland Gazette</i>
24.) <i>Zeitung</i>	1748	Philadelphia	PA Godhart Armbruster	1749	No existing copies
25.) <i>Teutsche Fama</i>	1749	Philadelphia	PA Benjamin Franklin and Johann Bohm	1751	On Bohm's death, Franklin launched <i>Die Hoch Teutsche</i> etc, infra
26.) <i>North-Carolina Gazette</i>	1751	New Bern	NC James Davis	1778	First NC paper. Suspended between '59 and '68. cf NC Magazine
27.) <i>Die Hoch Teutsch und Englische Zeitung</i>	1751	Philadelphia	PA Benjamin Franklin	1752	Discontinued in favor of <i>Lancastersche Zeitung</i> , infra
28.) <i>Lancastersche Zeitung (4)</i>	1752	Lancaster	PA H Muller and S. Holland	1753	Bilingual:columns in German and English. Franklin a backer
29.) <i>New York Mercury (later Mercury and Gazette, etc)</i>	1753	New York	NY Hugh Gaine	1783	Temporarily moved to Newark, NJ in 1776. Took both sides in war.
30.) <i>Connecticut Gazette (First)</i>	1755	New Haven	CT James Parker	1768	First CT paper. Discontinued 1764, revived by B. Mecom 1765
31.) <i>Philadelphische Zeitung (Second)</i>	1755	Philadelphia	PA B. Franklin and Anthon Armbruster	1757	Apparently a revival of earlier Philadelphia <i>Zeitung</i>
32.) <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i>	1756	Portsmouth	NH D. Fowle	1939	First NH paper. Title retained through mergers beignning 1847
33.) <i>Newport Mercury</i>	1758	Newport	RI James Franklin	1928	Suspended during Revolution. Title retained following 1928 merger
34.) <i>South-Carolina Weekly Gazette (5)</i>	1758	Charleston	SC Robert Wells	1782	Various name changes. Tory. Discontinued after British occupation
35.) <i>New-London Summary</i>	1758	New London	CT Timothy Green	1763	Continued by New London Gazette
36.) <i>New York Gazette (Second)</i>	1759	New York	NY Wm Weyman	1767	Not a continuation
37.) <i>Providence Gazette</i>	1762	Providence	RI Wm. Goddard	1829	Run by Goddard's mother 1765-1768
38.) <i>Wilmington Courant</i>	1762	Wilmington	DE James Adams	1762	First DE paper. No copies survive.
39.) <i>American Chronicle</i>	1762	New York	NY Samuel Farley	1762	Office destroyed in fire after four months
40.) <i>Wochentliche Philadelphische Staatsbote</i>	1762	Philadelphia	PA Henrich Miller	1779	
41.) <i>New London Gazette (later Connecticut Gazette)</i>	1763	New London	CT Timothy Green	?	Cont'd New-London Summary. Became Connecticut Gazette 1773
42.) <i>Georgia Gazette</i>	1763	Savannah	GA James Johnston	1776	First GA paper. Discont'd in Revolution. Title cont'd by other publ'rs
43.) <i>New-York Pacquet</i>	1763	New York	NY Benjamin Mecom	1763	Lasted two months
44.) <i>North-Carolina Magazine</i>	1764	New Bern	NC James Davis	1768	Newspaper format. Succeeded by NC Gazette (cf above)
45.) <i>Connecticut Courant</i>	1764	Hartford	CT Thomas Green	Current	Perhaps oldest surviving US periodical
46.) <i>North Carolina Gazette and Weekly Post-Boy</i>	1764	Wilmington	NC Andrew Steuart	1766	
47.) <i>Portsmouth Mercury</i>	1765	Portsmouth	NH Thomas Furber	1767	
48.) <i>South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal</i>	1765	Charleston	SC Charles Crouch	1775	
49.) <i>New York Journal</i>	1766	New York (later Poughkeepsie)	NY John Holt	1782	Succeeded NY <i>Post-Boy</i> when previous owner resumed. Moved twice
50.) <i>Wahre und Warscheinliche Begebenheiten</i>	1766	Germantown	PA Christopher Saur (Sower)	1766	Apparently published briefly in early 1766

51.) <i>Virginia Gazette</i> (Second)	1766	Williamsburg	VA	Wm. Rind, later John Pinkney	1776	Run by Rind's widow, Clementina, '73 to '74
52.) <i>Boston Chronicle</i>	1767	Boston	MA	J. Mein & J. Fleeming	1770	Tory
53.) <i>Pennsylvania Chronicle</i>	1767	Philadelphia	PA	Wm. Goddard	1774	Published Dickinsons "Letters from a Pennsylvania Farmer"
54.) <i>Connecticut Journal</i>	1767	New Haven	CT	Thomas and Sam'l Green		Various name changes
55.) <i>Essex Gazette</i> , (later <i>New-England Chronicle</i> )	1768	Salem	MA	Samuel Hall	1876	Moved to Boston via Cambridge, changed name
56.) <i>New-York Chronicle</i>	1769	New York	NY	Alexander and James Robertson	1770	
57.) <i>Cape Fear Mercury</i>	1769	Wilmington	NC	Adam Boyd	1775	Discontinued when publisher joined Continental army.
58.) <i>Philadelphia Penny Post</i>	1769	Philadelphia	PA	Benjamin Mecom	1769	Published for one month (Jan)
59.) <i>Massachusetts Spy</i>	1770	Boston	MA	Isaiah Thomas and Zacharias Fowle		Patriot. Moved to Worcester at outset of Revolution.
60.) <i>Pennsylvania Packet</i>	1771	Philadelphia	PA	John Dunlap	1820+	First successful US daily 1784. Became <i>Daily Advertiser</i> , var. publr
61.) <i>Albany Gazette</i>	1771	Albany	NY	Alexander and James Robertson	1772	First NY paper outside NYC
62.) <i>Loyal Gazette</i> (later <i>Royal Gazette</i> ) (6)	1773	New York	NY	James Rivington	1783	Notoriously Tory
63.) <i>Maryland Journal</i>	1773	Baltimore	MD	Wm. Goddard	1797	Apparently first Baltimore paper. Variation in title through lifetime.
64.) <i>Essex Journal</i>	1773	Newburyport	MA	Isaiah Thomas and H.W. Tinges	1777	
65.) <i>Norwich Packet</i>	1773	Norwich	CT	A and J. Robertson & John Trumbull	1807	Cont'd by <i>Connecticut Centinel</i> 1802
66.) <i>Virginia Gazette</i> (Third)	1774	Norfolk	VA	Wm. Duncan	1775	Presses captured by British 1775. cf <i>Virginia Gazette</i> (3rd)
67.) <i>Pennsylvania Evening Post</i>	1775	Philadelphia	PA	Benjamin Towne	1784	Tory. Later first US daily, though "sorry-looking, poverty-stricken"
68.) <i>Pennsylvania Ledger</i>	1775	Philadelphia	PA	James Humphreys	1778	First newspaper to print Declaration of Independence. Later Tory.
69.) <i>Constitutional Gazette</i>	1775	New York	NY	John Anderson	1776	Discontinued when British occupied
70.) <i>Story &amp; Humphreys's Pennsylvania Mercury</i>	1775	Philadelphia	PA	Enoch Story and Daniel Humphreys	1775	Press destroyed by fire
71.) <i>Virginia Gazette</i> (Fourth)	1775	Norfolk	VA	Earl of Dunmore	1776	Printed on captured presses. cf <i>Virginia Gazette</i> (2nd)
72.) <i>Virginia Gazette</i> (Fifth)	1775	Williamsburg	VA	Alexander Purdie, later Clarkson, Davis	1780	
73.) <i>Packet</i>	1776	New York (also Fishkill)	NY	Samuel Loudon	1792	Moved to Fishkill during British occupation of NYC
74.) <i>Continental Journal</i>	1776	Boston	MA	John Gill	1787	
75.) <i>Independent Chronicle</i>	1776	Boston	MA	Edward Powars and Nathaniel Willis	1817	Continued by Boston <i>Patriot</i>

Notes:

- (1) Original title: *The Universal Instructor in all Arts and Sciences: and Pennsylvania Gazette*
- (2) 1777-1785 *Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*. 1785-1802 *State Gazette of South-Carolina*
- (3) 1746-1762: *Pensylvanische Berichte*. 1762-1777 *Germantowner Zeitung*
- (4) Simultaneously titled *Lancaster Gazette* in English
- (5) 1764-1781 *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*. 1781-1782 *Royal Gazette*.
- (6) Original title: *Rivington's New-York Gazetteer; or the Connecticut, New-Jersey, Hudson's River, and Quebec Weekly Advertiser*.