

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (1786–2003)

Historical perspectives from the “Gateway to the West”

NEARLY AS OLD as the United States itself, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* performed one of its initial acts of public service by printing the newly adopted Constitution of the United States in 1787. Then a four-page weekly produced on a wooden press, *Post-Gazette* was the first newspaper to make the dangerous journey by wagon over the mountains from Philadelphia.

The *Post-Gazette* went on to offer leading coverage of the U.S. westward expansion into Ohio and the Northwest Territory, the political unrest leading to the U.S. Civil War, and the industrial revolution — from coal mining to the rise of the steel industry. Andrew Carnegie. Henry Clay Fricke. Andrew Mellon. H.J. Heinz. United States Steel Corp. The Homestead Steel Strike. The Pittsburgh Steelers. Carnegie-Mellon Library. And so much more. All covered in the pages of the historical *Post-Gazette*.

Today, the daily publication — winner of six Pulitzer Prizes since 1938 — is the largest daily newspaper serving metropolitan Pittsburgh. Reporting news in a city that was once considered the industrial center of a nation, and now considered an education and medical hub, this newspaper offers researchers valuable regional perspectives on international, national and local news.

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Why the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*?

- **Full access to this historical newspaper:** Users can study the progression of events over time by browsing issues of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* which offers coverage of 1786–2003, including news articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, cartoons, and more.
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