

ACCESSIBLE ARCHIVES COMPLETES THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAZETTE.

Malvern, PA (March 1, 2009) - *Accessible Archives, Inc.*, a publisher of electronic *full-text searchable* historical databases, has announced the online availability of the *South Carolina Gazette, 1732-1780*. This new release features full XML and image availability.

Charles Town (renamed Charleston in 1783) was the social, political and economic center of South Carolina throughout the colonial and antebellum periods, and served as the state capital until 1790. The *South Carolina Gazette*, South Carolina's first successful newspaper, was begun in 1732 under Thomas Whitmarsh in Charles Town, and soon became an important source of local, regional, national and international news. Whitmarsh died in the fall of 1733 and publication was suspended for several months. The paper was reestablished in 1734 and saw a number of publishers until the release of its final issue in December, 1775.

The collection contains a wealth of information on Colonial/Early American history and genealogy, and provides an accurate depiction of life in South Carolina and America during the years prior to independence. Parts I-V (1732-1775) including the Gazette of the State of South Carolina (1777-1780) are currently available. Additional papers from the same era are expected to be mounted and available by late Spring 2009. These titles will include *the South Carolina Gazette & Country Journal* (1765-1775), *The South Carolina & American General Gazette* (1769-1775); *The Carolina & American General Gazette* (1766-1769) and the *Charlestown Gazette* (1779-1780).

Rob Nagy, *Accessible Archives* Sr. VP of Sales and Marketing, said, "With the most recent release of the final portion of "The South Carolina Gazette" we have added a full run, complete with all our new enhancements and upgrades, of another important 18th century newspaper representing a major sea port in the United States. We look forward to continuing to add additional papers offering rich content at the highest quality level humanly possible."

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