

Talk Outline

Historical Research using Newspapers by **Denise Bates**

I used digitised newspapers extensively when researching my first two books, **Pit Lasses** and **Breach of Promise to Marry**. As digitised newspapers were a relatively new source, I had to work out how to use them effectively in research, and what were their strengths and limitations. After writing some well-received blogs about working with newspaper sources, I was commissioned to write **Historical Research using British Newspapers**.

I offer the following talks

The history of the newspaper industry

This talk looks at how the British newspaper industry developed between the seventeenth and twentieth centuries, covering national, regional, local and illustrated titles. It is a general talk, suitable for everyone.

Newspapers as historical sources

Themed around family history (though the main principles can be applied to other topics) this talk covers locating newspapers with potentially relevant information, searching effectively, identifying an ancestor and using the varied content of newspapers to understand something about the world in which they lived.

Historical investigations using newspapers

This talk looks at how newspaper reports can be used to investigate a variety of topics and the different types of investigations that can be carried out.

My credentials

History Graduate (MA)

Author of *Pit Lasses* (2012), updated version (2023)

Author of *Breach of Promise to Marry* (2014)

Author of *Historical Research Using British Newspapers* (2016)

Contributor to television, radio and magazines