

Hartford Courant (1764–1995*)

A front-row seat to the American Revolution

AMERICA'S LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY published newspaper, the *Hartford Courant* is literally older than the nation. It provides historians and other researchers a front-row seat from which to view the birth of an independent nation.

In the *Courant's* pages, today's researchers will find firsthand accounts of colonists' reaction to the Stamp Act, reports of the Boston Tea Party, and a copy of the Declaration of Independence. The newspaper's existence was so crucial to the rebels' cause during the American Revolution that when its paper mill burned, the Connecticut legislature authorized a lottery to build a new mill.

This publication also chronicles slavery in the United States, capturing the complexity of the debate by simultaneously publishing ads for the capture of fugitive slaves and writing in opposition of the Fugitive Slave Act. It became a staunch supporter of Abraham Lincoln's 1860 presidential campaign.

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AT THE CITY HALL,
FRIDAY EVENING, March 2.

HON. ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
OF ILLINOIS,

Will address the Republicans of Hartford, at the City Hall, to-morrow (Friday) evening. There will be great curiosity to see and hear this distinguished man, and a rousing turn-out is inevitable. Be on hand in good season, then! Doors will be open precisely at 7 o'clock, and the meeting called to order at 7½. **PUSH ON THE COLUMN!**

January 9, 1975: Ella Grasso was the first woman elected Governor of Connecticut.

March 1, 1860: The Hartford Courant was a staunch supporter of Abraham Lincoln's 1860 presidential campaign.

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