

Intro for the Index of Madison Press

The Madison Press began in 1932, published by the Madison Press Co. In 1955 it was affiliated with the *Painesville Telegraph*. One issue, 14 August 1942 was misdated August 28. *The Madison Press* ended about July 1979. The local news became *The Morning Telegraph*.¹

Alta Hathaway Reigert (Mrs. Hubert P.), founder and publisher of *The Madison Press*, ran the paper until 1969.²

This index to *The Madison Press* was originally created and cards typed by reference librarian, Carol Vincent. She worked at the Madison Public Library for many years and has retired to Unionville.³

In 2024, when the genealogy room at the library was closed, the index to the paper was deemed too valuable to lose. Members of the Lake County Genealogical Society entered all the data into spreadsheets and proofread them for posting on the library website. There are 12,233 entries of obituaries, birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, and personal stories. The index also covers "Scrapbook No. 1" and the 1979 *Morning Telegraph*.

The "Type" codes: a = anniversary b = birth or birthday m = marriage or wedding o = obituary.

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¹ Library of Congress Newspaper Index, (<https://www.loc.gov/item/sn84028205/> : accessed 25 June 2024).

² Olivera Perkins, "Alta Reigert, founded newspaper," *The (Cleveland, Ohio) Plain Dealer*, Wednesday 12 June 1995, P. 9-B, cols. 3-6, image at Newspapers.com (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1070595767/?article=b0877d1c-9c7d-4e20-b47c-eb29b8be39f9&terms=%22alta%20hathaway%20reigert%22> : accessed 28 June 2024).

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