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The table below lists the German-language newspapers that were published in Iowa for five years or longer. Many of them came into existence in the 1870s and 1880s, following peaks of German immigration to the United States, and ceased publication during or shortly after World War I, in large part due to a proclamation by Iowa Governor William L. Harding in May of 1918 stating that English was to be the only language used in public (including in schools and churches).

City	Name	Freq.	Dates	Other Names / Notes	Avail.
Boone	Boone Herold	w	1882-1888?		no
	Nachrichten aus Schleswig Holstein	w, bw	1888-1921	cont. in Illinois until 1940	yes
Breda	Ostfriesische Nachrichten	sm, m	1882-1973?	Ostfriesen Zeitung, 1944-1973?	yes
Burlington	Iowa Tribüne	d, w	1861-1899	Volksblatt, 1852-1855; Freie Presse, 1855-1861	no
	Volksfreund	sw	1894-1899		no
	Volksfreund-Tribüne	d, w	1899-1919	merger of Volksfreund and Iowa Tribüne	no
Carroll	Carroll Demokrat	w	1874-1922	cont. by Freie Presse und wöchentliche Tribüne, Omaha, 1923-1926	yes
	Germania	w	1892-1900?		no
Cedar Rapids	Iowa Post	sw	1902-1917?	cont. Iowa City Post, 1881-1902	yes
	Iowa Staats-Zeitung	w	1900?-1918?		no
	Post und Presse	w	1879-1883?		no
Charles City	Familien-Freund	w	1895?-1925?		no
Clinton	Anzeiger	sw	1898-1918?	Clinton Anzeiger	no
	Iowa Volks Zeitung	w	1867-1926?	Iowa Volkszeitung	yes
Council Bluffs	Freie Presse	w	1875-1924?	Freie Presse und wöchentliche Tribüne, 1920-1924?	yes
Davenport	Demokrat	d, w, sw	1851-1918	Wöchentliche Demokrat; Halbwöchentliche Demokrat (weekly and semi-weekly editions)	yes
	Iowa Reform	w	1884-1943	absorbed Sternen Banner, 1876-1884	yes
Denison	Crawford County	w	1887-	Demokrat; merged with Zeitung	no

	Demokrat		1913?	to become Herold	
	Herold	w	1914?- 1919?	merger of Demokrat and Zeitung	no
	Zeitung	w	1885?- 1913?	Denison Zeitung; cont. German ed. of Denison Review (1880-1884); merged with Demokrat to become Herold	no
Des Moines	Iowa Staats-Anzeiger	w	1869- 1914?	Lit. suppl. Der Haus Schatz	yes
	Iowa Staats-Zeitung	w	1886- 1891?		no
Dubuque	Iowa Staats Zeitung	w	1855- 1873	cont. Nordwestliche Demokrat, 1849-1856?	no
	National Demokrat	w	1856- 1932	Dubuque National Demokrat	yes
Dumont	Iowa Volksblatt	w	1882?- 1888?		no
Elkader	Nord Iowa Herold	w, sw	1868- 1916		yes
Grundy Center	Grundy Center Courier	w	1881- 1888?		no
Holstein	Holstein Advance	w	1886- 1918	in German and English 1886-1918; in English 1919-	yes
Independence	Independence Courier	w	1881- 1888?		yes
Iowa City	Iowa City Post	w	1881- 1902	cont. by Iowa Post, Cedar Rapids, 1902-1917?	yes
	Iowa City Volksfreund	w	1874- 1882?		yes
Keokuk	Beobachter des Westens	w	1855- 1870?	Keokuk deutsche Zeitung, 1857?-?; Keokuk Telegraph, 1865-1869?	no
	Keokuk Anzeiger	w	1891- 1899		no
	Keokuk Post	w	1869- 1899?	cont. Beobachter des Westens	no
	Keokuk Post-Anzeiger	w	1899?- 1911?	merger of Keokuk Post and Keokuk Anzeiger	no
Lansing	Nord Iowa Post	w	1873- 1878	cont. by Nord Iowa Post, Dubuque, 1878-1880	no
Le Mars	Le Mars Herold	d, w	1884- 1918		no
Lyons	Clinton County Wochenblatt	w	1884- 1890?		no
Manning	Manning Herold	w	1894- 1919		yes
Maquoketa	Jackson Demokrat	w	1879- 1890?	cont. by Jackson Journal	no
	Jackson Journal	w	1883- 1918		no
Marshalltown	Marshalltown Beobachter	w	1879- 1914?		no
Muscatine	Correspondent	w	1889- 1907?		no
	Deutsche Zeitung	w	1874-	cont. by Wacht am Mississippi	no

			1881?		
	Deutscher Anzeiger	w	1897?-1907?	cont. Wacht am Mississippi; cont. by Muscatine Herold	no
	Muscatine Herold	w	1907?-1932	Muscatine Herald; in German 1907-1921; in English 1921-1932; cont. Deutscher Anzeiger	yes
	Wacht am Mississippi	w	1881?-1896?	cont. Deutsche Zeitung; cont. by Deutscher Anzeiger	no
New Hampton	Iowa Freie Presse	w	1890-1915?	Freie Presse; cont. Nord Iowa Freie Presse	no
	Nord Iowa Freie Presse	w	1883?-1889?	cont. Freie Presse (1879-1883)?; cont. by Iowa Freie Presse	no
Ottumwa	Journal	w	1871-1912	Ottumwa Journal, 1871-1879; Journal und Freie Presse, 1879-1890?	no
Postville	Iowa Volksblatt	w	1892-1916		no
Schleswig	Schleswig Leader	w	1903-1910	in English and German, 1903-1910; in English 1911-	yes
Sigourney	Sigourney Courier	w	1878-1907		no
Sioux City	Courier	w	1870-1918	Sioux City Courier	no
	Volksfreund	w	1885-1936?	Sioux City Volksfreund; in German, 1885-1928; in German and English, 1929-1936	yes
Vinton	Benton County Deutsche Zeitung	w	1883-1894?	cont. Freie Presse, 1880-1883	no
Waterloo	Deutsch-Amerikaner	w	1872-1917		no
Waverly	Volks-Zeitung	w	1874-1882	Deutsche Volks-Zeitung, 1874-1876?; Iowa Volksblatt, 1883-1885	yes
	Waverly Phoenix	w	1884-1924	Waverly Phönix	yes

d – daily; m – monthly; sm – semi-monthly; w – weekly; bw – bi-weekly; sw – semi-weekly; cont. – continues/continued

Avail. – yes, indicates there are current holdings (mostly on microfilm) of more than a few issues; most of the holdings are at the State Historical Society of Iowa in Iowa City and Des Moines (check online catalog at: http://infohawk.uiowa.edu/F?func=file&file_name=find-b&local_base=iow06); public and/or college libraries and historical societies in the cities that the newspapers were published in usually also have microfilm holdings of their paper(s); also check OCLC WorldCat for additional holdings (including some holdings in other states)

Avail. – no, indicates there are no current holdings other than perhaps one issue or a few scattered issues; most of these holdings of individual issues are at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts

The newspapers listed above do not include religiously affiliated papers. Two of the most noteworthy religious newspapers were published in Dubuque, the *Luxemburger Gazette* (1871-

1918) and *Die Iowa* (1875-1892, cont. as *Katholischer Westen*, 1893-1918). Both papers were Catholic.

The information provided in the table above is based on listings in the following two sources:

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