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Genealogist seeks help with Colleton County yearbook project

Former resident has already scanned 24,000 pages of yearbooks.

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Former Colleton County resident Larry Ulmer is looking for a little help in his latest genealogical endeavor.

Beginning with yearbooks from the early 1900s, Ulmer began scanning pages and indexing any and all Colleton County school yearbooks he could get his hands on.

Ulmer came up with the idea of making a clearinghouse of Colleton County school yearbooks last summer

when he was having a difficult time gathering information.

He was attempting to put together a list of addresses of Bell High School graduates to alert them to an upcoming school reunion.

Ulmer, a 1958 graduate of Bells High School, discovered that the school system did not have a collection of yearbooks from Bells High School and began the hunt.

Ulmer had three yearbooks covering his years at Bells, a cousin had more. Eventually, he was able to track down all 25 yearbooks from Bells High School. He scanned each page and began building his database and a website to contain

the information.

Then he widened the scope of his search and began searching for the yearbooks from every school in Colleton County to add to the website.

Ulmer, an avid genealogist and Columbia resident, has been active in historical research in Colleton County for many years. His first project was the indexing of all births, deaths, and marriages covered by The Press and Standard newspaper since its inception.

That project, a boon for researchers and genealogists, took several years to complete and can be accessed at: <http://www.sciway3.net/>

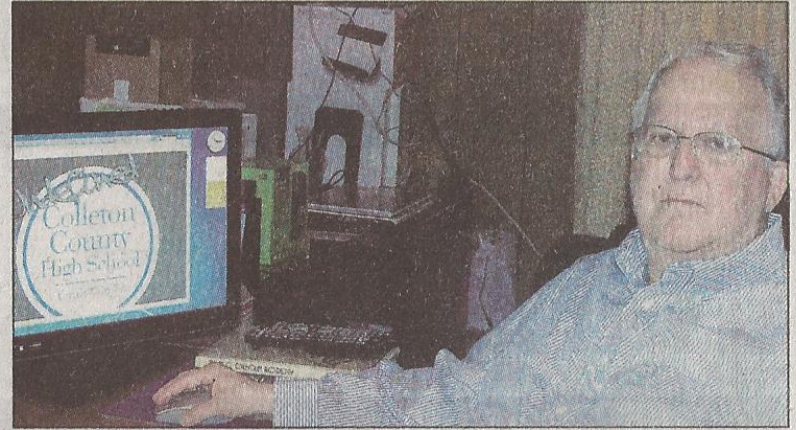


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AMASSING INFORMATION. Larry Ulmer has undertaken another genealogical project for Colleton County residents. Ulmer is building a database that he hopes will eventually contain every school yearbook for every school in Colleton County. Ulmer has already scanned over 24,000 year book pages and placed them on a website, www.colletonyearbooks.com.

[pressandstandard](http://www.pressandstandard.com).

This online index does not include the actual text of the articles. It lists newspaper dates in which the articles appear. Aleck Williams at the Colleton County Memorial

Library can assist interested people with obtaining copies of the articles by calling 843-549-5621 or by emailing at aleck.williams@colletoncounty.com.

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