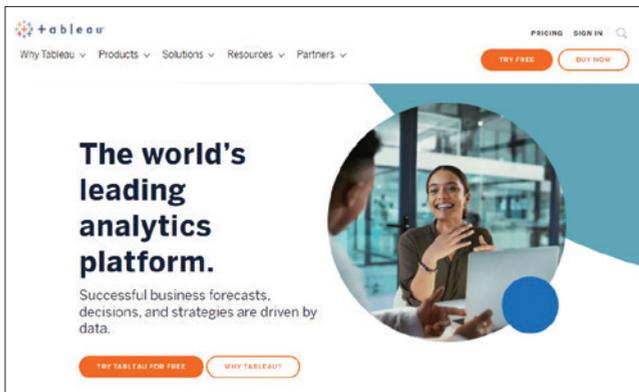




# Tableau

## Diane L. Richard looks at newspaper datasets relevant to genealogists

Hmmm. Tableau. The image looks kind of geeky. It is hard to tell what it is about. Why would a genealogist be interested?



One of my recent rabbit holes, boondoggles, or whatever you want to call it, has been seeking out “datasets” relevant to genealogists. Additionally, a recent talk on newspaper resources resulted in both interests colliding. This happened when I came across this blog post for *Chronicling America* (the great free newspaper website), *African American Newspapers Added to Chronicling America*, Amber Paranick, 2022, <https://blogs.loc.gov/headlinesandheroes/2022/02/african-american-newspapers-added>. This article mentioned a map illustrating “Chronicling America Ethnic Press Coverage,” [https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/chronicling.america/viz/ChroniclingAmericaEthnicPressCoverageMap/ethnicity\\_map](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/chronicling.america/viz/ChroniclingAmericaEthnicPressCoverageMap/ethnicity_map), which is how



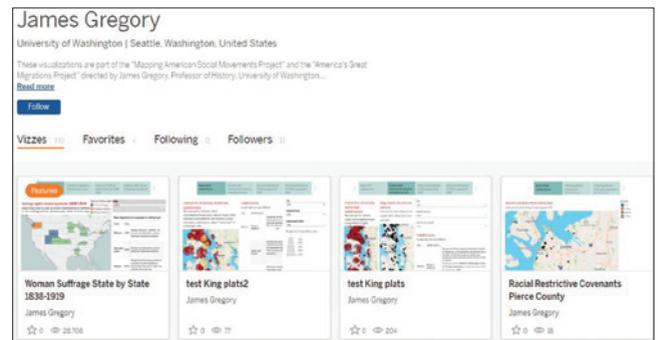
Map illustrating Chronicling America Ethnic Press Coverage as of February 2022 as found on the Tableau Platform.

I ended up on Tableau’s website. The referenced map is part of Tableau’s public platform, <https://public.tableau.com/s/>. It also ends up that there are several visualizations related to *Chronicling America*, <https://public.tableau.com/app/search/vizzes/%22chronicling%20america%22>. Check out the “top” results; the way the search engine works, other projects using the same terms are also identified.

As I was still seeking insight into newspaper coverage, a search on newspapers revealed many “visualizations” regarding newspapers, <https://public.tableau.com/app/search/vizzes/newspapers>. Many were a bit more modern than I sought. However, I observed some interesting titles (1) North Carolina Historic Newspapers, (2) Anarchist newspapers 1872-1940, (3) Decline of Newspapers in the United States, (4) Labor and radical newspapers 1925, and more.

So, many neat visualizations provide much-needed historical context to our family history research. That is the “long answer” to why a genealogist would be interested in this website. Now that I have whet your appetite let’s explore further.

I noticed that the name “James Gregory” kept appearing as the author of some newspaper visualizations that caught my eye. You can click on an author, and you are taken to a page archiving the contributors’ visualizations, <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/mapping.social.movements>. It ends up that James



A Tableau page dedicated to James Gregory and his social history projects.