

The Leland Progress History Timeline

A sourced timeline of the Leland, Mississippi newspaper lineage, pulled from outside references beyond the newspaper's own website.

Period	What outside sources show
1888	Leland Record credited in Greenville newspaper references, according to outside media-directory and history sources.
1889	Leland Times appears in Greenville references, according to outside media-directory and history sources.
1897	Leland Enterprise founded, attributed to J.T.D. Kinnison by outside sources.
1904	Mississippi Department of Archives and History has a Leland Enterprise record based on a Feb. 13, 1904 issue.
World War II era	The paper reportedly went out of print during World War II.
1944	W.R. Wilkins reportedly revived the paper under the name The Leland Progress.
1947	Newspapers.com shows searchable pages of Leland Progress from 1947.
1970	MDAH record shows Leland Progress, Vol. 26, No. 44, April 2, 1970, published by James H. Lacey Jr.
1974-1977	Mississippi State University Libraries lists microfilm holdings for Leland Progress from Nov. 21, 1974, to June 9, 1977.
By 1990	MDAH indicates that version of Leland Progress was continued by Deer Creek Progress.
1993	MDAH shows Leland Progress returning as a title that continued Deer Creek Progress, with Jeremy S. Weldon as editor.
2011	Stephanie Patton purchased or took over the paper and published her first issue as owner in February 2011.
2024	The paper was facing closure and was acquired/revived under new ownership, according to Delta Business Journal.

Note: This version intentionally avoids relying on The Leland Progress website and uses the safer outside-source timeline language from the research summary.