FHA Condensed French

a specimen of type

by James Stirling

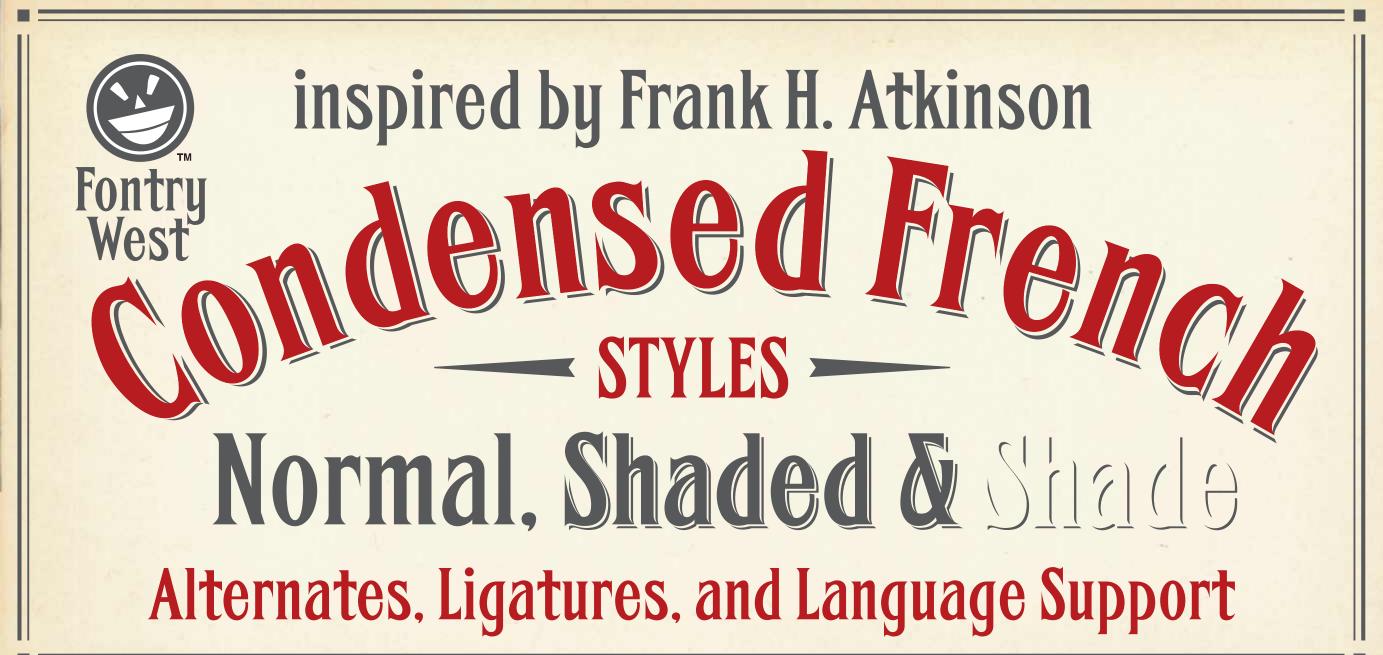


FHA Condensed French Family

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One could speculate that FHA Condensed French probably started life as wood type for displays, headlines and posters. The exaggerated sharp serifs and condensed forms were not uncommon for that period. At some point, sign painters picked up Condensed French and added their own touches to the letterforms. At the end of the nineteenth century, Frank H. Atkinson included Condensed French in samples of lettering for his book. "Sign Painting, A Complete Manual." This book became one of the definitive guides for signwriting and hand lettering.

Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ!@\$&? abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

5112000

ABCDEFOHUKLMNOPQRSTUYWXYXI@\$@?
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuywxyxl234567890

Shaded

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In 1999, Mike Adkins digitized Condensed to add to our Atkinson collection. For its re-release, Condensed French has been updated with more language support, ligatures, and OpenType alternates. It has true vintage character but still plays well in modern designs. A font for all seasons, the condensed forms and sharp serifs fit in every layout from Wild West Days posters and creepy film credits to Christmas ads and Mother's Day cards. While I can't really see FHA Condensed French as a font for phone apps or video game text, it will provide impact to logos. branding, and product labeling.

FHA Condensed French Complete Alphabet **Č**DĎĐEÈÉËËËËËËËËËËĞĞĞĞĞHĤĦIÌÍÎÏĬĬĬĬĬĬĬĬJJĴKĶĸĸLĹĽĽŁM NÑŃNNOÒÓÕÖÖÖÖÖÖÖŒØØPQQRŔŖŘŘŔŖŖŘŔŖŜŚŜŞŠŢŢ ŤŦŢUÙÚŰÜŪŪŬŰŰŰŰŰŰŰŰVWŴWWWWŸXYÝŶŸŸŶŶŶŶŶZŹŻÞÐßß ëēeeeeefgggghhhiiíiïīĭjiijjjkkklllllhmnnnnnnoòóôööø **øpqq**ōŏőoooœrrrrrrsssssstttttuùúûüūūuůuűuuuuwwwww wxyyÿyyyyyzźżboss Red Indicates OpenType Alternate Glyphs Symbols, Marks, & Punctuation

Ligatures

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Red Indicates OpenType Alternate Glyphs

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OpenType Features Subject to operating system and software support.

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Ligatures & Fraction Features

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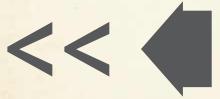
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Contextual Alternates



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LOREM IPSUM DOLOR Sit Amet, Consect ALIQUAM CONSEQUAT TURPIS IN ORCI PTS Ullamcorper Imperdiet. Sed At Vulput.

AENEAN BIBENDUM PHARETRA PURUS, AQUET. Lobortis Nisl Consequat Id. Aliquam Erat.

- VOLUTPAT SUSPENDISSE POTENTI. ETIAM VESTIBULUM.
 PTS Placerat Est Id Cursus. Proin Hendrerit Venenatis Nunc.
- 30 AT LAOREET, CRAS ELEIFEND MOLESTIE, VITAE FEUGIAT TORTOR SCELERISQUE PTS Donec sodales risus sit amet sapien interdum fringilla. Phasellus cursus.
- NISI NEC POSUERE ALIQUET, METUS FELIS ELEIFEND.
 Lurem eu eros consectetur egestas facibus mal.
 Vitae feugiat libero. Proin eros mi, vulputate sed.

18 PTS MAURIS ADIPISCING TELLUS SED NIBH SODALS PUL VINAR PENTESQUE. Justo enim, accumsan ut consectetur tempor, posuere a lorem. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et male suada fames ac turpis egestas. In hac habitasse platea dictumst.

Sample Layouts

Condensed French was finally completed and released in December of 2012. It seemed natural to include a sample that was seasonal. This worked out well because the font is ideal for Christmas and greeting cards with a vintage style. The holly leaf border was taken from a metal-type specimen book published in 1932.

Merry Christmasa dto God Night! all a Cod Night!

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I have read that a banner headline is an old newspaper term for copy that stretched across the face of the paper. En Your Face Quarterly is a good example of the font in a publishing format. In case anyone is curious, the fonts used for the subordinate text in this specimen are from the Deathe Maach (deeth mawsh) family, also from the Fontry.





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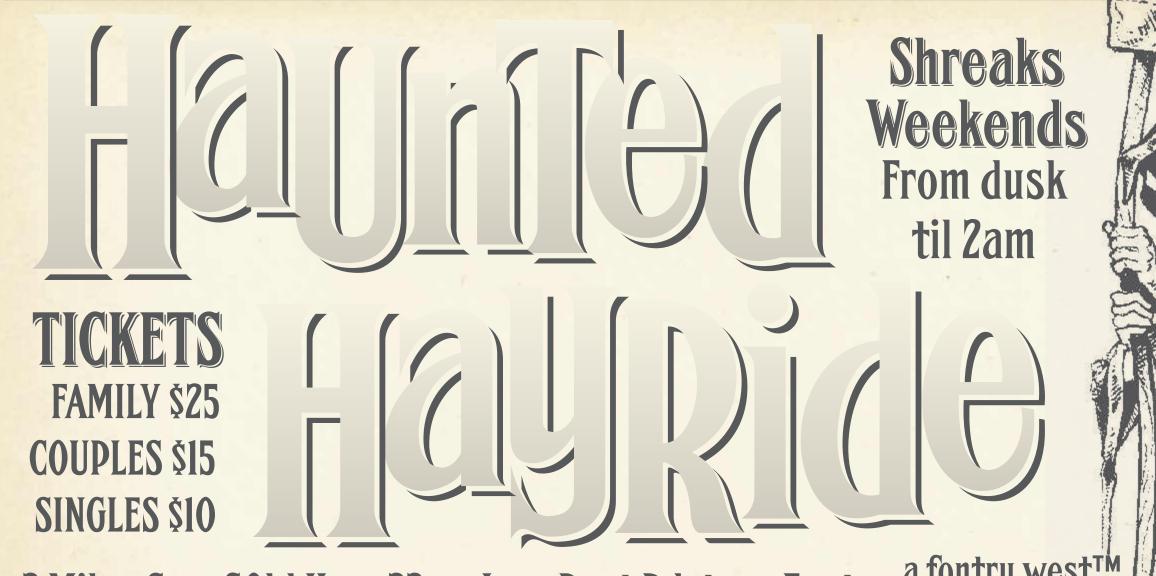
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Announcing The Release of FHA Condensed French

A retro art deco face inspired by Frank H. Atkinson Digitized and adapted by Mike G. Adkins and James L. Stirling Condensed French looks like a font made for a whiskey label. Back in the day, a shot of whiskey was probably the only thing that would mask the pain of rheumatoid arthritis. This inspired the Granny's Jug moniker, and it's claim to have medicinal properties. As for the bottler, my great grandfather was rumored to have sold corn whiskey to Pretty Boy Floyd.



I've been using Condensed French in Halloween layouts for years. In this sample, Mr. Smiley Death resides over an advertisement for the Haunted Hayride. There is a place out on Iron Post Road, just south of old Hwy 33, that sits on several acres of twisted blackjack oaks. Blackjacks are scrub oaks with black bark and tortured limbs. It would be an ideal, creepy place for a scare trail.



3 Miles So. of Old Hwy 33 on Iron Post Rd, turn East

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The format of my specimen for Condensed French is not conducive to a greeting card, so I thought a Mother's Day ad for a floral and gift shop would be a suitable alternative. In case you're wondering. Ted's Hamburgers is a local icon and makes for a good landmark. Back in the day, they served the best hamburgers and French fries on the West Side — when Ted wasn't gone fishing.



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