

# Thornton Library Digitizing Old School Annuals

The North Carolina Room at the Richard H. Thornton Library has recently participated with the North Carolina Digitization Project to digitize and post pre-1963 school annuals online. Some 54 Granville County school yearbooks, including: Creedmoor High School, 1951; Horner Military School, 1899 to 1919; John Nichols High School, 1961; Mary Potter School, 1955, 1957 and 1958; Oxford High School, 1925 and 1953 through 1962; Shaw High School, 1952; and Stovall High School, 1939, 1952, 1955 and 1957, in possession of the Library are now online. Also included are three Vance County Annuals — Townsville, 1957 & 1958, and Dabney, 1949.

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center is a statewide digitization and digital publishing

program housed in the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Digital Heritage Center works with cultural heritage institutions and libraries across North Carolina to digitize and publish historic materials online.

"I think this gives Granville County residents and researchers a terrific resource for community history and memory," said Nicholas Graham, Program Coordinator.

It is hoped that the publicity and awareness of the Annuals Project will encourage people to allow their yearbooks to be reproduced by local libraries, or even to be donated to such institutions.

"School annuals can be a wonderful genealogical source and are sometimes the only

public source available for a photo of a particular individual or even a local business," said N. C. Room Specialist, Mark Pace.

"For example, someone recently wanted a good picture of the old Pine State Creamery, but couldn't locate one anywhere. Sure enough a high school annual from 1968 had a picture of the business in an advertisement in the back section of the yearbook — local businesses were often yearbook sponsors. A lot of folks don't think of an old school yearbook sitting in an attic as a historical resource, but it certainly can be," said Pace.

The Perry Memorial Library in Henderson is also a participant in the North Carolina Digital Annuals Project. Twenty-five Vance County annuals dating back to

1926, in possession of the Perry Library have been placed online.

Annuals online can be viewed at: <http://digitalnc.org/exhibits/high-school-yearbooks>.

In addition to school annuals, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center site also includes thousands of newspapers, books, photographs and maps that are available online to researchers.



Some of the annuals to be digitized.

## Applications Available For Leadership Granville Class

Participants are requested for the upcoming Leadership Granville program, which will begin mid-September and end with graduation mid-April. Individuals with a sincere and genuine interest in future service to the community and those who have demonstrated commitment by previous community activities are encouraged to apply.

evening. Session highlights include: leadership assessment and development, personal and group dynamics, county history, city-county-state governments, education, the arts, agriculture, economics-industry-small business, health services and volunteer agencies, human services, community support, tourism, judiciary and law

Leadership Granville offers citizens of Granville County the opportunity to acquire knowledge of the community and develop their leadership potential. It offers new citizens an opportunity to become personally and professionally acquainted with county structure and life, which can benefit their present and future leadership.

Interested individuals

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