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# North Carolina

## DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

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### **Quarterly Report, April - June 2013**

During the second quarter of 2013, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center worked with eleven different partner institutions, five of which completed their first projects with the Center. The annual meeting of the Center's Advisory Board was held in May, and the UNC Library made progress in the search for a new Digital Projects Librarian.

#### ***New Partners***

Five different cultural heritage organizations had materials published through the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center for the first time this quarter.

#### **Rockingham County Public Library**

The Rockingham County Public Library has an extensive genealogy and local history collection primarily located at its branch library in Madison, N.C. The Digital Heritage Center worked on several different types of materials from the library, including scrapbooks, yearbooks, notebooks, photographs, and a large quilt that was prepared for the national bicentennial celebration in 1976. The quilt, measuring more than six feet on either side, was photographed in the Digital Production Center in Wilson Library.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/rockingham-county-public-library>

### **Museum and Archives of Rockingham County**

The Museum and Archives of Rockingham County brought a selection of museum artifacts to Chapel Hill for digitization, including two 19th-century dresses, old milk bottles from local dairies, a 90-year-old doll, and an old adding machine. Digitizing the museum artifacts was a challenge. Digital Heritage Center staff and students worked closely with a photographer in the Digital Production Center to capture the best possible images of these important historic materials.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/museum-archives-rockingham-county>

### **Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum**

The Digital Heritage Center worked with the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum to digitize yearbooks, photographs, and publications from the Palmer Memorial Institute, the private African American school in Sedalia, N.C. The digitized yearbooks were published on DigitalNC.org, and the digitized photographs and other materials were transferred to the State Archives of North Carolina to be published in their digital collections.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/charlotte-hawkins-brown-museum>

### **Durham Technical Community College**

The library at Durham Tech contributed yearbooks, newsletters, catalogs, and other campus publications for digitization and online publication. The Heritage Center digitized more than 100 volumes, ranging in date from 1966 to 2012 and providing thorough look at the history and impact of the school.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/durham-technical-community-college>

### **Granville County Museum**

The Granville County Museum, located in downtown Oxford, N.C., worked with the Digital Heritage Center to present two early maps from its collections online. One is a rare – possibly

unique – 1895 map of Granville County and the other is an early 20th-century map showing mining tracts in Granville and Person counties.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/granville-county-museum>

## **Ongoing Projects**

The Digital Heritage Center worked with existing partners on many different projects this quarter.

- The **Stanly County Museum** in Albemarle contributed a variety of materials from its local history collections for digitization, including scrapbooks, photographs, and 19th-century journals and account books from a local doctor.
- The library at **Barton College** brought more than 50 years' worth of student newspapers from **Atlantic Christian College** to be digitized and published online.
- A large collection of campus catalogs, bulletins, and other publications from **UNC-Greensboro** were digitized this quarter.
- The Center worked with the **Granville County Public Library** on a small collection of rare, early 20th-century newspapers from Nash and Granville counties.
- The Center digitized and published online more than 150 years' worth of commencement programs from **Wake Forest University**.
- Utilizing its large-format overhead scanner, the Center was able to capture high resolution images of a set of framed class photos from the nursing school at **Western Carolina University**.

The Digital Heritage Center has worked with a total of **125 different partners** to date.

## **Advisory Board Meeting**

The Advisory Board of the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center met in Chapel Hill on May 20. Eighteen board members attended, heard updates from Digital Heritage Center staff, and

discussed several projects and programs under consideration for the coming year, including, participation in the Digital Public Library of America, active collecting of historic materials and oral histories in the model of the “History Harvest” project, expanding the Center’s newspaper digitization efforts, and exploring ways to publish oral histories and other audiovisual materials on DigitalNC.org.

### **Publicity**

Two newspapers and a genealogical society newsletter reported on Digital Heritage Center projects this quarter. The *Butner-Creedmoor News* and the *Oxford Public Ledger* wrote about the North Carolina High School Yearbooks digitization project, and the Tar River Connections Genealogical Society wrote about the resources available on DigitalNC.

### **Digitization**

Yearbooks, city directories, and other monographs were digitized by the Internet Archive staff based in Wilson Library. During this quarter, **498 volumes** containing a total of **112,587 pages** were digitized by the Internet Archive for North Carolina Digital Heritage Center partners.

Digital Heritage Center staff and students also continued work on digitizing materials in the Digital Production Center in Wilson Library. During this quarter Digital Heritage Center students captured **10,769 digital images** of content provided by the Center’s partner institutions.

### **Technical Notes**

Cultural heritage organizations around the country continue to approach the Digital Heritage Center to learn more about how materials are presented on DigitalNC.org, especially the yearbook collections, which feature the Internet Archive’s BookReader embedded in CONTENTdm. This quarter, Digital Heritage Center programmer Stephanie Williams consulted

with the Hudson River Valley Heritage project, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Southern Methodist University, and Trident Technical College.

During this quarter Stephanie Williams also spent a significant amount of time preparing for the migration of the DigitalNC website from Drupal to WordPress. WordPress is supported by the UNC-Chapel Hill Information Technology Services department and is going to be used to manage UNC Library websites starting this summer. Using WordPress for DigitalNC will enable the Digital Heritage Center to share ideas and strategies with other programmers in the library's Information Technology department and will also improve support and troubleshooting of problems by using software that is actively supported by the library's systems administrators.

### ***Staffing***

In early June, the UNC Library interviewed three candidates for the still-vacant Digital Projects Librarian position in the Digital Heritage Center. The Library hopes to have the position filled by mid-summer. Having this position filled will enable the Center to increase digitization and digital publishing activities and to work with even more libraries, archives, and museums around the state.

## Items Online by Project

Project	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	4,852	5,232
North Carolina Memory	2,316	59,132
North Carolina Newspapers (number of issues)	25,871	166,865
Durham Urban Renewal Records	1,799	4,293
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	3,926	661,733
Other Campus Publications	2,662	492,218
High School Yearbooks	667	73,714
North Carolina City Directories	939	536,314
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,747</b>	<b>1,999,501</b>

## Visitors to DigitalNC.org, April 1 through June 30, 2013

Unique visitors	48,928
Average visits per day	532
Visits from North Carolina	36,546
Total number of visits	69,849
Total number of pageviews	309,263