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# North Carolina

## DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

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### **Quarterly Report, July - September 2015**

This quarter the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center completed a major audiovisual digitization project, launched a new newspaper digitization effort, and continued to add new materials from current partners.

#### **New Partners**

##### **Livingstone College**

The Center worked with the Livingstone College library to digitize and publish online student yearbooks spanning several decades. We first began talking with Livingstone at least five years ago and continued to check in with and answer questions from the library. Livingstone was one of very few four-year colleges remaining that had not contributed to the college and university yearbook project, and also represents the tenth historically black college or university that the Center has worked with.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/livingstone-college/>

##### **Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College**

The Center worked with the library at "A-B Tech" to digitize a set of student yearbooks beginning in 1963. As with other community college yearbooks we have worked with, these are especially interesting in showing the evolution of technical education through the second half of the twentieth century.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/asheville-buncombe-technical-community-college/>

## Ongoing Projects

In addition to the projects listed above, the Center continued work digitizing and publishing online materials from many of its current partners, including:

- digitized films, videos, or oral histories from **Braswell Memorial Library, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Davie County Public Library, Edgecombe Memorial Library, Rockingham County Public Library**, the **State Archives of North Carolina, UNC-Charlotte**, and **UNC-Chapel Hill**
- high school yearbooks from the **Chapel Hill Historical Society**
- building plans from the **Bellamy Mansion** in Wilmington
- historic photos from the **Benson Museum of Local History**
- funeral programs from the **Chatham County Public Library**
- scrapbooks documenting local baseball players from the **Wayne County Public Library**
- scrapbooks from the **Randolph County Public Library**
- early student newspapers from **Salem College**
- scrapbooks, photo albums, and women's club memorabilia from the **Montgomery County Public Library**
- local and family histories from the **Rockingham County Public Library**
- scrapbooks and local newspapers from the **High Point Museum**
- scrapbooks from the **Granville County Public Library**
- local high school yearbooks from **East Carolina University**

The Center worked with a total of **19 different partners** during this quarter.

### **On the Road**

In September, Nick Graham and Lisa Gregory visited the Perry Memorial Library in Henderson, N.C., to talk about future digitization projects and to tour the local history room. Also in

September, Nick Graham visited the library at Shaw University to discuss ongoing digitization projects with the Center.

### **More Newspaper Digitization**

A last-minute budget revision at the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year made funding available for the Center to undertake an additional newspaper digitization project. We quickly solicited recommendations from our partners and expanded some of our previous newspaper digitization efforts. Papers from Durham, Beaufort, Hertford, and Raeford were selected. Working with a vendor to provide digitization and markup of the newspapers, more than 25,000 pages were completed. In the fall, these papers will be published in the North Carolina Newspapers collection on DigitalNC.

We reached out again to our partners, as well as to public library directors around the state, to seek nominations for our annual newspaper digitization project. There is still a strong demand statewide for increased access to digitized historic newspapers. We received many great suggestions, including some from counties that the Center has not yet worked with. We will make our final selections this fall and will begin work on this project in late 2015.

### **African American Schools on DigitalNC.org**

This quarter we published a couple of blog posts highlighting the extensive resources on African American schools in North Carolina available on DigitalNC. The Center reached a milestone in September when we digitized our 150th yearbook from an African American high school. Yearbooks from segregated African American high schools are extremely rare and many of our public library partners have had trouble finding copies. We are pleased to have been able to digitize and share this many and hope that the easy online availability of these volumes will help our partners as they seek to collect and preserve others.

In July, the Heritage Center added yearbooks from Livingstone College, a historically black college in Salisbury. The Center has now completed projects with ten of the eleven HBCUs in North Carolina (Barber-Scotia College in Concord is the only school we have not worked with). As a result of these projects, DigitalNC.org is now one of the most comprehensive resources available for the study of African American higher education in North Carolina. With yearbooks, student newspapers, historic photos, and scrapbooks, the collection enables students, researchers, and alumni to explore and learn from more than a century's worth of material.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/blog/african-american-high-school-yearbooks/>

<http://www.digitalnc.org/blog/north-carolina-hbcu-history-available-on-digitalnc/>

### **DigitalNC "Film Festival" in Wilson Library**

In July, the Digital Heritage Center held a screening of some of the highlights from our recent film and video project. The event was well-attended by UNC Library staff who enjoyed seeing historic footage of the UNC campus, clips from the Durham arts scene in the 1970s, and more. The highlight of the event was the showing of parts of the H. Lee Waters films from the State Archives of North Carolina. These glimpses into daily life in North Carolina in the mid 20th century continue to be extremely popular with viewers.

## Statistics

### Items Online by Project

<b>Project</b>	<b>Number of Objects</b>	<b>Number of Pages (Scans)</b>
Images of North Carolina	9,911	12,953
North Carolina Memory	4,381	179,014
North Carolina Yearbooks	~	~
College and University Yearbooks	4,258	708,133
Other Campus Publications	4,262	600,724
High School Yearbooks	2,348	233,098
North Carolina City Directories	1,799	520,216
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,959</b>	<b>2,251,138</b>

Unique visitors	100,895
Average sessions per day	1,591
Sessions from North Carolina	78,612
Total number of sessions	146,423
Total number of page views	800,991

### Visitors to DigitalNC.org, July 1 through September 30, 2015