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# North Carolina

## DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

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### Quarterly Report

APRIL – JUNE 2017

This quarter, the Digital Heritage Center received a significant one-time increase in funding for microfilmed newspaper digitization. Center staff also attended DPLAFest and took part in a number of strategic planning initiatives.

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#### New Partners

##### **NASH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Nash Community College adds to our growing list of community college partners across the state. The Nash Community College Student Government Association has produced several award-winning scrapbooks over the past decade that we were pleased to be able to digitize for them. We also scanned three photograph albums from the late 1970s and early 1980s that feature employees and student life.

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

##### **BEAUFORT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

The addition of Beaufort Historical Association as a partner helps to boost the number of materials from the 1800s on our site. The association prioritized the items in the first batch due to their fragile condition. Two of the items included an account book of Dr. William Cramer, who ran the Apothecary Shop in Beaufort in the 1850s, that you can still visit today. The other is the account of Mr. Cecil G. Buckman, a 19 year old local carpenter's son who was on the schooner *Ogeechee* to Baltimore from Beaufort in 1873 when it ran into a storm. The ship ran aground on Hatteras Island for several days before the ship's passengers were able to continue along their way to Baltimore. A great example of the travails and uncertainties of ocean travel even late in the 19th century.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/beaufort-historical-association/>

##### **GEORGE H. AND LAURA E. BROWN LIBRARY; MARGARET & JAMES HARPER JR. LIBRARY; MURPHY PUBLIC LIBRARY; PERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

These four institutions worked with the Digital Heritage Center for the first time as a part of our microfilmed newspaper digitization program. The titles they nominated were:

- *The Cherokee Scout* (Murphy, N.C.)
- *The Roxboro Courier* (Roxboro, N.C.)
- *State Port Pilot* (Southport, N.C.)
- *Washington Daily News* (Washington, N.C.)

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#### Ongoing Projects

Julia Gootzeit, Sangeeta Desai, and Kayla Richardson-Piche digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- architectural survey materials from the **Transylvania County Public Library**
- a book from the **Hickory Public Library**
- funeral programs from the **Durham County Library**
- genealogical materials from the **Rockingham County Public Library**
- minute books, account books, correspondence, and photographs from **The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina**
- newspapers from the **Wilson County Library**
- photographs from **Central Carolina Community College** and **Sampson Community College**
- photographs and yearbooks from the **Benson Museum of Local History**
- publicity ephemera from the **American Society of Furniture Designers**

- scrapbooks from the **McDowell County Public Library** and **Central Piedmont Community College**
- student newspaper from **UNC-Chapel Hill**
- yearbooks and campus publications from **C. M. Eppes High School Alumni Heritage Society, Inc.;** **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library;** **Fayetteville State University;** **Wayne County Public Library;** **Shaw University;** **UNC-Pembroke;** **Wake Forest University**

The following work was undertaken as part of our call to digitize and share online materials documenting underrepresented communities:

- LGBTQ newspaper from **UNC-Charlotte**
- materials related to school integration from **Alamance County Public Library**
- photographs from **UNC-Asheville**
- student newspapers from **Johnson C. Smith University**

The Center worked with a total of **32 different partners** during this quarter.

## On the Road

April marked another annual DPLAFest, and all full-time NCDHC staff were able to attend. Lisa represented North Carolina at the pre-conference Hubs Day, receiving updates on staff and institutional changes for the organization. Stephanie and Kristen attended a pre-conference workshop on metadata.

Kristen and Lisa visited a prospective partner, the **Forest History Society**. They toured the facility and spoke with staff about how the Center could help them pursue some digitization of materials related to North Carolina. The Society is also interested in consulting related to mass digitization of vertical files, and Center staff will be assisting them with this in the next quarter.

Lisa presented a two-hour session on Digitization Basics at the Summer Educational Institute of the Visual Resources Association. She also worked collaboratively with colleagues from Duke and NC State at the TRLN Institute, an intensive three-day event where the small group tackled strategies for implementing Rightsstatements.org statements in digital collections. The outcome from that Institute is a working document of guidelines that the group plans to polish and release over the next few months.

## Strategic Planning Events

NCDHC has been involved in a number of strategic planning events over the last quarter.

### THE DIGITAL SUMMIT

The State Library of North Carolina has been undertaking an effort to determine the “state of the state” regarding digital initiatives. This project, entitled the “Digital Summit,” began with a literature review and continued with a widely broadcast survey. In April, an in-person meeting brought together 20+ digital initiatives professionals at a variety of

## Project Highlight

### THE CONNECTOR: NEWSLETTER OF THE TAR RIVER CONNECTIONS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: BRASWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROCKY MOUNT, NC

Genealogy research is a very popular use of DigitalNC and we are always excited to add content produced by North Carolina’s many genealogical societies. The Tar River Connections Genealogical Society publishes *The Connector* at least twice a year. Braswell Memorial Library brought us 65 issues, dating from 1996 to 2016. *The Connector* contains articles from members of the society, detailing their research in family and local history. They include many maps, rosters, names, dates, and other information that could be useful for genealogy research—all aggregated in one place. These newsletters are full-text searchable on DigitalNC, allowing researchers to easily search through the nearly 1,200 pages of material.

<http://go.unc.edu/TheConnector>

## The Connector

Newsletter of the Tar River Connections Genealogical Society  
*Preserving the Past... for the Future*

Fall, 2003      Peggy Strickland & Billie Jo Matthews, Co-Editors      Volume 7 Number 4

### Edgecombe Native Linked to 1st State Fair

A State Agricultural Society has been formed, embracing many of the leading farmers... For this first step in the great work of advancement and progress, the public are largely indebted to the active and untiring exertions of Dr. Jno. F. Tompkins, the able editor of the *Farmer's Journal*, who has devoted himself to the cause with the spirit of an enthusiast. The Society is now organized and well under way. Its first Fair will be held in Raleigh next week... reported the *Raleigh Register* on Oct. 19, 1853.

John Franklin Tompkins, Jr. was born in 1823 in Edgecombe Co., the son of John F. and Resanna

Tompkins married Caroline Crawford Bonner, daughter of Joseph and Sallie Ann Crawford Bonner of Bath, Beaufort Co., in 1846. The couple had moved to Washington, in Beaufort Co., by 1847.

**Involved in Duel**  
While in Washington, Tompkins became friendly with William L. Kennedy and, in February 1847, acted as Kennedy's second in a duel with Fenner S. Satterthwaite, also of Washington. The duel, which was the result of a political disagreement, was fought at Spring Church, Greenville Co., VA, which is about 20 miles north of Halifax, Halifax Co., NC.

By 1850, according to the census, **SEE TOMPKINS, PAGE 5**

### Yankees In Nash County

As Told by Bessie Matthews Jordan, NASH COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

This is the story about the time a portion of Sherman's army came through the area of Nash County where my family lived. It was up near **Castala on the Race Track Road**. The soldiers were coming from the southern part of the state, and they were trying to find **Webb's Mill** near **Spring Hope** and **Boddie's Mill**, which was just off present-day Hwy. 58. They were

hoping to render the mills inoperative in order to deprive people of the meal that was such a staple in their diet.

**[SEE YANKEES, PAGE 4]**



**JOHN F. TOMPKINS**

Agricultural reformer, a founder of the State Fair, published and edited the *Farmer's Journal*, 1852-53, in Bath. This was his home.

*Main Street in Bath, Beaufort County*

### Weather Alert! Snow in Halifax

The Other Place That Begins With H May be Cool, but Every Where Else the People Are Roasting.

Weldon, N.C., June 15.—A Citizen of Weldon who was at Enfield Saturday informs me that during a brisk Souther storm which came up suddenly there was a little flurry of snow. The flakes came down soft and gently and one well-known citizen of Enfield picked up one of the flakes to make sure that it was real and truly snow. Such a remarkable occurrence as never known here before.

*[Nash Co. Observer, 6/16/1897]*

institutions and representing levels and areas of expertise. The consultant facilitator led multiple discussions on high level topics (Priorities, Challenges, Collaboration) intended to generate candid discussions. Attendees were asked to list their top priorities both for the state and for their own institutions in the sphere of digital initiatives for the next 2-5 years. Strengthening the NCDHC was the highest ranked statewide priority.

#### **LSTA FIVE-YEAR PLAN EVALUATION AND PREPARATION**

The State Library of North Carolina will be concluding its most recent Five-Year LSTA Plan and spent the last quarter gathering information to formulate the next one. This plan articulates the goals, needs, and example activities that will govern and inform the next five years of grant disbursement. As part of the information gathering process, the LSTA Advisory Board worked closely with consultants to discuss library needs as well as successes and areas of improvement in the current LSTA program. NCDHC staff participated in the evaluation of the last plan, and provided input for the upcoming plan.

#### **NCDHC ADVISORY BOARD**

The Center's Advisory Board had its annual meeting in June. This meeting is always a critical time to review the previous year's work and to talk about future directions. A good portion of the discussion revolved around future DPLA work and options for replacing CONTENTdm.

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## **Substantial Increase in Microfilmed Newspaper Digitization for FY 2016-2017**

In June, the State Library notified the Center that it could disburse additional funding for microfilmed newspaper digitization over the course of the next few months. This was exciting news. To work within the short timeline, the Center decided to extend runs of newspapers currently on DigitalNC, for which permissions had already been obtained from the publishers. This additional funding should result in over 170,000 added pages.

## **Consultations**

*For this statistic, we're counting NCDHC full-time staff consulting on NCDHC services, digitization, digital publication or another related topic. These consultations should be substantive, last at least 10-15 minutes, can take place virtually or in person, and do not include presentations or workshops.*

Consultations for this quarter include discussing mass digitization of vertical files with a potential new partner, talking through content management system choices with a smaller college, helping UNC colleagues with CONTENTdm, providing reference on where to take a potential donation, participating in a DPLA working group on metadata, lending advice on OCR software options to a neighboring statewide initiative, and talking through the upcoming proposed DPLA fee with data providers.

**TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 16**

## Statistics

### ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

| Collection                       | Number of Objects | Number of Pages (Scans) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Images of North Carolina         | 16,686            | 29,146                  |
| North Carolina Memory            | 7,234             | 286,543                 |
| North Carolina Yearbooks         |                   |                         |
| College and University Yearbooks | 4,360             | 720,984                 |
| Other Campus Publications        | 4,341             | 645,409                 |
| High School Yearbooks            | 2,825             | 282,989                 |
| North Carolina City Directories  | 1,004             | 558,264                 |
| North Carolina Sights & Sounds   | 337               | 1,111                   |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>36,787</b>     | <b>2,524,446</b>        |

| Collection                | Titles | Issues | Number of Pages (Scans) |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|
| North Carolina Newspapers | 283    | 84,495 | 678,012                 |

### VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2017

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Unique visitors              | 104,052 |
| Average sessions per day     | 1,705   |
| Total number of sessions     | 155,189 |
| Sessions from North Carolina | 87,452  |
| Total number of page views   | 836,020 |

### VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2017

356,110

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