



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

This quarter Digital Heritage Center staff scanned family photos for a local television show and advised on a number of grant-related endeavors with partners around the state. Our software migration is ongoing with a hopeful go-live date of late Winter.

New Partners

ROBERSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Robersonville Public Library is located in Martin County and their addition to DigitalNC brings more coverage for this county. A very small town library, Robersonville provided yearbooks from the town's high school, cemetery records, and Martin County histories by the historical society in their first batch.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/robersonville-public-library/>

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Wrightsville Beach Museum of History is a small museum located just as you enter Wrightsville Beach and is just a few blocks from the ocean. The museum is housed in a former beach cottage. Their first batch for DigitalNC was over 40 maps of the island, showing how it's been developed since 1923 and how the coastline has changed over time.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/wrightsville-beach-museum-of-history/>

Ongoing Projects

Spencer Bevis, Taylor De Klerk, Alyssa Putt, and Neil Byers digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- Yearbooks from the **Perry Memorial Library** and **Transylvania County Public Library**.
- Student newspapers and publications from **Greensboro History Museum** and **UNC-Chapel Hill**.

- Community newspapers from **Johnson C. Smith University**.
- Scrapbooks from **Cleveland County Memorial Library**, the **Heritage Research Center at High Point Public Library**, and **Harold D. Cooley Library (Nashville, NC)**.
- Photographs from **Central Carolina Community College**.
- A cookbook from **Davie County Public Library**.
- A variety of materials digitized by the **Kings Mountain Historical Museum** and **Mauney Memorial Library** as part of a recent LSTA grant project.
- Maps and architectural drawings from the **Chapel Hill Historical Society**.
- Funeral programs and scrapbooks from the **Durham County Library**.

The Center worked with a total of **17 different partners** during this quarter.

On the Road

Digital Heritage Center staff presented at a number of venues this quarter. Lisa co-presented with colleagues from **Duke University** and **North Carolina State University** about rights statements at the Digital Library Forum's national conference in October. She also gave a lightning talk at the North Carolina Preservation Consortium conference in Raleigh. Kristen gave several presentations about primary sources on DigitalNC to middle school teachers, social studies curriculum coordinators, and media specialists at workshops held by **UNC-Greensboro**.

In December Lisa traveled east and visited a number of partners—**Braswell Memorial Library** in Rocky Mount, the **Harold D. Cooley Library** in Nashville, and **Edgecombe Memorial Library** in Tarboro. This trip was planned in conjunction with one of the regional workshops

being held at the **Edgecombe Memorial Library** related to the Digitizing Hidden Collections grant (more information below). During this trip she also visited the **Ahoskie Women's Club**, which holds an extensive collection of historical materials and is planning exhibits for a new downtown visitor's center.

Grant Partnerships

As mentioned in the previous quarterly report, the Digital Heritage Center is partnering with different groups on several grants. During this quarter the Digitizing Hidden Collections grant, awarded by the State Historical Records Advisory Board to the **State Archives of North Carolina**, got well underway. Four regional workshops related to preparing materials to come to the Digital Heritage Center were held, and materials have already been transferred to the Center for digitization. Neil Byers, one of our graduate students, worked on digitization and description of materials, which will be available online after our software migration is complete. About one-third of the Digitizing Hidden Collections participant institutions are new partners, and the material types range from model rockets to rare yearbooks from local African American schools and churches.

During this quarter Digital Heritage Center staff served in advisory capacities on two LSTA-funded grants awarded to the **State Library of North Carolina** (digital preservation exploration regional meetings) and **UNC-Greensboro** (archival services for small and mid-sized institutions) as well as on a Mellon grant awarded to the Southern Folklife Collection at **UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries** (audiovisual digitization).

Content Migration

The Center's content migration from CONTENTdm to Invenio hosted by TIND entered its final stages this quarter. All content from CONTENTdm has now been migrated, and Center staff is working with TIND to improve user experience and address performance issues. Stephanie continued to build and test new workflow tools that will allow Center staff to begin ingesting newly-scanned materials that have been on hold.

Center staff expects the new repository to officially launch next quarter; Stephanie can complete work to transition DigitalNC's remaining systems to work with the new system when it is publicly available.

Consultations

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

Examples this quarter include: giving advice on applying for an LSTA grant to find African-American high school yearbooks, metadata consultation, research assistance, helping recent graduates seek a career in digitization, and participating on a task force to determine best fit options for digital collections management software.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 10

Project Highlight

FAMILY PICTURES USA

This quarter we took part in something a little different—an upcoming tv show! Early in the fall, **UNC-TV** contacted the Center and asked if we would be interested in doing scanning support for a show they were shooting called Family Pictures USA. Eager to support another public institution in North Carolina, Center staff enthusiastically agreed. On two Saturdays in November, students and staff from the NCDHC went to Rocky Mount and Durham to scan photographs that people brought to tell the histories of their families on camera. The show is hosted by Thomas Allan Harris and the NC episodes should be airing on **UNC-TV** next summer so keep an eye out for your favorite digitizers in the background.



ABOVE *Alyssa Putt and Taylor de Klerk scan on camera.*

<https://familypicturesusa.com/>

Statistics

Please note that numbers will show slower growth this quarter compared to previous quarters until our software migration is complete.

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	20,204	33,614
North Carolina Memory <i>Includes Urban Renewal Collection</i>	10,043	349,775
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,424	734,333
Other Campus Publications	4,672	696,331
High School Yearbooks	3,435	364,322
North Carolina City Directories	1,018	571,514
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	341	1,115
Total	44,137	2,751,004

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	351	120,271	1,008,611

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2018

Unique visitors	95,587
Average sessions per day	1,704
Total number of sessions	156,815
Sessions from North Carolina	91,631*
Total number of page views	941,313

*Corrected April 2019; previous statistics erroneously reported users from North Carolina instead of sessions.

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2018

435,068

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