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FEATURED PROJECTS

**Henderson Institute Yearbooks**

Student yearbooks from the Henderson Institute, an African American school in Vance County, are now available online in the North Carolina High School Yearbooks collection. The school was founded in 1891 and served African American students in the region until its closing in 1970. The yearbooks are from the collection of the Henderson Institute Historical Museum, which is dedicated to preserving the history of this important institution.

**Hickory Public Library Business Vertical Files**

The vertical files at the Hickory Public Library contain terrific resources for people studying local and family history. The business vertical files have been especially popular, as the library receives many questions related to the furniture industry in the region. These vertical files, now available online, contain newspaper clippings, pamphlets, brochures, and more, presented in an easy-to-use alphabetical arrangement.

**FEATURED IMAGE**

An Evening with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1966.

Poster announcing the May 8, 1966 visit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Edenton, North Carolina. Contributed to the North Carolina Memory collection by Elizabeth City State University.
The digitization of historic student and community newspapers continues to be the largest and most complex project at the Digital Heritage Center. This spring and summer saw the publication of many new titles from across North Carolina. Some of the highlights include:

**CHATHAM RECORD (PITTSBORO), 1879-1901**
The late 19th century was a tumultuous time in North Carolina as the state continued to recover from the Civil War and engaged in fierce political battles that would resonate for decades to come. The Chatham Record covers these issues and more in a lively local paper. The Record is distinct from many of the other papers we've digitized in the amount of literary material included; poems and stories are often featured on the front page.

**TARBORO FREE PRESS, 1824-1844**
In the early 19th century, Tarboro was one of the commercial centers of eastern North Carolina and published a newspaper that was read throughout the region. Over 1,000 issues of the Tarboro Free Press are now online, giving users a fascinating glimpse into commercial and social life in rural North Carolina more than 150 years ago. We are fortunate that this newspaper has been preserved in excellent condition, which has resulted in our being able to capture high quality digital images of the paper.

**NORTH CAROLINA WHIG (CHARLOTTE), 1852-1862**
The North Carolina Whig provides a compelling look at North Carolina politics during the build-up to the Civil War. The Whig includes speeches and editorials reflecting the changing perspectives in the state as regional tensions grew and North Carolinians struggled to find their place in the conflict. Reading these and other papers, we get a look into history as it happened. In the issue published just three days before the firing on Fort Sumter in April 1861, the Whig’s editor writes, “We have thought for some time, and still think, that there will be blood shed before this matter is settled.”

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**NORTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPERS BY THE NUMBERS:**
158,000 pages
24,000 issues
60 titles

**FEATURED IMAGE**
Albemarle Spinsters’ Club Rolling Bandages, 1943.
From page 24 of the Albemarle Spinsters’ Club Scrapbook, contributed to the North Carolina Memory collection by the Stanly County Museum.
OUR PARTNERS

The following institutions have worked with the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center to share materials from their collections online at DigitalNC.org:

Alamance County Public Libraries
Appalachian State University
Ashe County Public Library
Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Bennett College
Braswell Memorial Library, Rocky Mount, N.C.
Brevard College
Buncombe County Public Libraries
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
Cabarrus County Public Library
Campbell University
Carolina Aviation Museum
Catawba College
Central Carolina Community College
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
Chatham County Historical Association
Chatham County Public Library
Chowan University
Cleveland Community College
College of the Albemarle
Cumberland County Public Library
Davidson College
Davie County Public Library
Duke University
Durham County Library
East Carolina University
Edgecombe Community College
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville Technical Community College
Forsyth County Public Library
Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Program
Gardner-Webb University
Gaston College
Gaston County Public Library
Granville County Public Library
Greensboro College
Greensboro Historical Museum
Guilford College
Halifax County Library System
Haywood County Public Library
Henderson Institute Historical Museum
Hickory Public Library
High Point University
Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library (Clayton, N.C.)
Jewish Historical Society of Greater Charlotte located at the Levine-Skirt Judaic Library and Resource Center
Johnson C. Smith University
Kings Mountain Historical Museum
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Louisburg College
Marshall College
McDowell County Public Library
Meredith College
Methodist University
Mitchell Community College
Montreat College
Mount Olive College
Museum of the Albemarle
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites and Properties
North Carolina Humanities Council
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Old Salem Museums & Gardens
Orange County Historical Museum
Peace College
Pender County Public Library
Perry Memorial Library, Henderson, N.C.
Pfeiffer University
Fiedmont Aviation Historical Society
Pitt Community College
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph Community College
Randolph County Public Library
Richmond Community College
Rockingham Community College
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Saint Augustine’s University
Saint Mary’s College
Salem College
Sallie Mae Ligon Museum & Archives & Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
Shaw University
Sisters of Mercy Archives (Belmont, N.C.)
Southeastern Community College
Southern Pines Public Library
St. Andrews University
Stanly County Museum
Stokes County Historical Society
Surry Community College
The Crossnore School
Transylvania County Library
Tufts Archives, Pinehurst, N.C.
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Wake County Public Libraries
Wake Forest School of Medicine
Wake Forest University
Washington County Library
Wayne County Public Library
Western Carolina University
Western Piedmont Community College
Wilmington Railroad Museum
Wilson County Public Library
Wingate University
Winston-Salem State University

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center provides digitization and publishing services to cultural heritage organizations in North Carolina. Any organization that is open to the public and holds rare or unique materials related to the history and culture of North Carolina is eligible to work with the Digital Heritage Center. We have worked with libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies from around the state, ranging from very small organizations run by a single person to large academic institutions.

If you are interested in sharing selections from your collection online, or if you have questions about digitization in general, contact the Digital Heritage Center at digitalnc@unc.edu or (919) 962-4836. We are especially interested in hearing from smaller organizations who have not done any digitization on their own, as well as organizations from counties that are not yet represented on DigitalNC.org.

About the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center

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 across North Carolina to digitize and publish historic materials online. It is supported by the State Library of North Carolina with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, and by the UNC-Chapel Hill University Library.