

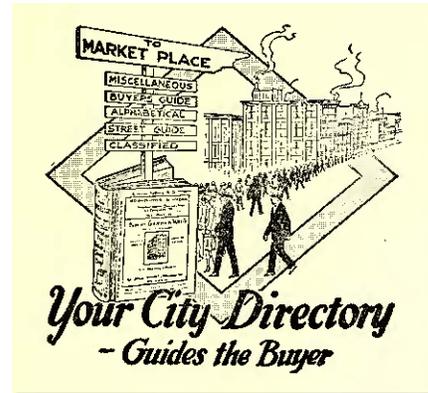


# NEWS

## 1940 City Directories Supplement Census Research

As historians and genealogists around the country begin to dig in to the 1940 Census, released to the public on April 2, 2012, supplementary research materials will be especially helpful when struggling to identify people listed in the population schedules.

There are currently 17 directories from 1940 available in the North Carolina City Directories online collection. These include many of the state's larger cities, such as Asheville, Charlotte, and Wilmington (above center), but there are also directories



from a handful of smaller towns, including Asheboro, Hendersonville, Shelby, and Lenoir.

City directories contain a wealth of information for researchers—not just names and addresses, but occupation, often the place of employment, the name of the person's

spouse, and, in many directories, their race. ■

VISIT ONLINE

<http://digitalnc.org/collections/north-carolina-city-directories>

## DIGITALNC PARTNERS WITH NORTH CAROLINA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

In recent months the Digital Heritage Center began partnering with North Carolina's community colleges, digitizing yearbooks, campus publications, scrapbooks, historic photos, local histories and genealogical materials. We've worked with the following 12 institutions, and have invited all of the 58 community colleges in our state to collaborate with the Digital Heritage Center to share their histories online.

- Central Carolina Community College
- Cleveland Community College
- College of the Albemarle
- Edgecombe Community College
- Fayetteville Technical Community College
- Gaston College
- Pitt Community College
- Randolph Community College
- Rockingham Community College
- Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
- Southeastern Community College
- Surry Community College

## FEATURED NEWSPAPER HEADLINES from the Historic Headline of the Day on Twitter (@ncnewspapers)

"\$100 Bounty. Wanted, 100 Mounted Riflemen."  
—*Fayetteville Observer*, March 21, 1864

"Public Auction— 40 Or More Likely Slaves."  
—*Catawba Journal*, February 20, 1826

"Runaway Mule Causes Three-Way Wreck."  
—*Raeford News-Journal*, January 10, 1946

"Celebration of Holiday Lands Many in Court. Mostly Liquor Cases."  
—*Southern Pines Pilot*, January 6, 1933

"Textile Strike Off. Customer Will Bear Burden of Increased Cost to Manufacturers."  
—*Mebane Leader*, March 28, 1912

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## Keep Up with the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center:

### DIGITALNC BLOG

Highlights from the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center collections. Available in RSS format.

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Announcements and featured images.

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### FLICKR

Highlights from the yearbook and newspaper projects.

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digitalnc/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/digitalnc/)

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Historic headline of the day and updates from newspaper digitization projects.

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General updates on North Carolina Digital Heritage Center projects, and news from the North Carolina Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill.

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# NEWSPAPER DIGITIZATION



Historic newspapers are by far the items most frequently suggested for digitization by both contributing institutions and library users. Old newspapers are terrific resources for research and study, and are especially good candidates for digitization because current access is significantly limited: many titles can only be accessed on microfilm held by just a couple of libraries. The challenge of digitizing newspapers is due primarily to one thing: there are so many of them. North Carolinians have published hundreds of newspapers since James Davis first printed the North-Carolina Gazette in 1751. Many of the surviving papers have been photographed onto thousands of reels of microfilm containing pages numbering in the tens of millions.

The Digital Heritage Center is working steadily to increase access to this treasure trove of state and local history. There are currently 31 titles available online, containing in all more than 60,000 pages. The titles were nominated by public libraries around the state, and span the 19th and 20th centuries. There is a broad range of communities represented in the titles selected for digitization this year. Some of the highlights include:



### THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, 1851-1865.

Published when Fayetteville was one of the largest and most important towns in the state, the Observer gives an in-depth look at North Carolina just before and during the Civil War. A staunchly pro-Confederate paper, the Observer details the political arguments that led up to the war and the fears for the state's future as the Confederacy faced defeat.



### THE PILOT (SOUTHERN PINES), 1929-1942.

The Pilot covers the growth of the Sandhills region of North Carolina during the Great Depression, especially its development as a vacation spot for northern tourists. Southern Pines and neighboring Pinehurst were celebrated as destinations for visitors interested in horseback riding and golf. In addition to typical small town news, The Pilot covered steeplechases, golf tournaments, and the many famous visitors who passed through the area.



### THE CAROLINA TIMES (DURHAM), 1937-1964.

The Carolina Times (above) has documented and advocated on behalf of North Carolina's African American community since the paper's founding in 1927. Pioneering publisher Louis E. Austin (above left), who ran the paper until his death in 1971, used The Carolina Times to publicize racial inequality and injustice in North Carolina and around the country. The early issues of this paper are especially important as they contain news of events and issues unlikely to have been covered by other newspapers in the area. ■

### NORTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPERS COLLECTION, BY THE NUMBERS

60,000 pages  
11,000 issues  
31 titles

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newspapers](http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers)



**FEATURED IMAGE**

**Gymkhana, Pinehurst, N.C., 1934**

Photo of a “pig driving contest,” held as part of a Gymkhana event in Pinehurst in 1934. Gymkhanas, held regularly in Pinehurst in the early 20th century, featured equestrian contests and exhibitions, along with other games. The original photo, by John G. Hemmer, is held by the Tufts Archives, a museum and archive devoted to the history of Pinehurst, N.C.

**VISIT ONLINE**  
<http://library.digitalnc.org/cdm/ref/collection/ncimages/id/1544>

**FEATURED PROJECTS**

**Cumberland County Tax Records**

The local and state history room in the Cumberland County Public Library in Fayetteville is a terrific resource for studying the history of the county and surrounding area. The collection is especially strong in family history materials, with one of the most valuable resources being a set of handwritten tax records from 1920.

The records span thousands of pages across five volumes and contain detailed accounts of the personal possessions and finances of individuals throughout Cumberland County. The forms they had to fill out are surprisingly specific: residents were asked to list not just the value of their homes and land, but whether or not they owned valuable items such as pianos, watches and clocks, firearms, sewing machines, and livestock. The resulting records give a rich and intimate look into the lives of Cumberland County residents in 1920.

The Cumberland County Public Library has indexed the records, making it easy for users to locate specific names in the tax lists. ■



**Richard B. Harrison Library Vertical Files**

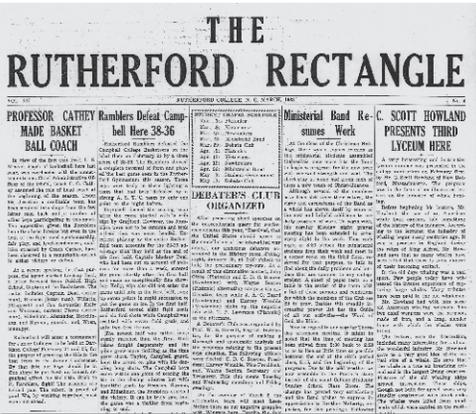
The Richard B. Harrison Library first opened in 1935 to serve as a public library for the African American community in Raleigh. The driving force behind the library was Mollie Huston Lee (below left), who served as the librarian for more than 30 years. Mrs. Lee built outstanding collections of African American literature and local history. The vertical files in the library document individuals, institutions, and events significant to the history of Raleigh through the middle part of the 20th century.

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center worked with the Wake County Public Libraries to digitize a selection of materials from the Harrison Library vertical files. Nearly 200 items from the collection are now available online, including fliers, pamphlets, and publications from community events and local institutions. Many of the publications are from Shaw University and Saint Augustine’s College. The Digital Heritage Center will continue to work with the Wake County Public Libraries and plans to digitize more of these materials soon.

The Richard B. Harrison Community Library, located on New Bern Avenue in downtown Raleigh, celebrated its reopening in December 2011 after several months of renovations. ■

**VISIT ONLINE**  
<http://digitalnc.org/exhibits/harrison-vertical-files>

**VISIT ONLINE**  
<http://digitalnc.org/exhibits/cumberland-county-tax-records>



**Brevard College Student Newspapers**

In addition to our work digitizing North Carolina’s community newspapers from microfilm, we’ve also been busy with student newspapers from colleges and universities across the state. This winter we completed digitization of student newspapers from Brevard College—849 issues dating from the 1930s to the present are now available online. Brevard College also contributed newspapers from Weaver College and Rutherford College (above), from which Brevard College was formed when the two schools merged in 1934. ■

**VISIT ONLINE**  
<http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/brevard-college-student-newspaper>  
<http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/rutherford-college-student-newspaper>  
<http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/weaver-college-student-newspaper>

# 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

Belmont Abbey College

Bennett College

Braswell Memorial Library,  
Rocky Mount, N.C.

Brevard College

Campbell University

Carolinas Aviation Museum

Central Carolina Community College

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Chatham County Historical Association

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

Greensboro College

Greensboro Historical Museum

Guilford College

Halifax County Library System

Haywood County Public Library

High Point University

Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library  
(Clayton, N.C.)

Jewish Historical Society of Greater Charlotte  
located at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and  
Resource Center

Johnson C. Smith University

Louisburg College

Mars Hill College

McDowell County Public Library

Meredith College

Methodist University

Montreat College

Mount Olive College

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

Piedmont Aviation Historical Society

Pitt Community College

Queens University of Charlotte

Randolph Community College

Randolph County Public Library

Rockingham Community College

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

Saint Augustine's College

Saint Mary's School

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

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

Wayne County Public Library

Wilmington Railroad Museum

Wilson County Public Library

Winston-Salem State University

## 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.*

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center provides digitization and digital 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](mailto: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 organizations from counties that are not yet represented on DigitalNC.org.