Two Million Digital Images

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center reached a milestone this summer when we surpassed two million digital images scanned and published online since the Center began work in early 2010. The two million digital images represent an incredible variety of cultural heritage materials from across North Carolina, all of which are now freely available online at DigitalNC.org.

The majority of digital images captured so far are from books, including more than 700,000 pages of college and high school yearbooks and more than 500,000 pages of city directories. There are nearly 500,000 pages from other college campus publications (like course catalogs and literary journals), more than 160,000 pages of historic newspapers, over 60,000 pages from scrapbooks and vertical files, and more than 5,000 historic images and artifacts.

Two million pages is a lot, but it is still just a fraction of the rare and unique materials available in North Carolina’s libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies. We’re looking forward to making many more millions of images easy to access and use as we continue working with cultural heritage institutions large and small all over North Carolina.

DigitalNC
http://digitalnc.org

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The Churches of Alleghany County, page 3.

This page from a scrapbook contributed by the Alleghany County Public Library includes Piney Creek Methodist Church, Bellview Missionary Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church, Antioch Methodist Church (left to right, above). Handwritten notes indicate building dates.
Palmer Institute in Sedalia, N.C. was founded in 1902 by Charlotte Hawkins Brown, who wanted to address the lack of educational opportunities for African Americans in North Carolina. The school operated from 1902 to 1971, educating thousands of students, many of whom pursued careers in education. The site of the school is now home to the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, a North Carolina Historic Site. The Digital Heritage Center worked with the Museum to digitize four Palmer Institute yearbooks, which are now available in the North Carolina High School Yearbooks collection.
ASHEBORO COURIER
With its lofty motto “Principles, Not Men,” The Courier was the primary newspaper for Asheboro and the surrounding area beginning in the late 19th century. Issues from 1887 to 1917 are now available on DigitalNC, including a pretty comprehensive run of papers from 1903 to 1912. For a local paper, the Courier had very good coverage of statewide and national politics. The paper was staunchly Democratic, supporting party candidates at all levels and strongly opposing prominent Republicans, notably Theodore Roosevelt in the 1904 presidential election.

VISIT ONLINE http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/courier-asheboro-nc

DAILY CONCORD STANDARD
The Daily Concord Standard is one of the few daily papers in the North Carolina Newspapers collection. Papers from 1895-1900 are now available online. It is especially valuable to have daily coverage of this important period in North Carolina history. The Standard was a Democratic paper, but took a more moderate approach than some of the other papers in the state, especially in the heated 1898 campaign.

VISIT ONLINE http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/daily-concord-standard-concord-nc

MARION PROGRESS
Three years of the Marion Progress are now available on DigitalNC: 1916, 1929, and 1940. These years were selected by the McDowell County Public Library because of their coverage of important local events during those years. In July 1916, devastating floods swept the county; in October 1929, a strike at Marion Manufacturing led to a deadly conflict between strikers and local authorities and received national attention; and 1940 saw still more floods in the county.

VISIT ONLINE http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/marion-progress-marion-nc

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Efird Division Plant No. 5 Third Shift
Group portrait of workers in Albemarle, N.C. on September 13, 1957; this image represents one of many factory portraits contributed by the Stanly County Museum.

VISIT ONLINE http://morehead.lib.unc.edu/cdm/ref/collection/ncimages/id/5787
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.

About the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center

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
- Alleghany County Public Library
- 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
- Carolinas Aviation Museum
- Catawba College
- Central Carolina Community College
- Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum
- Charlotte Mecklenburg 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
- Durham Technical Community College
- East Carolina University
- Edgecombe Community College
- Elizabeth City State University
- Elkin Public Library
- 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 Museum
- 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-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center
- Johnson C. Smith University
- King Public Library
- Kings Mountain Historical Museum
- Lees-McRae College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Lincoln County Public Library
- Louisburg College
- Marlboro College
- McDowell County Public Library
- Meredith College
- Methodist University
- Mitchell Community College
- Montreat College
- Mount Airy Public Library
- Mount Olive College
- Museum & Archives of Rockingham County
- Museum of the Albemarle
- NC LIVE
- 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
- Northwestern Regional Library
- Old Salem Museums & Gardens
- Orange County Historical Museum
- Peace College
- Pender County Public Library
- Perry Memorial Library, Henderson, N.C.
- Pfeiffer University
- Piedmont Aviation Historical Society
- Pitt Community College
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Randolph Community College
- Randolph County Public Library
- Richmond Community College
- Rockingham Community College
- Rockingham County Public Library
- Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
- Saint Augustine's University
- 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
- 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
- Yadkin County Public Library
- Yadkin County Public 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 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.