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# North Carolina

## DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

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### Quarterly Report, January – March 2011

During this quarter, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center worked with several new partners, continued to add to existing collections, and helped to lead a well-received digitization workshop.

#### New Partners

Several new organizations had materials published through the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center for the first time this quarter.

##### **Braswell Memorial Library, Rocky Mount**

The Braswell Memorial Library brought several hundred negatives and a few scrapbooks to Chapel Hill to be digitized. The negatives are from the collections of photographers Charles Killebrew and Albert Rabil. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, family photographs, and materials related to the history of the Braswell Memorial Library.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/braswell-memorial-library-rocky-mount-nc>

##### **Davidson College**

The Digital Heritage Center worked with Davidson College on two projects: digitization of the William P. Cumming Collection of maps, and the online publication of historic campus photographs. The Cumming Collection is one of the best collections of early maps of the Southeast, with a focus on maps published before 1775 and including some published as early as the 1500s. These were digitized in the Digital Production Center at the UNC Library. These maps will be published in the existing “North Carolina Maps” project. We also worked with the Davidson College archives to publish over 100 historic photos showing campus buildings, students, faculty, and events from the early- to mid-20th century.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/davidson-college>

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

The Jewish Historical Society in Charlotte facilitated the digitization of the *Charlotte Jewish News*, a monthly community newspaper, for the years 1979-2000.

<http://digitalnc.org/institutions/jewish-historical-society-greater-charlotte>

**Continuing Projects**

In addition to the projects described above, the Digital Heritage Center continued to add to existing collections. Several hundred additional images from the Ashe County Public Library were loaded to the website, and new materials from the Davie County Public Library were digitized and added to the “Digital Davie” exhibit.

## North Carolina College and University Yearbooks

The college and university yearbook collection continues to be one of the most popular and most visible projects developed by the NC Digital Heritage Center. We have now heard from a majority of the public and accredited private colleges and universities in the state, and have yearbook digitization scheduled through the summer of 2011. In this quarter, we digitized yearbooks from Brevard College, St. Andrews College, Belmont Abbey, and Sacred Heart College. Over the course of the whole project, 393,185 yearbook pages have been digitized and made available online.

<http://digitalnc.org/collections/nc-yearbooks>

### **Yearbooks Currently Available Online**

Appalachian State University

Belmont Abbey

Brevard College

Campbell University

Chowan University

Duke University

East Carolina University

Elizabeth City State University

Elon University

Fayetteville State University

Greensboro College

Guilford College

High Point University

Johnson C. Smith University

Louisburg College

Meredith College

North Carolina Central University

Peace College

Sacred Heart College

St. Andrews College

Surry Community College

UNC-Chapel Hill

UNC-Charlotte

UNC-Greensboro

Wake Forest

### **Yearbooks to be Digitized**

College of the Albemarle

Fayetteville Technical Community College

Gardner-Webb University

Mars Hill College

Mount Olive College

North Carolina Wesleyan

Winston-Salem State University

UNC-Asheville

UNC-Wilmington

Wake Forest Univ. Health Sciences Library



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### North Carolina Newspapers

In response to regular demand from our partners, the Digital Heritage Center is continuing to experiment with newspaper digitization. This quarter we completed digitization of the student newspapers from Elizabeth City State University and finished loading issues of the Raeford *News-Journal*. We also started and finished two more pilot projects: issues of the *Charlotte Jewish News* from 1979-2000, and student newspapers from North Carolina Central University.

Following the successful completion of the Elizabeth City State and North Carolina Central student papers, we have offered to digitize student newspapers from all of the North Carolina's historically black colleges and universities. Most of these papers have not been microfilmed and are only available to researchers in the form of fragile original copies in college and university libraries. We sent letters to all of the HBCU library directors in the state and have already heard from several who are interested in participating.

Newspapers are among the most popular sources available for historical and genealogical research and there is a very strong demand for online access to these resources. We will continue to explore newspaper digitization and work with our partners to find ways to share more titles online.

<http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers>

## **New Partnerships**

The Digital Heritage Center continues to hear from institutions interested in collaborating on digital projects. During this quarter, Digital Heritage Center staff had discussions with North Carolina A&T, the Washington County Public Library, the Joel Lane House Museum, the Wrightsville Beach Museum, and the Southern Pines Public Library. Staff members also consulted with UNC-Pembroke and the Rowan County Public Library as those institutions prepared to submit NC ECHO digitization grants.

## **Digitization Workshop**

On January 31, NC Digital Heritage staff members Nicholas Graham and Maggie Dickson – along with Audra Eagle Yun from Wake Forest University – led a workshop entitled “Preparing for a Digitization Workshop” at the Catawba Science Center in Hickory. The workshop was sponsored by the North Carolina Connecting to Collections program. The workshop was well-attended by librarians, archivists, and museum professionals from a variety of organizations across the state, and was an excellent venue to promote Digital Heritage Center services. Following on the success of this workshop, we will work with Connecting to Collections to present a similar workshop in Wilson in June.

## **Technology**

### **End-user Development**

The Applications Analyst continued to adjust interfaces to aid in discovery and use of collections and objects, improving browse, collection, and exhibit pages to better reflect their content. As in the past, feedback from partners as well as anonymous users informed changes to the way information is organized and presented on the site. The Applications Analyst improved the linking of data between DigitalNC's two web systems, Drupal and CONTENTdm, expanded the use of the Internet Archive Book Reader to multiple collections, and implemented CoolIris as a discovery tool for use on Exhibit and Collection pages.

## **Administrative Development**

The Applications Analyst continued to assist Library Systems staff with server maintenance and software security, the establishment of a development server, and the planning of major upgrades to both Drupal and CONTENTdm in the next quarter. Batch scripts and processes were developed for use in preparing and uploading files to the high-volume North Carolina Newspapers collection and a home-hosted adaptation of the Internet Archive Book Reader code was implemented for use with DigitalNC objects. In addition, the Applications Analyst attended user experience training toward an upcoming usability study, and worked to assemble project-related technical documentation in a single location.

## Statistics

### Items Online by Project and Contributor

<b>Project / Contributor</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
Images of North Carolina	
Ashe County Public Library	615
Braswell Memorial Library	135
Davidson College	113
Davie County Public Library	669
Haywood County Library	143
Masonic Home, Oxford	36
Elizabeth City State Univ.	110
Orange County Museum	54
Transylvania County Library	217
Tufts Archives, Pinehurst	101
UNC-Chapel Hill	19
UNC-Charlotte	23
Wilson County Library	301
North Carolina Memory	
Braswell Memorial Library	2
Fayetteville Tech. Comm. College	14
Davie County Library	83
Haywood County Library	19
Wilson County Public Library	293
North Carolina Newspapers	
Elizabeth City State	306
Jewish Historical Society	242
North Carolina Central	140
UNC-Chapel Hill (Raeford News-Journal)	440
Durham Urban Renewal Records	1,535
NC College and University Yearbooks (all schools)	2,080
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,690</b>

### Visitors to DigitalNC.org, January 1 through March 31

Unique visitors	20,296
Average visits per day	335.73
Visits from North Carolina	19,125
Total number of visits	30,216