



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015

This quarter the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center received several awards, sent staff to present at several conferences, and continued to add materials from new and current partners with some great additions from the far Eastern part of the state.

New Partners

CALDWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

The Center worked with the library at CCC&TI to digitize and publish online their student yearbooks. Dating from the earliest days of this college, these yearbooks are filled with photos of students working hard in night classes and pursuing technical education degrees in areas like furniture production and secretarial science.

<http://www.digitalinc.org/institutions/caldwell-community-college-and-technical-institute/>

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Carteret County Public Libraries got in contact with the Center as a response to a call for microfilmed newspaper digitization. We were pleased to hear from them, as to date we had received few newspaper nominations from the coast. The Center was able to digitize and publish issues of the *Carteret County News-Times* (Morehead City) and *The Beaufort News*. These papers cover those cities as well as a number of smaller coastal towns.

<http://www.digitalinc.org/institutions/carteret-county-public-libraries/>

GRADY-OUTLAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY (ALBERTSON)

The Center worked with this very small library to digitize yearbooks from B. F. Grady High School dating from 1943-1962. This library, staffed mostly by volunteers, approached the Center about digitizing the entire run after noticing that one volume was already available on DigitalNC.

<http://www.digitalinc.org/institutions/grady-outlaw-memorial-library/>

HISTORY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF PINE KNOLL SHORES

The Center worked with this very enthusiastic group to digitize *The Shore Line*, a weekly newspaper for the small community of Pine Knoll Shores. The paper was published beginning in 1973, and the Committee was able to secure permission to digitize issues through 2015.

<http://www.digitalinc.org/institutions/history-committee-of-the-town-of-pine-knoll-shores/>

PERQUIMANS COUNTY LIBRARY, PART OF THE PETTIGREW REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

In addition to the Carteret County newspapers mentioned above, we received an additional newspaper digitization nomination from another “coastal” library—the Perquimans County Library. This library secured permission from the publisher holding the rights to *The Perquimans Weekly* (Hertford) for the Center to digitize more recent newspapers, dating from 1934-1977.

<http://www.digitalinc.org/institutions/perquimans-county-library/>

WENDELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Wendell Historical Society called the Center with an interest in high school yearbook digitization. We were able to assist them by digitizing and publishing online 20 yearbooks from Wendell High School.

<http://www.digitalinc.org/institutions/wendell-historical-society/>

Ongoing Projects

In addition to the projects listed above, the Center continued work digitizing and publishing online materials from many of its current partners, including:

- Community newspapers suggested by the **Durham County Library** and the **Highlands Historical Society**
- Student newspapers from **Meredith College**
- Scrapbooks from the **Granville County Public Library**, the **High Point Museum**, and the **Perry Memorial Library (Henderson)**

- Photographs from the **Edgecombe Memorial Library** and the **Benson Museum of Local History**
- High school yearbooks from the **Cabarrus County Public Library** and the **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library**
- A postcard collection from **Braswell Memorial Library (Rocky Mount)**
- Slides of historic architecture from **Rockingham Community College**
- Newsletters, programs, advertisements, and other campus publications from **Robeson Community College**
- Local histories, scrapbooks, mill newsletters, and clippings from the **Rockingham County Public Library**
- High school yearbooks, city directories, maps, and photos from the **Stanly County Museum**
- Catalog cards containing an index for a campus publication from **Wake Forest University**

The Center worked with a total of **22 different partners** during this quarter.

Staff Changes

In October, Nick Graham, Program Coordinator since the Center's beginning, accepted a position as University Archivist at UNC-Chapel Hill. His knowledge and expertise are much missed, however he continues to advise Center staff regarding plans and procedures during this transition time. Lisa Gregory is currently serving as Interim Program Coordinator while the search for a new Coordinator is underway.

To help maintain our ongoing commitments and keep up with demand from partners, a temporary Digital Production Manager has been hired through the end of the current fiscal year. We are pleased to welcome Anna Loewenthal, a graduate of SILS at UNC-Chapel Hill. She has digitization experience as well as experience with collections at small community institutions. Anna began working with the Center at the beginning of December.

On the Road

In October, Lisa Gregory co-presented with Molly Bragg (Duke University) at the biannual meeting of the North

Carolina Library Association. The presentation described the Center's recent audiovisual digitization pilot, and there were a number of good questions from the audience of around 20 attendees.

Also in October, Lisa traveled to Ocracoke with Bob Anthony and several other UNC-Chapel Hill Library staff to the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, which was hosting a workshop on "Integrating Primary Sources in the High School Curriculum through Digital Learning." This intensive workshop, with around 35 attendees, was a great opportunity to cover the many rich digital collections in North Carolina.

While in Ocracoke, Lisa also had the opportunity to talk about the Center's services to the Ocracoke Preservation Society, which has a historic house museum and gift shop.

Finally, several Center staff visited the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association annual meeting in Chapel Hill to help facilitate transfer of materials for digitization. Some of the most frequently cited barriers to working with the Center are travel restrictions and the distance to Chapel Hill. Coming to the meeting was an effort to help in that regard. It was a success, with 7 different partners either picking up or dropping off materials (or both). We hope to find even more opportunities like this.

Center Recognized with Several Awards

This quarter DigitalNC.org was recognized by two genealogical groups. The North Carolina Genealogical Society presented the Center with an award for "Excellence in Web Presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina Genealogy." Center staff were delighted to attend the Society's annual luncheon and award ceremony. The nomination, which came from one of the Center's long-time partners, praised both the structure and ease-of-use of the site as well as the variety and extent of the materials shared there.

<http://www.ncgenealogy.org/menu-awards/642-2015-ncgs-awards-winners>

In addition, the Center was notified at the beginning of December that *Family Tree Magazine* would be recognizing DigitalNC.org as one of its "Best Websites for US State Genealogy Research." It, along with the website of the State Archives of North Carolina, is one of only two sites listed for North Carolina.

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/2015-best-state-genealogy-websites>

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Project	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	10,466	15,288
North Carolina Memory	4,120	181,496
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,276	709,767
Other Campus Publications	4,629	600,724
High School Yearbooks	2,488	248,134
North Carolina City Directories	949	538,952
Total	26,928	2,294,361

Project	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	230	56,124	414,998

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2015

Unique visitors	93,960
Average sessions per day	1,457
Sessions from North Carolina	135,522
Total number of sessions	71,443
Total number of page views	726,566

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2015

529,045

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