



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

JANUARY – MARCH 2017

This quarter, Digital Heritage Center staff presented and visited a number of partners around North Carolina, and announced a six-month digitization focus on materials documenting underrepresented communities and groups.

New Partners

ANSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Anson County Historical Society contacted us with a request to digitize a large and fragile map on its way to conservation. This 1904 map of Anson County contains numerous annotations. A representative of the Society brought the map, and we scanned it while he observed.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/anson-county-historical-society/>

Ongoing Projects

Elizabeth Blackwood, Julia Gootzeit, and Erin Ansbro digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- city directories from the **Forsyth County Public Library**
- city directories, letters from World War II, and a time book for Kings Mountain Manufacturing for the **Mauney Memorial Library**
- genealogy newsletters, cookbooks, menus, telephone directories, and yearbooks from **Braswell Memorial Library**
- high school newspapers from the **High Point Museum**
- journals, photographs, and scrapbooks from the **Davie County Public Library**
- minute books, account books, correspondence, and photographs from **The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina**

- newspapers for the **History Committee of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores**
- a North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs newspaper and other related materials from **North Carolina Central University**
- photographs from **Central Carolina Community College**
- photographs and yearbooks from the **Benson Museum of Local History**
- scrapbooks from the Heritage Research Center at **High Point Public Library**
- scrapbooks and yearbooks from the **McDowell County Public Library**
- slides from **Durham County Library**
- student ledgers, scrapbooks, city directories, and other materials from the **Stanly County Museum**
- World War I records from the **Wilson County Public Library**
- yearbooks and campus publications from **C. M. Eppes High School Alumni Heritage Society, Inc.; Charlotte Mecklenburg Library; Chatham County Public Library; Davidson College; UNC-Chapel Hill's North Carolina Collection and University Archives; Wake Forest School of Law; and Wake Forest University Library**

The Center worked with a total of **24 different partners** during this quarter.

On the Road

Center staff traveled quite a bit this quarter. Lisa and Kristen went to **Central Piedmont Community College** in Charlotte to get a tour of their archives and to talk about

potential digitization projects. This visit led to the ongoing digitization of scrapbooks documenting school history.

Staff attended the annual Society of North Carolina Archivists meeting in Asheville. Lisa presented preliminary information regarding the Digital Summit being conducted by the **State Library of North Carolina**, and Kristen discussed the Center's recent efforts at increasing diversity on DigitalNC. During this trip, staff also stopped at **Davie County Public Library**, **McDowell County Public Library**, and the **UNC School of the Arts**, to pick up and drop off materials and visit with partners.

Members of the newly formed North Carolina Community College Archives Association asked Lisa to join them in presenting on preserving and accessing community college history. This presentation took place at the North Carolina Community College Library Association's annual meeting in Morehead City. During this trip, Lisa also took the opportunity to visit **New Bern-Craven County Public Library** and the **Beaufort Historic Site** (the latter of which is an upcoming new partner).

Kristen traveled to Ocracoke Island to the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) to present at a workshop on digital primary resources. This is the third time NCCAT has asked NCDHC staff to present. Kristen worked closely with staff from UNC Libraries, and connected with **State Library** and **State Archives** staff who attended.

Kristen also attended the North Carolina Museums Council annual meeting, which helped keep the staff abreast of

current trends in the museum field and allowed Kristen to network with some of our existing museum partners.

Call for Materials Documenting Underrepresented Populations and Communities

At the 2016 Advisory Board meeting, Board members discussed putting out thematic or event-related "calls" for materials. While the Center has issued calls based on format (yearbooks, newspapers, AV) we had never ventured into calls based on item content, preferring to yield to our partners' expressed priorities.

Digital Heritage Center staff have been brainstorming ways to increase the diversity of the populations and communities represented on DigitalNC.org. We decided that soliciting materials related to underrepresented populations or communities might serve as a way to increase the diversity of voices shared on DigitalNC.org and would also be a good pilot effort at issuing a thematic call. In February, we asked our partners if they had any materials they'd like to digitize related to underrepresented populations. We have had an enormous response. Over 20 inquiries came through in the two weeks after the call and there are currently six batches on site that deal with underrepresented populations. We are still getting inquiries related to participating, thanks in part to Kristen's presentation at SNCA. This call really resonated with current partners and we hope to continue with more ideas related to this effort in the coming months.

Project Highlight

DURHAM CITY SCHOOLS SLIDE COLLECTION, DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY

Taken by William Franklin "Frank" Warren, the superintendent of Durham city schools from 1933-1947, these slides show images of Durham city schools, both white and African-American, from the 1930s and 1940s. The slides include classroom scenes, school celebrations, exterior shots of school buildings, a high school class trip to Williamsburg and Richmond, VA, group portraits of sports teams, portraits of teachers and school administrators, and more. There are also shots of other Durham landmarks in this collection.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/william-franklin-warren/>



High school girls baking in a photo by William Franklin Warren, circa 1940.

Additional Microfilmed Newspapers Selected for Digitization

Last quarter, the Center finished reviewing nominations for newspaper digitization for this fiscal year and announced the selected titles to its partners. Around 50 reels were chosen from over 1,100 nominated reels. Thanks to a recent budget revision, we were able to reallocate additional funds to newspaper digitization. Four additional titles have been selected.

- *Brevard News* (Brevard, N.C.), 1924-1932, **Transylvania County Library**
- *The Carolina Indian Voice* (Pembroke, N.C.), 1996-2005, **UNC-Chapel Hill** (new paper, underrepresented county and population)
- *Farmville Enterprise* (Farmville, N.C.), 1914-1941, **Farmville County Library** (new paper)
- *Transylvania Times* (Brevard, N.C.), 1932-1933, **Transylvania County Library** (new paper)

CONTENTdm Committee

In our last quarterly report, we reported the work of Stephanie Williams and Lisa Gregory on UNC Libraries' CONTENTdm Committee, charged with evaluating the affordances of CONTENTdm and identifying potential replacements.

In March, members of the CONTENTdm Committee presented their findings to the UNC Libraries' Technology Council (LTC), which consists of a group of administrators and other representatives from around the library who are charged with steering library technology decisions. In response to this report, members of the LTC asked for two additional user needs assessments (one for NCDHC and one for the Libraries' digital collections) before exploring further system options or deciding next steps. NCDHC has committed to completing this assessment by summer. It will include a literature review, surveys (to partners and also embedded within the CONTENTdm portions of DigitalNC.org), and additional interviews if needed.

Consultations

For this newly reported statistic, we're counting NCDHC full-time staff consulting on NCDHC services, digitization, digital publication or another related topic. These consultations should be substantive, last at least 10-15 minutes, can take place virtually or in person, and do not include presentations or workshops.

Examples for this quarter include advising a public library about guidelines for conducting oral histories, advising another public library about suggested equipment for a mobile digitization kit, coaching a public library through a grant application, and assisting institutions in other states with tools provided via NCDHC's Github repository.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 13

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	15,372	27,490
North Carolina Memory	7,109	277,461
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,331	717,646
Other Campus Publications	4,138	627,448
High School Yearbooks	2,749	277,447
North Carolina City Directories	996	555,411
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	314	899
Total	35,009	2,483,801

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	277	74,624	611,185

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2017

Unique visitors	105,021
Average sessions per day	1,768
Total number of sessions	159,135
Sessions from North Carolina	89,135
Total number of page views	906,182

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2017

365,473

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