North Carolina
DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

This quarter the Digital Heritage Center hosted middle school students engaging with Wilmington history, conducted its first Scan-on-Location visit, and took advantage of some travel and event opportunities to get in touch with new peers and provide new services.

New Partners

CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We scanned yearbooks from Cape Fear Community College beginning in 1970, from its days as Cape Fear Technical Institute. The yearbooks run up through 1989, shortly after the name changed to Cape Fear Community College.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/cape-fear-community-college/

CAPE FEAR MUSEUM

The Cape Fear Museum contributed rare issues of the *Wilmington Daily Record*, the African American owned newspaper whose offices were destroyed during riots in the late 19th century. See the "Project Highlight" section below for more details.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/cape-fear-museum/

CITY OF RALEIGH MUSEUM

Digital Heritage Center staff packed up two scanners and traveled to the City of Raleigh Museum to pilot a new Scan-on-Location service. While at the museum, staff digitized a collection of photographs taken by Madlin Futrell, a photographer who worked for several local government institutions in the 1950s.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/city-of-raleigh-museum/

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Johnston Community College contributed twenty years of yearbooks, from 1972-1992. The addition of Cape Fear Community College and Johnston Community College brings our number of Community College partners up to 27.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/johnston-community-college/

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (NCSSM)

The NCSSM received an LSTA EZ Digitization grant and, as part of that project, we worked with them to digitize yearbooks. Adding them as a partner means we have worked with all sixteen of the UNC system schools.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/north-carolina-school-of-science-and-math/

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

Meeting minutes and Society newsletters from the 1970s to the early 2000s document news and events for this historic Raleigh neighborhood.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/the-society-for-the-preservation-of-historic-oakwood/

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

This new partner contributed three yearbooks from 1956, 1958, and 1962, from Winchester Avenue High School, the black high school in Monroe, NC before school integration.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/union-county-public-library/

Ongoing Projects

Jessica Serrao, Julia Gootzeit, Spencer Bevis, and Kayla Richardson-Piche digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- photographs from **Central Carolina Community College** and **Randolph County Public Library**
- scrapbooks from **Wilson County Public Library** and **Granville County Public Library**

- yearbooks and campus publications from **Braswell Memorial Library**, **Burke County Public Library**, **Cumberland County Public Library**, **East Carolina University**, **Mars Hill University**, **UNC-Pembroke**, **UNC School of the Arts** and **Wayne County Public Library**
- school newspapers from **Saint Mary's School**
- newspapers from **UNC-Charlotte**
- city directories from **Cumberland County Public Library** and **New Bern-Craven County Public Library**
- a book documenting the experiences of the author's ancestors in the Civil War from **Mauney Memorial Library**
- funeral programs from **Durham County Library**
- event programs from **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library** and **Henderson Institute Historical Museum**
- photographs and oral histories from **Edgecombe County Memorial Library**
- two microfilmed newspapers nominated by **Farmville Public Library** and **UNC-Chapel Hill**

The Center worked with a total of **29 different partners** during this quarter.

On the Road

This quarter we broadened our horizons a little by taking advantage of some new opportunities. Kristen and Lisa traveled to Austin, Texas for the annual meeting of the Association of State and Local History. With presentations by museums and historic sites, the sessions at this conference showed how intensely focused these types of organizations are on visitor engagement and programming, as well as the provocative questions they've faced over the last year as they try to remain sensitive to current events. This was the first time NCDHC staff have attended this conference.

Kristen attended a meeting convened by the Department of Public Instruction about North Carolina digital content for Social Studies teachers. Methods for making our materials more accessible to teachers for use in the K-12 classroom were discussed, as well as possible collaborations on teaching resources with our colleagues at the State Library and State Archives.

One of our partners, the **Page-Walker Arts & History Center**, invited the Digital Heritage Center to have a booth at their first ever "History Harvest," an event designed to
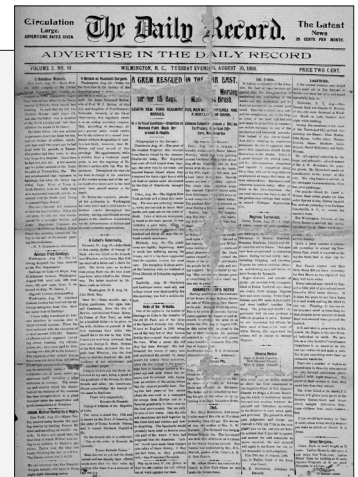
Project Highlight

THE WILMINGTON DAILY RECORD NEWSPAPER

In the late 19th century, white supremacists in Wilmington responded to the outcome of a local election by attacking and killing African Americans and destroying property and homes as well as the office of a local African American newspaper, the *Daily Record*. Only a few issues of this newspaper are known to have survived. Earlier this year, a local journalist contacted us in the hopes that we could digitize issues he had located at the **Cape Fear Museum**. The journalist was working with local middle schoolers to study the paper and Wilmington history from that time. As a culmination of their studies, these students, their chaperones, and staff from the Museum traveled to Chapel Hill to engage with the digitization process. You can now see the only known remaining issues of the *Daily Record* on DigitalNC[1], along with a scrapbook[2] that compiled reactions to the riots from papers around the country. *Library Journal* and the *Wilmington Star News* both covered this project.

[1] http://go.unc.edu/Dx37P
[2] http://go.unc.edu/s3Z5M

share resources related to African-American genealogy and local history. Lisa connected attendees with resources on DigitalNC, including yearbooks and student newspapers from North Carolina's HBCUs.

Stephanie attended the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Dev Day conference in Raleigh for updates in how best to track and manage AWS S3 storage the Center currently uses; she also attended sessions on new AWS services the Center could make use of during and after our planned migration out of CONTENTdm.

Center staff also conducted two new types of consultation visits. In July, **Livingstone College** librarians and volunteers were beginning to go through collections that had long been held in a local storage unit. Kristen, Stephanie, and

Lisa helped them look through boxes that had been closed for years, giving them an idea of what would be viable for digitization and talking through some baseline preparatory steps. After this visit, we connected them with Chaitra Powell, African American Collections and Outreach Archivist at UNC-Chapel Hill, who will be working with them on baseline archival processing.

We've talked with the **Forest History Society** on several occasions now about their interest in digitizing a very large vertical file collection. They needed some good numbers on how long it would take to prepare files for digitization. Lisa along with two graduate students, Sangeeta and Julia, took a few hours to go through files and prepare them for digitization, keeping track of how long it took to de-staple, arrange, and flatten. These numbers were helpful to the Society as they approached vendors, giving them a better idea of whether they should outsource or hire staff to complete this work. The data we collected will also inform future Digital Heritage Center partners about the time investment necessary to digitize vertical files.

On-Location Scanning

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, we will be trying out an on-location scanning service, targeted at institutions who may have difficulty traveling to Chapel Hill. In preparation for this new activity, Lisa, Kristen, Sangeeta, and Julia traveled to the **City of Raleigh Museum** (a new partner) for a test run. We spent half of a day scanning photographs and working out challenges and protocols for these types of visits. The official call for nominations for on-location scanning went out in September and we will be reviewing them soon.

Content Migration

The Center continued work this quarter toward migrating digital content out of CONTENTdm into a new system.

Stephanie and Lisa scheduled conversations with digital content repositories in New York and Switzerland to learn from their experiences managing large amounts of content within non-library software solutions.

Stephanie attended the first meeting of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) Samvera Interest Group, a group of project managers and developers from TRLN member institutions convened to share knowledge

and information related to the development of digital collections and repositories using the open-source Samvera software. Though we have not decided to participate in Samvera community projects at this time, Stephanie learned what issues local institutions faced while undertaking their own content migrations and found discussions extremely helpful to the Center's search for a new software solution.

DPLA News

Earlier this year, the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) announced a new fee-based membership structure for hubs. After gathering feedback from multiple stakeholders, the Digital Heritage Center let the DPLA and other hubs know that we would be declining membership for this fiscal year. Metadata will still be harvested from North Carolina by the DPLA on a twice-yearly basis. We will review this decision for the next fiscal year, after observing the membership benefits other hubs receive.

We are still participating in several other DPLA-related activities. Kristen has been part of their Mapping Working Group, which has met on a biweekly basis since June. We have also been working with **UNC-Wilmington** to prepare their metadata for DPLA participation.

Consultations

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

Examples this quarter include talking with California State Government about how digital initiatives work is conducted in North Carolina (including placement of responsibilities and a general view of different institutional players).

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 12

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	17,476	30,025
North Carolina Memory	9,281	305,920
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,383	728,611
Other Campus Publications	4,455	655,310
High School Yearbooks	2,990	308,438
North Carolina City Directories	1,016	570,976
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	337	1,111
Total	**39,938**	**2,600,391**

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	317	100,721	856,050

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Unique visitors	103,638
Average sessions per day	1,726
Total number of sessions	158,798
Sessions from North Carolina	93,038
Total number of page views	899,141

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

297,213