



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

APRIL – JUNE 2018

This quarter the Digital Heritage Center staff officially began our software migration out of CONTENTdm, held our annual advisory board meeting, and made our furthest partner visit to date when we went to **Graham County Public Library**.

New Partners

HAROLD D. COOLEY LIBRARY

Harold D. Cooley Library in Nashville, NC joined us this quarter as a new partner. The Cooley library is the town run public library for Nashville, which is in the eastern part of the state and holds the claim “the original Nashville.” Our first batch for the library was digitizing six scrapbooks. One scrapbook includes news clippings from Nash County from 1944-1945. Most articles in this scrapbook cover World War II with an emphasis on clippings that mention soldiers serving from Nash County. The other five scrapbooks in this batch document the activities of the Nashville Business and Professional Women’s Club from the late 1940s through the 1990s.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/harold-d-cooley-library/>

MOORE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The **Moore County Historical Association** is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, and sharing, the rich historical legacy of the towns, cities and surrounding area, of Moore County, North Carolina. The first batch of materials we digitized for them is a set of yearbooks from Southern Pines High School.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/moore-county-historical-association/>

RALEIGH FIRE MUSEUM

The **Raleigh Fire Museum** was started in 2008 to document the history of the Raleigh Fire Department. The museum is

likely one of our smallest partners to date, and is only open to the public one Saturday a month. As a result, we are excited to add them to DigitalNC to bring their collection to a much broader audience. The first batch we did for them was a set of scrapbooks created in the 1950s and 1960s by the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Raleigh Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 548.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/raleigh-fire-museum/>

ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rowan Public Library’s first contribution to DigitalNC was almost four dozen yearbooks from Boyden High School (also known as Salisbury High School). Covering the years 1921 to 1967, the yearbooks show an almost fifty year period of Salisbury’s history in the middle of the 20th century.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/rowan-public-library/>

Ongoing Projects

Jessica Serrao, Julia Gootzeit, and Spencer Bevis digitized and published online materials from many of the Center’s current partners, including:

- general store accounting ledgers from **Braswell Memorial Library**
- photographs from **Central Carolina Community College**
- scrapbooks from the **Heritage Research Center at High Point Public Library** and **Randolph County Public Library**
- yearbooks and campus publications from **Alamance County Public Library**, **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**, **Surry Community College**, and **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**
- school newspapers from the **North Carolina School of Science and Math**

- an LGBTQ newspaper from **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**
- funeral programs from **Durham County Library**
- photos, manuscripts, scrapbooks and documents from the **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**
- books documenting local history from **Hickory Public Library** and the **Pender County Public Library**
- pamphlets and booklets from the **Gaston County Public Library**
- campus publications from **Richmond Community College** and **Johnson C. Smith University**
- 19th century papers documenting the history of **Davidson College**

- a family history collection from **Edgecombe Memorial Library**
- WWI memorial posters and an 1881 map of Goldsboro from **Wayne County Public Library**
- microfilmed newspapers nominated by **Person County Public Library, Surry Community College, Warren County Memorial Library, and Wilkes County Public Library**

The Center worked with a total of **28 different partners** during this quarter.

Project Highlight

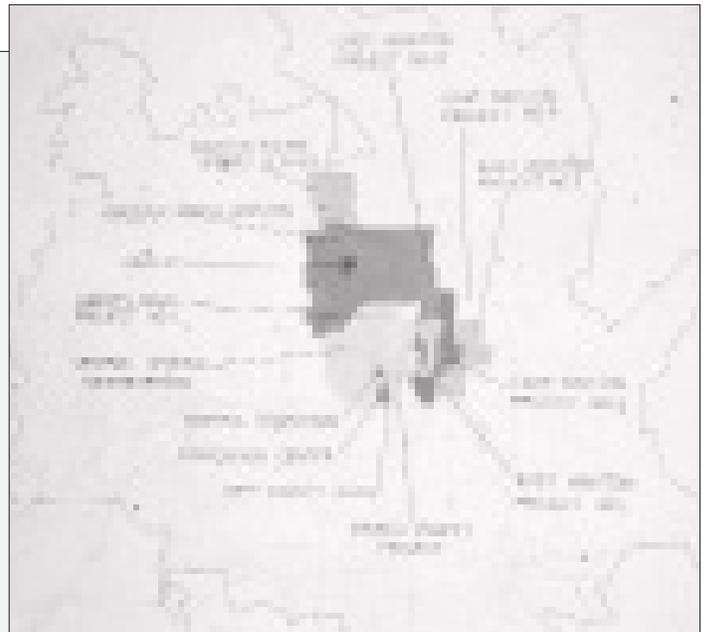
NCDHC VISITS WINSTON SALEM AFRICAN AMERICAN ARCHIVE

At the beginning of May, Lisa, Kristen, and all three graduate students drove to Winston-Salem for the day to digitize materials for the **Winston Salem African American Archive**. We were greeted with lots of materials, including a few boxes of slides that the staff at the WSAAA did not know a lot about, and a yearbook from Anderson High School in Winston-Salem, an African-American high school that closed after integration. In the course of one day we scanned over 200 slides that documented urban renewal efforts in Winston-Salem, several photographs and newspaper clippings, and the full 1970 yearbook. We also had the pleasure of meeting many people who were working to build and preserve the WSAAA who told us great stories about African American history in Winston-Salem and their efforts to find and document that history. The staff left with a bag of materials to scan back in Chapel Hill as well. As the WSAAA has struggled to find a permanent home, we are excited to assist them in providing them with a digital home base for many of their rare materials.

TOP *Project Map of City of Winston-Salem, March 1969*

BOTTOM *Lisa talks with WSAAA staff about materials.*

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/winston-salem-african-american-archive/>



On the Road

All three NCDHC staff members packed up and headed to Robbinsville, North Carolina, to scan photographs with new partner **Graham County Public Library**. This was our furthest trip west to date, and we were warmly welcomed by staff and local residents. We also stopped at **Burke County Public Library** to pick up yearbooks for digitization. Our other on-location scanning trip this quarter was at the **Winston Salem African American Archive**. All of our graduate students joined us and we spent the day scanning and chatting with the enthusiastic Archive members (see page 2 for more details). Other partner trips included a visit to **Durham County Library**, **Harold D. Cooley Library**, **Watauga County Public Library**, **Wilkes County Public Library**, and the **Wrightsville Beach Museum**. We've been talking with the latter organization off and on for over five years, and we're so pleased to have visited their Museum to pick up some maps for digitization.

Newspapers were the presentation topic of the quarter; Kristen joined a representative from the Library of Congress National Digital Newspaper Program to speak about newspaper digitization at a meeting of the Lake Gaston Computer Club. She also spoke about newspapers at the North Carolina Genealogy Society's Speakers Forum and met a lot of passionate fans of the NCDHC newspaper site. One of the speakers, a professional genealogist, told Kristen that DigitalNC was the "best and slickest website for newspapers" he has used in the country.

This quarter was also busy as we took advantage of professional development opportunities. Stephanie participated in a weeklong web accessibility e-course and an intensive four-day Ansible server automation training. All staff took part in a three-day MARC training in preparation for our migration to TIND, which uses MARC behind the scenes. Lisa and Kristen attended the Black Communities conference in Durham. This conference allowed us to connect with current and prospective partners, but we mostly spent time listening and learning during sessions related to community building and preservation of history.

Content Migration

Center staff officially began the work of migrating content out of CONTENTdm and into Invenio (hosted by TIND) this quarter. All CONTENTdm content has now been exported, processed, and sent to the vendor. Stephanie began processing 2.1 million yearbook pages that were digitized using the Internet Archive for the new system, with the assistance of UNC's Research Computing division.

Center staff continued to attend biweekly meetings with TIND, received access to NCDHC's hosted Invenio instance, and expect an initial ingest of materials to be complete next quarter. Lisa was able to meet with TIND's CFO, Alex Nietzhold, during the ALA conference and discuss our progress in person; Lisa and Kristen held a webinar to communicate migration plans to partners.

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 the University of Miami Library about TIND, a 15 minute talk with a School of Information and Library Science class, and helping the North Carolina Community College Archives Association plan their first annual meeting.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 8

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	19,05	32,050
North Carolina Memory <i>Includes Urban Renewal Collection</i>	9,768	336,837
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,382	728,993
Other Campus Publications	4,658	680,240
High School Yearbooks	3,205	345,747
North Carolina City Directories	1,018	571,514
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	341	1,115
Total	42,877	2,696,496

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	339	116,865	978,881

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2018

Unique visitors	106,762
Average sessions per day	1,831
Total number of sessions	166,623
Sessions from North Carolina	97,408*
Total number of page views	1,000,600

**Corrected April 2019; previous statistics erroneously reported users from North Carolina instead of sessions.*

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2018

434,744

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