



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2019

This quarter the Digital Heritage Center revamped its partner analytics website, worked with partners to digitize and share the earliest known North Carolina African American newspaper, and wished Kristen well as she welcomed her new daughter and left for extended leave.

New Partners

AMY REGIONAL LIBRARY

AMY Regional Library, which serves Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties, nominated several Burnsville, N.C. newspapers for digitization. These include the *Yancey Record*, the *Burnsville Eagle*, the *Edwards Broadcaster*, and the *Yancey Journal*. Issues date from the 1920s through the 1970s.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/amy-regional-library/>

AHOSKIE WOMAN'S CLUB

Though clubs are not typically eligible to be NCDHC partners, this organization stewards historical collections and recently opened exhibits in the new Ahoskie visitor's center. We worked with them to share yearbooks and scrapbooks documenting Hertford County schools.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/ahoskie-womans-club/>

ANDREWS PUBLIC LIBRARY

We worked with Andrews Public Library to share its own history. The library sent minutes from their Board of Trustees, annual reports, and other documents from the early 20th century when the library first opened. We worked with Andrews Public Library as part of our SHRAB grant partnership with the State Archives of North Carolina.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/andrews-public-library/>

THE HARVEY B. GANTT CENTER FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTS + CULTURE

We got in touch with the Gantt Center during a search for North Carolina's oldest African American newspaper. Read the Project Highlight further down in this report for more information about this partnership.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/the-harvey-b-gantt-center-for-african-american-arts-culture/>

HENDERSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY and HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

These two organizations worked together to send us a large batch of Henderson High School yearbooks. There's an early volume from 1916, with the remaining volumes coming from the late 1940s through the early 1960s.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/henderson-county-genealogical-and-historical-society/>
<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/henderson-county-public-library/>

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF CATAWBA COUNTY

The Historical Association contributed photographs from the 1920's through the 1950's related to agriculture in Catawba County and throughout North Carolina. The photographs show farm workers, mills, and different types of crops. We worked with the Historical Association of Catawba County as part of our SHRAB grant partnership with the State Archives of North Carolina.

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

SHEPARD-PRUDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library nominated the *Chowan Herald* (Edenton) newspaper for digitization, and we've added

issues from 1934-1956. Shepard-Pruden is part of **Pettigrew Regional Library**, which we've worked with in the past to provide additional newspaper digitization from its four constituent counties.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/shepard-pruden-memorial-library/>

WACHOVIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Wachovia Historical Society, one of the oldest in the country, contributed scrapbooks documenting their organization, the Moravian Church, and Winston-Salem. Items within the scrapbooks date from 1836-1941.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/wachovia-historical-society/>

Ongoing Projects

Nicole Cvjetnicinanin, Taylor De Klerk, Felton Foushee, NC Nwoko, and Lulu Zilinskas digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- Scrapbooks from **Durham County Library** and **Transylvania County Public Library**.
- Newspaper clippings from **Duplin County Library**.
- Microfilmed newspaper issues nominated by **Cabarrus County Public Library**, **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**, **Chatham County Public Library**, **Olivia Raney Local History Library**, and **Wayne County Public Library**.
- Print newspapers and periodicals from the **Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina**; the **Government and Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina**; the **Jewish Historical Society of Greater Charlotte**; and **UNC-Charlotte**.
- Minutes, charters, and petitions from the **Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina**.
- Oral histories from **Braswell Memorial Library** and **Catawba County Library**.
- Campus publications from **Durham Technical Community College**.
- A film from **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**.
- Yearbooks from **Chatham County Public Library**, **Warren County Memorial Library**, and some shared by a private individual and sponsored by the **Outer Banks History Center**.

- Photographs from **Alamance County Public Libraries**.
- Civil-war era correspondence and memoirs from **Wayne County Public Library** (sponsored in part by our SHRAB grant partnership with the State Archives).
- Pamphlets, programs, newsletters and more documenting the Homemakers Institute from **Bennett College** (sponsored in part by our SHRAB grant partnership with the State Archives).

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

Activities and Events

This quarter we announced our annual nomination process for microfilmed newspaper digitization. As in previous years nominations that represent papers from underrepresented communities or that are submitted from new partners are scored higher. Because of that preference, we have been looking for ways to accommodate partners whose nominations were accepted in the past but who would like additional newspaper digitization completed. Our advisory board has approved a pilot effort where we accept funds directly from partners in order to complete additional microfilmed newspaper digitization. We're piloting that process right now with **Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library**. If institutions are interested in providing funding to complete more microfilmed newspaper digitization, just contact us at digitalnc@unc.edu.

In August, we welcomed the **North Carolina Community College Archives Association (NCCCAA)** for its second annual meeting. The NCCCAA is a newer group whose mission is to "promote the establishment, development, support, and preservation of college archive and special collections within the 58 institutions of the North Carolina Community College System and to serve as a statewide voice on behalf of North Carolina community college history." We've been taking part in this Association as it grows, and were glad to offer space for the meeting and to present on the basics of digitization.

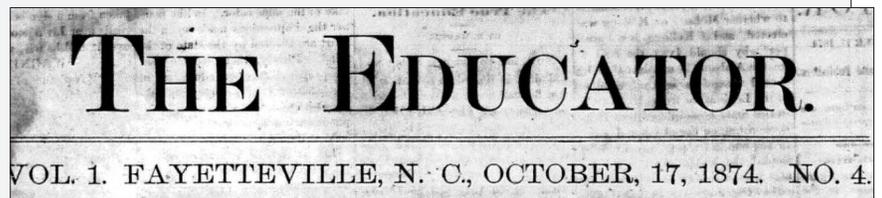
As mentioned in previous reports, Lisa was on a planning committee for a "Digital Preservation Exploration" project from the **State Library of North Carolina**. The project culminated in a webinar this month. We joined librarians from the **Government and Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina**, **UNC-Greensboro**, **East Carolina University**, and **Western Carolina University** to look at the project's final report and its findings.

Project Highlight

THE FAYETTEVILLE EDUCATOR

This quarter's project highlight is the *Fayetteville Educator*, the earliest known African American newspaper published by and for African Americans in North Carolina.

For years the **Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture** in Charlotte has been stewarding original copies of the *Educator* – possibly the only extant copies – as well as another early African American paper, the *Charlotte Messenger*. The Gantt Center had shared microfilmed copies of both papers with one of our partners, the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**, which had cataloged that microfilm into their catalog allowing us to find it online. Published from September 1874-September 1875, the first issue of the *Fayetteville Educator* states that the paper's "efforts will be directed to training the intellectual and moral sentiment of our youth"



and that it is "printed and edited by colored young men." The paper does include reports of the actions and events of the A. M. E. Zion church in North Carolina as well as many moral and anecdotal stories, poetry, and lifestyle recommendations for young men. However, it is also Republican in sentiment during a time when the North Carolina Republican party was trying to stave off disenfranchisement of the African American community by their Democrat counterparts. Thanks to the Gantt Center and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, we're happy to share these newspapers on DigitalNC today.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/newspapers/fayetteville-educator-fayetteville-n-c/>

100 County Goal

NCDHC began in 2009 and we've worked with partner institutions in 89 of North Carolina's 100 counties. As part of our 10-year anniversary celebration we're trying to locate partners in the remaining counties. We've been getting the word out through social media, including highlighting those counties in our call for microfilmed newspaper nominations, but if you know of a cultural heritage organization in one of these counties that would like to work with us on a small digitization project, please ask them to contact us. We believe ALL counties and communities deserve to have their history shared online.

- Bertie
- Bladen
- Camden
- Caswell
- Gates
- Hoke
- Jones
- Northampton
- Onslow
- Pamlico
- Swain

Partner Analytics

Did you know partners can get information about how often the content they have on DigitalNC is viewed directly from <https://tools.digitalnc.org/analytics/?> We recently updated our Partner Analytics dashboard and added even more information. The dashboard reports back the number of users, pageviews, and sessions for a partner's items for the time period they set. It also shows the most viewed items. We encourage all of our partners to report this information along with other statistics related to the use of their collections.

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 a community college about a potential LSTA grant, sharing information on CONTENTdm migration process and digital collection software selection with a consultant, and visiting a historical society interested in becoming a partner.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 5

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Files
Images of North Carolina	22,588	38,212
North Carolina Memory <i>Includes Urban Renewal Collection</i>	8,760	306,087
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,428	831,160
Other Campus Publications	5,595	759,119
High School Yearbooks	3,817	434,472
North Carolina City Directories	1,021	551,824
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	390	869
Total	46,599	2,921,743

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	431	138,015	1,171,008

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Unique visitors	87,433
Average sessions per day	1,782
Total number of sessions	163,982
Sessions from North Carolina	98,328
Total number of page views	1,064,527

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

490,156

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