



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019

This quarter the Digital Heritage Center worked with the State Archives of North Carolina to add the state's earliest newspapers to DigitalNC.org, and traveled to the northeast part of the state to visit partners and potential partners.

New Partners

PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFT

Our first batch for the Penland School of Craft consisted of their course catalogs, a campus newsletter, student publications, and a Penland-published newspaper that served the wider Penland community. Penland School of Craft was founded in 1929 and functions to this day as an educational community for craft artists, offering courses in mediums such as book arts and textiles. Students live on-campus throughout the duration of their workshops, and they only take one workshop at a time to ensure total immersion in their chosen craft.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/penland-school-of-craft>

Ongoing Projects

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

- Newspapers from **Johnson C. Smith University, University of Mount Olive, and Rockingham Community College**
- Scrapbooks from **Iredell County Public Library and Wayne County Public Library**
- Yearbooks and campus publications from **Burke County Public Library, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Granville County Public Library,**

Greensboro History Museum, Henderson County Public Library, Meredith College, Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, Surry Community College, and University of North Carolina at Pembroke

- Yearbooks and community newspapers from the **Mauney Memorial Library and Ahoskie Woman's Club**
- Student newspapers and engineering drawings from the **Chapel Hill Historical Society**
- Early school publications from **Union County Public Library**
- A variety of materials documenting the African American community from **Cleveland County Memorial Library**
- Church minutes and a history of the congregation from First Baptist Church of New Bern, sponsored by **New Bern-Craven County Public Library**
- Photos and documents related to historic architecture from **Edgecombe County Memorial Library**
- Microfilmed newspapers nominated by **Cabarrus County Public Library**
- Photographs and materials related to the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company from **Chatham County Historical Association**
- Photographs from **Central Carolina Community College, Johnston Community College, and Randolph Community College**

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

On the Road

This quarter NCDHC staff worked close to home and far afield, with current and potential partners. In October, several staff members spent a Saturday at the **Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving + Making History** in Chapel Hill supporting their efforts to collect community stories. As Jackson Center staff conducted oral history interviews NCDHC staff scanned materials shared by Northside residents. These materials were returned to community members, and the digital images will reside in the Jackson Center's collection. NCDHC staff are happy to help provide labor and guidance for community scanning days and we enjoyed learning more about very personal experiences during this event.

On a related note, Lisa and David Gwynn (**UNC-Greensboro Libraries**) conducted a preconference on Conducting Successful Community Scanning Days at the North Carolina Library Association's biannual meeting. With over 30 attendees, this half-day event covered tips, best practices, and technical suggestions.

Lisa also presented to the **Little River Historical Society** in Zebulon. Her presentation covered a general overview of NCDHC's services and resources, and she had the opportunity to answer a lot of questions about digital collections in general and DigitalNC in particular.

We were out on the road for partner visits as well, heading to the **Ahoskie Woman's Club** (whose collection is located in the new Ahoskie Visitor's Center); **Currituck County Public Library**; **Elon University**; **The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina (Raleigh)**; **Gunn Memorial Library (Yanceyville)**; **Perquimans County Public Library**; and the **Northampton County Museum**. We also met with the **State Library of North Carolina's** Library Development section to exchange information and discuss ideas for serving North Carolina's libraries.

In October, we worked with **UNC-Chapel Hill's** Park Library at the Hussman School of Journalism to co-host a Wikipedia Edit-a-thon. This evening event focused on improving the quality and quantity of information on Wikipedia related to historic North Carolina newspapers. During this 2-hour event students and staff edited 81 articles, adding 109 references!

Project Highlight

#12DAYSOFNCDHC

In December we cleared our blog schedule and celebrated the "12 Days of NCDHC." Lisa and Kristen split a list of topics that covered frequently asked questions as well as highlighted services we provide through the Center and wrote blog posts that went up over the course of 12 work days. The posts were promoted on our social media channels with the hashtag #12daysofncdhc and provide a useful reference for the wide variety of work we do daily. The twelve topics covered were:

- Partner landing pages on DigitalNC;
- How to use the newspaper advanced search;
- Onsite scanning;
- Ways we assist in promoting our partners' DigitalNC collections;
- Why we have a 50-year high school yearbook embargo;
- Pilot projects to include materials from religious institutions;
- Statistics about the use of collections on DigitalNC;
- Audio digitization;
- We'll host the items you scan;
- Community scanning day support;
- Consulting work we offer;
- Additional newspaper digitization opportunities

To read the posts yourself, just click on the "12daysofncdhc" tag on our blog:

<https://www.digitalnc.org/blog/tag/12daysofncdhc>



100 County Goal

In our last quarterly report, we mentioned that we're hoping to work with a cultural heritage institution in all 100 of North Carolina's counties. Since that time we've made a lot of contacts; there are still three counties where we have no leads. 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, either in Chapel Hill or at their location, please ask them to contact us. We believe ALL counties and communities deserve to have their history shared online.

- Camden
- Gates
- Hoke

Storage and Infrastructure Improvements

This quarter, Stephanie participated in exploratory meetings with **UNC-Chapel Hill's** Information & Technology Services staff to develop and test new cloud-based storage and hosting solutions to be managed centrally by UNC. The Digital Heritage Center already employs cloud services for backups and data transfer, but joining UNC's group-negotiated access to these services could streamline the Center's costs associated with these services while increasing the security of the Center's data.

Oldest North Carolina Newspapers Added to DigitalNC.org

The **State Archives of North Carolina** has been collecting and preserving North Carolina newspapers for many years, and they hold copies of the oldest known extant papers in the state. DigitalNC's newspaper collection wouldn't exist without their efforts at microfilming and preserving those papers. The State Archives was also one of the first entities to digitize newspapers and make them available online. Over the past quarter we worked with the State Archives to add these oldest newspapers to DigitalNC.org, so they're searchable alongside the rest of the collection. You can find all of these newspapers together at an online exhibit page.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/early-newspapers-sanc>

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 several South Carolina universities about newspaper digitization and discussing the digitization of North Carolina Film Board films with a local professor.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 9

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Files
Images of North Carolina	23,055	39,685
North Carolina Memory <i>Includes Urban Renewal Collection</i>	9,099	318,116
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,431	832,232
Other Campus Publications	5,671	774,453
High School Yearbooks	3,945	450,686
North Carolina City Directories	1,021	551,824
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	390	869
Total	47,612	2,967,865

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	442	143,050	1,244,602

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2019

Unique visitors	84,429
Average sessions per day	1,726
Total number of sessions	158,836
Sessions from North Carolina	97,136
Total number of page views	1,040,851

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2019

424,144

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