



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

JANUARY – MARCH 2020

This quarter the Digital Heritage Center presented at the first ever TIND user group meeting, presented to several classes, and transitioned to working remotely as the university closed operations due to COVID-19.

New Partners

BETHEL HERITAGE CENTER

The Bethel Heritage Center is a new organization operating out of the Ward House in Pitt County. We worked with them this quarter to share 16 years' worth of Bethel High School yearbooks.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/bethel-heritage-center>

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL AND ARTS COUNCIL

The Clay County Historical and Arts Council contacted us after hearing about our efforts to work with at least one partner in all 100 North Carolina counties. They shared a number of photographs of Clay County people and places to add to DigitalNC.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/clay-county-historical-and-arts-council>

COASTAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We were connected with Coastal Carolina Community College through the NC Community College Archives Association and scanned a run of course catalogs from 1967 (when it started as Onslow Technical Institute) to 2004.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/coastal-carolina-community-college>

CURRITUCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Currituck County Public Library joined as a partner to the NC Digital Heritage Center through the State Historic Records Advisory Board grant we were a part of in 2018 and 2019.

The first batch of materials we scanned for them is the premier archival collection the library holds; a very in depth collection of correspondence relating to the Currituck Shooting Club, which was founded in 1857. The clubhouse built for the organization in 1879 was on the National Register of Historic Places and stood until it burned down in 2003. The collection at the Public Library is all that remains of the Club's historic papers. The correspondence primarily is from the turn of the 20th century and focuses on the many businessmen from the Northeast who vacationed down in Currituck and utilized the club.

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

FRIENDS OF WAKELON

Thanks to a contact at NC State University, we were connected with the Friends of Wakelon, an alumni group for Wakelon High School. We digitized 22 high school yearbooks for Wakelon — a complete run from 1949-1970.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/friends-of-wakelon>

MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Macon County Public Library staff met up with us at a local conference to transport DigitalNC's first yearbooks from Macon County! Thanks to them, we now share 25 volumes of *The Laurel Leaf* yearbook (Franklin High School) online.

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

THE MARIANNA BLACK LIBRARY (SWAIN COUNTY)

Another "new" county for DigitalNC - colleagues at the State Archives of North Carolina transported 16 volumes of *The Ridge Runner* (Swain High School) yearbook to Chapel Hill on behalf of the Marianna Black Library.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/marianna-black-library-bryson-city-nc>

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MUSEUM

We also added Northampton County thanks to a request from the Northampton County Museum to add issues of their local newspapers. During this quarter we included issues of the *Roanoke Patron* and *Roanoke-Chowan Times*. We were able to visit the Museum and see their extensive collection of newspapers, many of which haven't been microfilmed. We plan to add more in the near future.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/northampton-county-museum>

PERQUIMANS COUNTY RESTORATION ASSOCIATION

Thanks to our partnership with the State Archives of North Carolina and a grant from the State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) we had the opportunity to work with materials from the perquimans County Restoration Association. The Association preserves historic properties in the county and educates the public about Perquimans history. We digitized a number of items related to historic home tours, and also got to visit the Association and receive a tour at the end of 2019.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/perquimans-county-restoration-association>

SMITHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Smithfield High School Alumni Association has shared with DigitalNC a wide variety of alumni materials they've collected over the years, including photographs, programs, clippings, and ephemera. This is a small part of their large collection, more of which will be coming online later this year.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/smithfield-high-school-alumni-association>

Ongoing Projects

Nicole Cvjetnic and Lulu Zilinskas digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- Yearbooks from **Campbell University, Caswell County Public Library, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Elon University, and Warren County Memorial Library**
- Funeral programs from the **Chatham County Historical Association**
- Aerial photographs and maps from the **Durham County Library** and documents and maps related to town growth from the **History Committee of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores**

- Scrapbooks from the **High Point Museum** and the **Transylvania County Library**
- Photographs from **Chapel Hill Historical Society** and **Johnston Community College**
- Student newspapers from the **Greensboro History Museum, New Bern-Craven County Public Library, and UNC-Asheville**
- Community newspapers in print and microfilm from the **Olivia Raney Local History Library** and the **Person County Public Library**.
- Yearbooks and promotional materials relating to Goldsboro from the **Wayne County Public Library**
- School records and church minutes from the **Braswell Memorial Library (Rocky Mount, N.C.)**
- Photographs, neighborhood histories, clippings, etc. from the **Rockingham County Public Library**

The Center worked with a total of **30 different partners** during this quarter. To learn more about each of these projects, or to keep up with new items added to DigitalNC, check out the DigitalNC blog.

On the Road

It seems strange to think that just a few months ago we were still traveling and presenting in person, but it's true! In the first quarter of this year, we were out and about as usual. Stephanie and Lisa attended the first TIND User Group Meeting in California, presenting about the migration workflows we used when we migrated from CONTENTdm to TIND.

Kristen attended Tryon Palace's Community Day along with colleagues from Wilson Library, handing out information about NCDHC to the visitors. She also presented to a UNC-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science class about the challenges of geographic metadata in digital collections. In January, Lisa and David Wright (**Surry Community College**) joined several colleagues on a panel at the Connect, Engage, Transform conference at **UNC-Chapel Hill**. They discussed the challenges and opportunities in preserving rural community history.

Lisa visited **Transylvania County Library**, which brought together a number of community groups to discuss the Library's extensive efforts at preserving community scrapbooks. She presented about NCDHC and digitization. We got in several partner visits, including **Burke County Public Library, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Mauney Memorial Library** in Kings Mountain, **Polk County Public Library**, and **UNC-Charlotte**.

Professional Outreach and Development

As in the past, NCDHC staff share expertise and learn from peers through participation in advisory groups and boards. All three full-time NCDHC staff took a Digital Accessibility Awareness training in January, which focused on making web resources accessible for all needs. Kristen participated in the multi-day Racial Equity Institute Phase I training. This quarter Lisa participated in an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) site visit to **Orange County Public Library**, where she learned about their grant-funded efforts at enhancing literacy using “boxmobiles” at local community centers and schools. Kristen met as part of the advisory board for the State Library’s “Building Partnerships for Student Success” grant-funded effort, which is a program to educate North Carolina K-12 teachers in finding and using primary sources in the classroom through a partnership between the **Government and Heritage Library, State Library of North Carolina** and the **UNC-Greensboro** University Libraries.

100 County Goal

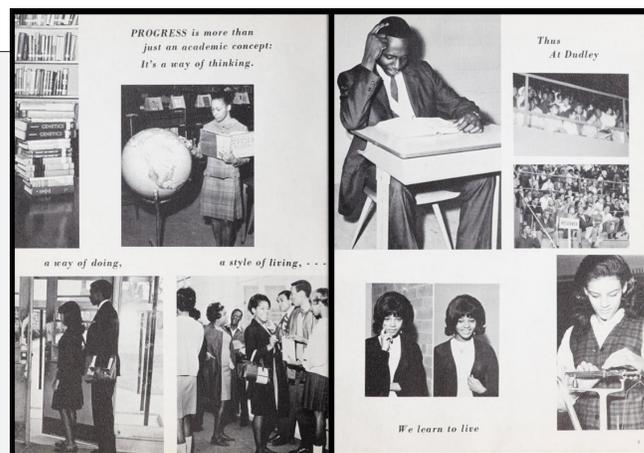
In our last few quarterly reports, we’ve mentioned that we’re hoping to work with a cultural heritage institution in all 100 of North Carolina’s counties this year. We’re happy to report that we have made contact with institutions in the last three counties (Camden, Gates, and Hoke) and have solid plans for digitization projects they’d like to complete! Though some of our efforts have been delayed due to travel restrictions and campus closure, we’re hopeful that we can bring more of these counties’ histories online when those lift and can’t wait to learn from these new partners. Thanks to the partners and colleagues who have fostered leads and connections as we’ve worked towards 100!

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 talks with potential partners, scanning equipment advice, help with student class assignments, and conversations with counterparts in other states around digital collection and newspaper software.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 17



Spread from The Panther, Dudley High School, 1968.

Project Highlight

AFRICAN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS DATA COLLECTION PROJECT

Expanding on our efforts to have more materials from underrepresented North Carolinians on DigitalNC we have pulled together a list of all the public African American high schools that were in North Carolina during segregation in the 20th century. The list was developed using the *North Carolina Educational Directory*, which is a state record and has been digitized by the **State Library of North Carolina**.

In addition to the name of the high school, links to any yearbooks we have digitized and links to the school’s entry in the *Educational Directory* are included. As only 5% of our yearbook collection comes from African American high schools, we hope publicizing this list will help get word out to those who might wish to share their yearbooks with DigitalNC for digitization.

To learn more about this project, view our blog post:

<https://www.digitalnc.org/blog/list-of-public-north-carolina-african-american-high-schools-enhances-efforts-at-preserving-their-history>

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Files
Images of North Carolina	24,061	40,820
North Carolina Memory <i>Includes Urban Renewal Collection</i>	9,135	325,455
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,444	835,346
Other Campus Publications	5,713	792,326
High School Yearbooks	4,014	458,976
North Carolina City Directories	1,021	551,824
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	656	973
Total	49,044	3,005,720

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	457	150,488	1,309,337

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2020

Unique visitors	94,217
Average sessions per day	1,966
Total number of sessions	178,929
Sessions from North Carolina	107,167
Total number of page views	1,213,937

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2020

343,837

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