



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2021

This quarter the Digital Heritage Center began a pilot for a satellite location in Elizabeth City, welcomed several new staff members, and started a project that will more than double the amount of newspaper content on DigitalNC.org.

New Partners

CAMDEN COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Camden County Heritage Museum was one of two institutions that helped NCDHC reach partners in its 100th county! The museum holds a plethora of materials related to Camden County's history and is run primarily by two very enthusiastic gentlemen who have long ties to the county. Collection topics include the Dismal Swamp and Moses Grandy; Grandy was born into slavery in the late 1700s, worked on the Dismal Swamp, and became an expert navigator of the waterways in northeastern North Carolina. He purchased his freedom and became a very prominent abolitionist, publishing *Narrative of the Life of Moses Grandy, Late a Slave in the United States of America*, a firsthand account of the experience of slavery that encouraged people in the United States, Ireland, and England to support abolition. We scanned our first batch for the museum onsite in August 2021 as part of our 100th county celebration: included in this batch are photographs, materials related to schools in Camden County, ledgers, and poll tax lists.

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

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL WELCOME CENTER

The Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center also helped NCDHC reach partners in its 100th county! The Welcome Center provides a gateway for visitors to the Dismal Swamp Canal which today serves as both a nature refuge and popular location for water sports. Our first batch for the

Welcome Center includes photographs documenting the history of the Canal, digitized onsite in August 2021 as part of NCDHC's 100th county celebration.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/dismal-swamp-canal-welcome-center/>

GATES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our first batch for Gates County Public Library features issues of the *Gates County Index* from November 1942 to February 1956, covering local stories from Gates County and surrounding areas. We also scanned a Sunbury High School pamphlet from 1908. As our first partner in Gates County, Gates County Public Library helped NCDHC extend its services to 99 counties across the state.

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

THELMA DINGUS BRYANT LIBRARY

The Thelma Dingus Bryant Library is located in Wallace, North Carolina. Our first batch for the library included 1,000 issues of the *Wallace Enterprise* digitized from microfilm, covering 1931 to 1955. The paper covers local stories from Duplin County and surrounding areas of eastern North Carolina, with the tagline "Devoted to the Best Interests of the People of Wallace and Duplin County."

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/thelma-dingus-bryant-library/>

Ongoing Projects

Ashlie Brewer, JoCora Moore, Kristen Merryman, and Sophie Hollis (our new graduate assistant) digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and ephemera documenting the life of Crystal Lee Sutton from **Alamance Community College**

- Photographs, pamphlets, and ephemera from the **Camden County Heritage Museum**
- Community newspapers from **Buncombe County Public Libraries, Cleveland County Memorial Library, Elkin Public Library, Forsyth County Public Library, Gates County Public Library, Johnston County Heritage Center, Martin Community College, New Bern-Craven County Public Library, Orange County Public Library, Thelma Dingus Bryant Library, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**
- Photographs from the **Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center**
- Telephone directories from **Transylvania County Library**
- Yearbooks from **Alamance County Public Libraries, Burke County Public Library, Tyrrell County Public Library, and St. Andrews University**
- Student newspapers from **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**
- Audiovisual materials from **Mitchell Community College**
- The book *Contributions of Vance County People of Color* by Ruth Anita Hawkins Hughes for **Granville County Public Library**
- Papers of the Massey family from the **Matthews Heritage Museum**

- Library history materials from the Thomas H. Braswell collection at **Braswell Memorial Library (Rocky Mount, N.C.)**
- Maps, videos, and books from **Person County Public Library**
- Maps and newspapers from the **Chapel Hill Historical Society**
- Newspapers, books, and documents from the Catawba Presbytery for **Johnson C. Smith University**

The Center worked with a total of **27 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.

Our First Satellite Location: Elizabeth City State University

We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with the library at **Elizabeth City State University** to pilot our first satellite digitization center! Funding generously provided by the **State Library of North Carolina** has allowed us to expand our scanning services to ECSU. We welcome Vicky Tillett, Library Technician and Digitization Services Operator, who oversees the satellite center, and two student assistants, Zaina Goggins and Barry Ward. Vicky, Zaina, and Barry will focus

Powers expects fair ruling from judge

By Michael Workman
Staff Writer

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill physical plant director James Powers expects a fair ruling from Judge Brenda Bruce on Friday at the Orange County Courthouse. But the lawsuit against Powers is far from over, he says.

"We finished with all of our work on Friday," Powers said. "The second day of the hearing will be after the first of the year."

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since been advised by the University. David Williams, Powers' supervisor, and David Maynard, Physical Plant maintenance supervisor, were transferred to other departments after the lawsuit was filed.

"Powers said the lawsuit against the university would help other workers. He's hoping to make some changes in the way the university is run. Powers said he also hoped to see a change in the way the university is run."

Tar Heels' new uniforms feature designer's touch

By Mark Anderson
Staff Writer

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you dress for the game. Members of the UNC-Chapel Hill basketball team showed their new uniforms Friday at the Orange County Courthouse.

Famous menswear designer Alexander Julian, a 1991 UNC graduate, designed the team's new uniforms. He is the first fashion designer to design a college uniform.

"Eighteen months ago, I was approached by Coach (Dean) Smith to redesign the uniforms and I was thrilled beyond belief," Julian said in a press release. "I told Coach I'd call and asked him to create new looks for the Tar Heels."

Julian's creation features pleated shirts with the Tar Heel logo on the front, the waistline. The new uniforms also have an orange side panel that runs from the armpit to the bottom of the shorts with diamonds on it to represent the four corner offices for which the team is famous. The uniforms are trimmed with orange and black.

The orange accents and pleats are the first of their kind in the college world. "I really like it," said team captain Hubert Davis, who modeled the uniforms at a press conference Friday. "It's a great look and the team has been



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Collection Highlight

MOST-VIEWED ON DIGITALNC IN 2021

As this quarter came to an end, we took a look at our web statistics to find out what was the most popular content on DigitalNC in 2021. This year's top hit shows that basketball is always on top in North Carolina: the single item with the most views on DigitalNC in 2021 was page three of the November 25, 1991 issue of the *Daily Tar Heel*, added to our site thanks to the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries**. After doing some digging, we realized that its popularity was almost entirely thanks to a post on the basketball enthusiasts' site "Inside Carolina," welcoming UNC-Chapel Hill Basketball's new head coach, Hubert Davis. The page features a story titled "Tar Heels' New Uniform features designer's touch," about Alexander Julian's new design for the team's uniform in 1991—but the real draw is a photograph showing then-player Hubert Davis modeling the new look.

<https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lcnc/sn92073228/1991-11-25/ed-1/seq-3/>

Lack of intercounty cooperation leads to task force's dissolution

By Amber Strouds
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council is expected to agree tonight to dissolve the task force that has attempted to coordinate regional solid waste management efforts for the last three years, Mayor Jonathan Flowers said Sunday.

The Durham Orange Regional Solid Waste Task Force was created in 1988

and a 1991 UNC graduate. Julian, a Chapel Hill native, is a co-owner of the Atlanta-based firm, and the uniforms for the Charlotte Hornets and the Carolina Panthers. "It's a great look and the team has been

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on scanning print newspapers from partner organizations in eastern North Carolina. Ashlie Brewer and Lisa Gregory traveled there this quarter to meet with staff and drop off a temporary portable scanner. Though delivery of a large-format scanner purchased for the satellite was delayed and is not expected to arrive until January 2022, satellite staff have been able to use the portable scanner to get familiar with workflows. They have also been working to describe and organize images scanned by NCDHC in Chapel Hill. We look forward to announcing the services of this satellite location more broadly in the first quarter of 2022.

Millions of Additional Newspaper Pages On the Way!

In August 2013, the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries** worked with Newspapers.com to digitize pre-1923 microfilmed newspapers available in Wilson Library's North Carolina Collection. Over the next year, the microfilm was digitized and more than 2.9 million pages were made available through Newspapers.com. Though select locations in the state were given free access, most users had to subscribe to the site for a fee to use these papers. After the project was complete, the Libraries received copies of all digitized files and associated metadata. After an embargo period, the Libraries were permitted to reuse these files.

This quarter, thanks to supplemental funding from the North Caroliniana Society, we welcomed a new Digital Processing Technician, Geoff Schilling, who is spearheading a gigantic project to add all of these newspaper pages to the North Carolina Newspapers collection. This will more than double the number of newspaper pages on DigitalNC. This quarter, Geoff has already added over 900,000 images; users have been extremely excited about these additions, so stay tuned as more and more issues are added! Each Friday on our blog Geoff announces the titles added that week.

Technology Update

Maintenance of NCDHC's tools and systems this quarter included work to improve NCDHC's Google Analytics tracking data; fixing a mobile browsing issue affecting our newspaper software, Open-ONI; developing infrastructure and procedures to allow materials to be temporarily removed from public view at the request of our partners; updates to a North Carolina African-American High Schools data gathering tool; updating and expanding tools used by our DPLA partners to assess metadata contributions

ahead of January's DPLA harvest; rewriting cross-system data sharing mechanisms to better support an exponential increase in newspaper data, and increasing the performance of the newspaper search index; developing an internal tool to identify duplicate newspaper issues when batches are prepared for ingest into Open-ONI; fixing a bug in DigitalNC's promotional materials generator at the request of a partner; processing and correcting in-house newspaper content; and keeping Wordpress up-to-date in preparation for a PHP and core version upgrade in early 2022.

Stephanie also continued planning a workflow management tool that will help multiple staff members track the status of NCDHC's newspaper digitization activities through all stages of a complex process—including requests made by partners, vendor digitization activity, in-house digitization progress, and digital publishing tasks (ingest and quality control). NCDHC staff participated in several brainstorming activities this quarter to gather requirements, and we hope to put the first draft of this tool to the test during NCDHC's 2022-2023 call for nominations.

On the Road

NCDHC staff were able to take a few trips this quarter, visiting a variety of partners both for consultations and for picking up or dropping off materials. As part of our ongoing State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) grant partnership with the **State Archives of North Carolina**, Kristen traveled to **Eastern Cabarrus Historical Society** to discuss digitization of their collections. Wrapped into that trip were visits to **Rowan Public Library**, **Matthews Heritage Museum**, and the **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**. Ashlie and Kristen visited our contacts from the **Henderson Institute Historical Museum** to drop off and pick up materials. Ashlie, JoCora, and Kristen also took a trip over to Johnston County, with stops at the **Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library (Clayton, N.C.)**, the **Johnston County Heritage Center**, and **Johnston Community College**. Lisa stopped by the **Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center Branch Library**, a new partner, to pick up some audio materials which we'll be transferring to digital format.

Presentations and Events

NCDHC staff gave two presentations this quarter. Lisa served on a panel with other Wilson Library staff discussing

“Conscious Editing: Removing the Norm of Protestant Christianity.” Kristen presented a “Digitization 101” workshop at **Johnson C. Smith University** as part of their Diversity Archivist Partnership Fall Institute.

Kristen also helped organize and host a Wilson Library Work Day as part of her work with the Special Collections Assembly; the Work Day is an annual event where staff come together to focus on internal projects around the library. During this year’s Work Day, Ashlie and Kristen guided Wilson Library staff through a project to prepare a collection from **Henderson Institute Historical Museum** for digitization, and Stephanie was on hand to assist Work Day participants who elected to transcribe handwritten NCDHC materials on the Zooniverse platform.

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 about our work with students from the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, and UNC-Chapel Hill
- sharing digitization best practices with several partners
- assessing a vendor’s new OAI-PMH feed configuration on behalf of a partner

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 6

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Files
Images of North Carolina	25,043	43,450
North Carolina Memory <i>Includes Urban Renewal Collection</i>	10,055	364,304
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,477	831,792
Other Campus Publications	5,885	811,011
High School Yearbooks	4,575	522,408
North Carolina City Directories	1,049	563,266
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	1,012	1,310
Total	52,096	3,137,541

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	492	350,242	2,677,167

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

Unique visitors	102,087
Average sessions per day	2,003
Total number of sessions	175,009
Sessions from North Carolina	106,998
Total number of page views	1,215,974

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

261,349

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