North Carolina
DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report
APRIL – JUNE 2023

This quarter Digital Heritage Center staff were recognized with a prestigious campus award, and updated collection repository interfaces to match last Fall's DigitalNC redesign.

New Partners

DURHAM SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.

The Durham Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. reached out to us last year for help making their archives more accessible online. Chartered on December 1, 1965, the Durham Section of the NCNW has advocated for African American women, their families, and communities in Durham through collaborative efforts of advocacy, volunteerism, service, and leadership. Our first batch included over 300 items: meeting minutes, photographs, memorabilia, and even a sash. Highlights include materials from annual programs such as the Bethune Recognition Luncheon, Harambee Breakfast, and Mother's Day events.

https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/durham-section-of-the-national-council-of-negro-women-inc/

HENDERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Hendersonville High School Alumni Association is a very active alumni association with a rich collection of materials about the high school, which first opened in 1901. They are interested in making more of their history available online for alumni all over the country to access. Their first batch with us was a set of yearbooks.

https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/hendersonville-high-school-alumni-association/

HENDERSON COUNTY EDUCATION HISTORY INITIATIVE

Thanks to the Hendersonville High School Alumni Association, we were put in touch with the Henderson County Education History Initiative, who is working to preserve the history of all the schools in Henderson County, N.C. Our first batch for them was also a set of yearbooks.

https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/henderson-county-education-history-initiative/

PINK HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Pink Hill Public Library, part of the Neuse Regional Library, sent us scrapbooks, newspapers, photographs, and yearbooks as part of their first batch with us. When we posted about a batch of scrapbooks done by third-graders in the early 1990s on Facebook, one of the scrabook's authors (now all grown up!) was thrilled to see his work online. He wrote us: "*thank you so much for helping memorialize our little town. It was fun going through and seeing the changes just between '91 and '93. And comparing then to now…thank you[.]*" What a great summary of the goals of our work here at the NCDHC!

https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/pink-hill-public-library/

Ongoing Projects

Ashlie Brewer, Hannah Helmey, Sophie Hollis, Kristen Merryman, Alona Norwood, Geoffrey Schilling, Akyla Simms, Vicky Tillett, and Shikyla Williams digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- Reel to reel tapes for **Wilkes Community College**
- A BBQ Festival poster from the **Lexington Library**

- Photos, scrapbooks, and newsletters from the **Greensboro Firefighters History Book Committee**
- Course catalogs from **Southwestern Community College**
- Boy Scout photographs from the **Chapel Hill Historical Society**
- Yearbooks from **Alamance County Public Libraries**, **Burke County Public Library**, **Forsyth County Public Library**, **Haywood County Public Library**, **Heritage Research Center at High Point Public Library**, **High Point Museum**, **Randolph County Public Library**, and **Watauga County Public Library**
- Scrapbooks from the **Chatham County Historical Association** and **Chowan University**
- A ledger and school materials from **Durham County Library**
- Bulletins, photographs, and architectural drawings from **North Carolina Community Contributors**
- A genealogy journal from **Rockingham Community College**
- Newspapers, phone books, and yearbooks from **Transylvania County Library**
- Photographs, land grants, newspapers, and scrapbooks from **Wayne County Public Library**
- Newsletters from the **Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center**
- Newspapers from **Dare County Library**, **Duke University**, **Perquimans County Library**, **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**, **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, **Wake Forest Historical Museum**, and **Watauga County Public Library**

The Center worked with a total of **32 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.

Trips, Tours, and Talks

This quarter Digital Heritage Center Staff traveled to Mooresville Public Library for a community scanning day. During the event, staff were also able to scan photos from the library, which will be shared online in the coming quarter. We also stopped by the **Davidson County Public**

Project Highlight

NITRATE FILM NEGATIVES

In February, staff from the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center visited **Wayne County Public Library** in Goldsboro to support a community scanning workshop. We had a great time, and were able to bring back an additional assortment of materials from the library to be scanned at our Digital Production Center in Chapel Hill. These materials included over 100 nitrate film negatives from a family photograph collection spanning almost a century. We had never scanned nitrate film, a medium known for being somewhat less than stable—but were excited to add this type of material to our playbook. View the amazing images scanned from these negatives at the link below.

https://lib.digitalnc.org/record/243751

ABOVE *Unidentified individuals from "Collection of Family Photographs," 1875-1965.*

Library System and the **Wake Forest Historical Museum** to pick up and drop off materials. On campus, colleagues from **University of North Carolina at Charlotte** stopped by to tour the Digital Production Center (DPC) at the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** and share expertise with NCDHC and DPC staff.

Further afield, Kristen and Ashlie attended the National Council on Public History's annual meeting in Atlanta. Lisa presented about the Center's newspaper workflow and newspaper digitization opportunities to the Society of American Archivists Public Library Archives and Special Collections Section. At the end of June, Ashlie gave a presentation on utilizing community collaboration to digitize local history through her work at the Center at the AMPS Conference in Prague, Czech Republic.

Center Recognized on Campus

We were thrilled to be recognized this quarter with the UNC-Chapel Hill Office of the Provost Engaged Scholarship Award in recognition of "extraordinary public service through engaged partnership." This award is one of three given in this area to campus individuals or units. The Center was given this award by the Chancellor and Provost at a ceremony on April 11.

https://bit.ly/ncdhc-engaged-scholarship

In May, Center staff were recognized in *The Well*, a UNC-Chapel Hill publication sent to all university faculty and staff. The article was part of a series on employees who work well together. Staff shared their feelings about teamwork and a strong belief in NCDHC's mission.

https://bit.ly/ncdhc-the-well

Technology Update

This quarter, Stephanie focused on migrating DigitalNC's statistics tracking from Google's Universal Analytics product into a new version (Google Analytics 4), while also implementing usage tracking via a local instance of the open source product Matomo, maintained by UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries. This move required rebuilding NCDHC's partner analytics tools to work with new systems. We hope to move fully to Matomo later this year.

After a review period, NCDHC's project on the Zooniverse crowdsourcing platform became publicly listed this quarter; as a result Stephanie worked to process an increased number of completed handwriting transcriptions into TIND for search and access. DigitalNC's newspaper and TIND digital object repositories received design and interface updates this quarter: all parts of DigitalNC now share the same look-and-feel introduced to the main site last Fall.

In addition to regular maintenance activities, Stephanie processed 36 in-house newspaper batches and corrections for ingest into ONI, updated image processing workflows and documentation, and completed a several-months-long project to split over 50 reels of 2-up newspaper page images with the help of AI tools.

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 speaking with a student undertaking a digitization project for a professor, consulting with a partner about digital access management system options, and helping the State Library of North Carolina test a new digital collections repository.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 14

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Files
Images of North Carolina	26,990	49,152
North Carolina Memory *Includes Urban Renewal Collection*	11,394	431,902
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,589	850,694
Other Campus Publications	6,346	853,636
High School Yearbooks	5,162	599,581
North Carolina City Directories	1,069	565,468
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	1,178	2,165
Total	**56,728**	**3,352,598**

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	1,847	588,101	4,383,583

**VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG,
APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2023**

Unique visitors	144,728
Average sessions per day	1,160
Total number of sessions	212,799
Sessions from North Carolina	105,542
Total number of page views	1,351,658

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2023

147,818

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