



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2023

During this quarter the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center traveled to visit partners from Wilmington to Durham, said farewell to staff members Sophie Hollis, Geoff Schilling, and Shikyla Williams, and welcomed Elizabeth Findley, Abby Martin, and Abraham Reid.

New Partners

GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Greene County Public Library, located in Snow Hill, N.C., is part of the Neuse Regional Library. Our first batch for them was an assortment of newspaper clippings, a high school yearbook, and a history of Greene County.

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

LEE COUNTY LIBRARIES

Lee County Libraries' main library is located in Sanford, N.C. and houses their local history collection. Lee County, founded in 1907, is one of North Carolina's newest counties, but the history of the area goes back to before the Revolutionary War. Our first batch for Lee County included several hundred truly amazing photographs of Sanford, yearbooks from Lee County high schools, and minutes from a local literary women's club, the Pierian Club.

<https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/lee-county-libraries/>

Ongoing Projects

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

- Early 20th century diaries from the **Greensboro History Museum**
- Maps, local histories, pamphlets, and slides from **Southwestern Community College**
- Yearbooks and student newspapers from **Meredith College**
- Architectural photographs, Magazine Club minutes, ledgers, and scrapbooks from **Edgecombe County Memorial Library**
- High school yearbooks from **Chatham County Public Libraries**
- Oral histories and related materials from **Saint Augustine's University**
- Scrapbooks from the **Heritage Research Center at High Point Public Library** and **Chowan University**
- High school yearbooks, student newspapers, and a film of a basketball game from the **Hendersonville High School Alumni Association**
- Scrapbooks and Sanborn Insurance maps from the **Graham Historical Museum**
- Student newspapers and YMCA Board meeting minutes from **Braswell Memorial Library (Rocky Mount, N.C.)**
- Yearbooks, newsletters, and student newspapers from **Granville County Public Library**
- Print mill newspapers and community newspapers from **Bertie County Public Library, Davidson County Public Library System, Martin Community College, and UNC-Chapel Hill**
- Microfilmed newspapers from **Moore County Genealogical Society, Person County Public Library, and Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library**

The Center worked with a total of **21 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.

INSTITUTION TYPES WORKING WITH NCDHC, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Public Libraries	11
Community Colleges	2
Museums	2
Public Colleges and Universities	2
Private Colleges and Universities	2
Alumni Associations	1
Historical Societies	1

On the Road

This quarter Digital Heritage Center went on several partner visits to the **Wake Forest Historical Museum, Durham County Library, and New Hanover County Public Library**. We were especially excited about the latter trip where we picked up a large number of yearbooks from Wilmington schools. Wilmington is one of the largest cities with the fewest yearbooks on our site so this will be an exciting addition.

Kristen and Ashlie attended the North Carolina Community College Archives Association annual meeting at **Randolph**



Project Highlight

VOICES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

This quarter we published 69 records from the “Voices of the Episcopal Church

Women” project at **Saint Augustine’s University**, a Historically Black college located in Raleigh, N.C. The collection included 31 recorded oral history interviews with women involved in the Black Episcopal Church in North Carolina, with many of them also closely involved with Saint Augustine’s as well. Photographs and papers of the women were also digitized as part of this project. These materials contribute to St. Augustine’s rich history by providing insight into the connections among education, church and community.

<https://bit.ly/episcopal-women>

County Community College. Kristen presented on the Center and the services we offer and Kristen and Ashlie met with 7 different partners in person!

Annual Advisory Board Meeting

In July we held our annual advisory board meeting. During this meeting we reported on statistics from the previous fiscal year, anecdotes, notable additions to DigitalNC, and technology updates. We also previewed Primary Source Sets, a new feature on DigitalNC’s site. With content created by Sophie Hollis and new website infrastructure built out by Stephanie Williams, these primary source sets are based on particular topics and provide items from the collection as well as context surrounding those topics. More to come about these sets in the next Quarterly Report!

Technology Update

In addition to regular maintenance activities, Stephanie completed work this quarter to update DigitalNC’s analytics reporting system, including pulling historic data into a brand-new Partner Analytics tool. She also made improvements to internal workflow tools and public search interfaces in response to user feedback, processed 31 newspaper batches and corrections, updated the annual partner survey, developed a ‘cover image’ to add to records whose images may contain harmful content, and built a workflow for processing Zooniverse-transcribed handwritten newspapers into NDNF format. The latter half of the quarter was focused on building new infrastructure to support the previously mentioned Primary Source Sets project, including improvements to the “Resources” section of DigitalNC as well as a new print and download utility.

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 meeting with OCLC about a training program, an interview with a SILS student, and providing community scanning day advice.

TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 12

Statistics

ITEMS PUBLISHED ONLINE TO DATE

Collection	Number of Objects	Number of Files
Images of North Carolina	27,326	50,638
North Carolina Memory <i>Includes Urban Renewal Collection</i>	11,733	457,346
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,590	851,292
Other Campus Publications	6,368	854,821
High School Yearbooks	5,231	606,137
North Carolina City Directories	1,070	565,490
North Carolina Sights & Sounds	1,178	2,165
Total	57,496	3,387,889

Collection	Titles	Issues	Number of Pages (Scans)
North Carolina Newspapers	1,859	590,682	4,406,425

VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023*

Unique visitors	108,891
Average sessions per day	839
Total number of sessions	165,678
Sessions from North Carolina	77,231
Total number of page views	1,296,583

**These counts were compiled by a new analytics reporting system and may appear lower than usual. In addition to honoring users' privacy settings, the new system assesses 'sessions' more strictly.*

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

176,612

ZOONIVERSE TRANSCRIPTION STATISTICS, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

This quarter, 217 unique users on the Zooniverse platform transcribed 1,806 handwritten phrases in 731 page scans that were part of 8 digital objects.

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