

**NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report**  
(March 1, 2012– August 31, 2012)

**NEH Award Number:** PJ-50039-08  
**NDNP State:** Ohio  
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**INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT NARRATIVE**

1. *Describe any changes that you have made or that you anticipate making in the project work plan or methodology from the award proposal submitted to the competition.*

There have been no changes to the overall work plan of the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio (NDNP-OH) since the last report. The methodology of the project remains the same. All project deliverables were sent to LC by or before August 31, 2012, including the final batches of digital content, the non-NDNP newspaper archive survey and the duplicate negative microfilm. Work on the “Using Chronicling America” Podcast Series was completed in March 2012, as anticipated in the last report.

2. *Please describe any selection or film acquisition/evaluation activities during the performance period.*

Post-duplication microfilm assessment, including density readings and full collation, has been performed on the following paper:

<b>Title</b>	<b>LCCNs</b>	<b># of Rolls</b>
Daily Ohio Statesman	sn84028645	12

3. *Describe any specific award activities that have taken place between collaborating institutions in your state.*

On March 27, 2012, the advisory board convened to discuss the current status of the project and the grant proposal submitted in January 2012. NDNP-OH staff presented several documents to be used by advisory board members to help promote the project including:

- “Using Chronicling America” Podcast Series Handout providing links to the videos and introductory information
- About NDNP PowerPoint Presentation that can be modified by board members when giving presentations
- About the NDNP-OH Project Newspapers Handout
- Civil War Correspondence Subject Guide

Based on their feedback, these materials were improved and made available to board members and the general public through the NDNP-OH Project Wiki after the meeting. The About the NDNP-OH Project Newspapers Handouts and the Civil War Correspondence Subject Guide were also added to the Ohio Digital Newspaper Portal.

The advisory board was given preliminary selection materials in August after we learned we had been given supplemental funding.

The NDNP-OH internship program, a partnership with local universities to provide work experience for current and future library science students, concluded in June 2012. The intern assisted with metadata collection, collation, digital object quality review and the non-NDNP newspaper archive survey. Her assistance allowed NDNP-OH to continue to meet production goals on time or ahead of schedule.

4. *Describe specifically your progress in conversion and/or vendor selection (attach documentation as desired).*

<b>Batch Name</b>	<b># of Reels sent to Vendor</b>	<b># of Images Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
Ariel (ver. 2)	13	7593	on Chronicling America
Borachio	16	10518	on Chronicling America
Cobweb	13	11270	on Chronicling America
Desdemona	18	9651	on Chronicling America
Edgar	12	8044	on Chronicling America
Feste	15	8937	on Chronicling America
Guildestern	10	8104	on Chronicling America
Horatio	7	8141	accepted by LC
Iago	11	8613	accepted by LC
Jaques	9	7972	accepted by LC
Kent	7	6257	accepted by LC
Lysander	12	10437	accepted by LC
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>105537</b>	

5. *Do you have any questions or comments regarding the use of the tools provided by LC (Digital Viewer Validation)?*

We do not have any questions or comments regarding the DVV at this time, but will contact LC if we do.

6. *Provide an update on your planned schedule for delivery of digital assets for the award, including samples, to the NDNP repository. Include anticipated number of files to be delivered and planned means of delivery or transfer. (Keep in mind the delivery deadlines noted in the Cooperative Agreement Document, but also take into consideration your own resources and workflow plans. LC requests that you plan to deliver new data monthly, with one batch per hard drive. Batches that have been submitted and require rework should be shipped to LC as soon as fixes are complete (send more than one hard drive at a time, if needed).*

Monthly processing of deliverables continued, with the final batch (Lysander) being sent to the Library of Congress in June.

7. *State briefly the status of any other digitized newspaper activities in your or collaborating partners' institutions (non-NDNP-funded).*

NDNP-OH staff continued working with the Amherst Public Library to digitize the Amherst News-Times to the NDNP technical specifications. The content was added to Ohio Memory in July and can be viewed at the following URL:

<http://www.ohiomemory.org/amherstnewstimes/>

In April 2012, NDNP-OH staff began work on the Knox County newspaper digitization project. Two reels of the Mount Vernon Democratic Banner dating from 1858 to 1865 and two reels of the Mount Vernon Republican dating from 1855 to 1865 (approximately 3800 images) were digitized and will be uploaded to Ohio Memory in September.

NDNP-OH staff continues to be in contact with other institutions, including public libraries and historical societies, around the state to provide advice regarding their potential newspaper digitization projects. The Ohio Historical Society's participation in NDNP has positioned us a resource for smaller institutions that would like to have their local newspaper digitized and online.

8. *Please provide copies of or URLs for any public presentations or publications on topics related to your participation in NDNP (or describe future plans for such).*

Since the last report, NDNP-OH staff members have made the following presentations:

- **2012 Ohio Library Council Chapter Conferences – Southwest (March 28), North (April 26), Central/Southeast (May 3).** Staff provided an overview of the National Digital Newspaper Program and demonstrated how to access Ohio's newspapers for library staff. Copies of these presentations are available on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki: <http://tinyurl.com/bvkc5xa> (Southwest), <http://tinyurl.com/ct73kku> (North), <http://tinyurl.com/9gvqcz9> (Central/Southeast).
- **2012 Academic Library Association of Ohio Technical, Electronic and Digital Services Interest Group Spring Workshop (May 11).** Staff provided an overview of the National Digital Newspaper Program, its technical specifications and *Chronicling America*. A copy of the presentation is available on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki: <http://tinyurl.com/8db99hm>.
- **OHIONET Webinar (May 30).** Staff provided an overview of the National Digital Newspaper program and demonstrated how to use *Chronicling America*. A copy of the presentation is available on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki: <http://tinyurl.com/8l4qe88>.
- **Ohio Historical Society Workshop: Newspaper Research for Genealogists (July 14).** Staff provided an introduction to newspaper research and demonstrated how to use and find *Chronicling America* and other digital newspaper resources. A copy of the presentation is attached to the end of this report.

Upcoming presentations include:

- **2012 Ohio Genealogical Society Genealogy Librarians' Seminar (October 12).** Staff will provide an overview of the National Digital Newspaper Program, demonstrate how to use *Chronicling America* and talk about how local institutions can have their newspapers digitized.
- **2013 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference (April 26).** 1 hour lecture demonstrating how to search Ohio's newspapers in *Chronicling America* for genealogy research.

These presentations align with our goals for the 2012-2014 grant cycle since their target audience is genealogists. This will allow us to reach new audiences from all over the state that represent a group of people with a specific interest and use for historic newspapers. These presentations also provide an opportunity to educate people about newspaper digitization projects.

Work on the “Using *Chronicling America*” Podcast Series continued as OHS Multimedia Services and NDNP-OH staff finalized audio and graphics for the recordings. The remaining eight of the 11 podcasts were made available on the Ohio Historical Society’s YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/ohiohistory](http://www.youtube.com/ohiohistory)) in March:

- Podcast 1: What is *Chronicling America*? (<http://youtu.be/6NKMwneZF20>)
- Podcast 3: How Do I Browse? (<http://youtu.be/a9mD5A-c5jg>)
- Podcast 4: How Do I Perform A Basic Search? ([http://youtu.be/cIB\\_Eso44B0](http://youtu.be/cIB_Eso44B0))
- Podcast 5: What Will My Search Results Look Like? (<http://youtu.be/lzKLUwgzTuA>)
- Podcast 6: How Do I Perform An Advanced Search? (<http://youtu.be/rEs4YgtpqB8>)
- Podcast 7: How Do I Use The Image-Viewing Screen? (<http://youtu.be/iHvdqCOd4hw>)
- Podcast 8: How Do I Zoom on An Image? (<http://youtu.be/Au-XwW50hJw>)
- Podcast 9: How Do I Print An Image? (<http://youtu.be/NlguUm8agBE>)

These podcasts cover the basics of searching the website from browsing to performing basic searches to printing. For more information, please visit the Ohio Digital Newspaper Portal:

<http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/odnp/resources/podcasts>

Project staff has also been promoting the project through the Ohio Historical Society Collections Blog and press releases. Links to these items are provided on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki at:

[http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/odnp/index.php?title=Press\\_Releases](http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/odnp/index.php?title=Press_Releases).

In March 2012, project staff collaborated with other Ohio Historical Society staff members to write an article for *Ohio Histore-news*, the Ohio Historical Society’s monthly online newsletter, about the sinking of the Titanic. This piece featured linked readers to several articles from historic newspapers available on *Chronicling America* about this tragedy (<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/enews/0312a.shtml>).

Finally, NDNP-OH staff continued to develop content on the Ohio Digital Newspaper Portal:

<http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/odnp>

In particular, content has been added to the Educational Resources section including General Tips for Searching Digitized Historical Newspapers, instructions for Searching *Chronicling America*, links to the “Using *Chronicling America*” Podcast Series, Subject Guides (modeled after the Library of Congress’s Recommended Topics) and About the NDNP-OH Project Newspaper handouts. This content can be accessed by visiting:

<http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/odnp/resources>

This web presence is connected to *Ohio Memory* and seeks to provide users with information about digitized newspapers, educational resources and information about newspaper digitization. Content is added on a continual basis.

9. Describe any follow-up issues or questions you would like convey to the NDNP program committee as you begin your digital conversion project.

We do not have any additional issues or questions at this time. We invite any comments and feedback and look forward to the continued development and success of the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio.