

NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report
(March 1, 2013—August 31, 2013)

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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.*

One change has been made to the overall project work plan established in the grant proposal for round three of the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio: The webinar demonstrating how to use *Chronicling America* for genealogy research will be held in January 2014 instead of September 2013. We have postponed the webinar so that it could be included in the Ohio Historical Society's 2014 genealogy workshop offerings. As part of this larger program, it will be promoted through the Ohio Historical Society's Research Services Department in brochures, newsletters, signage and email blasts, allowing more family history researchers to learn about and potentially sign up for the webinar.

The methodology of the project as it relates to microfilm preparation, quality control processes and general workflow procedures remains the same as it was during both previous grant cycles.

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

Pre- and post-duplication microfilm assessment, including density readings and full collation, was performed on the following papers:

Title	LCCN	# of Rolls
<i>Woodsfield Spirit of Democracy</i>	sn85038115	15
<i>Canal Dover Ohio Democrat</i> (series)	sn8402888, sn84028889	2
<i>Steubenville True American</i>	sn84028817	1
<i>Wellington Enterprise</i> (series)	sn84028271, sn84028272, sn84028273	7
<i>Lancaster Gazette</i> (series)	sn87070038, sn88078726, sn85026105, sn88078725, sn88078724, sn84024207	4
<i>Meigs County Telegraph</i> (series)	sn85038189, sn85038183, sn85038184	5
<i>Portsmouth Inquirer</i>	sn85026203	1
<i>Ironton Spirit of the Times</i>	sn84028880	1
<i>Tägliches Cincinnati Volksblatt</i>	sn83045474	11
<i>Kalida Venture</i>	sn85038078	2
<i>Maumee Express</i> (series)	sn85026142, sn85026141	1
<i>Ravenna Democratic Press</i>	sn83035083	10
<i>Ravenna Western Courier/Ohio Star/Portage County Democrat</i>	sn83035100, sn83035044, sn83035045	3
<i>Georgetown Democratic Standard</i>	sn83035312	1
<i>Greenville Journal</i>	sn83035565	5
<i>Cincinnati Organ of the Temperance Reform</i> (series)	sn90068762, sn91069452	2
<i>Portage Sentinel</i> (series)	sn83035101, sn83035102, sn83035103	5

Pre-duplication assessment has also been performed on the following papers:

Title	LCCN	# of Rolls
<i>Medina Sentinel</i>	sn84028262	3
<i>Cincinnati Star</i> (series)	sn87056710, sn85025759	8

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

Since the last report, we have not held any advisory board meetings, but advisory board members' efforts to promote the project to their institutions and communities are ongoing.

In July 2013, we partnered with [OHIONET](#) to provide a newspaper digitization training webinar. Because OHIONET works with a variety of libraries throughout the state of Ohio, this collaboration allowed us to reach a larger audience than we would have otherwise. For more information about this presentation, please see Section 7 of this report.

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

Monthly shipments to our vendor, iArchives, have gone according to our anticipated schedule. Our first batch (arnarson) was delayed slightly due to extra processing but we remain on schedule.

Batch Name	# of Reels sent to Vendor	# of Images Received	Status
arnarson	16	8,684	accepted by LC
byrd	15	9,793	accepted by LC
cousteau	10	8,243	at LC
drake	9	7,203	in process (post-digitization) at OHS
ericson	11	10,753	in process (post-digitization) at OHS
fu	18	9,939	in process (post-digitization) at OHS
		54,615 (total)	

Batch Gann is currently in-process at iArchives, and Batch Himilco is undergoing pre-digitization metadata collection at OHS.

In addition, to these batches, we also reprocessed Batch Cobweb, which was originally submitted to LC in January 2012. LC staff noticed a cataloging issue that required the creation of a catalog record for the *Fremont Daily Journal* (LCCN: 2013218697) and assigning this LCCN to approximately 20 issues that had been assigned to the *Fremont Journal Extra* (LCCN: sn87076766). This batch was resubmitted to LC in July 2013 and is currently undergoing quality review.

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 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).

Processing of monthly deliverables (approximately 8,000-10,000 images per batch) began in February 2013, and the first batch was expected to be delivered to the Library of Congress by the beginning of April 2013. Due to delays at the digitization vendor, the first batch was not sent until June 2013. Since then, batches have been sent to LC via external hard drive approximately every four to six weeks. An updated version of our batch schedule is provided below.

Batch Name	Paper Titles	Approximate Image Count	Anticipated Date Sent to LC
arnarson	<i>Ashland Union</i> (series) <i>Eaton Democrat</i> (series)	8,000	June 2013
byrd	<i>Woodsfield Spirit of Democracy</i>	9,000	July 2013
cousteau	<i>Canal Dover Ohio Democrat</i> (series) <i>Steubenville True American</i> (series) <i>Wellington Enterprise</i> (series) <i>Cleveland Toiler</i>	8,000	August 2013
drake	<i>Lancaster Gazette</i> (series) <i>Meigs County Telegraph</i> (series) <i>Portsmouth Inquirer</i> <i>Ironton Spirit of the Times</i>	7,500	September 2013
ericson	<i>Tägliches Cincinnati Volksblatt</i>	10,500	October 2013
fu	<i>Kalida Venture</i> <i>Maumee Express</i> (series) <i>Ravenna Democratic Press</i> <i>Ravenna Ohio Star</i> <i>Portage County Democrat</i> <i>Ravenna Western Courier</i> <i>Meigs County Telegraph</i> (series)	9,000	November 2013
gann	<i>Georgetown Democratic Standard</i> <i>Greenville Journal</i> <i>Cincinnati Organ of the Temperance Reform</i> (series) <i>Portage Sentinel</i> (series)	9,000	December 2013
himilco	<i>Cincinnati Star</i> (series) <i>Medina Sentinel</i>	10,000	January 2014
ingstad	<i>Napoleon Democratic Northwest</i> (series) <i>Fremont Freeman</i> (series) <i>Plymouth Advertiser</i>	8,000	February 2014
julian	<i>Cadiz Sentinel</i> (series) <i>Delaware Gazette</i>	7,000	March 2014
konscak	<i>Carroll Free Press</i> <i>Jackson Standard</i> (series)	7,000	April 2014
laing	<i>Somerset Press</i> <i>Wyandot Pioneer</i> (series)	7,000	May 2014

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

As mentioned in the last report, in September 2012, the Ohio Historical Society (OHS) received funding from the State Library of Ohio through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to microfilm and digitize, using the NDNP technical specifications, approximately 50 years' worth (1832-1879) of the Columbus *Ohio State Journal*. Off-site microfilming of the newspaper has been completed, and all but one of the batches have been digitized. Content is currently being uploaded to *Ohio Memory* and can be viewed at the following URL:

<http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll22>

OHS partnered with [OHIONET](#), a library membership organization serving academic, public, school and special libraries in Ohio, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania, to provide a two-hour webinar about newspaper digitization. There were 18 participants and feedback indicated that the program was well-received and informative.

NDNP-OH staff continues to be in contact with institutions around the state to provide advice regarding their potential newspaper digitization projects. Our participation in NDNP has allowed us to act as a resource for smaller institutions that would like to have their newspapers digitized and available 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).*

Presentations

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

- **NORWELD Digitization 101 Workshop (March 28, 2013):** Staff provided an overview of the National Digital Newspaper Program and a short introduction to newspaper digitization. Copies of the relevant slides from this workshop are attached to the end of this report.
- **2013 Society of Ohio Archivists Annual Spring Meeting (April 5):** Staff participated in a shortened session about the Ohio Historical Society's contribution to the National Digital Newspaper Program. A copy of this presentation has been made available on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki: <http://tinyurl.com/qxwbc52>
- **2013 MAC Annual Meeting (April 20):** Staff participated in a Lightning Round session discussing the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio's efforts to make available and promote Civil War resources. Copies of the relevant slides from this presentation are attached to the end of this report.
- **2013 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference (April 26):** Staff gave a one hour lecture showing how to search Ohio's newspapers in *Chronicling America* for genealogy research. A copy of this presentation has been made available on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki: <http://tinyurl.com/os5jptm>
- **Ohio Historical Society Curator Talk: Ohio's Civil War Era Newspapers (June 22):** Staff provided an overview of Ohio's newspapers during the Civil War and how to access them online at *Chronicling America*. A copy of this presentation has been made available on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki: <http://tinyurl.com/oldaprw>
- **OHIONET Webinar: Extra! Extra! Learn All about It! Newspaper Digitization (July 30):** Staff gave an overview of the National Digital Newspaper Program, discuss a non-NDNP newspaper digitization project and talk about newspaper digitization. A copy of this presentation has been made available on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki: <http://tinyurl.com/lu9y7jy>.

Upcoming presentations include:

- **2013 Ohio Local History Alliance Annual Meeting (October 5):** Staff will provide an overview of the National Digital Newspaper Program and discuss newspaper digitization standards and best practices.
- ***Chronicling America* and History Day Research (October 9):** Staff will provide a brief demonstration of *Chronicling America* for educators attending a History Day workshop, focusing on advanced search tips and the proper way to cite materials found on the website.
- ***Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers for Genealogy Researchers Webinar (January 9, 2014):*** Staff will demonstrate how to use *Chronicling America* with a particular focus on how genealogists can find family history information on the website.

These presentations provide us with opportunities to increase awareness of *Chronicling America*, NDNP and newspaper digitization projects in general to a variety of audiences.

***Chronicling America* Search Strategy Videos**

The first two of the *Chronicling America* Search Strategy Videos were released in March and July 2013. Available through the [Ohio Historical Society's YouTube Channel](#), these short videos have two goals: (1) to build on the advanced searching skills highlighted in our "[Using *Chronicling America*](#)" Podcast Series, teaching users why and how you should use different search strategies to find information in the newspapers, and (2) to highlight interesting topics that will show users the wide range of content available in *Chronicling America*'s digital newspaper collection.

Click on the links below to access the videos:

- [Any vs. All vs. Phrase Searching – S.S. Sultana Disaster](#) (the worst maritime disaster in American history)
- [Searching by a Specific Date – Death of Ray Chapman](#) (the only Major League Baseball player to die from being struck by a ball)

National History Day in Ohio Prize

In support of the National Endowment for the Humanities' *Chronicling America* History Day Prize, the Ohio Historical Society offered a similar prize at Ohio History Day on April 27, 2013. This prize recognized exceptional use of primary resources available on *Chronicling America* and/or *Ohio Memory* in the development of a student's Ohio History Day Project. A prize was to be offered for the best individual or group project in each of the Junior and Senior Divisions.

Because it was the first year of the prize, we did not have a large number of applicants, so only one award—in the Junior Division—was given. We will offer this prize again next year and work with our local National History Day staff to promote both *Chronicling America* and this award.

***Ohio As America* E-Textbook Activity**

In conjunction with staff of the Ohio Historical Society's Education and Outreach Division, NDNP staff developed a lesson plan incorporating the use of *Chronicling America* for *Ohio As America*, a fourth grade social studies textbook developed and maintained by the Ohio Historical Society. The textbook already included at least one *Chronicling America* activity geared toward fourth graders, so NDNP staff developed a more advanced lesson plan, "Examining Bias in Newspapers," that was added to the textbook's eighth grade supplement in August 2013. The activity aligns with three of Ohio's History Academic Content Standards and several Common Core Standards in Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening and History/Social Studies. This includes a lesson plan for teachers, an activity sheet for students and a search tips handout. A copy of this

activity is attached to the end of this report. For more information about *Ohio As America*, please visit: <http://www.ohioasamerica.org>.

Articles, Press Releases and Blog Posts

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/ondp/index.php?title=Press_Releases.

In April 2013, after the Ohio Historical Society released a press release announcing our 2012-2014 Grant Cycle newspaper selections, a reporter from the *Steubenville Herald-Star* worked with NDNP staff to expand the press release to include additional information about the project and the newspapers that would be digitized from that area of the state. The final article was featured in the paper's Valley Life section, and a copy is attached to the end of this report.

NDNP staff are also writing a series of three articles for the *Local Historian*, the bimonthly Ohio Local History Alliance newsletter that is distributed to cultural heritage institutions and staff members around the state. These articles are featured in the newsletter's TechTip section and include information about Ohio's contribution to *Chronicling America*, National Digital Newspaper Program digitization standards and project planning tips.

- **From Film to Digital Part I: The National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio** (published in the July/August 2013 issue, see copy attached to end of report)
- **From Film to Digital Part II: Newspaper Digitization Standards and Best Practices** (to be published in the September/October 2013 issue)
- **From Film to Digital Part III: Launching Your Own Newspaper Digitization Project** (to be published in the November/December 2013 issue)

Ohio Digital Newspaper Program Website

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

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

More content has been added to the Educational Resources section, including a web page featuring the *Chronicling America* Search Strategy Videos and additional subject guides. Please see:

<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 regular basis.

9. *Describe any follow-up issues or questions you would like convey to the NDNP program committee.*

We do not have any 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.