

**NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report**  
(March 1, 2014–August 31, 2014)

**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.*

The overall project work plan and methodology has not changed since the last report. Due to surplus grant funds, however, we will be processing an additional three batches of content to be included on *Chronicling America* (for more information, including an anticipated production schedule, please see sections 2 and 6).

With the exception of these extra batches, all project deliverables were sent to LC by or before August 31, 2014, including the final batches of digital content and the non-NDNP newspaper archive survey. After communicating with Deb Thomas, it was determined that we would not send our duplicate negative microfilm to LC until after the digitization of the extra reels has been completed.

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

To spend down surplus funds in several budget categories, NDNP-OH has been approved by NEH and LC to digitize an additional 14,000 pages for *Chronicling America*. In August, NDNP-OH staff reviewed the Ohio History Connection (OHC) holdings to determine which papers were eligible for digitization based on publisher location, time period and film quality. This list was shared with the Advisory Board at the end of August so that they could vote on which papers should be digitized as part of this extra content. The Board will select 4 or 5 papers from counties not already represented on *Chronicling America* to be digitized over the coming months.

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

The Advisory Board convened on April 15, 2014 to discuss the status of the project and the future of Ohio's digital newspaper program. Advisory board members discussed current and future outreach opportunities and tools that can be created by NDNP-OH staff to promote the project to various audiences. In particular, they suggested several opportunities to reach the K-12 community through professional conferences, and the creation of resource/newspaper article sets organized by theme (e.g. women's suffrage, World War I, etc.) and lesson plans incorporating Common Core standards.

Throughout the end of August and September, as mentioned in section 2, the Board will select, via email, additional newspapers to be digitized.

In June, the Ohio Newspaper Association (ONA) held their Board Dinner at OHC. NDNP-OH staff led tours through OHC's newspaper archives. During this tour, we provided information to ONA board members about newspaper archiving, preservation and digitization practices and programs at OHC. This will continue to build our relationship with the state's press association and may lead to future partnerships.

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.

<b>Batch Name</b>	<b># of Reels sent to Vendor</b>	<b># of Images Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
arnarson	16	8,684	accepted by LC
byrd	15	9,793	accepted by LC
cousteau	10	8,243	accepted by LC
drake	9	7,203	accepted by LC
ericson	11	10,753	accepted by LC
fu	18	9,939	accepted by LC
gann	13	9,915	accepted by LC
himilco	11	11,353	accepted by LC
ingstad	11	8,810	accepted by LC
julian	10	7,678	accepted by LC
konscak	12	8,848	accepted by LC
laing	10	6,330	accepted by LC
		<b>107,549 (total)</b>	

All of these batches are now online.

We will begin digitization of the extra pages in October. For more information, please see section 6.

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.*

Processing of monthly deliverables (approximately 8,000-10,000 images per batch) began in February 2013, and our first batch was delivered to LC in 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. Historical essays for papers in batches arnarson through laing have been researched, written, reviewed by NEH and sent to LC. Essays for the papers on the extra batches will be researched and written at the same time that the digitization work is completed. For more information, please see the production schedule on the next page.

Batch Name	Paper Titles	Approximate Image Count	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>Portage County Democrat</i> (series) <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	June 2014
magellan	TBD [extra batch]	4,000	December 2014
norgay	TBD [extra batch]	5,000	January 2015
odoric	TBD [extra batch]	5,000	February 2015

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

In April, OHC began digitization of the last available reels of the Amherst News-Times (covering 1965-1996, 2012-2013) for the Amherst Public Library. Work on the first batch (covering 1965-1979) was completed and made available online in August 2014, and work on the remaining batches will be completed by the end of December 2014. At the conclusion of this project, OHC will have digitized over 50,000 pages of this community's newspaper using NDNP standards. Content is freely-available on Ohio Memory: <http://www.ohiomemory.org/amherstnewstimes>.

Using local funds, OHC also digitized several smaller runs of papers to be included on Ohio Memory:

- 1840s Campaign Papers, 1840-1848  
<http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll29>
  - Log Cabin (Dayton), 1840-1840
  - That Same Old Coon (Dayton), 1844-1844
  - Ohio Coon Catcher (Dayton), 1844-1844
  - Coon Dissector (Columbus), 1844-1844
  - Reserve Battery (Cleveland), 1848-1848
- Cadiz Sentinel, 1834-1835  
<http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll32>
- Carroll Free Press, 1835-1835  
<http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll31>
- Ohio State Monitor, 1918-1920  
<http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll28>

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:

Date	Event	Presentation Name	Copy of Presentation
3/19/14	Ohio Genealogical Society—Warren County Chapter Meeting	Unearthing Your Roots Using Ohio's Newspapers on <i>Chronicling America</i>	<a href="http://goo.gl/KobEJ1">http://goo.gl/KobEJ1</a>
5/1/14	Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference	Out of the Book and Onto the Web: The <i>Ohio State Journal</i> Project	<a href="http://goo.gl/s1eqdA">http://goo.gl/s1eqdA</a>
5/29/14	Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians Annual Conference	From Microfilm to Digital Images: The National Digital Newspaper Program	<a href="http://goo.gl/OigceA">http://goo.gl/OigceA</a>
6/28/14	Palatines to America Annual Conference	German Language Newspapers at the Ohio History Connection	<a href="http://goo.gl/gSn0EX">http://goo.gl/gSn0EX</a>

8/9/14	Ohio Genealogical Society— Montgomery County Chapter Meeting	Unearthing Your Roots Using Ohio’s Newspapers on <i>Chronicling America</i>	<a href="http://goo.gl/xwtQdx">http://goo.gl/xwtQdx</a>
8/13/14	Ohio Central School System Educator Day	<i>Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers</i>	<a href="http://goo.gl/25e8B4">http://goo.gl/25e8B4</a>
8/21/14	New Friends of Greater Columbus Meeting	Unearthing Your Roots Using Newspapers on <i>Chronicling America</i>	<a href="http://goo.gl/mLIPTU">http://goo.gl/mLIPTU</a>

Upcoming presentations include:

Date	Event	Presentation Name
9/22/14	Ohio Center for Law-Related Education Law and Citizenship Annual Conference	Finding the Past: <i>Chronicling America’s</i> Constitutional Convention (in collaboration with staff from the Educational Partnerships and Outreach Department)
10/23/14	Ohio Educational Library Media Association Annual Conference	Finding the Past: <i>Chronicling America’s</i> Constitutional Convention (in collaboration with staff from the Educational Partnerships and Outreach Department)
3/21/15	Ohio Genealogical Society— Union County Chapter Meeting	Unearthing Your Roots Using Ohio’s Newspapers on <i>Chronicling America</i>
4/10/15	Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference	News from Deutschland to Ohio: German Newspapers at the Ohio History Connection

NDNP-OH has also submitted proposals to present on newspaper digitization standards and best practices at the 2015 spring regional meetings for the Ohio Library Council and the Ohio Local History Alliance. We will also be using surplus grant funds to host workshops around the state educating people about newspaper digitization and *Chronicling America*. We anticipate that these workshops will occur in late winter and early spring of 2015. 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 fourth [Chronicling America Search Strategy Video](#) was released in June 2014. Available through the [Ohio History Connection’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 link below to access the video:

- Historical Vocabulary in *Chronicling America*: [http://youtu.be/-S6acq6oE\\_4](http://youtu.be/-S6acq6oE_4)

### **National History Day in Ohio Prize**

In support of the National Endowment for the Humanities’ *Chronicling America* History Day Prize, OHC offered, for the second year, a similar prize at Ohio History Day on April 26, 2014. 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 offered for the best individual or group project in each of the Junior and Senior Divisions. The winners were: in the Junior Division, an individual exhibit project about Eliza Burton “Lyda” Conley, and, in the Senior Division, a group documentary about the 20<sup>th</sup> century labor movement and steel strikes in Youngstown, Ohio.

### **Articles, Press Releases and Blog Posts**

Project staff has also been promoting the project through the Ohio History Connection Collections Blog, the Ohio Memory News Feed and press releases. Links to these items are provided on the NDNP-OH Project Wiki at: [http://apps.ohiohistory.org/ondp/index.php/Press\\_Releases](http://apps.ohiohistory.org/ondp/index.php/Press_Releases).

### **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>. 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. We are in the process of redesigning *Ohio Memory* to make it easier to search and to highlight resources developed to help users access information on *Ohio Memory* and *Chronicling America*.

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

We invite any comments and feedback and look forward to the continued development and success of the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio.

Please submit to NEH via e-GMS with a copy to [ndnptech@loc.gov](mailto:ndnptech@loc.gov), by September 30, 2014.