

NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report
(September 1, 2014–February 28, 2015)

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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. As mentioned in the previous reports, we did process an additional three batches of content (about 14,000 pages total) for *Chronicling America* with surplus grant funds (see sections 2 and 6 for more information).

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

In September, the advisory board voted, via email, on which papers should be digitized as part of the extra content. Advisory board members received a list from NDNP-OH staff of newspapers eligible for digitization based on publisher location, time period and film quality. The goal for this extra content was to cover gaps in our current *Chronicling America* collection by selecting papers from counties not already represented and from time periods with less content available on the website.

Taking into account coverage of the 10 geographic regions used to select newspapers in previous NDNP rounds, we determined that about 5,000 pages should come from Region 7 (the west central area of the state) as it had 5,000 fewer pages online than other regions of the state.

The remaining 9,000 pages were selected based on the list of eligible papers and on the advisory board members' votes. The board was asked to rank their top three choices and votes were weighted accordingly. After the conclusion of the voting process, NDNP-OH staff reviewed the top picks to ensure the quality of the film and to select time ranges. At the conclusion of the voting and review process, five papers covering 1867-1922 from five different counties were selected.

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

Title	LCCN	# of Rolls
Wauseon Fulton County Tribune	sn87076552	7
Painesville Journal (series)	sn84028193; sn84028194	3
Celina Democrat	sn88077067	4
Bellefontaine Republican	sn85038153	5
Fayette County Herald	sn85038145	4

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

Since the last report, as mentioned in section 2, the advisory board made newspaper selections via email rather than at an in-person meeting. Advisory board members’ efforts to promote the project to their institutions and communities are ongoing.

In October 2014, NDNP-OH staff visited the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio. This OHC site has an independent library and archives and serves as an additional repository for a portion of the OHC microfilm collections. We met with staff to talk about increasing access to newspapers via the Hayes Obituary Index (<http://index.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/>) and digitization efforts such as Chronicling America and Ohio Memory. We anticipate this initial meeting will lead to an opportunity to provide a public program related to Chronicling America for people in the area.

Working with Multimedia Services Department staff, on January 15, 2015, NDNP-OH staff visited a local elementary school and taught three classes of about 30 fourth graders each how to use Chronicling America and Ohio Memory. Students will be incorporating the information and resources found on these websites into Ohio-opolis, a project allowing the students to investigate questions about Ohio History and provide information (including primary sources) on those questions via the project website (<https://ohiopopolis.wiki.dublinschools.net/>).

NDNP-OH staff partnered with INFOhio, Ohio’s PreK-12 digital library, on January 22, 2015, to provide a webinar to educators and media specialists/librarians introducing some of the digital resources maintained or contributed to by OHC, including Ohio History Central, an encyclopedia of Ohio History, Ohio Memory and Chronicling America. This presentation was well-received and may lead to future partnerships and additional outreach to the PreK-12 educator/media specialist community.

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. Batches magellan, norgay and odoric comprise the extra content.

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	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
magellan	7	4,081	accepted by LC
norgay	7	5,514	under review at LC
odoric	9	5,119	under review at LC
		122,263 (total)	

All batches except norgay and odoric are available online as of February 28, 2015.

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 about every four to six weeks. Batches magellan through odoric were submitted about every four to six weeks beginning in November 2014. An updated version of our batch schedule is provided below. Historical essays for all papers have been researched, written, reviewed by NEH and sent to LC. For more information, please see the production schedule on the next page.

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

konscak	Carroll Free Press Jackson Standard (series)	7,000	April 2014
laing	Somerset Press Wyandot Pioneer (series)	7,000	June 2014
magellan	Fulton County Tribune	4,000	November2014
norgay	Painesville Journal (series) Celina Democrat	5,000	January 2015
odoric	Bellefontaine Republican Fayette County Herald	5,000	February 2015

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

OHC has continued working with the Amherst Public Library to digitize the Amherst News-Times. Digitization of 1965-1996 and 2012-2013 was completed and made available on Ohio Memory in October 2014. The collection now contains over 52,000 images digitized using NDNP standards and encompasses the full run of the paper. Work on microfilming and digitizing the 2014 issues of the Amherst News-Times began in January, and the digital content will be made available online this summer on Ohio Memory: <http://www.ohiomemory.org/amherstnewstimes>.

In December 2014, OHC began a partnership with the Wayne County Public Library to digitize a small run of two local papers, the Wooster Daily Republican and the Wooster Daily News, for Ohio Memory using NDNP standards. Once completed, this collection will comprise about 5,500 pages covering 1916-1917. This content will be made available online this summer on Ohio Memory. It is anticipated that the collection will grow each year to include more Wayne County newspapers.

OHC is also working with the Rodman Public Library to host a small run of their local paper, the Alliance Review, comprised of about 8,500 pages covering 1916-1917, on Ohio Memory. This content will not be digitized using NDNP technical specifications, but grayscale TIFFs will be converted to JP2s and made keyword-searchable via Ohio Memory. Descriptive metadata following the NDNP conventions will also be applied to the collection. This newspaper will be available online this spring on Ohio Memory. It is anticipated that the collection will grow each year to include more Alliance newspapers.

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
9/22/14	Ohio Center for Law-Related Education Law and Citizenship Annual Conference	Finding the Past: Chronicling America’s Constitutional Convention (in collaboration the Educational Partnerships and Outreach Department)	attached to end of report
10/23/14	Ohio Educational Library Media Association Annual Conference	Finding the Past: Chronicling America’s Constitutional Convention (in collaboration the Educational Partnerships and Outreach Department)	
1/15/15	Ohio-opolis at Olde Sawmill Elementary	Ohio Memory & Chronicling America	n/a – presentation was live demo, no slides used
1/22/15	INFOhio Professional Development Webinar	A Newspaper, a Digital Library and Encyclopedia Walk into a Classroom: Digital Resources from the Ohio History Connection	http://goo.gl/qVkpUa
2/7/15	Ohio Genealogical Society—Auglaize County Chapter Meeting	Unearthing Your Roots Using Ohio’s Newspapers on Chronicling America	http://goo.gl/76nQ2Y

Upcoming presentations include:

Date	Event	Presentation Name
3/3/15	Stark County Educational Services Center Lead Social Studies Teachers Meeting	Finding the Past: Chronicling America in the Classroom
3/21/15	Ohio Genealogical Society—Union County Chapter Meeting	Unearthing Your Roots Using Ohio’s Newspapers on Chronicling America
3/25/15	Ohio Library Council—Northeast Chapter Conference	Newspapers Unbound: Preservation and Access through Digitization
4/10/15	Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference	News from Deutschland to Ohio: German Newspapers at the Ohio History Connection
4/17/15	Ohio Library Council—Northwest Chapter Conference	Newspapers Unbound: Preservation and Access through Digitization
4/23/15	Ohio Library Council—Central/Southeast Chapter Conference	Newspapers Unbound: Preservation and Access through Digitization
5/2/15	Ohio History Connection Curator Talk	Catastrophe on the Mississippi: The S.S. Sultana
6/15/15	Ohio Genealogical Society—Greater Cleveland Chapter Meeting	Unearthing Your Roots Using Ohio’s Newspapers on Chronicling America

A portion of the surplus grant funds has been dedicated to educating Ohioans about *Chronicling America* and newspaper digitization. Several more presentations are in the process of being planned. These presentations provide us with opportunities to increase awareness of *Chronicling America*, NDNP and newspaper digitization projects in general to a variety of audiences.

Throughout March and April, NDNP-OH staff will also be attending several regional meetings of the Ohio Local History Alliance to share information about newspaper digitization with staff and volunteers of local historical organizations. Staff will attend meetings in the northwest, northeast and southeast areas of the state.

National History Day in Ohio Prize

In support of the National Endowment for the Humanities' *Chronicling America* History Day Prize, OHC will offer, for the third year, a similar prize at Ohio History Day on April 25, 2015. This prize recognizes 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 will be offered for the best individual or group project in each of the Junior and Senior Divisions.

Articles, Press Releases and Blog Posts

Project staff has also been promoting the project through the Ohio History Connection Collections Blog, the Ohio Memory Blog 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.

Additionally, NDNP-OH staff wrote an article for the autumn 2014 issue of the Society of Ohio Archivists' biannual newsletter, the Ohio Archivist, about NDNP and its impact in Ohio. A copy of the article is attached to the end of this report.

Ohio Digital Newspaper Program Website

NDNP-OH staff has continued to develop content on the Ohio Digital Newspaper Program through the About Ohio Memory website: <http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory>. This web presence is connected to Ohio Memory and seeks to provide users with information about digitized newspapers and newspaper digitization as well as educational resources. 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, by March 31, 2015.