

**NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report**  
(March 1, 2018-December 31, 2018)

**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.*

Round IV (2016-2018)

The work plan for Round IV remained the same as shared with NEH and LC in previous communications. All project deadlines and goals were met on time, with the final batch of content delivered to LC in July 2018 and the non-NDNP newspaper archive survey submitted in August 2018. The microfilm reel shipment will occur in January 2019; this was delayed, per LC instructions, until after the final batches of content were approved in December 2018.

Round V (2018-2020)

The work plan for Round V remains unchanged since the submission of the revised work plan in October 2018. The methodology of the project as it relates to microfilm preparation, quality control processes and general workflow has not changed since the last report.

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

Round IV (2016-2018)

Pre- and post-duplication microfilm assessment, including collation and metadata collection, and duplication by our partner Bowling Green State University, was performed on the following papers:

<b>Batch</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Roll count</b>
janie	Cleveland <i>Pokrok</i> (sn83035546)	Czech	1
	Cleveland <i>Svět</i> (sn83045068)	Czech	7
kino	Cleveland <i>America</i> (sn83035644)	Romanian	6
	Cleveland <i>Svět</i> (sn83045068)	Czech	4
lorelei	Youngstown <i>Amerikai Magyar Hirlap</i> (sn88078388)	Hungarian	9

In March, project staff received approval from NEH to digitize an additional title for *Chronicling America* using surplus funds. This allowed the inclusion of a Hungarian title, *Youngstown Amerikai Magyar Hirlap*, covering 1920-1942 (batch\_ohi\_lorelei).

Round V (2018-2020)

Work on our Round V grant began in September 2018. Advisory board members met on October 17, 2018 to learn about the National Digital Newspaper Program and Ohio's participation to date, as well as 2018-2020 project goals. Project staff provided instructions on the selection process and a

list of newspapers available for digitization. During this meeting, advisory board members selected a sample reel from a list of four newspapers representing labor groups or military veterans. A labor newspaper published in Dayton, the *Dayton Union News* (sn84025694), from December 19, 1940 through November 25, 1943, was selected. Following this meeting, pre- and post-duplication microfilm assessment, including collation and metadata collection, and duplication by our partner Bowling Green State University, was performed on this reel for batch\_ohi\_2018sample.

On December 5, 2018, the advisory board met to identify which papers should be digitized for *Chronicling America*, pending additional quality checks and research into public domain status. Prior to this meeting, each of the six advisory board members submitted their top three newspapers from each region (Northwest, Northeast, Central, Southwest, Southeast), along with a newspaper review worksheet explaining why each was identified as important and appropriate to include in this project. These rankings guided the discussion and final recommendations, which included about 19 titles covering: 1913-1963 and 16 communities not yet or under-represented on *Chronicling America*. In addition to several general newspapers, two labor, one Catholic, and three African-American titles were included. Project staff have begun performing additional quality checks and research into public domain status of post-1922 newspapers in order to finalize the selection list prior to its upcoming submission to LC.

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

#### Round IV (2016-2018)

The advisory board convened on April 11, 2018 to discuss the status of the project and outreach activities. Their ideas informed the creation of the “Researching with Foreign Language Newspapers” video tutorial released in July 2018 as well as “The 1920s Ku Klux Klan from an Immigrant Perspective” and “United States Immigrants Respond to Significant Late 19th-Early 20th Century Events” lesson plans released in July and August 2018, respectively. They also suggested potential groups with which to partner for public presentations on Ohio’s foreign-language newspapers. Advisory board members were kept informed via email about the availability of resources and upcoming presentations so that they could promote them to their respective communities.

#### Round V (2018-2020)

As discussed in section 2, the advisory board met twice in fall 2018 for Round V grant activities. Advisory board members come from multiple cultural heritage institutions throughout the state: Columbus Landmarks Foundation, Ohio History Connection, Ohio University (in Athens), Toledo Lucas County Public Library, University of Cincinnati and Western Reserve Historical Society/Case Western Reserve University (in Cleveland). Their knowledge of and/or experience with newspaper collections and state/local history allowed for a collaborative approach to newspaper selection. Several board members contacted other institutions and subject experts around Ohio to guide their individual selections, and through this process, about 70 titles were identified for consideration by the entire board.

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

Round IV (2016-2018)

Monthly shipments to our vendor, Northern Micrographics, have gone according to our anticipated schedule.

Batch name	Reel count	Image count	Status
atticus	10	10,148	accepted by LC
bartleby	8	9,000	accepted by LC
carrie	10	10,979	accepted by LC
dorothy	6	6,333	accepted by LC
euphemia	11	10,613	accepted by LC
frederick	11	8,880	accepted by LC
gatsby	12	8,991	accepted by LC
holden	6	5,394	accepted by LC
ichabod	12	9,693	accepted by LC
janie	8	8,329	accepted by LC
kino	10	9,931	accepted by LC
lorelei	9	7,910	accepted by LC
		<b>106,201 (total)</b>	

Round V (2018-2020)

To support the creation of Round V’s digital deliverables, a contract with Bowling Green State University for microfilm duplication was signed in October 2018. We have worked with them to produce second-generation silver negative microfilm for all our previous grant cycles, and they have been an exemplary partner, allowing us to create high quality deliverables and meet our monthly production goals. A contract with Northern Micrographics for microfilm scanning and metadata creation services was also signed in October 2018. We worked with Northern Micrographics during our previous grant cycle—their high quality images and OCR, as well as their excellent communication and attention to deadlines, will make them an ideal partner for our continued success in this phase of our project.

The sample reel was digitized in November 2018, and initial quality review was completed in December 2018. No rework was required, and the final version of the reel will be delivered in December.

Title	# of reels sent to vendor	# of images received
Dayton Union News (sn84025694)	1	~650

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.

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).*

Round IV (2016-2018)

All batches and historical essays for Round IV have been submitted, per the chart below. A new version of batch\_ohi\_kino was submitted per LC's recommendations to correct OCR problems.

<b>Batch</b>	<b>Pre-digitization prep/duplication</b>	<b>Digitization</b>	<b>Quality review</b>	<b>Send to LC</b>
atticus	May 2017	June-July 2017	August 2017	August 2017
bartleby	June 2017	July-August 2017	August 2017	September 2017
carrie	July 2017	August-September 2017	September 2017	October 2017
dorothy	August 2017	September 2017	October 2017	November 2017
euphemia	September 2017	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
frederick	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017	January 2018
gatsby	November 2017	December 2017	January 2018	February 2018
holden	December 2017	January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
ichabod	January 2018	February 2018	March 2018	April 2018
janie	February 2018	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018
kino (ver 01)	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
kino (ver 02)	March 2018	September 2018	October 2018	October 2018
lorelai	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018

Round V (2018-2020)

Processing of monthly deliverables (8,000-10,000 images per batch) for Round V will begin in April 2019, pending LC approval of batch\_ohi\_2018sample. Batches will be sent via external hard drive until the project is complete, with a goal of submitting one batch every four to six weeks.

<b>Batch</b>	<b>Pre-digitization prep/duplication</b>	<b>Digitization</b>	<b>Quality review</b>	<b>Send to LC</b>
2018sample	November 2018	November 2018	December 2018	December 2018
a*	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019
b	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019
c	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019	September 2019
d	July 2019	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019
e	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019	November 2019
f	September 2019	October 2019	November 2019	December 2019
g	October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020
h	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020
i	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020
j	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
k	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020
l	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020

\*An updated schedule, with batch names, will be sent to LC and NEH prior to beginning full-scale production.

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

Project staff have continued to work with several institutions in Ohio to provide newspaper digitization and hosting services via *Ohio Memory* ([ohiomemory.org](http://ohiomemory.org)). We currently have 12 active partners that have contributed over 175,000 pages of content to *Ohio Memory* since 2010, and we add more content and partners each year. The Ohio History Connection also digitizes its own microfilmed newspapers for *Ohio Memory* using operating funds and local/state grants. To date, we have digitized about 140,000 pages from about 28 titles. When selecting newspapers for our local projects, we focus on newspapers from communities not represented on *Chronicling America* or *Ohio Memory*.

Project staff is in regular contact with institutions around the state, providing 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

Project staff regularly provide presentations on newspaper digitization, *Chronicling America* and *Ohio Memory*. Since the beginning of this report period, we have made the following presentations:

Date	Event	Presentation name	Presentation copy
3/1/2018	Ohio University	Finding News As It Happened on <i>Chronicling America</i>	copy attached
5/18/2018	Society of Ohio Archivists Annual Meeting	Moving Beyond 1922: Understanding Public Domain and Copyright from 1923-1963	copy attached
6/2/2018	Western Reserve Historical Society	All About <i>Chronicling America's</i> Foreign Language Newspapers	<a href="https://bit.ly/2LOlpK9">https://bit.ly/2LOlpK9</a>
6/23/2018	Toledo-Lucas County Public Library	All About <i>Chronicling America's</i> Polish Language Newspapers	<a href="https://bit.ly/2Vss8hl">https://bit.ly/2Vss8hl</a>
6/26/2018	Ohio History Connection/Ashland University	<i>Ohio Memory/Chronicling America</i> Overview	copy attached
7/21/2018	Franklin County Genealogical & Historical Society	All About Chronicling America	copy attached
7/26/2018	University of Cincinnati	All About Chronicling America	<a href="https://bit.ly/2R9A88r">https://bit.ly/2R9A88r</a>
7/31/2018	Wilmington Public Library	Digitizing Your Local Newspaper	copy attached
8/4/2018	Colonial Dames XVII Century	Newspaper Research for the Family Historian	copy attached
8/16/2018	Mahoning Valley Historical Society	All About Chronicling America's Foreign Language Newspapers	<a href="https://bit.ly/2LOlpK9">https://bit.ly/2LOlpK9</a>

About 185 people attended these programs.

Over the course of Round V, we will work with community groups to provide presentations about Ohio's digitized newspapers on *Chronicling America*. The project will also be promoted at several upcoming Ohio Local History Alliance regional meetings.

### Educator/student resources

In July and August 2018, "The 1920s Ku Klux Klan from an Immigrant Perspective" unit plan (three lessons) and the "United States Immigrants Respond to Significant Late 19th-Early 20th Century Events" lesson plan were released. These materials were created by Ohio educators and use various primary sources, including several English- and foreign-language newspaper articles from *Chronicling America* that encourage students to explore events in a historical context and from an immigrant perspective. All the materials are available through the NDNP-OH Project Website's Outreach page, in the Lesson Plans section ([ndnpohio.ohiohistory.org/outreach](http://ndnpohio.ohiohistory.org/outreach)). They have been promoted via the NDNP listserv, Ohio History Connection educator contacts, the Ohio Department of Education, and our advisory board.

### Video tutorials

In July 2018, project staff released the final Searching *Chronicling America's* Foreign Language Newspapers instructional video. This was produced using Camtasia screencasting software and is available via the Ohio History Connection's YouTube Channel:

- Researching with Foreign Language Newspapers: <https://youtu.be/ORJTbkvUPJk>

This joins two previously released videos, Using Online Translation Tools and Working with German Fraktur. All were designed to be useful to not only those searching non-English content on *Chronicling America*, but researchers using other foreign language printed materials. To date, these videos have been viewed about 560 times.

### Ohio History Day prize

In support of NEH's *Chronicling America* History Day Prize, the Ohio History Connection continues to offer a similar prize at Ohio History Day each year. This prize recognizes exceptional use of primary resources available on *Chronicling America* and/or *Ohio Memory* in the development of a student's History Day project. A prize is offered for the best individual or group project in each of the Junior and Senior Divisions. The 2018 winning projects were "Newsboy Strike of 1899—Conflict Over a Penny" (Junior) and "International Conflict & Individual Compromise: A Personal Narrative of Japanese Internment" (Senior). This prize will be offered again at Ohio History Day on April 27, 2019.

### Topic guides

Project staff have expanded on the *Chronicling America* topic guides developed over the course of previous grant cycles and available through *Ohio Memory's* Featured Topics ([ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/resources/featured-topics](http://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/resources/featured-topics)). These are modeled on LC's Recommended Topics but focus on Ohio people, places, events and culture. To encourage use of Ohio's digitized immigrant newspapers, the following topic guides have been developed since the last report:

- Antanas Smetona (1874-1944): <https://bit.ly/2BVJSIR>
- Croatian Day Celebrations (1932-current): <https://bit.ly/2R8KeGC>
- Croatian Fraternal Union/Hrvatska Bratska Zajednica (1894-current): <https://bit.ly/2SGTJt2>
- First Catholic Slovak Union/Ladies Union (1890-current): <https://bit.ly/2Qpb1JC>
- Frank J. Lausche (1895-1990): <https://bit.ly/2AsCvbM>
- Jan Pankuch (1869-1952): <https://bit.ly/2R3QPSS>
- John J. Babka (1884-1937): <https://bit.ly/2COTcQB>
- Lithuanian Churches in Cleveland (1895-current): <https://bit.ly/2F6sUKX>
- Slovenian Singing Societies in Cleveland (1912-current): <https://bit.ly/2saMH48>
- Theodor Kundtz (1852-1937): <https://bit.ly/2SBQkM7>
- Theodore Andrica (1900-1990): <https://bit.ly/2SAAktQ>

In total, 17 topic guides were created over the course of Round IV grant, with at least one per language/immigrant group.

### Articles, press releases and blog posts

Project staff will work with Marketing and Communications staff at the Ohio History Connection to continue promotion of our NDNP grant work. We regularly use our project website and Ohio History Connection social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) to promote *Chronicling America*. Recent posts on the *Ohio Memory* blog promote our *Chronicling America* content include:

- Are You an “American” or a “Hun”? Anti-German Hysteria during World War I (March 23, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/3673>
- Slovenian Newspaper Now on Chronicling America! (April 20, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/3774>
- Lithuanian Newspaper Now on Chronicling America! (May 18, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/3820>
- Croatian Newspapers Now on Chronicling America! (June 15, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/3864>
- Hungarian-German Newspaper Now on Chronicling America! (August 10, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/3971>
- More News about Newspapers (September 7, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/4008>
- John Joseph Jessing and the Pontifical College Josephinum (November 30, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/4122>
- “An Absolute Cure”: The Golden Age of Patent Medicine (December 28, 2018): <https://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/4217>

An article about OHC’s immigrant newspaper collection and our related digitization efforts through *Chronicling America* and *Ohio Memory* will be published in the March/April 2019 issue of *Echoes Magazine*, a publication of the Ohio History Connection.

### Website

The project website ([ndnpohio.ohiohistory.org](http://ndnpohio.ohiohistory.org)) features information about our participation in NDNP, including title selections, project updates and advisory board documentation. We also include information about our participation in NDNP on *Ohio Memory*’s Newspapers page ([ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers](http://ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers)).

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

We do not have any follow-up issues or questions at this time. We will communicate with LC and NEH staff as needed throughout our project.