

NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report
(January 1, 2010–June 30, 2010)

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.*

Since the last report, we have experienced few changes. We have finished production on all deliverables. All batches have been submitted to the Library of Congress. One batch does remain outstanding, as it required rework and was sent back from the Library of Congress at the end of June. It has since been returned to our vendor for rework and will be delivered to the Library of Congress upon final review by OHS staff.

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

During the time period, we have continued film evaluation in relation to early stage metadata processing and post-duplication metadata processing. Particularly we have performed assessment and digitization on the following papers:

- Marion Daily Mirror (sn88077573)
- Hillsboro News Herald (sn85038161)

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

Since the last report, we have held an additional advisory board meeting to discuss the progress and future of the grant. We have also worked with other institutions around the state to give presentations on NDNP and newspaper digitization (See Section 8 for additional information).

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

We have continued forward with our vendor, iArchives, in the conversion process. Their turn around rate has been about a month per batch. Our partnership with Bowling Green State University has helped the flow of the project with continued quick turn around times on microfilm duplication.

Title	# Rolls Sent to Vendor	# Images Received
Marion Daily Mirror (sn88077573)	14	14688
Hillsboro News Herald (sn85038161)	12	11291

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

At this time, we do not have any questions or comments about the Digital Viewer Validation. If any should arise in the future, we will contact LoC.

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 deliveries of approximately 8-10,000 image batches continue to the Library of Congress. Seven batches have been posted to *Chronicling America*, and we currently have four other batches in different steps of the process.

Batch Name	Status	Images on batch
Alpha	Hosted on <i>Chronicling America</i>	7,058
Bravo	Hosted on <i>Chronicling America</i>	9,198
Charlie	Hosted on <i>Chronicling America</i>	8,770
Delta	Hosted on <i>Chronicling America</i>	8,726
Echo	Hosted on <i>Chronicling America</i>	10,032
Firefox	Hosted on <i>Chronicling America</i>	14,169
Golf	Rework at iArchives	14,906
Hotel	Hosted on <i>Chronicling America</i>	8,951
India	At the Library of Congress	8,649
Juliet	At the Library of Congress	10634
Kilo	At the Library of Congress	7929
TOTAL IMAGES:		109,022

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

We worked with the Amherst Public Library in Amherst, Ohio to digitize the Amherst News-Times. This paper would not, in all likelihood, be digitized under NDNP as it is not a paper of particular historical significance and a large portion of what we digitized fell outside the 1880-1922 timeframe. 7000 images and corresponding metadata were created and the collection is hosted in Ohio Memory (http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm4/index_p15005coll31.php?CISOROOT=/p15005coll31).

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).*

To promote Chronicling America and the Ohio Historical Society's participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program, staff gave presentations at the following sites:

- ThinkHistory2 Teacher Seminar (Columbus, Ohio)
- Ohio University (Athens, Ohio)
- Wright State University (Dayton, Ohio)
- Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, Ohio)
- The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Copies of the presentations can be found here:

<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/ondp/index.php?title=Image:NDNPPresentation1.ppt>

<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/ondp/index.php?title=Image:NDNPPresentation2.ppt>

As part of the presentations, we also developed a primary resource activity for teachers. It can be found here: <http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/ondp/index.php?title=Image:NDNPActivity.pdf>

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 would like to thank the National Endowment for the Humanities for this opportunity. Including our collections into a project like Chronicling America not only helps in the preservation of history but helps our organization gain significant public exposure. We look forward to the continuation of the project.