

NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report
(September 1, 2017-February 28, 2018)

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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.*

Staff changes have led to the delay in the release of the second set of outreach project deliverables, with the second screencast available in January 2018 and the second lesson plan available in February 2018. The rest of the work plan remains the same as shared with NEH and LC in previous communications, and we will still be able to meet all projects deadlines and goals.

The methodology of the project as it relates to microfilm preparation, quality control processes and general workflow has not changed since the last report. Work on updating the non-NDNP newspaper archive survey submitted in previous grant cycles commenced in February 2018.

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

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:

Batch	Title	Language	Roll count
euphemia	<i>Tägliches Cincinnatier Volksblatt</i> (sn83045474)	German	11
frederick	<i>Cleveland Radnička Borba</i> (sn83035526)	Croatian	2
	<i>Pittsburgh Zajedničar</i> (sn84024547)	Croatian	5
	<i>Cleveland Dirva</i> (sn83035604)	Lithuanian	4
gatsby	<i>Cleveland Siebenbürgisch-Amerikanisches Volksblatt</i> (sn83035274)	Hungarian German	6
	Columbus <i>Westbote</i> series (sn83035274, sn88077697, sn85025948)	German	6
holden	<i>Youngtownske' Slovenske' Noviny</i> (sn88078386)	Slovak	6
ichabod	Columbus <i>Westbote</i> series (sn85025948)	German	5
	New Philadelphia <i>Deutsche Beobachter</i> (sn86063815)	German	7
janie	<i>Cleveland Pokrok</i> (sn83035546)	Czech	1
	<i>Cleveland Svět</i> (sn83045068)	Czech	7

The microfilm duplication and metadata collection for batch_ohi_janie is still in process.

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

The advisory board convened on October 16, 2017 to discuss the status of the project, outreach activities, and the 2018 NDNP grant proposal. Their ideas informed the creation of the “Using Online Translation Tools” video tutorial and “Polish-Americans React to President William McKinley’s Assassination” lesson plan released in January and February 2018, respectively. They also suggested potential groups with which to partner for public presentations on Ohio’s foreign-language newspapers.

Advisory board members will be kept informed via email about the release of future educator/student resources and video tutorials, as well as upcoming presentations, so that they can promote them to their respective communities. The final advisory board meeting of this grant cycle will be on April 11, 2018.

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

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	at LC
frederick	11	8,880	at LC
gatsby	12	8,991	at LC
holden	6	5,394	in process (post-digitization) at OHC
ichabod	12	~9,300	digitization at vendor
janie	8	~8,500	pre-digitization prep at OHC
kino	10	~10,000	pre-digitization prep at OHC
lorelei	9	~9,600	begin in April 2018
		107,738 (total)	

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).*

Processing of monthly deliverables (8,000-10,000 images per batch) began in May 2017, and the first batch was delivered to LC in August 2017. Batches will continue to arrive via external hard drive until the project is complete, with a goal of submitting one batch every four to six weeks. Historical essays for papers in batches atticus through gatsby have been researched, written, reviewed by NEH and sent to LC.

Batch	Pre-digitization prep/duplication	Digitization	Quality review	Send to LC
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	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
loirei	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018

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). We currently have ten active partners that have contributed nearly 150,000 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 130,000 pages from about 25 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
10/6/2017	Ohio Local History Alliance/Society of Ohio Archivists Fall Meeting	Moving Beyond 1922: Understanding Public Domain and Copyright from 1923-1963	attached to report
10/18/2017	Warren County Genealogical Society	Newspaper Research at the Ohio History Connection	attached to report
10/21/2017	Palatines-to-America Genealogy Society Fall Seminar	German-Language Newspapers at the Ohio History Connection	attached to report
10/25/2017	Akron-Summit County Public Library	<i>The Reporter on Ohio Memory</i>	goo.gl/kbiRRU
10/29/2017	German-American Citizens League	All About <i>Chronicling America's</i> German Language Newspapers	goo.gl/vBTN4B

About 160 people attended these programs. Upcoming presentations include:

Date	Event	Presentation name
3/1/2018	Ohio University	Finding News as it Happened on <i>Chronicling America</i>
5/18/2018	Society of Ohio Archivists Annual Meeting	Moving Beyond 1922: Understanding Public Domain and Copyright from 1923-1963
6/2/2018	Western Reserve Historical Society	All About <i>Chronicling America's</i> Foreign Language Newspapers
6/23/2018	Toledo-Lucas County Public Library	All About <i>Chronicling America's</i> Polish Language Newspapers

We will be working with additional community groups to provide presentations about *Chronicling America's* foreign language content over the course of the next six months. The project will also be promoted at several upcoming Ohio Local History Alliance regional meetings.

Educator/student resources

The "German-American Experience During World War I" was released in October 2017. As mentioned in the previous report, this unit plan contains a week's worth of lessons encouraging students to explore anti-German sentiment during World War I and its connection to current events through a variety of primary sources, including several English- and German-language newspaper articles from *Chronicling America*. In February 2018, the "Polish-Americans React to President William McKinley's Assassination" lesson plan was released, featuring Polish-language newspaper content. This was created by NDNP-OH project staff and will be expanded upon by the educator contracted to complete the third set of educator/student resources. All the materials are available through the NDNP-OH Project Website's Outreach page, in the Lesson Plans section

(ndnpohio.ohiohistory.org/outreach). They have been promoted via the NDNP listserv, Ohio History Connection educator contacts and our advisory board.

Video tutorials

In September 2017 and January 2018, project staff released two Searching *Chronicling America's* Foreign Language Newspapers instructional videos. These were produced using Camtasia screencasting software and are available via the Ohio History Connection's YouTube Channel:

- Working with German Fraktur: youtu.be/6segH-GbXrM
- Using Online Translation Tools: youtu.be/Jy21vJeHdM4

These videos 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 180 times. One more video, on a yet-to-be-determined topic, will be produced and released in June or July 2018.

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. Ohio History Day will be on April 21, 2018 this year.

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). 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 start of the grant:

- Anti-German Sentiment during World War I (1914-1920): goo.gl/TppHAA
- Antoni A. Paryski, "The Polish Hearst" (1864-1935): goo.gl/Pn8DRV
- German-American Artists from Cincinnati (c. 1860-c. 1930): goo.gl/r3L6su
- Ohio's Beer Brewing Industry (1800-present): goo.gl/J8WYJj
- Pontifical College Josephinum (1888-present): goo.gl/VY7oW5
- Stella Walsh (Stanisława Walasiewicz) (1911-1980): goo.gl/aUioDK

Additional topic guides will be created as more content is available on *Chronicling America*, with the goal of creating at least one topic guide 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 current NDNP grant cycle. We plan to publish an article about this project and the organization's foreign language newspaper holdings on our membership newsletter, *Echoes*, once the project has been completed. 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 new additions to *Chronicling America*:

- From Deutschland to Ohio: German-American Newspapers (November 3, 2017: ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/3529)
- Polish Newspapers Now on Chronicling America!: ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/archives/3593

Project staff also shared information about the project on the German-American Radio Program of Cleveland 90.3 WCPN (a National Public Radio affiliate). This opportunity resulted from our relationship with the German American Citizens League in Cincinnati, which had connections to the radio program's host.

Website

The project website (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).

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

We have identified a budget surplus and have been in contact with our NEH program officer, Leah Weinryb Grohsgal, regarding how to spend these funds. NEH and LC have approved the digitization of an additional batch of newspaper content from a Hungarian title. This language is not yet represented by Ohio newspapers. An updated selection list and production schedule have been sent to NEH and LC. We have also been communicating regularly with our LC liaison, Tonijala Penn, regarding our project and will continue to work with her and other LC/NEH staff as needed.