

## NDNP Awardee Semi-Annual Interim Performance Report

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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.**

There have been no changes to the work plan or methodology during this interim period.

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

In the first week of October, the project manager contacted all members of the advisory board, via email, requesting them to vote on and rank newspaper titles to be digitized for the third phase of the grant. Advisory board members received a list of titles available on microfilm that met criteria such as geographic, temporal, and research value, and for which the library had reproduction rights. To see a list of all of the titles selected for this grant cycle, see Appendix A.

The project manager and metadata and outreach specialist selected a reel to act as the sample reel for the project. They analyzed the reel, created general, structural, and reel metadata for the vendor, and sent the material to the vendor for digitization in January 2014. The metadata and outreach specialist and the project manager analyzed and created general, structural, and reel metadata for 40 reels of microfilm, which comprised one and a half batches and approximately 15,000 images.

During this performance period, the metadata and outreach specialist and project manager reviewed the following titles: *Camden journal* [LCCN: sn85042796], *Semiweekly Camden journal* [LCCN: sn93067976], *Camden journal* [LCCN: sn93067980], *Camden weekly journal* [LCCN: sn84027851], *Camden journal* [LCCN: sn93068003], *Camden daily journal* [LCCN: sn84027852], *Camden confederate* [LCCN: sn85042595], *Journal and confederate* [LCCN: sn92065487], *Tri-weekly journal* [LCCN: sn85038608], *Weekly journal* [LCCN: sn93067983], *Camden weekly journal* [LCCN: sn93067997], *Camden journal* [LCCN: sn86053067], *Bamberg herald* [LCCN: sn86063790], and *Lexington dispatch* [LCCN: sn84026907].

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

SCDNP team members continued to travel the state during this interim period and spoke to several organizations interested in digitized newspapers. For details on SCDNP Outreach Activities, see Figure 4 on page 7.

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

For the last four years, SCDNP has contracted with Apex CoVantage to successfully digitize newspapers from microfilm according to LC technical specifications and NEH grant guidelines. This contract was set to expire in November 2013. Because SCDNP wished to continue its productive working relationship with Apex CoVantage, SCDNP staff submitted a sole source justification to the University of South Carolina Grants and Contracts Department, which was approved in early October 2013.

In late October 2013, the project manager contacted the micrographics manager at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) and ordered 175 reels of microfilm to be duplicated for the 2013-2015 phase. SCDAH holds the master negatives and produces the second generation negative film for the project.

During the interim period, the project manager and metadata and outreach specialist delivered a sample batch of microfilm and metadata (486 images) to Apex CoVantage for digitization. Also, the project manager and metadata and outreach specialist created metadata for Batch A and part of Batch B (approximately 15,000 images). To track the Phase 3 progress of evaluating microfilm and delivering batches to LC, see Figure 1 on page 3. Also, in January 2014, LC ingested the remaining three batches and approximately 30,500 images into Chronicling America from Phase 2.

**Figure 1: Chart showing Milestones for Batch Delivery to Library of Congress during Phase 3.**

Batch Name	No. of Images	Reel Evaluation Completed	Data Delivered to Vendor	Data and Images Validated	Data and Images Verified	Batches Delivered to LC
batch_scu_sample	486	2014-01-24	2014-01-22			
batch_scu_albinoskunk	9,966	2014-1-10				
batch_scu_bogoff						
batch_scu_chitlinstrut						
batch_scu_dogwood						
batch_scu_elgincatfishstomp						
batch_scu_flopeye						
batch_scu_grandamericancoonhunt						
batch_scu_hookandcook						
batch_scu_irmookrastrut						
batch_scu_jubilee						
batch_scu_kershawhogjam						
<b>Total</b>						<b>2015-08-31</b>

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

The project manager encountered no issues with the DVV during the interim performance period. Tonijala Penn continues to provide the SCDNP staff with excellent and invaluable guidance.

**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)).**

In January 2014 the project manager created a proposed schedule of deliverables to LC. The schedule aims to deliver approximately one batch per month to LC for ingestion into *Chronicling America* starting in August 1, 2014. SCDNP staff will begin regular deliveries of batch content in August 1, 2014 and will continue to submit one batch per month in the following months. Under this schedule of deliverables, SCDNP staff will have submitted 25% of content to LC before the October 1, 2014 deadline, and they anticipate that 100% of content will be delivered to LC prior to the August 31, 2015 deadline. See Figure 2 on page 4 for details of the proposed schedule of deliverables.

Figure 2. Phase 3 2013-2015 Schedule of Deliverables.

Batch name	No. of Images	Estimated Date of Delivery to Apex	Estimated Date of Batch Return to USC	Estimated Date of Delivery to LC	Approved by LC	Batch Ingested into ChronAm	Other Deliverables due
							Interim report due to NEH & LC by 3/31/2014
batch_scu_2013sample		2014-01-22	2014-02-24	2014-03-31			sample data due to LC 4/1/2014; newspaper title list due to LC by 4/30/2014
batch_scu_albinoskunk		2014-04-01	2014-07-01	2014-08-01			
batch_scu_bogoff		2014-04-01	2014-07-01	2014-09-01			
batch_scu_chitlinstrut		2014-05-01	2014-08-01	2014-10-01			
							Interim report due to NEH & LC by 9/30/2014; 25% of data due to LC by 10/1/2014
batch_scu_dogwood		2014-06-01	2014-09-01	2014-11-01			
batch_scu_elgincatfishstomp		2014-07-01	2014-10-01	2014-12-01			
batch_scu_flopeye		2014-09-01	2014-11-01	2015-02-01			
batch_scu_grandamericancoon hunt		2014-10-01	2015-01-01	2015-03-01			
batch_scu_hookandcook		2014-11-15	2015-02-15	2015-04-15			
batch_scu_irmookrastrut		2015-01-15	2015-03-15	2015-05-15			
							Interim report due to NEH & LC by 3/31/2015
batch_scu_jubilee		2015-03-01	2015-06-01	2015-06-15			
batch_scu_kershawhogjam		2015-03-01	2015-06-01	2015-07-15			

Total							100% of data due to LC by 8/31/2015; microfilm reels due to LC by 8/31/2015
							Final report due to NEH & LC by 9/30/2015

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

The USC Digital Initiatives Librarian continues working with Apex CoVantage to digitize the student newspaper, the *Gamecock* [LCCNs: 2012218660 and 2012218661]. USC Student Media and USC Libraries are providing funds to digitize 21 bound volumes of the *Gamecock*, dating from 1988 to 2006. These original newspapers are being scanned in-house on the Digital Collections Department's Zeuschel 14000 overhead scanner. Once this phase of the project is complete, these issues will be included in the local Chronicling America viewer instance of the *Gamecock*. USC Digital Collections and the USC Libraries' Systems Department continue to consult with the Library of Congress staff to finalize the implementation of the local instance of the Chronicling America.

**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).**

SCDNP staff members continued their efforts to promote SCDNP, NDNP, and Chronicling America. Their public presentations involved giving background information, identifying program resources and community-specific newspaper titles, and demonstrating searches in Chronicling America.

During the interim performance period, the staff participated in 14 outreach events, speaking to USC undergraduates in several Information Literacy classes, hosting a table at USC Libraries events, and speaking to professional librarians and K-12 educators across the state. They reached approximately 190 people through these outreach events. For more information on the sites and groups visited, see Figure 4 on p. 7.

Several media outlets covered the SC Digital Newspaper Program during this interim period, including seven articles written about the program. Additionally, in October 2013, Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce were interviewed by USC Division of Information Technology's Andrew Grimball who included the interview on his monthly podcast, An IT Minute. The podcast can be accessed at [http://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/division\\_of\\_information\\_technology/about/multimedia/virginia.pierce\\_laura.blair.php](http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/division_of_information_technology/about/multimedia/virginia.pierce_laura.blair.php). For more details on media coverage, see Figure 3 on page 6.

Laura Blair created an excellent brochure for “Using Historical Newspapers for Undergraduate Research” (see Appendix B). Virginia Pierce created a class exercise for undergraduate students during presentations to SLIS 202 Information Literacy classes at the University of South Carolina (see Appendix C). Lastly, as new content was ingested into *Chronicling America*, SCDNP staff members contacted newspapers and members of genealogical societies of the communities where the newspapers were published.

**Figure 3. Media coverage of SCDNP activities during interim period.**

Date	Article title	Source	Link
2013-09-02	"Historic Newberry newspapers join digitized collection"	Greenvilleonline.com (Greenville, S.C.)	<a href="http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130903/NEWS10/309030013/Historic-Newberry-newspapers-join-digitized-collection">http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130903/NEWS10/309030013/Historic-Newberry-newspapers-join-digitized-collection</a>
2013-09-02	"Historic Newberry newspapers join digitized collection"	TheState.com (Columbia, S.C.)	<a href="http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/02/2957351/historic-newberry-newspapers-join.html">http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/02/2957351/historic-newberry-newspapers-join.html</a>
2013-09-05	"Extra! Extra! Read All About It!"	South Carolina Archival Association Newsletter	<a href="http://scdnp.pbworks.com/w/file/68754148/SCAAzette_Sept2013.pdf">http://scdnp.pbworks.com/w/file/68754148/SCAAzette_Sept2013.pdf</a>
2013-09-30	"Digital Newspaper Program adds 'The Pickens Sentinel'"	Old Pendleton District Newsletter	
2013-10-09	"SCDNP's Craig Keeney rises to the challenge of a 500-word essay"	USC University Libraries News, Events, and Exhibits	<a href="http://library.sc.edu/news/index.php?post_id=1345">http://library.sc.edu/news/index.php?post_id=1345</a>
2013-10-21	"Republishing the Front Page News, Digitally" Podcast	IT Minute podcast series by Andrew Grimball of USC's Division of Information Technology	<a href="http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/division_of_information_technology/about/multimedia/virginia.pierce_laura.blair.php">http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/division_of_information_technology/about/multimedia/virginia.pierce_laura.blair.php</a>
2013-10-31	"Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers, Search Tips & Researcher's Guide"	About.com	<a href="http://genealogy.about.com/od/newspapers/a/chronicling-america.htm">http://genealogy.about.com/od/newspapers/a/chronicling-america.htm</a>
2013-02-21	"Hot Off the Press: More South Carolina Newspaper Added to <i>Chronicling America</i> "	More - the Newsletter for SC Libraries, SC State Library	<a href="http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/february-2014-issue-of-more-now-available">http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/february-2014-issue-of-more-now-available</a>

**Figure 4. Professional presentations and vendor table outreach activities during interim period.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Number of Attendees</b>
2013-09-18	"University of South Carolina Center for Digital Humanities Open House"	Hosted a table	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	20
2013-09-18	"THE NEW SOUTH AND OTHER CIVIL WAR NEWSPAPERS" part of ongoing Civil War programming at Beaufort Public Library	Beaufort County Public Library, Beaufort, S.C.	Kate Boyd and Craig Keeney	10
2013-10-14	"USC Digital Collections Resources for Educators" including SCDNP and Chronicling America	Old English Consortium of 6 School Districts (York, Chester, Lancaster, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Cherokee).	Kate Boyd	7 educators
2013-10-23	"Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research"	SLIS 202, Dr. Lewis, USC School of Library and Information Science	Laura Blair and Craig Keeney	17 students
2013-10-25	"SCDNP and Using Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers"	Spoke to professional librarians at the Lexington County Public Library In-Service Day, Lexington, S.C.	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	14 librarians
2013-10-25	"SCDNP and Using Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers"	Spoke to professional librarians at the Lexington County Public Library In-Service Day, Lexington, S.C.	Craig Keeney and Virginia Pierce	17 librarians
2013-10-29	"Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research"	SLIS 202, Dr. Gavigan, USC School of Library and Information Science	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	22 students
2013-10-31	"Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research"	SLIS 202, Dr. Miller, USC School of Library and Information Science	Craig Keeney, Laura Blair, and Virginia Pierce	15 students
2013-11-15	Hosted a table promoting SCDNP	Ex Libris Society Dinner, Hollings Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	Kate Boyd and Laura Blair	5
2013-11-19	"University of South Carolina Resources for K-12 classroom"	Spoke to High School educators at Dreher High School, Columbia, S.C.	Laura Blair, Kate Boyd, and Craig Keeney	20 educators
2014-01-18	"A New Resource for Primary Sources in SC History: SCDNP and Chronicling America"	SC Alliance of Black School Educators (SCABSE), Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Virginia Pierce	4 educators
2014-02-05	"Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research"	SLIS 202, Dr. Gavigan, USC School of Library and Information Science	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	22 students
2014-02-27	"Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research"	SLIS 202, Dr. Miller, USC School of Library and Information Science	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	18 students

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

The SCDNP staff continues to maintain the SCDNP website (<http://library.sc.edu/digital/newspaper>) and the SCDNP LibGuide (<http://guides.library.sc.edu/digitalnewspapers>). Metadata & outreach specialist Laura Blair created a new S.C. History Topics guide on [World War One](#) in the SCDNP LibGuide. Blair also added recently ingested content to other S.C. History Topics pages and the embedded Dipity timeline and added a nifty new page displaying [front pages of all of the S.C. newspaper titles](#) to the LibGuide.

SCDNP team members continue to add new content to the blog (<http://library.sc.edu/blogs/newspaper>). We invite you to read some recent blog posts written by Laura Blair, including SCDNP Spotlight [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) which high-lighted the great work being accomplished by fellow awardees, [An Air of Festivity: Planning Your Thanksgiving](#), and a post on [Finding Solomon Northup in Chronicling America](#).

Available statistics collected during this interim period indicate that an average of 3,830 users visit SCDNP's online resources per month, a 44% increase from our last interim report. In the last six months, the SCDNP website attracted an average of 442 visitors per month. The SCDNP LibGuide saw tremendous growth in the last six months, averaging 864 visitors per month which doubled that of the last report. The SCDNP blog also saw growth over the last six months, averaging 2,524 visitors per month, a 39% increase. For further information on usage of the SCDNP website, LibGuide, and blog, see Figure 5 below.

**Figure 5: Chart showing Usage Statistics of SCDNP Website, LibGuide, and Blog.**

Month	SCDNP Website	SCDNP LibGuide	SCDNP Blog	Total
September	440	1,163	1,884	<b>3,487</b>
October	509	824	2,881	<b>4,214</b>
November	405	897	2,894	<b>4,196</b>
December	470	680	2,039	<b>3,189</b>
January	422	740	2,593	<b>3,755</b>
February	404	881	2,855	<b>4,140</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>2,524</b>	<b>3,830</b>

Please submit to NEH via e-GMS with a copy to [ndnptech@loc.gov](mailto:ndnptech@loc.gov), by March 31, 2014.



**Appendix A: List of Newspaper Titles Selected for Phase 3.**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher Location</b>	<b>Years of Publication</b>	<b>LCCN</b>	<b>Years Selected to Digitize</b>	<b>Approximate No. of Reels to Digitize</b>
The Bamberg herald (Bamberg, S.C.)	Bamberg, Bamberg Co., South Carolina	1891-1972	sn86063790	1899-1922	19
The Beaufort Republican and sea island chronicle (Beaufort, S.C.)	Beaufort, Beaufort Co., South Carolina	1869-1871	sn92061879	1870	1
Beaufort Republican (Beaufort, S.C.)	Beaufort, Beaufort Co., South Carolina	1871-1873	sn84026857	1871-1873	2
Port Royal commercial and Beaufort County Republican (Port Royal, S.C.)	Port Royal, Beaufort Co., South Carolina	1873-1874	sn85042524	1873	1
Port Royal standard and commercial (Beaufort, S.C.)	Beaufort, Beaufort Co., South Carolina	1874-1876	sn85026954	1874-1876	1
The tribune (Beaufort, S.C.)	Beaufort, Beaufort Co., South Carolina	1874-1876	sn85042623	1874-1876	1
The Beaufort tribune and Port Royal commercial (Beaufort, S.C.)	Beaufort, Beaufort Co., South Carolina	1877-1879	sn92065401	1877	1
The Crescent (Beaufort, S.C.)	Beaufort, Beaufort Co., South Carolina	1879-1881	sn92065409	1879	1
Cheraw gazette (Cheraw, S.C.)	Cheraw, Chesterfield Co., South Carolina	1835-1838	sn88084121	1836-1837	1
Cheraw gazette and Pee Dee farmer (Cheraw, S.C.)	Cheraw, Chesterfield Co., South Carolina	1838-1839	sn88084131	1837-1839	1
Farmers' gazette, and Cheraw advertiser (Cheraw, S.C.)	Cheraw, Chesterfield Co., South Carolina	1839-1847	sn85042795	1839-1845	3
Cheraw gazette (Cheraw, S.C.)	Cheraw, Chesterfield Co., South Carolina	1847-18??	sn85042736	1851-1859	2
Cheraw chronicle (Cheraw, S.C.)	Cheraw, Chesterfield Co., South Carolina	1896-current	sn86063782	1905-1922	4
The Chesterfield advertiser (Chesterfield, S.C.)	Chesterfield, Chesterfield Co., South Carolina	1880-1978	sn93067951	1892-1922	3

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The Pageland journal (Pageland, S.C.)	Pageland, Chesterfield Co., South Carolina	1911-1978	sn86063754	1914-1922	4
The Dillon herald (Dillon, S.C.)	Dillon, Dillon Co., South Carolina	1894-current	sn86063774	1909-1911; 1918-1921	7
The southern enterprise (Greenville, S.C.)	Greenville, Greenville Co., South Carolina	1854-1870	sn85027003	1854-1869	2
The Greenville enterprise (Greenville, S.C.)	Greenville, Greenville Co., South Carolina	1870-1873	sn83025799	1870-1872	2
The Camden journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1836-1851	sn85042796	1836-1851	8
Semiweekly Camden journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1851-1852	sn93067976	1851-1852	1
Camden journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1852-1852	sn93067980	1852	1
The Camden weekly journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1853-1861	sn84027851	1854-1861	6
The Camden daily journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1864-1864	sn84027852	1864	2
The Camden journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1864-1864	sn93068003	1864	2
The Camden confederate (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1864-1865	sn85042595	1864-1865	1
Journal and confederate (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1865-1865	sn92065487	1865	1
The tri-weekly journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1865-1865	sn85038608	1865	1
The weekly journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1865-1865	sn93067983	1865-1866	1

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The Camden weekly journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1865-1871	sn93067997	1865-1866	1
The Camden journal (Camden, S.C.)	Camden, Kershaw Co., South Carolina	1866-1891	sn86053067	1866-1891	6
The Batesburg advocate (Batesburg, S.C.)	Batesburg, Batesburg Co., South Carolina	1901-1911	sn92065508	1901-1911	5
The Lexington dispatch (Lexington, S.C.)	Lexington, Lexington Co., South Carolina	1870-1917	sn84026907	1870-1917	20
The Lexington news (Lexington, S.C.)	Lexington, Lexington Co., South Carolina	1915-1917	sn92065495	1915-1917	1
Lexington dispatch-news (Lexington, S.C.)	Lexington, Lexington Co., South Carolina	1917-1919	sn92065503	1873-1919	5
The dispatch-news (Lexington, S.C.)	Lexington, Lexington Co., South Carolina	1919-2001	sn86063761	1919-1922	1
The Spartan (Spartanburg, S.C.)	Spartanburg, Spartanburg Co., South Carolina	1843-185?	sn86071065	1843-1844; 1849-1851	1
The Carolina Spartan (Spartanburg, S.C.)	Spartanburg, Spartanburg Co., South Carolina	185?-189?	sn83025802	1856-1866	4
The weekly Union times (Union, S.C.)	Union, Union Co., South Carolina	1869-1894	sn84026918	1873-1922	8
The Union times (Union, S.C.)	Union, Union Co., South Carolina	1894-1918	sn93067853	1899-1914	7
The Union daily times (Union, S.C.)	Union, Union Co., South Carolina	1917-current	sn86071063	1917-1922	1
The county record (Kingstree, S.C.)	Kingstree, Williamsburg Co., South Carolina	1885-1975	sn93067841	1897-1922	20
Yorkville enquirer (Yorkville, S.C.)	York, York Co., South Carolina	1855-2006	sn84026925	1855-1922	45

## Appendix B: Using Historic Newspapers for Undergraduate Research brochure, front of tri-fold brochure.

### PROGRAM RESOURCES

#### Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers

Search over 7 million newspaper pages, including those from South Carolina, from 1836-1922. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. Visit Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>.

#### South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program Subject Guide

Delve into the rich content of historic South Carolina newspapers using this subject guide. Here you will find topics guides with links to articles, images, and headlines in Chronicling America. Also included are suggested search terms and strategies, a timeline, and helpful tips on searching Chronicling America. Visit the SCDNP Subject Guide, <http://guides.library.sc.edu/digitalnewspapers>.

#### South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program Blog

Learn the latest details from SCDNP, including tips for using Chronicling America, program updates, and interesting articles that highlight unique events in South Carolina history. Visit the SCDNP blog, <http://library.sc.edu/blogs/newspaper/>.

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## Appendix B: Using Historic Newspapers for Undergraduate Research brochure, reverse of tri-fold brochure.

### SOUTH CAROLINA DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM

The South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program (SCDNP) makes historic South Carolina newspapers freely accessible and full-text searchable. As a part of the National Digital Newspaper Program, SCDNP contributes digitized newspaper content to a free online database, Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. In Chronicling America, one can search over 7 million newspaper pages from 1836-1922. These newspapers serve as fascinating primary source material rich with valuable historical context and perspectives.



#### What can you expect to find in Chronicling America?

- first-hand accounts of major historical events such as the Civil War, Reconstruction, Progressive Era, World War I, presidential races, and more
- unique perspectives on social movements and the contributions of African Americans and women
- content related to History, English, Literature, Journalism, Political Science, Education, Art, Theater, Anthropology, and many other disciplines

### 5 Tips for Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research

#### 1. Locate

You can find the South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program and Chronicling America a number of ways:

- Websites
  - SCDNP, [library.sc.edu/digital/newspaper](http://library.sc.edu/digital/newspaper)
  - Chronicling America, [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)
- USC Libraries, [library.sc.edu](http://library.sc.edu)
  - Special Collections → Digital Collections
  - Article Databases



#### 2. Search

Chronicling America allows for two different types of searching. Once a search is performed, your search terms are highlighted in red for guidance.

- Simple Search: for quick results
  - on Chronicling America homepage
  - search "all states" or choose specific state
  - narrow date range by years
  - enter search terms
- Advanced Search: for refined results
  - select "Advanced Search" tab
  - refine search using several criteria: State, Newspaper Title, Year or Date Range
  - enter search terms

#### 3. Organize

It is important to keep up with any interesting or relevant results when doing research. Chronicling America has a few built-in features to make this easy:

- Persistent Link
  - each newspaper page has one
  - will always bring you back to same page
  - used in citations
- Clip Image
  - use scissor icon on toolbar to clip an image of the newspaper page
  - download clipped image to save as JPEG
- PDF
  - open entire newspaper page as PDF using icon on toolbar
  - right-click on page to save

#### 4. Cite

The newspapers in Chronicling America are copyright-free meaning you can use them without permission; however, content you use still needs to be cited in your research. Use the citation provided under each newspaper image as the basis for your citation, but be sure to format it to the appropriate style.

#### 5. Evaluate

Although newspapers are quality primary sources, keep in mind that the content is not always objective. Many articles reflect the opinion of the writer, editor, or potential audience at the time. Be sure to evaluate your results in order to determine possible biases such as an editor's political point of view or the historical context surrounding the content.

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## Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers Search Exercises

Go to <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

1. Perform a Simple Search in the search box on Chronicling America's homepage.  
Search "**slavery.**"  
Leave date parameters from **1836 to 1922.**  
Search by **All States.**
  - a. How many results did you get?
  - b. What is the earliest result for the term slavery in your results? How did you find this?
  - c. Another interesting search would be to try searching "**free persons of color**" as well since there were communities of free African-Americans throughout the U.S. before the civil war.
  
2. Perform a simple search for the **Battle of Gettysburg** searching by **All States** and **All Dates.**
  - a. How many results did you get? Too many? Lots of retrospective articles looking back on the battle many years later?
  
  - b. Try narrowing your search a bit. You can narrow by **Dates**, by **Newspaper Titles**, by **State**, or by **readjusting your search terms.** Go to the Advanced Search tab and view your options.
  
  - c. To retrieve newspaper articles that are contemporary with the battle, you can narrow the search using the **Date Range** feature. Since the battle took place July 1-3, 1863, select dates during July 1863. You can read varying accounts by newspapers in the north and the south to see if there is a difference in perspective.
  
  - d. To retrieve articles just published in South Carolina or New York, select the state of your choice there. (Hint: you can select multiple states by using the Control tab and hitting the left click button on your mouse. This is true for selecting multiple newspaper titles as well.)
  
3. Perform an advanced search to find out information on the **Influenza Epidemic** that occurred after WWI.
  - a. Narrow your search to find articles contemporary to the epidemic.
  
  - b. Clip an article from a South Carolina newspaper that discusses influenza. You can use the Clip Save tool in the upper right. Save the persistent link for future reference.
  
  - c. What search terms did you use for this search? Try a few variations of terms.

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4. Ever heard of the **YEGGS**? Try searching the newspapers to find out.
  - a. Try searching All States or just one state such as New York and read some of your results. Look for the pink hi-lighted terms to find the articles you have retrieved as part of your search.
  - b. Find any interesting nicknames for these characters?
5. Perform a search to find articles about the **1919 World Series** and the Chicago black sox scandal. Search for articles about the 1919 World Series playoffs.

Try Searching All States and/or searching Illinois newspapers to find coverage of the series.

- a. Who were some of the players who participated in the playoffs?
  - b. Provide the name of the newspaper you found an article about the playoffs.
  - c. Did you see any articles in the years following about the scandal?
6. On the Chronicling America homepage, look for the **Recommended Topics** link and select it.
    - a. Click on one of your options: by alphabetical list, by subject, or by date range. Scroll through the list of topics created by the Library of Congress and select some that interest you. I recommend the Stanford White Murder trial, Owney the Railway Dog, or Butch Cassidy.
    - b. For topics closer to home, you can use the SCDNP LibGuide at <http://guides.library.sc.edu/digitalnewspapers>.
  7. **Browse the Laurens Advertiser** in April 1913 to read about the progress of education in Laurens County one hundred years ago. Clip an Image of one of the school buildings you might see in the newspapers.
    - a. What path did you take to find the Laurens Advertiser?
    - b. How did you move back and forward in the issue which you were viewing?
  8. Search **South Carolina College** and **University of South Carolina** to read articles about the university's history.
    - a. Sort by Date and look for articles from the 1830s.
    - b. Try narrowing the Dates to the 1860s and 1870s to learn about what was happening at USC during the Civil War and Reconstruction periods.
  9. What's your major area of study? Whether your major is History, English, Journalism, Business, Environmental Sciences, Physical Education, Education, etc. you will be able to find and use interesting content with historical context about many topics you may need to research in your coursework. Try searching for a topic you are studying about in your classes now.