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.

During this interim period, the SCDNP team met with the advisory board in early December to provide to them progress updates on the project. The SCDNP team members analyzed and created general, structural, and reel metadata for 38 reels of microfilm, which comprised three batches and approximately 24,000 images.

During this performance period, the metadata and outreach specialist and project manager reviewed the following titles: *Union times* [sn93067853]; *Union daily times* [LCCN: sn86071063]; *Weekly Union times* [LCCN: sn84026918]; *Pageland journal* [LCCN: sn86063754]; *Beaufort Republican* [LCCN: sn84026857]; *The tribune* [LCCN: sn85042623]; *Port Royal commercial and Beaufort County Republican* [LCCN: sn85042524]; *Cheraw chronicle* [LCCN: sn86063782]; *Chesterfield advertiser* [LCCN: sn93067951]; *Cheraw gazette* [LCCN: sn88084121]; Cheraw gazette and Pee Dee farmer* [LCCN: sn88084131]; *Farmers' gazette, and Cheraw advertiser* [LCCN: sn85042795]; *Cheraw gazette* [LCCN: sn85042736]; the Cheraw *Pee Dee herald* [LCCN: sn93067699]; Cheraw *Carolina sun* [LCCN: sn92065635]; the Cheraw and Bennettsville *Sun and monitor* [LCCN: sn92065657]; *Cheraw reporter* [LCCN: sn92065434]; *Cheraw chronicle* [LCCN: sn86063782]; the Spartanburg *Spartan* [LCCN: sn86071065]; *Spartan* [LCCN: sn93067849]; *Carolina Spartan* [LCCN: sn83025802]; *Spartanburg express* [LCCN: sn86071067]; *Spartanburg gazette* [LCCN: sn92065546]; the Spartanburg *Orphans' friend* [LCCN: sn93067852]; the Spartanburg *Church herald* [LCCN: sn92065547]; the Spartanburg *Evening star* [LCCN: sn92065540]; the Spartanburg *Piedmont headlight* [LCCN: sn92065541]; *Spartanburg journal* [LCCN: sn93067863]; *Spartanburg herald* [LCCN: sn86053238]; the Spartanburg *Journal and the Carolina Spartan* [LCCN: sn93067901]; *Lancaster enterprise* [LCCN: sn93067757]; *Lancaster news* [LCCN: sn83007465]; and the *Lancaster ledger* [LCCN: sn84026900].

Also, co-PI Craig Keeney completed one title essay, *Bamberg herald* [LCCN: sn86063790].

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 5.

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

In late October 2014, the project manager contacted the micrographics manager at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) and ordered 50 additional 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 SCDNP team members delivered three batches of microfilm and metadata (batches G –I with approximately 24,000 images) to the vendor, Apex CoVantage, for digitization. Team members also sent four batches (batches C – F with approximately 40,000 images) to the Library of Congress. Five batches were approved by LC during this time and ingested into Chronicling America during this time. To track the Phase 3 progress of evaluating microfilm and delivering batches to LC, see Figure 1 on page 2 (the data in grey was completed during the previous interim cycle).

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 Delivered to LC	Data Approved by LC
batch_scu_sample	486	2014-01-13	2014-01-22	2014-03-25	2014-04-10
batch_scu_albinoskunk	9,955	2014-04-01	2014-04-10	2014-07-29	**2014-10-16**
batch_scu_bogoff	9,901	2014-04-03	2014-04-10	2014-08-22	**2014-11-06**
batch_scu_chitlinstrut	9,756	2014-05-01	2014-05-02	**2014-10-06**	**2014-12-11**
batch_scu_dogwood	9,726	2014-05-30	2014-06-02	**2014-11-04**	**2015-01-05**
batch_scu_elgincatfishstomp	9,831	2014-06-19	2014-06-25	**2014-12-01**	**2015-02-02**
batch_scu_flopeye	9,911	2014-08-12	2014-08-22	**2015-02-13**	
batch_scu_grandamericancoonhunt	**9,831**	**2014-10-01**	**2014-10-06**		
batch_scu_hookandcook	**4,358**	**2014-11-17**	**2014-11-21**		
batch_scu_irmookrastrut	**9,846**	**2015-01-29**	**2015-02-02**		
batch_scu_jubilee					
batch_scu_kershawhogjam					
Total				**2015-08-31**	

*Data highlighted in bold black font were created and delivered during this interim period.

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).

The SCDNP team remains on track with the proposed schedule of deliverables. To date, the team has shipped six batches of data on separate hard drives to LC on schedule. SCDNP staff will continue to deliver one batch on hard drives per month in the upcoming months and anticipates that 100% of data will be delivered to Library of Congress by the August 31, 2015 deadline. See Figure 2 for updates to the schedule of deliverables.

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

Batch name	No. of Images	Date of Delivery to Apex	Date of Delivery to LC	Approved by LC	Batch Ingested into ChronAm	Other Deliverables due
						Interim report submitted to NEH by 3/31/2014
batch_scu_2013sample	486	2014-01-13	2014-03-25	2014-04-10	n/a	
batch_scu_albinoskunk	9,955	2014-01-10	2014-07-29	**2014-10-16**	**2014-10-24**	sample data submitted to LC 4/1/2014; newspaper title list submitted to LC by 4/30/2014
batch_scu_bogoff	9,901	2014-04-03	2014-08-22	**2014-11-06**	**2014-12-09**	
batch_scu_chitlinstrut	9,756	2014-05-01	**2014-10-06**	**2014-12-11**	**2015-01-05**	Interim report submitted to NEH by 9/30/2014; 25% of data submitted to LC by 10/1/2014
batch_scu_dogwood	9,726	2014-05-30	**2014-11-04**	**2015-01-05**	**2015-02-02**	
batch_scu_elgincatfishstomp	9,831	2014-06-19	**2014-12-01**	**2015-02-02**	**2015-02-26**	
batch_scu_flopeye	9,911	2014-08-12	**2015-02-13**			

batch_scu_grandamericancoonhunt	9,831	**2014-10-01**	Estimated 2015-04-01			
batch_scu_hookandcook	4,358	**2014-11-17**	Estimated 2015-05-01			
batch_scu_irmookrastrut	9,846	**2015-01-29**	Estimated 2015-06-01			
batch_scu_jubilee		Estimated 2015-03-15	Estimated 2015-07-01			Interim report due to NEH by 3/31/2015
batch_scu_kershawhogjam		Estimated 2015-04-15	Estimated 2015-08-01			100% of data due to LC by 8/31/2015;microfilm reels due to LC by 8/31/2015
Total						Final report due to NEH by 9/30/2015

*Items in blue have been accomplished.

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

USC Libraries are now using the ChronAm viewer to make available the USC student newspaper, the *Gamecock* [LCCNs: 2012218660], http://sc-newspapers.sc.edu/. The content that is now available dates from 1908-1988. The USC Digital Initiatives Librarian continues working with Apex CoVantage to digitize more issues of the *Gamecock* [LCCNs: 2012218660 and 2012218661] currently in bound volumes, dating from 1988 to 2006. These original print newspapers have all been scanned in-house on the USC Libraries' Digital Collections Department's Zeutschel 14000 overhead scanner and are in the process of being digitized by the vendor. Once this phase of the project is complete, these issues will be added to the viewer. USC was also approached by a librarian at Coastal Carolina University last fall to fund the digitization a select list of historical Horry County, South Carolina newspaper titles. The USC Digital Initiatives Librarian is working with ProQuest to order the necessary microfilm to proceed with this project.

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 throughout this interim period. These public presentations involved giving background information, identifying program resources and community-specific newspaper titles, and demonstrating how to use Chronicling America. During the interim performance period, the staff participated in 10 outreach events. For more information on the sites and groups visited, see Figure 3.

Figure 3. Professional presentations and vendor table outreach activities during interim period.

Date	Presentation	Event	Presenters	Number of Attendees
09/15/2014	Beyond NDNP Survey Results for Aggregation and Preservation	Beyond NDNP Conference, Washington, D.C.	Kate Boyd and Virginia Pierce	60
9/17/2014	Vendors and Contracts with NDNP	NDNP Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	100
9/17/2014	Poster, "Business Advertisements from Two African American Newspapers Demonstrate Locations and Nature of African American Businesses in Early 20th Century Columbia, S.C."	NDNP Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.	Virginia Pierce	100
9/22/2014	Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research	SLIS 202: Information Literacy class, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	21
9/25/2014	Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research	SLIS 202: Information Literacy class, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	22
10/13/2014	SCDNP Resources for Educators	Olde English Consortium, York, S.C.	Virginia Pierce	14
10/21/2014	Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research	SLIS 202: Information Literacy class, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	Laura Blair	18
10/21/2014	Center for Digital Humanities Open House	Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	Laura Blair	25
10/28/2014	Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research	SLIS 202: Information Literacy class, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	Laura Blair and Virginia Pierce	20
2/11/2015	Using Chronicling America for Undergraduate Research	SLIS 202: Information Literacy class, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	Virginia Pierce	21

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), both of which have been regularly updated during this interim period as new South Carolina content is ingested into Chronicling America. SCDNP team members also continue to add new content to the blog in order to keep followers up to date on the progress of the program (http://library.sc.edu/blogs/newspaper).

Available statistics collected during this interim period indicate that an average of 4,420 users visit SCDNP's online resources per month. In the last six months, the SCDNP website attracted an average of 574 visitors per month. The SCDNP LibGuide saw steady usage in the last six months, averaging 671 visitors per month. The SCDNP blog averaged 3,176 visits per month, maintaining its stable prominence. For further information on usage of the SCDNP website, LibGuide, and blog during this interim period, see Figure 4 below.

Figure 4: Chart showing Usage Statistics of SCDNP Website, LibGuide, and Blog.

Month	SCDNP Website	SCDNP LibGuide	SCDNP Blog	Total
September	587	763	2,831	**4,181**
October	704	670	3,274	**4,648**
November	518	649	4,129	**5,296**
December	451	562	2,595	**3,608**
January	637	656	2,778	**4,071**
February	546	724	3,447	**4,717**
Average	**574**	**671**	**3,176**	**4,420**