DigitalNC for Family Research

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• 224 partner institutions from across North Carolina
• Institution types include public library local history rooms, museums, historic societies, community colleges, and alumni associations
• Wide variety of materials freely available online at http://www.digitalnc.org/
• Material is constantly being added – so if you don’t find something you need initially, check back!
Explore original materials from 222 libraries, museums, and archives across North Carolina.

About
The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center is a statewide digitization and digital publishing program housed in the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Digital Heritage Center works with cultural heritage institutions across North Carolina to digitize and publish historic materials online.

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Yearbooks  13,185
Newspapers  100,167
Images  17,516
Memorabilia  7,256
City Directories  4,046
Audiovisual  327
Items grouped into collections

Each collection has a “landing page” for searching, browsing.

http://www.digitalnc.org/
The content available covers all 100 counties. We currently have partners in 78 counties.
Each county has its own page that shows all the materials available from it.
Each partner institution has its own page that shows what it has contributed to DigitalNC.
Resources for family research on digitalnc.org

- Published materials – city directories, yearbooks, and newspapers
- Professional genealogists’ research notes, published works and other materials
- Funeral program collections
- Always try a keyword search – you never know what you may find!
DigitalNC has digitized almost every city directory we could find published before 1968. Collection spans from a 1865 Wilmington directory to many towns’ directories in the late 1960s.
Details you can find in a city directory:

- **Address**
- **Occupation**
- **Spouse**
- **Race**
- **If they were a renter or owner**
- **Neighbors**
Live search of
http://www.digitalnc.org/collections/city-directories/
Yearbooks from almost all colleges and universities in the state and many high schools, including African-American high schools that closed after integration are available on DigitalNC.
Live search of
http://www.digitalnc.org/collections/yearbooks/
North Carolina Digital Heritage Center Newspaper Collection
http://www.digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/

• Newspapers available through digitalnc.org
• Newspapers come from across North Carolina, mostly small town papers and student (college and high school) newspapers
• 22 African American papers available
  • http://www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/african-american-newspapers-in-nc/
• Mix of digitization from microfilm and physical papers and selection is informed by our partner institutions
• 327 newspapers from NC currently available – only student newspapers include full runs
The research files of many genealogists that have been added to local history collections across the state have been digitized and can be an invaluable source of information.
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Live search of
http://www.digitalnc.org/collections/memorabilia/
Funeral program collections

• Two funeral program specific collections – both full text searchable
  • Chatham County Funeral Programs
    • https://www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/chatham-county-funeral-programs/
  • R. Kelly Bryant Obituary Collection
    • https://www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/r-kelly-bryant-obituary-collection/

• However, there are also scattered obituaries and funeral programs on DigitalNC that are not in a specific collection – you can find them by clicking on “Obituaries” on this page https://www.digitalnc.org/collections/memorabilia/
We are constantly adding to the website and announce all additions via our blog, so do check back!
Questions?

Always feel free to reach out with any questions to
digitalnc@unc.edu
www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualFHF2017
Survey
www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualFHF2017

Coming up:
- 1:00 PM “Genealogy of a House”

https://livestream.com/naturalsciences/VFHF