National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)

• Joint effort by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC) to digitize historic newspapers from every U.S. state and territory

• Digitizes newspapers published between 1836 and 1922

• Newspapers from the NDNP are publicly available via Chronicling America

http://nhdarchives.pbworks.com/w/page/43662719/Newspapers
About The Scranton tribune. (Scranton, Pa.) 1891-1910
Scranton, Pa. (1891-1910)

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Title:
The Scranton tribune. : (Scranton, Pa.) 1891-1910

Place of publication:
Scranton, Pa.

Geographic coverage:
- Scranton, Lackawanna, Pennsylvania | View more titles from this: City County, State

Publisher:
Tribune Pub. Co.

Dates of publication:
1891-1910

Description:
- Vol. 1, no. 1 (June 20, 1891)- ; v. 75, no. 25 (Jan. 29, 1910).

Frequency:
Daily (except Sun.)

Language:
- English

Subjects:
- Scranton (Pa.)--Newspapers.

Notes:
- Archived issues are available in digital format as part of the Library of Congress Chronicling America online collection.
- Editor: Claude G. Whetsone.
- Sunday ed: Scrantonian.

LCCN:
sn 84026355

OCLC:
10437632

Screenshot of Chronicling America, http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov
Wikipedia Research Project

- Sparked by incorrect information in articles related to Maryland newspapers and related figures
- Fueled by budget surplus and the support of LC and NEH
- Project designed with input from colleagues with Wikipedia expertise
- Resulted in a half-time Wikipedian-in-Residence position to complete the summer project

Wikipedian-in-Residence, Donald Taylor
linkypedia helps you **explore** how your web content is used on wikipedia, **extract** crowd-sourced information about your web resources, and **connect** with wikipedians who are using your stuff. More about the rationale for linkypedia can be found [here](http://linkypedia.inkdroid.org/).

**recently found:** Talk:Turrbal referencing National Library of Australia

- National Library of Australia (126,099)
- DNB, Katalog der Deutschen Nationalbibliothek (92,884)
  - bioguide.congress.gov (29,361)
- Natural History Museum (27,022)
- WorldCat.org: The World’s Largest Library Catalog (25,740)
  - Australia Trove (24,555)
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (19,569)
- OCLC Research Linked Authority File (2.0) (16,023)
- American Memory from the Library of Congress (12,966)
  - Papers Past (10,076)
- HathiTrust Digital Library (7,752)

[http://linkypedia.inkdroid.org/](http://linkypedia.inkdroid.org/)
June 21 Data Crawl

- Revealed 5,126 links in Wikipedia to Chronicling America
- Links appeared across 1,777 Wikipedia pages
Survey of NDNP Awardees

- Survey completed by 19 awardees
  - 2 states have tried editing Wikipedia, 3 plan to try in the future, and 15 said they might

- Why haven’t you tried it yet?
  - For 50% of respondents, it hadn’t occurred to them
  - Need to know what to do
  - Need proof of payoff
Survey of Wikipedians

• About 60% self-identify as having subject expertise to contribute to Wikipedia
• 60% also said that their contributions to Wikipedia were part of a larger project or goal
  – Doing research for a book or thesis
  – Improve writing and research skills
  – Learning for learning’s sake
  – Altruistic reasons (“add to the world’s body of knowledge”)
Types of Materials Cited by Surveyed Wikipedians

- Public domain digitized books (e.g., Google Books) 29
- Print books 27
- Free newspaper databases 27
- Current newspapers (print or online) 25
- Digitized archival sources 22
- Open source scholarly journals 16
- Official reports from government or business 17
- Magazine articles 22
- Archival sources 13
- Government, commercial, or academic datasets 13
- Almanacs, Encyclopedias, or other reference works 13
- Traditional (i.e., paid subscription) scholarly journals 12
- Blog posts or other web publications 11
- Paid newspaper databases 10
- Published correspondence, diaries, personal papers 9
- Legal documents (e.g., decisions, filings) 8
- Other 3
Using Chronicling America

- 55% found the site through search engine results
- Over 50% said that Chronicling America is just as good, if not better, than other information sources
- 21% used the site without difficulty
- Others reported
  - Slow load times
  - Not a wide enough selection of newspapers
  - Small text and thumbnails for search results
  - Not enough ability to narrow searches
  - An unintuitive or clunky interface
Suggestions for Chronicling America

- Citation generator in the Chronicling America interface
- Refined search abilities and improved indexing for more accurate searches
- The ability to search at the article level
- The option to download JPEGs
- Keep adding more content!
Outreach and Inreach

• Formed a relationship with Wikimedia DC
• Hosted a public edit-a-thon
• Continuing to hold staff edit-a-thons
• Plans to host more public edit-a-thons
Potential Next Steps

- Create Wikipedia guides for NDNP awardees
- Create and maintain a WikiProject for historic newspapers
- Software development
- Measure impact
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  – Chronicling America on Linkypedia: http://linkypedia.inkdroid.org/websites/4/
  – Source code on GitHub: https://github.com/edsu/linkypedia

• Wikipedia tools

• Wikimedia DC: http://wikimedia.dc.org/wiki/Home

• Other tools
  – narabot on GitHub: https://github.com/Dominic-MP/narabot
Project Information

• National Endowment for the Humanities

• Library of Congress
  – Chronicling America, http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

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  – Blogs
    • DigiStew, Division of Digital Systems and Stewardship, http://dss.umd.wordpress.com/
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