# [CAN WE] START SPREADING THE NEWS

Challenges and opportunities in using social media for outreach in a cooperative project

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### VTDNP BACKGROUND

- Part of National Digital Newspaper Program
- A partnership between ...





### **State Projects**

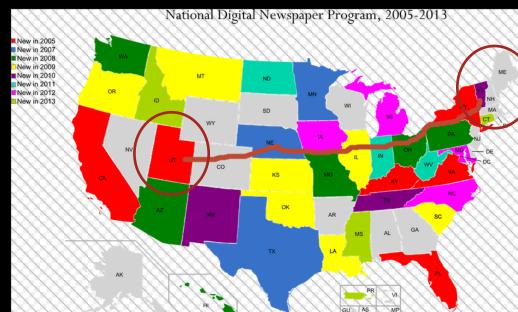
- NEH funds state projects in two year cycles
- States select and digitize ~100,000 pages of historic newspapers (1836-1922) for LC's Chronicling America

### http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

- VTDNP Phase 1 (2010-2012) → ~100,000 pages added
- VTDNP Phase 2 (2012-2014)  $\rightarrow$  ~100,000 pages in the works
- 36 states funded; 7 million + pages available!
- Educational, outreach component... Spreading the News!



### UTAH & VERMONT: SHARED HISTORY



MONUMENT TO JOSEPH SMITH.

Site of Prophet's Birth.

Tomorrow, Saturday, the largest monoiith of polished granite in the world will be dedicated to the memory of Smith, the Mormon prophet. Joseph Smith, who was born on the old longed to his grandfather, Solomon Mack. rented by Joseph's Junius P. Wells, who first visited South Royalton and Sharon in 1894, has had charge of the plans for the erection of the Mr. Wells finds that house on the Mack farm stood line between the two towns, but that whole of the foundation was in Royalton. Tradition says, however, that Joseph born in the east room, which was on Sharon side of the line, 'The shaft the monument, which is set upon a superstructure and die, is 3814 feet in height, corresponding to the number of years of the prophet's life. alone, which is of handsome dark-colored Harre granite highly polished, weighs 4 tons, and it was transported with great difficulty from the railroad station to the point where it has been erected. face of the inscription die is this legend; "Sacred to the memory of Joseph Smith, the prophet, born here December 23, 1805, martyred Carthage, Illinois, June 27, 1844."

Vermont phænix. (Brattleboro, Vt.), 22 Dec. 1905. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress. <a href="http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn98060050/1905">http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn98060050/1905</a>

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Joseph Smith monument chronicled in newspapers of Vermont and Utah, 1905.



#### President Smith And Party At The Dedication Ceremonies.

Twelve Apostles, and other Utah people, are today attending the dedication ceremonies associated with the unveiling of the memorial erected to the memory of the Prophet Joseph Smith, at Sharon, Windsor county, Vermont, where the prophet was born just 100 years ago. The monument, as described in the Deseret News on divers occasions, is a magnificent polished Barre granite shaft, the finest stone in the United States. Its total height is 30 feet and its preight 100 tons. foundation is of concrete, 12 feet square and 16 inches thick. The second base is nine feet square and two feet thick. The inscription die is a cube six feet square and the molding seven feet four inches square by two feet six inches. The shaft is four feet at the base by three feet at the top, and 38\(\frac{1}{2}\) feet high; a foot for each year of the prophet's life, surmounted by a pyramid cap three feet high.

Deseret evening news. (Great Salt Lake City [Utah]), 23 Dec. 1905 Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress. <a href="http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045555/1905-12-23/ed-">http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045555/1905-12-23/ed-</a> 1/seq-1/>

## EDUCATIONAL & OUTREACH (ndnp/extras/ COMPONENT)

NATIONAL DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM

http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/extras/

#### Extra! Extra! NDNP Extras!

The following sites showcase content in Chronicling America and provide examples of reusing digitized historic newspapers and associated metadata records in unique ways. Some utilize data mining techniques, harvesting, or individual newspaper pages.

- Tips for Searching Chronicling America
- Teaching Resources
- Reusing Data from Chronicling America
- chronam (LC Newspaper Viewer Software)
- State Newspaper Project Blogs (NDNP Awardees)
- Podcasts
- > Videos

#### **Tips for Searching Chronicling America**

Helpful Tips for Searching in Chronicling America & University of South Carolina

Using Chronicling America Webinars &

Ohio Historical Society

Chronicling America Search Strategy Videos 2

Ohio Historical Society

#### **Teaching Resources**

EDSITEment! Chronicling America Lesson Plans &

National Endowment for the Humanities

#### Lesson Plans

Ohio Historical Society

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#### **Chronicling America**



New Chronicling America Portal | Picturing America | Literature & Language Arts |
History & Social Studies | Current Events in Perspective | Featured Lessons | Featured
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Dusty old newspapers are treasure troves of fascinating information, valuable historical context, and rich primary source material. They are also a great way to encourage students to immerse themselves in the past—on their own, in school, or at home. Created through a partnership of

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### COOPERATION, COLLABORATIVE APPROACH THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS



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#### **Library News**

#### Vermont to Begin Newspaper Digitization

The National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) this summer set aside \$391,552 for the digitization of Vermont newspapers. Led by the University of Vermont Libraries, a group of partners, including the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Department of Libraries, and the Ilsley Public Library of Middlebury, will select, digitize, and make available up to 100,000 pages of Vermont newspapers published between 1836 and 1922, from the collections of the Vermont Department of Libraries and the University of Vermont. The digitized newspapers will be made available to the public via the Library of Congress' Chronicling America database (http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/) within two

The project builds upon work of the NEH-funded Vermont Newspaper Project which, from 1997 to 2001, identified cataloged and microfilmed close to 1,000 historical Vermont newspaper titles in over 3,000 libraries, historical societies, and other repositories throughout the state.

The Vermont Digital Newspaper Project will provide a window into Vermont's participation in key moments in American history, such as abolition of slavery, the Civil War,



Paul Carnahan VHS librarian works with cameraman Nate Huffman of Vermont Public Television to videotape a news story about the importance of newspapers in Vermont.

"A lot of research boils down to information found in newspa-

### UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

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UVM Libraries Receive National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to Digitize Vermont's Historic Newspapers

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The University of Vermont Libraries has been awarded funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

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#### Digitizing Vermont's Historic Newspapers



Chris Kirby, Senator Leahy, Lorraine Lanius, and Birdie MacLennan

Lorraine Lanius, Head of the Technical Services Department at DOL, Birdie MacLennan from UVM's Bailey Howe Library and Chris Kirby from the Ilsley Public Library in Middlebury attended the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) Conference at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., during the first week of August. The NDNP is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

and the Library of Congress (LC) with the goal of providing an online searchable database of selected digitized U.S. historic newspapers. Vermont was recently awarded a \$390,000 NEH grant to digitize up to 100,000 pages of historic Vermont newspapers. Once digitized, these newspapers will be searchable at the "Chronicling America: American Historic Newspapers" website: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ The digitized Vermont newspapers will be available within the next two years. While in Washington, D.C., the Vermont delegation met with representatives from other state projects and also with Senator Patrick

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#### **Initial Media** Releases from **Engaged State Partners**





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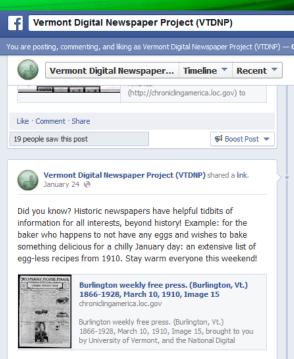


### BRANDING THE PROJECT



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### DEVELOPMENT OF WEB, BLOG & FB OUTLETS Vermont Newspaper Project Catalog

Search the catalog - Browse by newspaper - Browse by repository

The VTNP database includes nearly 1,000 bibliographic records for Vermont newspaper titles that date from the 18th century to the present. Holdings information for close to 100 newspaper repositories throughout Vermont is also included.

Note: This database is not an index to individual newspaper titles, however an index is available for the Burlington Free Press and Rutland Herald.

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#### Genealogy Search Tips for Chronicling America

Home About Vermont newspapers by region; an interactive map

RECORD FARMER

Posted on January 13, 2014

The search for ancestors, while generally rewarding, can be difficult and time-consuming; as an amateur genealogist I can attest to this. For genealogy research, certainly, historic newspapers contain a wealth of information about relatives, for newspapers can include local news, marriages and deaths. participant lists (military recruitment lists, organizations, meetings, parties), advertisements, social and political functions, local individual updates (e.g., "Mrs. William Johnson received her parents this past Wednesday"-these may or may not be helpful!), and legal notices (deeds, court happenings, divorces, estates). This is, if you can find it amid hundreds of thousands of pages. Generally, this has often meant hours of scanning newspaper microfilm or going through actual newspapers at a historical

#### ROBINSON-LASHER.

lennington Girl Married Burlington Young Man Last Evening.

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Edith Lasher to Leon M. Robinson of Burlingon took place at the Lasher residence on Union street at 8 o'clock. Rev W. H. Washburne officiated. The house was trimmed with ferns and palms, the wedding party standing inder an evergreen arch, from which hung a horse shoe of the same.

Goldsmith's orchestra furnished the

The bride was attended by Miss Bessle Robinson, a sister of the groom, Wallace Schram was the best man. Zenobia Royce and Gladys Gibson were flower girls. Following the ceremony was a reception with refreshments. Among the gifts was a \$20 gold piece from Wm Winslow. After the wedding trip Mr and Mrs

Robinson will reside here.

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#### From WP.com: VTDNP 2013 in review

Posted on January 8, 2014

The WordPress.com stats helper monkeys prepared a 2013 annual report for this blog. Here's an excerpt: A New York City subway train holds 1,200 people. This blog was viewed about 5,000 times in 2013. If it were a NYC subway ... Continue reading →

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#### 150 YEARS AGO: "The Dedication of Gettysburg Cemetery," The Caledonian, Nov. 27, 1863

Posted on November 19, 2013

The Library of Congress picked an article from The Caledonian (St. Johnsbury, VT) to commemorate the event: 150 YEARS AGO: "The Dedication of Gettysburg Cemetery," The Caledonian, Nov. 27, 1863 On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln presided







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### VALUE-ADDED CONTENT

| Average per Day |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |         |
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| 2011            |     | 6   | 12  | 11  | 6   | 5   | 9   | 12  | 17  | 10  | 9   | 9   | 10      |
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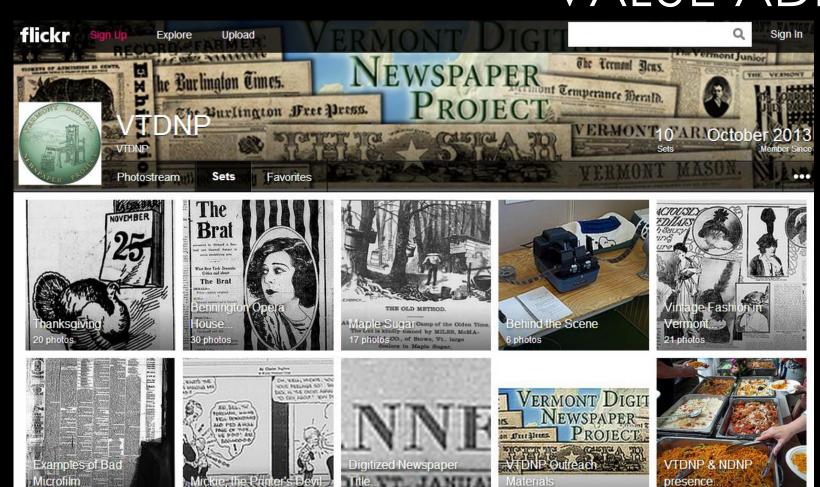
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manufacturing buildings on Flynn Avenue in Burlington, Vermont, as part of a class research project. Fran graciously agreed to meet and share some of her newspaper findings.

To start, I asked Fran what she found valuable about Chronicling America. "Chronicling America is easy to use. Microfilm is interesting, but it is also intimidating. With Chronicling America, you can do a quick keyword search and get results," said Fran.



### VALUE-ADDED CONTENT





### SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH



All this for \$0 spent on marketing budget!



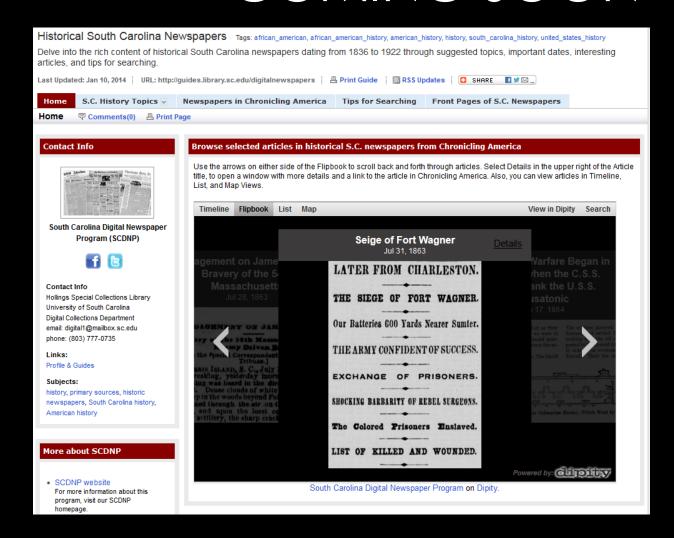
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- Topic guides
- Lesson plans
- Wikipedia links

### COMING SOON



### COORDINATING SOCIAL MEDIA EFFORTS

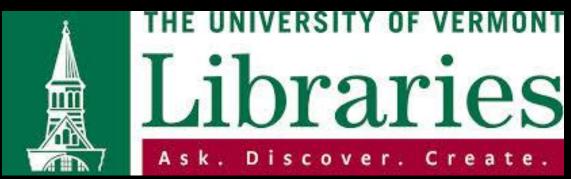
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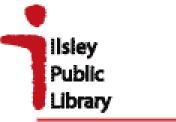


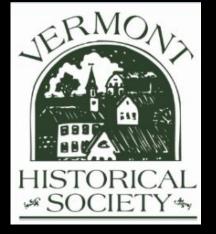




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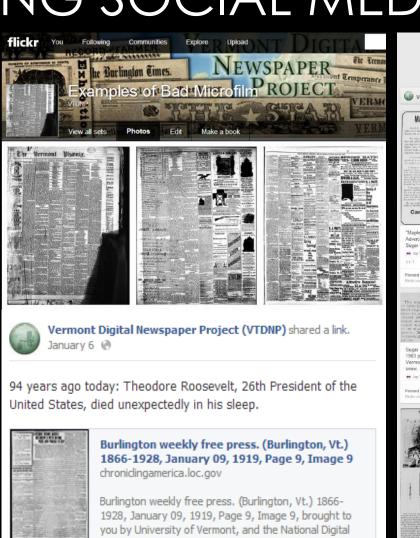


### COORDINATING SOCIAL MEDIA EFFORTS

- Types of content
  - ➤ Long form
  - ➤ Short burst

  - ▶ Repurpose
  - ➤Time-relevant
- Scheduling
- Continuity





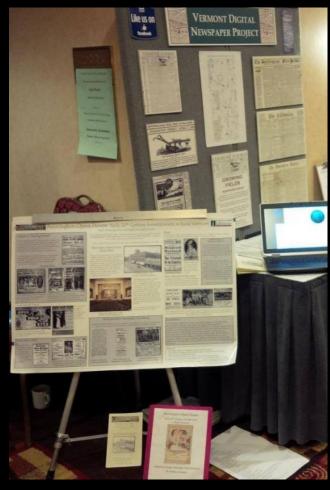


### COORDINATING SOCIAL MEDIA EFFORTS

- No guidelines
- VTDNP-specific guidelines
  - University-level policy
- Library-level guidelines (in progress)
  - Social media policy (and action) task force
    - 8 members (7 faculty members)
    - Pilot project

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Materials for outreach
- Increase
  - exposure
  - discoverability
  - serendipity
- ∞ possibilities





### CONCLUSION/OBSERVATION

- To each, its own
- Learn from each other
- Social media is fluid & can't wait
- √ Social media is only a part of overall outreach

### **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS?**

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