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New to NCPedia

James Kenan by Thomas S. Kenan III, from the *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography*.

Kiffin Yates Rockwell by Glenn Tucker, from the *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography*.

Raleigh-Durham Army Air Field by Rusty Rains, from the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina*.

The Origin of Miniature Golf and "Thistle Dhu" by Chris Boznos.

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NC ECHO Project Makes Local History Searchable and Accessible Online

Jill Morris, NC LIVE

Researchers and history buffs alike may now search and access local history collections across North Carolina with a single search box thanks to a collaborative project led by the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center, NC LIVE, and the State Library of North Carolina.

NC ECHO, available at <http://ncecho.org>, has been updated in order to expand access to unique local heritage collections previously scattered across a multitude of websites and North Carolina institutions. NC ECHO enables users to search across thousands of digitized and "born-digital" historic materials, including a wide variety of books, photographs, maps, family histories, state documents, newspapers and other materials from cultural heritage institutions around North Carolina. The collections available through NC ECHO include a diverse array of materials by and about the people, places and history of North Carolina.

The previous NC ECHO program was managed by the State Library of North Carolina from 1999-2012, with the intent of identifying and digitizing local cultural heritage collections. The newly revived NC ECHO program continues with the same spirit, to build connections and improve access to these collections of

website will unlock unique and important historical materials by making them easy to find and use for everyday researchers."

Staff at libraries across the state have eagerly awaited the launch of the new NC ECHO project because it will dramatically improve service

to patrons researching local history. "By including content from over 100 different institutions across North Carolina, NC ECHO makes it easier than ever for students, scholars, and genealogists

to find the materials they need," said Nicholas Graham, Program Coordinator for the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center. "NC ECHO is the new first stop for anyone interested in North Carolina."

To use NC ECHO, patrons can visit <http://ncecho.org>, and search based on historical interests, places, or people. All of the collections available through the NC ECHO search are freely available online to all users, regardless of their location or affiliation.



Encyclopedia of North Carolina now available online through NCpedia

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The University of North Carolina Press's comprehensive *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* is now available online through [NCpedia](http://ncpedia.org). The history of telephone service in North Carolina, the mystery of the Brown Mountain Lights, the range of growth of the Venus flytrap and thousands of other facts are now at your fingertips for free.

NCpedia, the online encyclopedia about North Carolina, is managed by the Digital Information Management Program at the State Library of North Carolina's Government & Heritage Library, in the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, and is hosted by NC LIVE, North Carolina's statewide online library service. It is available at

<http://ncpedia.org> and is optimized for mobile devices. A partnership between the State Library of North Carolina and the University of North Carolina Press was launched in February of 2012. State Library staff completed the process of integrating more than 1,900 articles from the *Encyclopedia* into NCpedia on Dec. 7, 2012, with the entry for "Zoning."

"Researchers of all ages benefit from having the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* available through NCpedia," says State Librarian Cal Shepard. "There has been a need for a reputable online resource about the vast array of topics covered by the *Encyclopedia*. We are happy to partner with

UNC Press to meet this need."

The *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* was edited by William S. Powell, professor emeritus of history at UNC-Chapel Hill, and published by UNC Press in 2006. Founded in 1922, UNC Press is the oldest university press in the South and one of the oldest in the United States.

NCpedia continues to grow as biographical essays from the UNC Press six-volume *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* now are being added. The expansion of NCpedia is funded through a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Office of Archives and History Research Reports

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A wealth of original historical research is now available in the [North Carolina Digital Collections](#) in the form of research reports created by the Office of Archives and History in the Department of Cultural Resources. Until now, these reports have only been available by going to the Office of Archives and History or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The reports were written between 1967 and 2002 and cover a range of topics, including famous North Carolinians, historic homes and landmarks, and sites of inter-

est to military historians.

Many of these reports contain not only the text of the report but hundreds of pages of resources including photographs, maps, illustrations, and copies of archival manuscripts. There are currently 39 volumes in the collection including, *The History of New Bern Academy*; *James City, a black community, 1863-1900*; and *James Knox Polk and North Carolina*. Over the next few months the number of reports in the collection will reach over

100, so keep checking back to see what's new.

Special thanks to the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center for digitization of the body text of the reports.



Our Expanding State Government Social Media Archiving

LISA GREGORY

Since 2005, the State Library and State Archives have partnered to capture, or “harvest,” North Carolina state government web sites through a fantastic service: [Archive-It](#). Today, citizens of North Carolina (indeed, users anywhere) can browse through those sites going back to 1996 through our [North Carolina State Government Web Site Archive & Access Program](#) (WSAAP). This program is one of the most robust and longest running in the nation (we’re pretty proud of it).

With the rise of government’s use of social media, we took our responsibility to collect the record of government seriously and expanded our harvesting to include sites like flickr, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook. Blogs are in there, too. Recently, we’re excited to announce that we’ve expanded our program through a North Carolina company called [ArchiveSocial](#).

If you think about it, social media sites are a lot more interactive than your typical website. They give government employees and the public a chance for one-on-one, even realtime interactions. Because the technology can vary from site to site, we added ArchiveSocial to our toolset to help us capture even more information, so you know that the archive you’re looking at is the same information that we got in the beginning.

Some folks have questioned the need to archive social media - most famously following the Library of Congress’ efforts to [archive Twitter](#). But we believe that social media has allowed average users to approach government agencies faster and more frankly than ever before, and that’s something we want future North Carolinians to be able to study and see.

Right now, our [ArchiveSocial data](#) is in BETA - only a few ac-

counts have been added. Please try it out and let us know what you think. We’ve gotten great feedback so far, and will be adding more in the months to come. You can also check our [WSAAP](#) for more social media going back to 2009.

What do you think about archiving social media in government?



Courtesy flickr user Matt Hamm

A New Tool for Classrooms!

EMILY HORTON

The Cultural Resources Educational Tool, recently launched by the Department of Cultural Resources, is a searchable database of resources for educators and students. It is available at <http://education.ncdcr.gov/>.

The database includes resources produced by the North Carolina Museum of Art, the Museum of History, the North Carolina Arts Council, SECCA, N.C. Symphony, State Archives, Historic Sites, Archeology, Archives & History, the National Register of Historic Places, and the State Library. A growing resource, this tool will

allow educators and students to search across these Department of Cultural Resources divisions for lesson guides, research guides, field trip guides, online

activities, classroom outreach resources, articles, multimedia, and study guides. Check back often as new resources are added daily!

TITLE	ISSUES	BOOKS	TIME PERIOD	GRADE LEVELS	ONLINE LOCATION	COLLECTION	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
History	The North Carolina Historic Sites and Sites		(1789-1870) Civil War and Reconstruction	All	http://ncdcr.gov	Historical Sites	A comprehensive education program that encompasses all levels of education. Includes all state-owned historic sites and a number of other historic sites and sites on the state property.	Show Report
Politics and Government	Celebrating women's good choices	State Library	(1776-Present) Contemporary	Elementary School	http://ncdcr.gov	Elementary	Francis, Barbara, Barbara, & Barbara's Choice	Show Report
Public Health	A Woman's Cure	State Library	(1789-1870) North Carolina	Elementary School	http://ncdcr.gov	Elementary	Discover a lesser known and celebrated woman who used her knowledge to help others. This is a story written in 1912 and about a time in history.	Show Report
Arts/Music	Christmas Celebrations in North Carolina	State Library	Various	Elementary School	http://ncdcr.gov	Elementary	Christmas Celebrations in North Carolina	Show Report
Industry and Business	North Carolina Trade and Finance	State Library	(1789-1870) Depression and World War One	Elementary School	http://ncdcr.gov	Elementary	North Carolina Trade and Finance	Show Report
American Indians	Get Off My Land! Land and the American Indian	State Library	(1789-1870) North Carolina	Elementary School	http://ncdcr.gov	Elementary	Students will explore the history of the American Indian and how they were affected by the different treaties and how they were affected by the different treaties and how they were affected by the different treaties.	Show Report
Politics and Government	How to Help Our Community Using the Common Good	State Library	(1789-1870) North Carolina	Elementary School	http://ncdcr.gov	Elementary	Students will learn the basics of a community, how to be a good citizen, and how to help our community.	Show Report
Music	Music in the South Carolina States	State Library	(1789-Present) Contemporary	Elementary School	http://ncdcr.gov	Elementary	Students will learn the history of music in the South Carolina States and how it has changed over time.	Show Report

What's on in the Digital World

LISA GREGORY

Recent Popular Conferences

The last few months have been busy with conferences related to all things digital. Even if you didn't attend, you might want to check out the notes and other online postings from the following:

Personal Digital Archiving Conference (February 2013) featured speakers who talked about saving your family history, personal papers, and email archives. Only a few of the presentations are online at the conference website, but you can find synopses and notes at [the Web Science and Digital Libraries Research Group blog](#).

Code4Lib (February 2013) is a more technical libraries conference. This year, the talks were dominated by the recently popular [Hydra](#), open source digital repository built on Fedora. Many of the Code4Lib talks are available from [their site](#).

Orphan Works and Social Media Reports

In January 2011, the Center for Social Media released a [Report on Orphan Works Challenges: for libraries, archives, and other memory institutions](#). Based on a number of workshops and interviews with practitioners as well as a literature review, this report describes the murky position of orphan works in copyright law and how that influences institutions' decisions to digitize (or not). Recommendations include embracing best practices as a group to help bolster individual institutions' decisions to put orphan works into play. **So what?** Many institutions have been busily digitizing their collections if they're in the public domain. Now, as users demand more content online, orphan works are great candidates for digitization - except that investigating copyright status is incredibly labor intensive. If

consensus could happen around how to treat orphan works in a way that's fair to rights holders as well as users, it would open up a wealth of content for the public.

Pew Internet, a fantastic source for statistics on how Americans use technology, published the [results](#) of a 2012 survey on demographics of social media users. Over two thousand adults were surveyed about their social media usage. Perhaps unsurprisingly, 18-29 year olds were the most heavily invested in social media, with 83% using social media sites. Facebook is still the most popular social media site (67% of all Internet users), with Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, and Tumblr far behind in the pack. **So what?** Institutions looking to expand into social media can use this data to make more informed decisions about what the best choice would be for them, rather than juggling sites that may not even be reaching their target audience.

This Day in NC History

Next time you visit NCpedia, check out the "This Day in NC History" highlight on the [home page](#)! It links to the Cultural Resources blog with the same name at <http://nchistorytoday.wordpress.com/> for more information about that day's event.



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Established in 1812, the State Library of North Carolina is currently made up of three parts:

[Government and Heritage Library](#) - Print and digital information about North Carolina; research expertise

[Library Development](#) - Supporting libraries throughout the state

[Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#) - Serving blind and physically handicapped readers

The State Library is part of the [North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources](#).