From Reel to Real

The Vermont Digital Newspaper Project
framework for grant development

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The Vermont Digital Newspaper Project is part of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) and the Vermont Digital Newspaper Project (VTDNP). A long-term effort to provide permanent access to a national digital resource of newspaper bibliographic information and historic newspapers, selected and digitized by NEH-funded institutions (awardees) from all U.S. states and territories. Builds upon work completed under a US Newspaper Program grant (Vermont Newspaper Project, 1996-2001) to identify, catalog, and selectively preserve on microfilm “at-risk” newspapers.
Scope of the Vermont Digital Newspaper Project

Select, digitize, and make available to the Library of Congress 100,000 pages of Vermont newspapers published between 1836 and 1922 from microfilm collections at the Vermont Department of Libraries, the University of Vermont, and the Vermont State Archives & Records Administration.

Content will be made freely available at: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ (see: Vermont content)

State-wide Advisory Committee applies selection criteria for digitization; (papers “of record”, representative of state history, geographical coverage, extended period of time, availability and quality of master microfilm negatives).
Deliverables (or to-do list) of the Vermont Digital Newspaper Project

Digital files for each original page or target on microfilm reels, including: TIFF, PDF, JPEG2000, OCR output (ALTO XML schema) and metadata files to conform to NDNP guidelines.

Technical analysis of microfilm (reduction ratio, skew, density, duplicate pages, targets, sequencing, etc.) & Metadata collation (frame-by-frame or page-by-page inspection of microfilm)

Cataloging record updates in CONSER/OCLC databases and provision of links to digital content. Updates to local libraries records and VT Newspaper Project database.
OCLC Catalog Record for Vermont Farmer

Vermont farmer.
T H Hopkins; C Horace Hubbard
1870-1877
English
Serial Publication : Newspaper : Weekly v : 70 cm.
St Johnsbury, Vt : Cummings & Hodkins.

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Title: Vermont farmer.
Author(s): Hopkins, T H; Hubbard, C; Horace (Charles Horace)
Publication: St Johnsbury, Vt : Cummings & Hodkins.
Places: United States; Vermont; Caledonia; Saint Johnsbury; United States; Vermont; Orleans; Newport.
Year: 1870-1877
Frequency: Weekly
Description: v : 70 cm.Began in Dec. 1870-v. 7, no. 24 (May 19, 1877) = whole no. 336.
Language: English
Standard No: LCCN : sn 84023255

Access: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84023255/issues/

Subject(s)

Geographic: Saint Johnsbury (VT) - Newspapers; Vermont - Newspapers

Note(s): Description based on: Vol. 2, no. 42 (Sept. 20, 1872); Editors: T. H. Hopkins, C. H. Hubbard, 1873; C. H. Hubbard, 1870; Published at Newport, Vt., 1871-1872; Publisher: Royal Cummings, 1873. An agricultural and family newspaper for the residents of the Green Mountain State. "Republican" of Roxwell, 1873. Archived issues are available in digital format as part of the Library of Congress Chronicling America online collection.

Other Titles: Vermont farmer (Saint Johnsbury, Vt); Vermont farmer: an agricultural and family newspaper

Later Titles: American agriculturist; (DLC) sn 10570384; OCLC:36216789

Material Type: Newspaper (new); Internet resource (inf)

Date of Entry: 19940610
Updates: 20110601
Accession No: OCLC: 10853223

Database: WorldCat
Equipment
of the Vermont Digital Newspaper Project

Oregon Digital Newspaper Program set-up

Vermont set-up (modeled on Oregon)
Outcomes and Future Direction

Inventory of available master negatives in the state of Vermont (700,000 pages within the scope of this grant!)

Historical assessment and summary of titles.

Outreach… Vermont Press Association, schools.

Research impact (historians, researchers, genealogists, etc.)

Partnerships – state, regional and national

Sustainability – supplemental funding quests; potential to complement and expand and digitization efforts and awareness in Vermont. NDNP Awardees meeting.

VT digital newspapers beyond NDNP !?