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Why create a network?



History - UNA Friends of the Library Council

- Previously an advisory council for capital campaign
- Converted to Friends of the Library Council in 2018
- Three-member council, with expanded membership. Council membership consists of members at the “UL Circle” level.

Nancy Gonce

- Inaugural member of the Friends of the Library Council
- Librarian background
- Interest in preservation efforts both for the University of North Alabama AND local agencies
- Grant development and project development experience
- Community partnerships

Friends of the Library Council

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Purpose

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UNA Archives & Special Collections:
is located on the
2nd Floor
Collier Library

Welcome to UNA Archives & Special Collections




University of North Alabama Archives & Special Collections is located in Collier Library and houses the University's manuscripts and rare books collections.

The purpose of the University of North Alabama Archives is to collect, preserve, index, and make available to researchers records of the history of the University of North Alabama and the northern Alabama region. The first priority of the collection is material directly relating to the University of North Alabama. The histories of the Quad-Cities (Florence, Sheffield, Muscle Shoats, and Tusculmbia) are the second priority of the collection. The third collection area is historical material pertaining to Lauderdale and Colbert counties.

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Alabama



Bicentennial Project

- Regional focus with regional mission for Archives
- Bicentennial celebration for the state of Alabama

Bicentennial Project

Celebrating Our History: Inventory of Archival Collections in Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, and Lawrence Counties, Alabama: Past, Present, and Future



Bicentennial Project

- Document different archival and special collections
- Assessment of archival institutions in four counties in northwest Alabama (Lauderdale, Colbert, Lawrence, Franklin)
- Locations sought out specifically
- Locations contacted personally by Ms. Gonce and asked to complete survey
- All archival locations/collections for these areas were sought out in the process. If more collections were discovered, they too were asked to complete the survey.
- 2018-2019

Bicentennial Project

Survey questions asked:

- Facility type
- Unique holdings
- Ownership
- Digitized (Y/N)
- Indexed (Y/N)
- Strategic Plan (Y/N)
- And more...

Bicentennial Project

Initial survey document sent to those that were identified by Ms. Gonce

2019 Archive Inventory Form – Phase 1

Draft 7/3/19 NCG

Researcher: _____

Survey Date: _____

Location: _____

Archival Resource Analysis

Resource Analysis

1) Name, Location, and Other General Information

A) Host Institution

i) Museum/Institution Name: _____

ii) Phone Number(s) : _____

iii) Fax Number: _____

iv) E-mail Address: _____

v) Administrator/Curator Contact Information:

a) Name: _____

b) Title: _____

c) E-mail Address: _____

d) Phone Number: _____

e) Cell Phone Number: _____

vi) Additional Contact Information:

a) Name: _____

b) Title: _____

c) E-Mail Address: _____

d) Phone Number: _____

e) Cell Phone Number: _____

vii) Additional Contacts (If Needed): _____

Bicentennial Project

- Results are indexed by county, type, and location
- Number of institutions obviously varies by county
- Lauderdale County had 21 responses, in the first phase, for example
- Commonalities began getting explored
- Same response...

Bicentennial Project

Franklin County Archive Information Version 2 Summary - Excel

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Franklin County											
2					Digitized	Digitized	Indexed	Indexed	Strategic	Strategic		
3	Location and Contact Information	Facility Type	Unique Holdings/Collections	Ownership	Yes	No	Yes	No	Plan - Yes	Plan - No		
4	Russellville											
5	Russellville Public Library	Library	All Archives Have Been Moved To The Franklin County Archives	City								
6												
7	Franklin County Archives	Museum	Original Church Records	County								
8			Military Records									
9			Marie Rice Roshenberg Collection									
10			Allen O'Rielly Collection									
11			Elizabeth Dearing Collection									
12			Spruce Pine Pottery									
13												
14												
15	Red Bay											
16	Weatherford Public Library	Library	All Of The Collections Are Located At The Museum	City								
17												
18												
19	Red Bay Museum	Museum	Tammy Wynette Collections	Private		X			X			
20												
21	Phil Campbell											
22	Dismals Canyon	Site	National Natural Landmark	Private		X		X		X		

Bicentennial Project

Information highlights:

- Considerable number of institutions present in the four counties
- A lot of difference in practices throughout
- Lots of eager participation in the survey

Bicentennial Project

Lessons Learned

- Significant number of collections in our general vicinity
- The collections are scattered across many areas of interest
- Digitization numbers are low or non-existent and technology capability is scattered
- Strategic planning has variance

Bicentennial Project

Future need

- A stronger network for those involved in the Bicentennial Project
- More professional development programming around the area for those involved (and not involved) in the Bicentennial Project
- Possible outlets for future donation/permanent preservation of private collections

Professional Development/Network Planning

- AHF grant (complimentary missions) provided opportunities to host event
- Event was originally planned for in-person, switched twice to a later date, then Zoom due to Covid-19
- Title “1 Day Collections Care Workshop for North Alabama”
- Alabama Department of Archives and History facilitation of the workshop (thanks)



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Future possible planning/workshops

- The desire for more professional development is present
- There is a need and desire for a network

Archival Inventory Conference Follow Up Survey From 7-31-20

Name of Agency _____

Location: City _____ County _____

Collection Format: On Site % _____ Off-Site % _____ % Digitized _____ % On-Line _____

Name of Attendee and Position/Title: _____

Please rate the following areas presented using a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest and add any comments you may have:

Subjects, Format & Content

<u>Session</u>	<u>Subject</u>	
Collection Care	General	_____
Inventory	Collections	_____
Collection Monitoring	Content/ Pest Management	_____
Disaster Planning	Components	_____
Networking	Regional Planning	_____
Goals: Current & Long Range	Planning	_____

Please rate the following areas you may have an additional interest in for future programs using a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest and add any comments you may have:

Possible Follow-Up Presentations

Best Practices _____

Challenges _____

Questions/Comments

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