

OLHA 2017 Digitization Grant Recipients

The Ohio Local History Alliance would like to congratulate our first-ever round of digitization grant recipients!

Five OLHA member institutions received grants. The grants are awarded on March 1, 2018 for projects beginning no earlier than April 1st and ending no more than 12 months from the start date.

The **Henry County Historical Society** was awarded \$1,000 for the Digital Preservation of Archival Photos of Henry County, Ohio. The project is a collaboration of five local historical groups, the chamber of commerce, four local libraries and two genealogical societies. The Henry County Historical Society (HCHS) will be taking the point on this project as they are a tax-exempt organization and the largest historical organization in the county. Each participating historical group will choose up to 25 photos that are representative of their local villages. This project will aide in connecting the local historical organizations together through a common goal. Each participant will learn the proper way to access artifacts, handle and store them, and record the necessary data for each one

The **Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** was awarded \$2,400 for the digitization of The Brooklyn News. With the assistance of the Cleveland Public Library, the project will scan, digitize and OCR the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn's collection of The Brooklyn News newspapers from and for the Old Brooklyn (or South Brooklyn) neighborhood, from 1924 to 1950, the only collection in existence. They will be uploaded to both of our websites for public use. The minute information the newspaper contains not only documents daily life in Old Brooklyn, but public opinion of the residents. The originals will then be stored, by year, in archival boxes, at the museum on metal shelves.

The **Lorain Historical Society** was awarded \$1,831 for digitizing slides from the Lorain International Festival. The slides were taken by John Milas (1916-2005) a Lorainite and amateur photographer and are estimated to be about 10,000 slides all together. The Lorain International Festival celebrated its 50th festival in 2016. It was started in 1967 as a way to bring Lorainites

together and celebrate diversity during a turbulent time in the nation's history. At the turn of the 20th century, many different nationalities came to Lorain to work for the Steel Plant. With the decline of industry, there are still strong ethnic communities within the City, but in much smaller capacities. As ethnic churches and clubs shut their doors, LHS wants to become a repository for its neighbor's records and history. Lorain is still very much the International City, but LHS hopes that by shedding light on the challenges the community is experiencing that it will be able to play a role in bringing community support and awareness to what makes Lorain diverse and unique, especially in today's world.

The **Trumbull County Historical Society** was awarded \$500 for digitizing portions of the Perkins Papers. The collection contains the legal, business, and personal documents and photographs of the descendants of General Simon Perkins. This project's focus will be the collection of Henry Bishop Perkins, General Simon Perkins son who built the home that now serves as Warren's City Hall; primarily, two business letter copybooks from Henry Bishop Perkins that range from 1863-1882. It was during these years that Perkin's career grew to have a profound impact on our local and national identity.

The **Delaware County Historical Society** was awarded \$1,400 to digitize an estimated 6,110 pages from the January 16, 1914 through December 31, 1915 of the Delaware Daily Journal Herald. The microfilming of these newspapers will be done from a copy of the master microfilm which is owned by Ohio History Connection. The microfilming will be managed by Ohio History Connection's Ohio Digital Newspaper Program. The Delaware Daily Journal Herald is the only daily newspaper from Delaware County that has been preserved for the period 1902 through 1929.

Materials from all these projects will be made available on OhioMemory.org, through OLHA's partnership with the Ohio History Connection. Look for next year's grant application starting in August at www.ohioha.org/what-we-do/grants/alliance-digitization-grants/