

Wisconsin Historical Society: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant awarded for the Wisconsin Historical Society

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Madison, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society has been awarded a second National Endowment for the Humanities grant to continue its work as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program. Historic Wisconsin newspapers are set to be digitized and added to the online database at Chronicling America, the free online repository of historical American newspapers created through the National Digital Newspaper Program.

In the next two years, the Society will digitize an additional 100,000 pages of Wisconsin newspapers. The Dodgeville Chronicle, issues dating 1862 through 1866, was the first newspaper in this grant to be digitized on Chronicling America. Fifteen other Wisconsin newspapers will be added over the next two years through the support of this grant. The titles are selected by an advisory committee of 11 members, representing historical societies, public libraries, educators and journalists from across the state.

“This grant allows for additional historically significant titles from Wisconsin to be added to this free platform,” said Randi Ramsden, program coordinator for the National Digital Newspaper Program at the Wisconsin Historical Society. “This will provide an even more geographically, socially and politically diverse insight into our state’s history.”

All articles, advertisements, and images can be viewed online, downloaded, and printed from any computer, offering researcher's unparalleled access to the historic publication. All digitized publications are also full text searchable.

Since 2015, the Society has been a part of the National Digital Newspaper Program, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress. During the past two years, the Society has digitized 110,000 pages of weekly newspapers from Douglas, Wood, Manitowoc, Jefferson and Iowa Counties, which are continuously added to Chronicling America.

The National Digital Newspaper Program provides access to historic newspapers published between 1789 and 1924. The National Digital Newspaper Program, a partnership between NEH, the Library of Congress, and state projects, is responsible for producing Chronicling America. Chronicling America is a great resource for researchers, genealogist and those who are curious about history. For more information, visit <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>.

About Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit wisconsinhistory.org.