

OHRAB Grant Interim Report
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Institution: Huron Historical Society/ Huron Public Library

Project Title: Digitizing and Sharing Huron's Historic Images

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Project Summary: With the support of the OHRAB grant, the Huron Historical Society, in partnership with the Huron Public Library and the Ohio Memory Project, will begin digitizing and sharing historic images and photographs of Huron, Ohio. By offering these collections online, the photographs will be accessible in a manner that encourages community support of the Society's mission and a shared appreciation of the history of the city of Huron and its surroundings. This grant will help the Society build the technological foundation for ongoing digitizing of collections.

Project Progress:

- **Summary of expenses:** The grant funded \$739 was used to purchase the Epson Perfection V800 scanner in May, 2015. Scanner software was installed and testing by late July. Initially, previously scanned photographs were converted to .TIFs. Matching funds (\$500) were used to schedule an Ohio Memory Project and CONTENTdm training for the Library Director and Society volunteers on July 15, 2015.
- **Estimated percentage of project completed:** Purchases for the project are 85% complete. Training of the initial volunteers is 100% complete. File conversion of scanned photos is 75% complete. Metadata creation is our next step to accomplish before we begin to populate the Ohio Memory page and more heavily promote the project publically.
- **Is the project on track to be completed by December 31, 2015?** Yes, our goal is to build a technological foundation with the grant funded equipment and create a workflow that encompasses scanning an image, creating metadata, and publishing online. Photographs will be scanned and shared by year's end but we also consider this an ongoing project.

- **Has there been any publicity on the project so far?** Yes, the Library announced the grant on social media sites and in its newsletter delivered to every home in the Huron City School District. Further project publicity will be more targeted once there are more images shared online.

Thank you again for the opportunity to purchase the technology and training needed to pursue our digitizing project. We look forward to greatly expanding access to the Huron Historical Society's collection of historic photographs.