

**Kent Historical Society, Interim report for the OHRAB grant
August 30, 2019**

The project is focused on creating transcriptions of oral histories from the Kent Historical Society's (KHS) collection. Transcriptions are being created from an automated transcription service (Happy Scribe). Current volunteers (3) and an administrative assistant are working on this project to provide quality assurance on the generated files, and also will also be uploading completed transcription files with the adjoining audio files into the existing collection into the [KHS Ohio Memory collection](#).

The project is on schedule, with half of the oral histories transcribed; 67 of the 133 oral histories have been transcribed using Happy Scribe. We did run into an issue at the onset of the project, as we discovered that the transcription service had doubled their price per minute from the time we had written the application (going from ten cents a minute to twenty cents a minute). We have been using some creative methods to bridge this gap by getting some additional minutes through referral links for the Happy Scribe service (each referral provides 60 free minutes of transcription), though we will not be able to complete the project within the initial budget of the project.

To date, we have spent \$450 on Happy Scribe transcription services between April to August 2019. 42 hours of time has been spent on the project (10 hours, admin assistant, 32 hours volunteers). This time has been primarily to get the audio files uploaded into Happy Scribe and begin to review transcriptions.

Due to the price increase of Happy Scribe, the project will go over budget due to this unforeseen issue, however the Historical Society is committed to

complete the project and has identified ways to cover the overage (projected to be \$180).

No publicity has been done yet on the project, as we plan to do so at the completion of the project later this year.