

OHRAB Interim Progress Report
“Digitizing Rare Published Resources from the
College of Mount St. Joseph and the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing”
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Summary of Project Activities and Accomplishments

This project has resulted in the creation of 1,887 grayscale images for three books outlining the history of Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing and yearbooks and newsletters from the College of Mount St. Joseph, totaling 33 individual item records in Ohio Memory digital repository. Visual examples of the final product of this project for both Good Samaritan Hospital books and College of Mount St. Joseph publications can be viewed in Appendices A and B.

The landing page for the entire collection in Ohio Memory can be accessed in the link below:

<http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll72>

A direct link to the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing books is available below:

<https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll72/search/searchterm/hospitals%2C%20religious%20E2%80%93%20history/field/subject/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title/ad/asc>

A tailored link to the entire collection of the College of Mount St. Joseph yearbooks and newsletters in date order is provided below:

<https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll72/search/searchterm/women%20college%20students%20--%20united%20states%20--%20history/field/subject/mode/exact/conn/and/order/date/ad/asc>

Two other major accomplishments that have taken place in the span of the grant were the purchase of the Epson FastFoto scanner and the completion of major scanning projects from the Mount St. Joseph Academy and College of Mount St. Joseph collections. 90 individual records in Ohio memory were created for well over 400 separate photograph images scanned by our DePaul Cristo Rey High School work study students Jesmin Castonon, Korynn Whittle, Emily Ann Holloway, and Nadia Ellison. The images ranged from graduation portraits to scenes of classrooms and dormitory spaces utilized by the Academy through the years.

After examining the project narrative outlined in the original application, nearly every benchmark outlined was met in the time frame provided. The primary deviations stemmed from circumstances outside of the archivist's control. The submission and review processes for sending the materials to A & L Imaging and reviewing the scans received back took much longer than originally anticipated. All of the issues identified in the review process were resolved by Nick Taylor, the liaison designated for the project, and the archivist was ready to begin the process of uploading the scans to Ohio Memory in late July. At that time, a workflow was established with our Ohio Memory collections coordinator, Kristen Newby and the scans were sent up to Columbus to be uploaded into the Ohio Memory system. However, the organization placed a moratorium on creating new content in the system until Mid-August due to some system restructuring. Therefore, this caused yet another delay in the process.

In contrast, the uploading and metadata creation process for the records took much less time and effort than originally anticipated. The team from Ohio Memory handled the initial record creation as well as the uploading process into ContentDM. The only outstanding item that needed to be completed by the archivist was the furnishing of metadata for each of the 33 item records created. All of the newsletters were processed through a robust OCR program, resulting in over 80% accuracy in the full text fields, which are keyword searchable. The 100th anniversary book from the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing was also easily legible to the OCR program, but the GSH *Nursing in Story and Picture* volumes were written primarily in an italicized font that hindered the accuracy extensively. The yearbooks also featured many handwritten captions that weren't picked up as well.

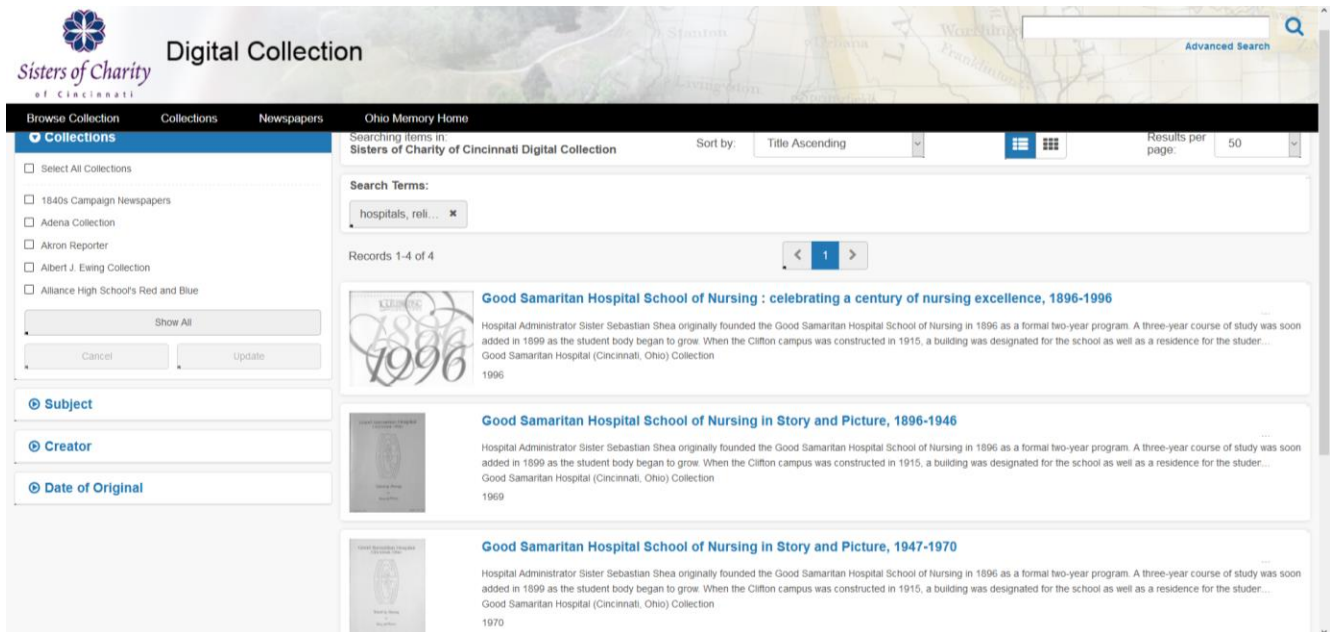
The final phase of the project centered on promotion. The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Communications team were notified of the project and shared an update with Sisters and Associates through the community's website and Facebook page. The local Delhi Historical Society also shared an update on their [Facebook page](#) about the graduation photographs from the Mount St. Joseph Academy, which garnered over 20 shares and 56 likes.

For the Fall 2019 Newsletter of the national organization Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR), an article entitled "Mount St. Joseph University at "100": Celebrating our Founders and Legacy". The ACWR article can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A version of this same article was also shared through the Ohio Memory [blog](#) in September.

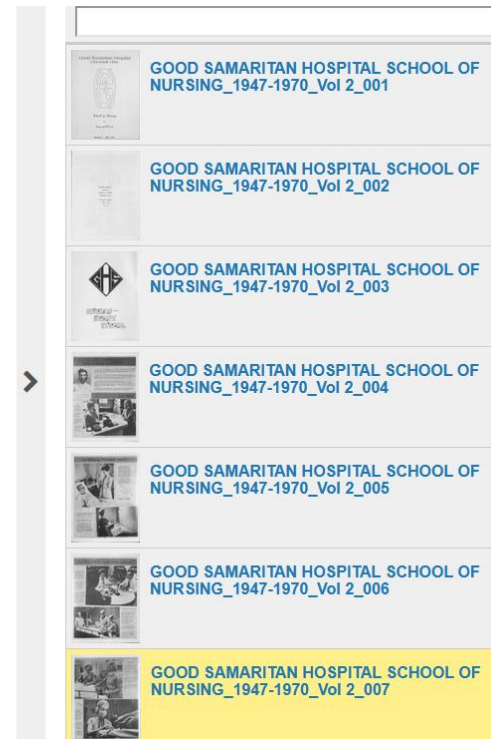
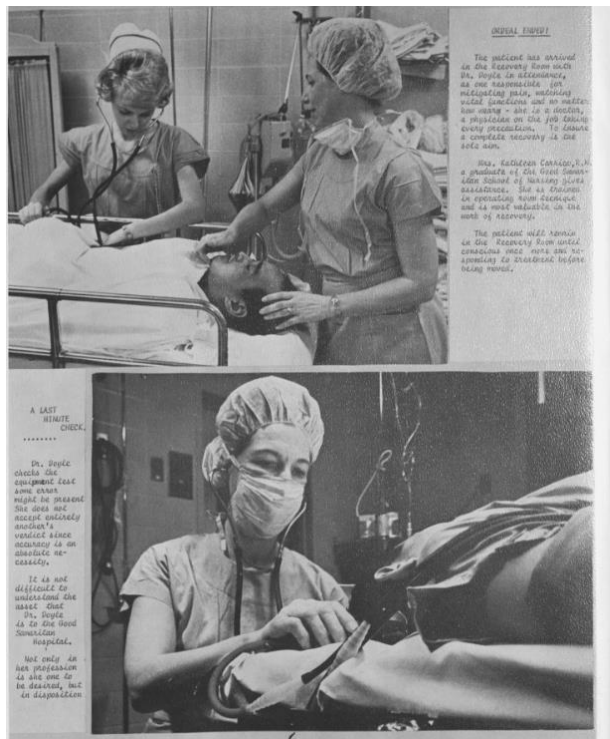
Given the expanded scope of the project, it is not surprising to see a stronger showing of overall page views as well as unique users to the collection through Ohio Memory in the past six months. Just between July 1st and September 30th, the Sisters of Charity collection received 1,891 page views in 334 sessions, over 60 percent were recorded as new visitors. The vast majority of new sessions stemmed from the Delhi area as well as Ohio at large, showing a direct correlation to our external promotions. Compared with our initial Ohio Memory OHRAB-funded project from 2017, we received over double the page views and nearly twice the percentage of new users in just the first quarter that the collection was uploaded this year. For the last quarter of the year, increased over 10 percent from the figures shared above. By increasing awareness of both the archives and the institutions represented in the digital collection and the ease of use generated by the digital preservation of these rare and valuable resources, both the archives department and the Leadership team agreed that this project was an overall success.

APPENDIX A

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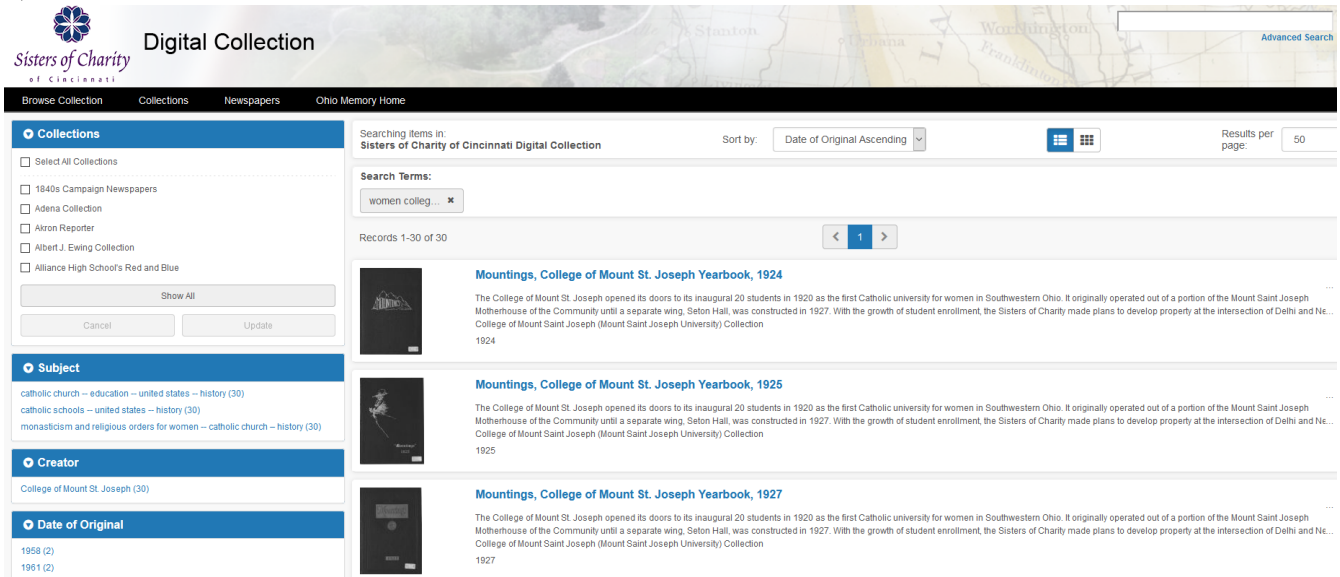
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- 1) [Search results](#) for the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing publications
- 2) [Example](#) of a page from *Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Story and Picture* (vol. 2)

APPENDIX B

1)



Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Digital Collection

Browse Collection Collections Newspapers Ohio Memory Home

Searching items in: Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Digital Collection Sort by: Date of Original Ascending Results per page: 50

Search Terms: women colleg...

Records 1-30 of 30

Mountings, College of Mount St. Joseph Yearbook, 1924

The College of Mount St. Joseph opened its doors to its inaugural 20 students in 1920 as the first Catholic university for women in Southwestern Ohio. It originally operated out of a portion of the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse of the Community until a separate wing, Seton Hall, was constructed in 1927. With the growth of student enrollment, the Sisters of Charity made plans to develop property at the intersection of Delhi and Ne...

1924

Mountings, College of Mount St. Joseph Yearbook, 1925

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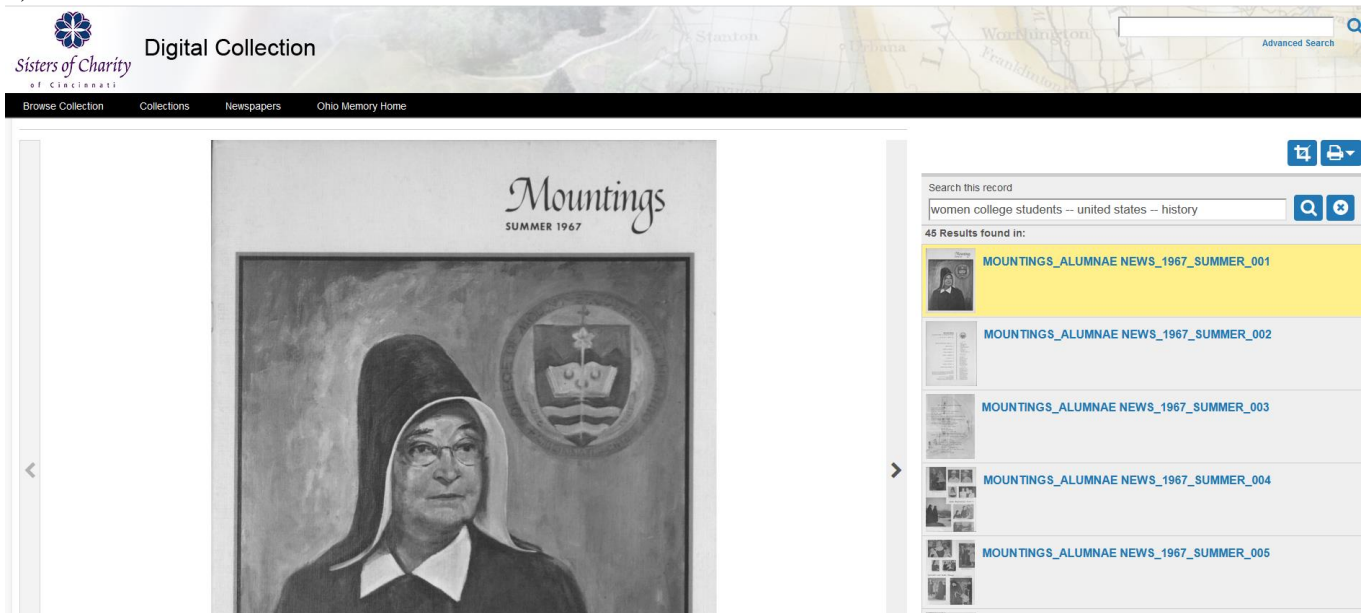
1925

Mountings, College of Mount St. Joseph Yearbook, 1927

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1927

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Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Digital Collection

Browse Collection Collections Newspapers Ohio Memory Home

Search this record: women college students -- united states -- history 45 Results found in:

MOUNTINGS_ALUMNAE NEWS_1967_SUMMER_001

MOUNTINGS_ALUMNAE NEWS_1967_SUMMER_002

MOUNTINGS_ALUMNAE NEWS_1967_SUMMER_003

MOUNTINGS_ALUMNAE NEWS_1967_SUMMER_004

MOUNTINGS_ALUMNAE NEWS_1967_SUMMER_005

- 1) [Search results](#) for the *Mountings* yearbook series
- 2) [Example](#) of a record from the *Mountings* newsletter series.

APPENDIX C

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Searching items in: **Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Digital Collection** Sort by: Date of Original As Results per page: 50

Search Terms:

mount st. jos... x

Records 1-50 of 77

Mount St. Joseph Academy Graduate Photograph, 1907

Originally, St. Aloysius Academy was opened on the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Motherhouse grounds (known as Mount St. Joseph) in 1891 and served as a school...
Mount St. Joseph Academy Collection
1907

Mount St. Joseph Academy Graduation Class Photograph, 1909

Originally, St. Aloysius Academy was opened on the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Motherhouse grounds (known as Mount St. Joseph) in 1891 and served as a school...
Mount St. Joseph Academy Collection
1909

Mount St. Joseph Academy Student Group Photographs, 1915

Originally, St. Aloysius Academy was opened on the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Motherhouse grounds (known as Mount St. Joseph) in 1891 and served as a school...
Mount St. Joseph Academy Collection
1915

2)

Digital Collection

Browse Collection Collections Newspapers Ohio Memory Home

Home > Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Digital Collection > Mount St. Joseph Academy Marian Hall Student Group Photograph, 1920

Mount St. Joseph Academy Marian Hall Student Group Photograph, 1920

Show Reference URL

Search this record
mount st. joseph academy

31 Results found in:

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- 1) [Photographs](#) digitized by DePaul Cristo Rey High School CWSP students utilizing the Epson Fastfoto scanner during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.
- 2) [Example](#) of a record from the DePaul CWSP student scanning project

Project Cost

- **Summary of Expenses**

- Scanning 1714 Total Images from A & L Imaging	\$1,868.26
- Purchase of the Epson FastFoto Scanner	\$430.00
Subtotal	\$ 2,298.26

- **Purchased with matching funds:**

- Annual Subscription to Ohio Memory	\$250
- Remainder of Scanning Cost	\$188.57
- Remainder of Scanner Purchase	\$31.99
Subtotal	\$470.56

Project Cost Total: \$ 2,768.82

- **In-Kind Cost Match:**

- Amount of staff time spent on the project

15% of archivist's time \$5244.48

Subtotal **\$ 5,244.48**

TOTAL: \$ 7,406.85