OHRAB Grant Final Report

Institution/Organization Name: Lakeside Heritage Society

Project Title: Describing and Digitizing the Lakeside Chautauqua's Seasonal Programming

Records

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Summary of Project Activities and Accomplishments

Lakeside Heritage Society (LHS) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1968 for the purpose of preserving, promoting and advancing the history of Lakeside, the Marblehead Peninsula and the Chautauqua Movement in America. Included in LHS's archival holdings are the annual programs and bulletins that chronicle the events, programs and speakers of each summer season at Lakeside Chautauqua, dating from 1877 to present day. This project aimed to increase public access to these materials through the development of online accessible finding aids and the digitization of a portion of the material. Our project goals also addressed the physical preservation of these materials, by storing them in archival quality containers at a new climate-controlled facility.

Titles, series titles, dates and cubic footage/number of images scanned, of records addressed by your project.

The annual programs and bulletins were arranged into two collections; PB-1, Lakeside Annual Programs, and PB-2, The Lakeside Bulletin. Each collection was arranged chronologically by year of publication and volume number. Materials were transferred from various storage containers into archival quality boxes and folders. A total of 5.2 cubic feet of archival material was rehoused.

The oldest portions of the collection were sent to Bowling Green State University's Preservation Lab for scanning and film transfer. A total of 1,852 pages were scanned. Text searchable PDF and PDF/A versions were created for each program and bulletin, totaling 466 PDF files. Created as access copies, the PDF versions were uploaded to PastPerfect for cataloging. In addition to the PDF files, PDF/A files were uploaded as preservation copies to our institution's Google Drive. Two 16mm microfilm reels were also created by the lab. The negative reel will be stored with Bowling Green State University, a silver positive reel will be retained and stored by LHS.

Summary:

5.2 cubic feet of material rehoused1,852 pages scanned466 PDF files created (one PDF and PDF/A per volume)2 16mm microfilm reels created

Copies of catalog entries and other finding aids

See attached screen shots of individual and collection level catalog records in PastPerfect (Images 4-7).

Narrative of Self-Assessment

This project's goal to address the physical preservation of the programs and bulletins was a success. All materials have been successfully rehoused in Hollinger Metal Edge boxes and arranged for findability within buffered, acid free folders. Materials have also been moved to LHS's new climate controlled archives facility and placed on metal shelving units. We have approximately 10 boxes remaining, which will be utilized for rehousing other archival materials in our collections, including the miscellaneous materials found during the rehousing process of the programs and bulletins. Preservation needs were also addressed by having a significant portion of the programs and bulletins scanned to PDF. The availability of the PDF scans will limit physical handling of the oldest portions of these collections.

The Center for Archival Collections Preservation Lab at BGSU was able to successfully scan the programs and bulletins dating from 1877 to 1947 by August of 2021. Due to modifications to page layout and incorporation of OCR in the initial scanning process, we were able to scan approximately 499 more pages than originally anticipated in our budget. This development allowed us to scan programs and bulletins up to the year 1965.

The conversion to PastPerfect Web Edition was successfully completed by early September 2021. As indicated in our interim report, our initial project goal to have the materials available on our website for access by the end of the grant period was temporarily postponed. PastPerfect was on a wait list for the public access, however, we are excited to report that we have now begun working with PastPerfect to develop the public access interface. The launch of the public access catalog is now scheduled for the spring 2022.

All individual catalog records for each program and bulletin, including the collection level finding aids, have been created in PastPerfect. Collection level finding aids meet the DACS requirements for multilevel minimum descriptions. Each finding aid includes a container list and links to the subsequent child level catalog records for each individual program and bulletin volume. All catalog records have been added to a list for instant publication once public access is activated. A total of 235 catalog records will be available for public view. As outlined in our interim report, an announcement of the future public catalog has been made via a page on our website. The page includes a preview of the program and bulletin scans that will be available upon launch: https://www.lakesideheritagesociety.org/online-collections.html

In keeping with our project's goal to increase public access to these materials, the digital scans have also been uploaded to our public computer research stations in the Archives. An announcement was made via Facebook of the scans' availability, with information about hours of operation (see Image 3).

An evaluation of the project's impact

The availability of these scans has already made a positive impact upon our local community. As preparations begin for Lakeside's sesquicentennial in 2023, multiple researchers have already begun to make use of the digital copies to find information for programming and publications featuring the history of Lakeside. The scans are also being used by volunteers to compile other useful information for researchers, such as a complete list of the preachers who have visited Lakeside, as well as an index of Executive Directors and Presidents throughout our community's history.

Additional initiatives

LHS will continue to build upon the success of this project by continuing to pursue other digitization projects that will allow us to provide more material in digital format to researchers via the PastPerfect public access catalog. This project has allowed us to explore the potential of the online cataloging system, and has served as a model for the ongoing creation of finding aids for our other collections. In addition to the programs and bulletins, we have also begun adding portions of our photograph collections to the public access list in PastPerfect.

Coverage and Publicity

This project was featured in our community newspaper, *The Lakesider*, and in an additional posts made to our organization's Facebook page (see Images 1-3). The grant award was also announced at our annual membership meeting on August 15, 2021. Written announcements of the project were sent to Ottawa County Representatives. An announcement of the upcoming public access catalog launch will also be released in our January membership Mail Chimp newsletter.

Project Expenses

From May to September 8, 2021, staff member Kaysie Harrington spent 102 hours on work related to this project as part of LHS's matching funds (\$17/hr for a total of \$1,734 cash match). Work included moving materials to the new facility, finding aid preparations, and preparing for the final conversion to the Web Edition of PastPerfect.

Grant funds totaling \$3,366 were used from September 9 – December 31, 2021 to extend Ms. Harrington's paid work with the project. During this period Ms. Harrington worked approximately 238 hours on the project, 40 hours more than originally estimated due to the need to create catalog records for the additional scans (198 hours at \$17/hr paid with a total of \$3,366 in grant funds, the 40 additional hours at \$17/hr added as \$680 cash match). The majority of Ms. Harrington's time on this portion of the project was spent working in PastPerfect to create collection level finding aids and individual catalog records for each annual program and bulletin scanned.

Volunteers dedicated 80 hours to the project helping to prepare materials for scanning, rehousing materials and creating the container lists for the finding aids in PastPerfect (volunteer rate of \$25.43/hr for a total of \$2,034 cash match).

Archival boxes and folders ordered from Hollinger Metal Edge totaling \$381 (\$318 paid with grant funds, \$63 cash match)

PastPerfect Web Edition Upgrade and Annual Hosting fee paid by LHS for a total of \$996 in cash match.

BGSU's Center for Archival Collections scanning and microfilm services paid with grant funds totaling \$650.

Project Expenditures	Grant	Matching
	Funds	Funds
Harrington time, May - September 8 (102 hours @ \$17/hr)		\$1,734
Volunteer time @ 25.43/hr (80 hours @25.43/hr)		\$2,034
Harrington time, September 9 - December 31 (198 hours @ \$17/hr)	\$3,366	
Harrington time, September 9 - December 31 (40 additional hours		\$680
@ \$17/hr)		
Hollinger Metal Edge Supplies (25 Hollinger Boxes and 3 packs of	\$318	\$63
Full Tab File Folders)		
CAC Microfilm/Scanning services - 1,852 pages scanned @ .35	\$650	
per scan		
Past Perfect Web Edition		\$996

Total Grant Funds: \$4,334 Total Matching Funds: \$5,507 Total Project Cost: \$9,841

From the Lakeside Heritage Society

Lakeside Heritage Society is excited to announce an ongoing digitization project to preserve and increase public access to our collection of seasonal programs and builteins. These unique documents outline the events, programs and speakers of each summer season at Lakeside Chautauqua, and provide insight into the interests and issues of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Supported in part by an award from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives and Records Administration, the oldest portion of our pro-

grams and bulletins, dating from 1873 to 1947, will be scanned by Bowling Green State University's Center for Archival Collections Preservation Lab.

The scans are scheduled to be completed this September, after which LHS will begin upload of these scans into our digital catalog and the development of an accessible description of the collection. As part of an ongoing effort to make our online catalog available to the public, these materials will be available online via our website within the coming year. We look forward to sharing the results of this project with the Lakeside community over the coming months!

Image 1: Article featuring project in local newspaper publication, *The Lakesider* published August 2021.



Our dedicated volunteer Pollie Miller is hard at work organizing Lakeside seasonal programs and bulletins! Supported in part by an award from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), these materials are being sent to BGSU's Preservation Lab for scanning. Stay tuned - over the next year we'll be adding the digitized programs and bulletins to our online catalog to make them more accessible for researchers. Thank you, OHRAB!!



Image 2: Post made to LHS Facebook page promoting the project, August 2021.

Lakeside Heritage Society

We are excited to announce that the digitization portion of our Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board grant project is complete! We are hard at work developing our online public access catalog, but in the meantime, all are welcome to stop by the Archives to access these text-searchable scans of the Lakeside Bulletin and Lakeside Annual Programs at any of our computer research stations.

The Lakeside Heritage Society Archives are open all of this winter Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

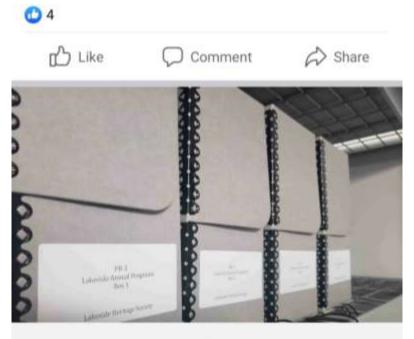


Image 3: Post made to LHS Facebook page announcing availability of scans at our research stations, December 2021.

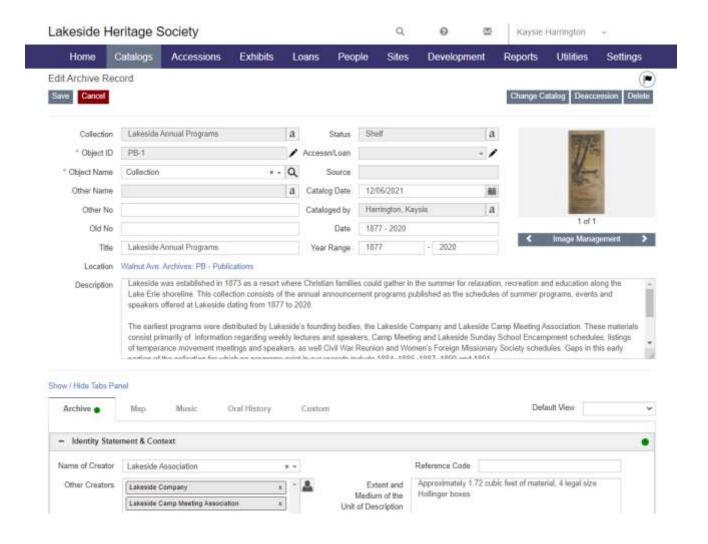


Image 4: PastPerfect Web Edition collection level catalog view of PB-1, Lakeside Annual Programs

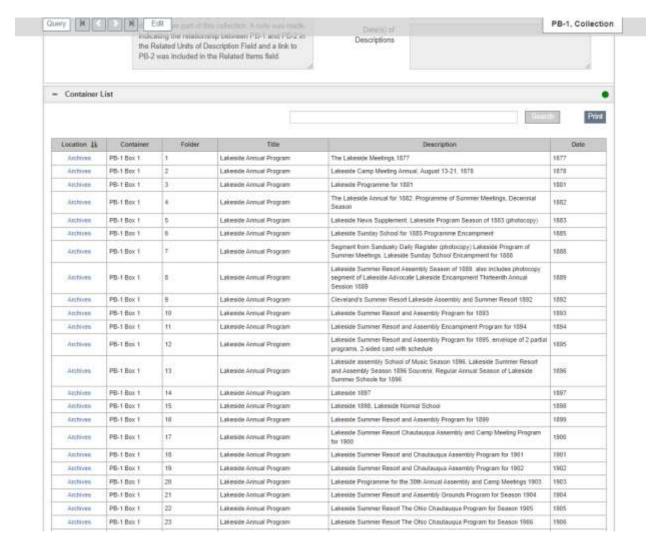


Image 5: PastPerfect Web Edition container list view for Collection PB-1, Lakeside Annual Programs

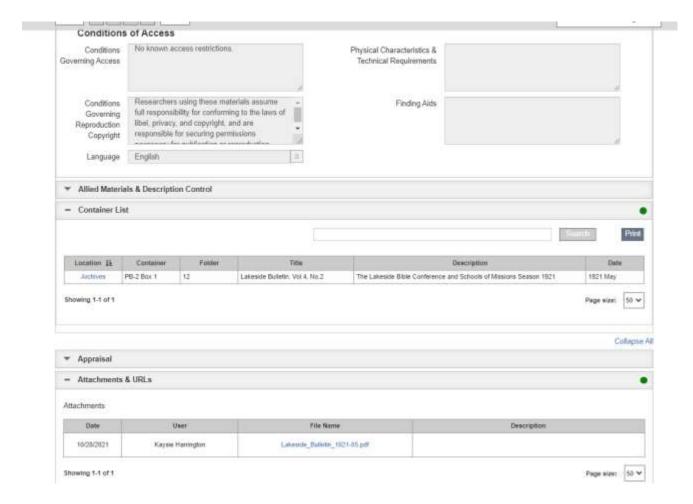


Image 6: PastPerfect Web Edition page view of individual Lakeside Bulletin volume catalog record. Includes conditions of access, container view and attachment of pdf.

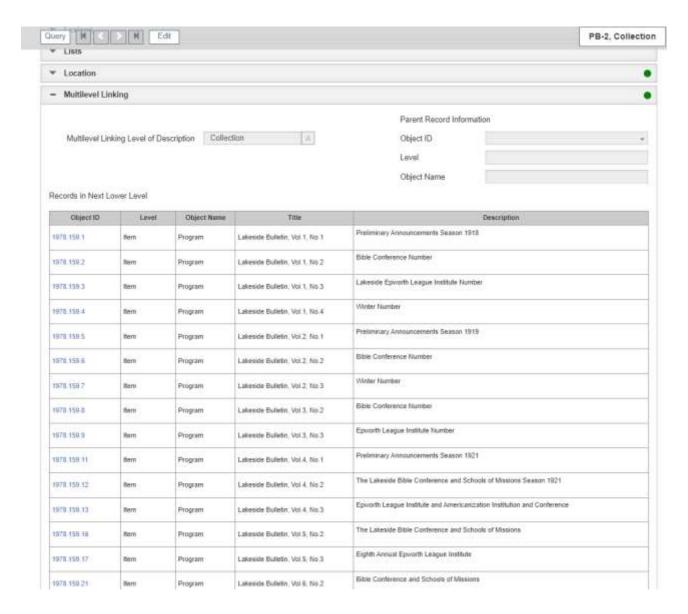


Image 7: PastPerfect Web Edition page view of individual catalog records linked to collection level catalog record for PB-2, The Lakeside Bulletin.