

California State Library
Library Services and Technology Act

Final Narrative Report

This report is due thirty (30) days after the completion date of the grant period, on July 31. Note that failure to submit this report within the timelines of the grant program could jeopardize receipt of the final 10% grant payment. Mail a total of **THREE** copies of the report, one with original signature. Send to:

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9. Needs.

The Humboldt State University Library digitization project was part of the California Local History Digital Resources Project (LHDRP), a multi-year program supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. Leveraging the infrastructure of the California Digital Library (CDL) in partnership with Califa and Infopeople, the LHDRP explores a model to aggregate, preserve, and provide permanent public access to local history materials maintained by California cultural heritage institutions via a single statewide online access point.

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10. Project abstract.

As part of the California Local History Digital Resources Project, the Humboldt State University Library selected 199 historical photographs, maps and architectural drawings to be scanned from several of our collections documenting various aspects of the lumber industry in the Redwood Empire of California primarily from 1907-1930. We created an artificial collection, the Northwestern California Forest Communities Collection, to be added to the California Digital Library/Online Archive of California. A subset of this collection is the Belcher Atlas of Humboldt County, 1921-22, which in 24 maps plus an index page, compiled from official records and private sources and surveys, shows drainages, settlements, roads, trails, railroads, township and section lines, parcel ownership, and Indian allotments, in addition to timber land ownership. Other parts of the collection include 75 photographs from the Walter Warren Collection depicting the Little River Redwood Company and the company town of Crannell ca. 1908-1930 and 99 maps and architectural drawings from the Louisiana Pacific/Hammond Lumber Companies Collection primarily documenting the original buildings and infrastructure of the company town of Samoa.

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11. Project accomplishments.

199 photographs and maps were selected for scanning and cataloged using CONTENTdm software. 25 of these maps comprise the enormously important Belcher Atlas of Humboldt County, 1921-22. As we searched the local area for the best set of the Atlas we could find we raised awareness of the project locally, receiving great comments about the fact this historically invaluable resource will be available digitally. Due to the importance of this item, and the desirability of developing a webpage devoted entirely to it, we requested additional derivatives of JPEG2000 from the vendor. We are developing a webpage for the atlas, and plan to link it to many of the photos from the same era.

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12. Subjective evaluation.

One of the unexpected, though partially anticipated benefits of the project was involvement of a large number of staff members in various aspects of the work: seven staff members plus a student volunteer and a community consultant participated. Especially serendipitous was the addition of two staff members who have been training on describing photos for our Humboldt County Photograph Collection database (Access based, web searchable through PHP and MySQL) and were delighted of the opportunity to apply this metadata training to the LHDRP project and to experience a different database approach. The ripple effects of so many staff working together on this project are most welcome to all concerned.

13. Project continuation.

In addition to availability of the collection of scanned images on the California Digital Library/Online Archive of California, we are developing local collection pages on the Humboldt State University Library web site: <http://library.humboldt.edu/humco/>. We will also use this development to plan for full processing of the collections from which these images were selected. Thanks to a generous donation to the Library Special Collections at the end of the year, our community consultant is continuing this summer to assess and document the Louisiana Pacific/Hammond Collection in preparation for further processing and access, for which grant funding will be sought.

14. Signature/Date

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