GRCHN Project Update

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Project Progress

- Hired Project Analyst
 - Work full time on GRCHN project
- Developed digital content
 - Grant proposals
 - Partnerships with other institutions

Existing Digital Resources

- Online Catalog
- Visual Resources Database
- Birth and death records
- Land survey maps, plat maps and atlases
- Online exhibitions
 - Duluth Lynchings

Projects Underway

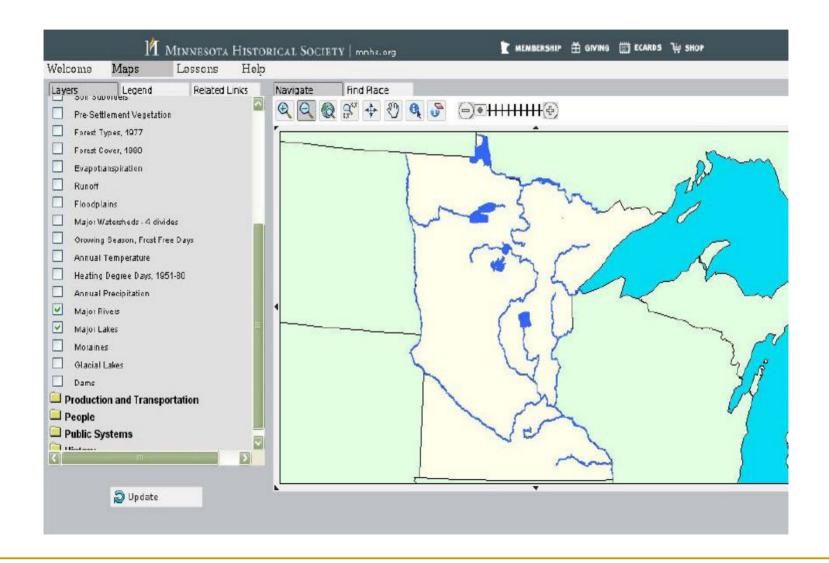
- National Digital Newspaper Project
 - Partnership between the NEH and Library of Congress to build a national digital resource of newspapers
 - Grant covers costs to digitize 100,000 newspaper images
 - Institutions can reapply for additional funding

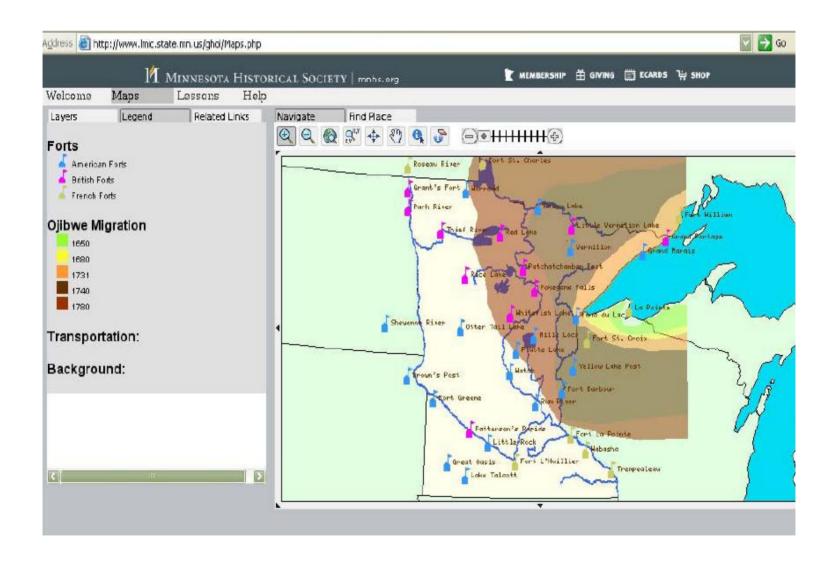
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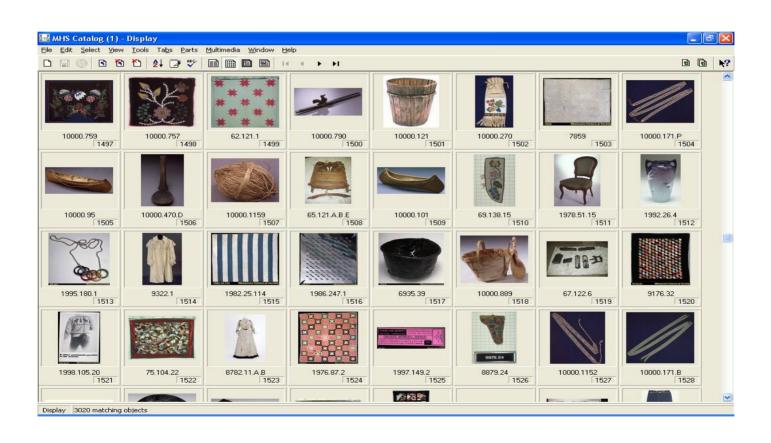
Geography and History Online

- Web-based GIS tool that provides access to digital resources
- Develop educational resources for teachers
- GIS Geographical Information System
 - Ability to view information through maps
 - Ability to combine layers of information





Online Catalog of Artifacts and Archeology Material



Proposed Projects

- Immigrant Oral Histories IMLS grant
 - Digitize immigrant oral interviews
 - Develop educational resources for teachers
- Shared History Project Canada
 - Explore historical links between the Canadian West and the US Upper Midwest
- Walter Mondale Papers NEH grant

Omeka – Online exhibition tool

- Open source tool to develop and deliver interpretive exhibits online
- Users can add and share content from various institutions
- Collaborative project with the Center for History and New Media
- MHS' role in this project:
 - Plan, evaluate, and disseminate the tool with GRCHN project partners









Featured Item:

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Recently Added

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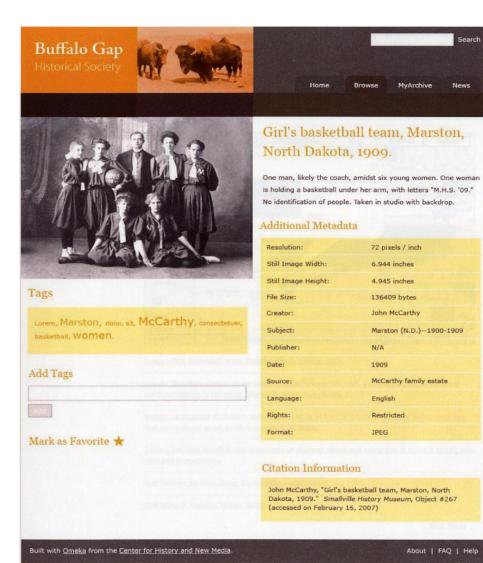
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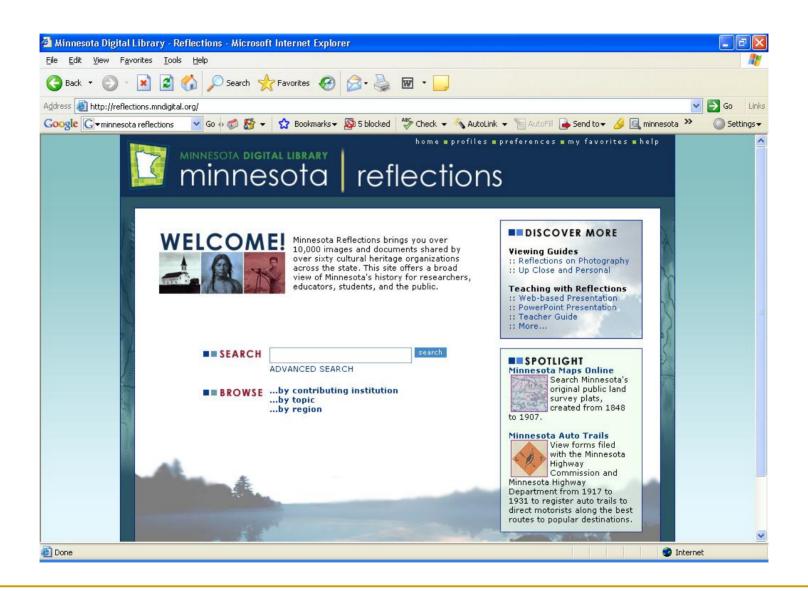


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Minnesota Digital Library

- Digitize and provide online access to historical material from over 69 institutions
- Integrated access through Minnesota Reflections website
- MHS' role:
 - Strategic policy
 - Management
 - Scanning



Accomplishments

- Developed a variety of digital resources and tools
- Built capacity to provide online access to different types of collections
- Developed staff expertise
- Established collaborations/ partnerships with other cultural institutions