

March 31, 2021  
South Central Regional Library Council  
Clinton Hall, 108 North Cayuga Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Dear Claire Lovell & Mary-Carol Lindbloom,

On behalf of Fenimore Art Museum staff and Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to submit this final report to South Central Regional Library Council (SCRCL) for our 2020 Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing (RBDB) grant. Below is a summary of the project and final budget.

Project Summary:

Scanning for Fenimore Art Museum's Newspaper Digitization Project for the 2020 season was completed in June of 2020 and grants funds were expended that month. A total of 33,453 images were digitized across 33 microfilm reels from newspapers published in Chenango county, including the following titles: *Oxford Times*, *Oxford Press*, *Oxford Review*, *Oxford Review-Times*, *New Berlin Gazette*, *Norwich Journal*, *Anti-Masonic Telegraph*, and the *Chenango Telegraph*.

Goals & Outcomes:

Our major goal and outcome of this project has been to make remote access possible to a wide variety of 19<sup>th</sup>- & early 20<sup>th</sup>- century newspaper titles published in the South Central Regional Library Council region. We have successfully met this goal by contracting with the Northern New York Library Network to post all digitized images to New York State Historic Newspapers online.

Final Budget:

2020 RBDB	Projected	Actual
FAM	\$1,225.50	\$1,225.50
SCRCLC	\$4,418	\$4,467.50

Our contribution to project funding was a total of 40 hours of internal labor related to metadata, inventory, contact with NNYLN, microfilm shipment, and reporting. SCRCLC approved a grant in the amount of \$4,418; the actual cost to digitize these newspapers came to \$4,467.50 and the difference was covered by Fenimore Art Museum.

Final Conclusions:

This successful project greatly enhances our mission to connect scholars, genealogists, and the general public to the rich cultural heritage of New York State, and we are extremely grateful to have SCRCLC's continued support.

Sincerely,



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