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## RBDB 2021 Report

The Chemung County Library District is pleased to announce that the digitization of the city directories of Elmira NY is complete, with great thanks to SCRLC and Claire Lovell for providing the digitization.

In 2021, The Chemung County Library District applied for RBDB funding in order to digitize a run of Elmira city directories from 1860-1924 that were in poor condition. These items are unique and hard to replace, and were in very poor binding condition.

The scanning was done by Claire Lovell at SCRLC and was completed in February 2022.

The 40 city directories are now live online on NY Heritage and are available to researchers free of charge. Additionally, these images help maintain our access to the information as the physical books deteriorate due to the age of the poor quality paper.

The Chemung County Library district thanks Claire and the SCRLC for their help in preserving and ensuring continued access to these directories.

Respectfully Submitted,

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