

Final Report for SCRLC 2019 Technology and Digitization Grant

Process for completing the project

Seymour Library borrowed the microfilm of the 1913-1931 *Advertiser Journal* from the Cayuga County Historian's office and shipped it to Advantage Preservation. Advantage digitized the 53 rolls of microfilm and added them to Seymour Library's digital archive. Seymour Library announced the addition to the digital archive and support from SCRLC via social media.

Seymour Library shipped the print version of the 1888 *Auburn Morning/Weekly Dispatch* to Advantage Preservation for microfilming and digitization. Advantage completed the digitization of the *Auburn Morning/Weekly Dispatch* and added those pages to the Seymour Library's digital archive. Seymour Library announced the addition to the digital archive and support from SCRLC via social media and the library newsletter.

Three Seymour Library staff members attended a SCRLC web training, provided by Julia Corrice, on preparing files and data for upload to New York State Historic Newspapers. Staff outlined a step-by-step process and then worked on renaming the 60,000 pdf files created by Advantage and on preparing the accompanying data. Staff forwarded all files and spreadsheets for the *Advertiser Journal* and *Auburn Dispatch* to SCRLC for addition to NYSHN.

<u>Budget:</u>	Proposed	Actual
Income		
SCRLC	7,279	7,279
Seymour Library in-kind	1,474	1,629
Total	8,753	8,908
Expenses		
Advantage Preservation	7,279	7,634
Personnel costs	1,274	1,274
Archival/exhibit supplies	200	0
Total	8,753	8,908

Explanation of budget variance: Advantage Preservation charges were \$355 more than their original estimate due to the fragileness of the *Auburn Dispatch*. Seymour Library covered this difference. There were no expenditures for archival and exhibit supplies since no boxes were needed for rehousing and since the proposed exhibit will take place post-2019.

Use of the digitized materials

Historians, genealogists, educators, and students have begun accessing the files through the library's website, researching individual people, places, and institutions from 1888 and 1913-1931, as well as themes such as women's suffrage. Seymour Library will continue to promote the availability of the digitized newspapers. Quantitatively, we are measuring usage on Google Analytics for the Advantage site and will monitor any usage data available through NYSHN. Qualitatively, we will continue to assess feedback we receive during interactions with users of the material.