

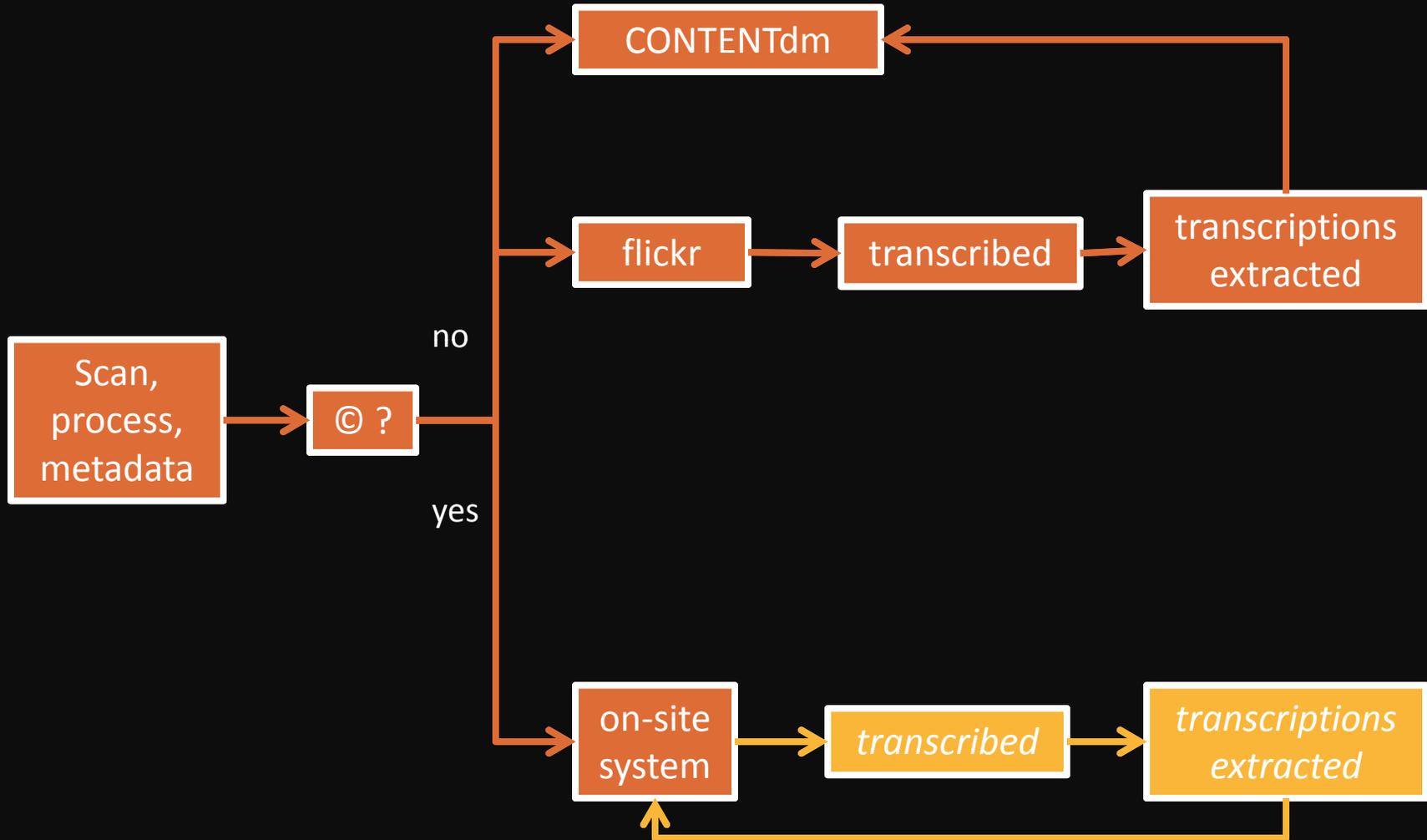
Putting the crowd to work: Transcribing documents through flickr

Lisa Gregory, State Library of North Carolina
Society of North Carolina Archivists Annual Meeting
March 29, 2012



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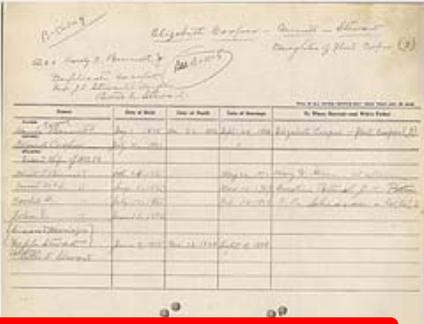
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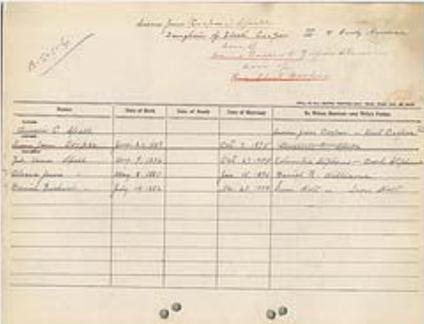
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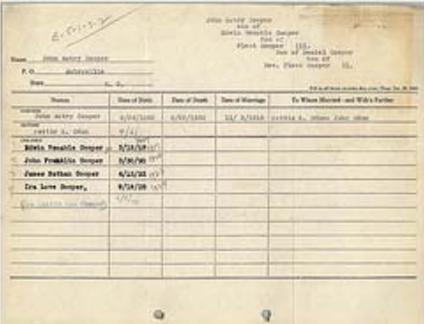
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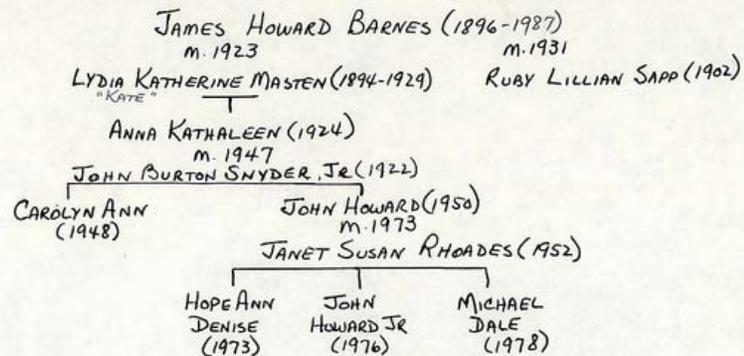
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James Howard Barnes (1896-1987) was married (2) in 1931 to Ruby Lillian Sapp (1902).

Anna Kathaleen (1924) married in 1947 to John Burton Snyder Jr (1922). Their children were Carolyn Ann (1948) and John Howard (1950).

John Howard (1950) married in 1973 to Janet Susan Rhoades (1952). Their children were Hope Ann Denise (1973), John Howard Jr (1976), and Michael Dale (1978).

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July the 1
1864 Memphis Tenn.

Dear sister I take this pen in hand to let you now how I am getting a long I took sick the day we landded here I did not feal very bad tho yesetday I went to the Overton Hospittle to see uncle he had got well and lef I am in the Washington Hospittle now I have bin here a weeak or more I have had the Meazels very bad but I can eat

In John Brownes sachel you can get them _____ you have a chance that is all a bout ____ The ridgement is campt in a nice place now so they say they have good water now it is very ghot now you had better think now I think we will stay in Memphis is our time out fore guard duty I have not got any letter fore a long time I would not write if it was not for to learn to write letters

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helena ark.

Dearest brother
I take my pen in hand to let you now that I am well and hard as a brick



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Cooper family documents online

Posted by: [Lisa Gregory](#) (ID *****8096) Date: March 13, 2012 at 04:50:09

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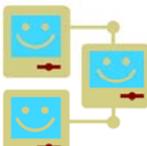
They can be found here:

<http://www.flickr.com/search/?w=14247749@N00&q=cooper>

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Lisa

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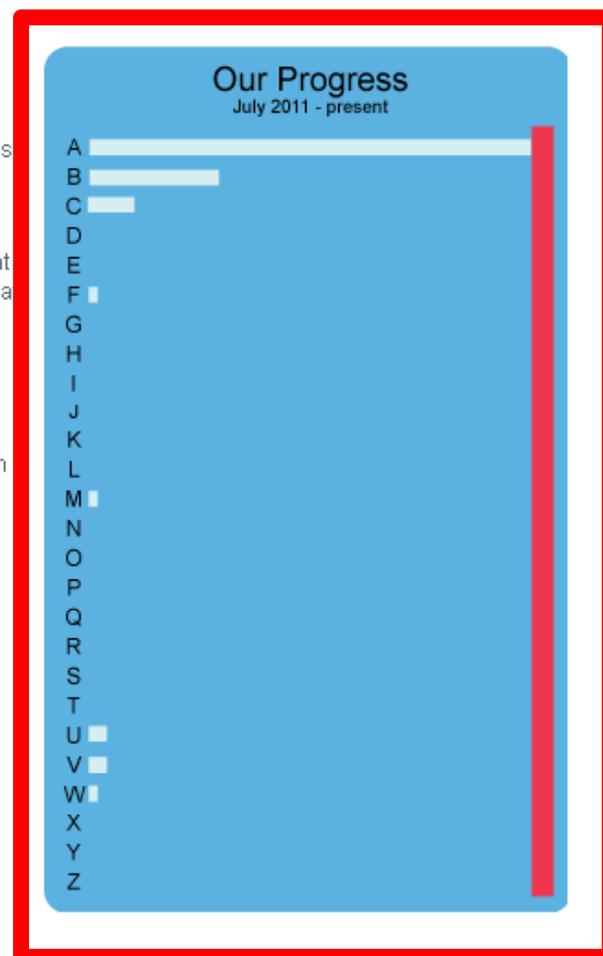
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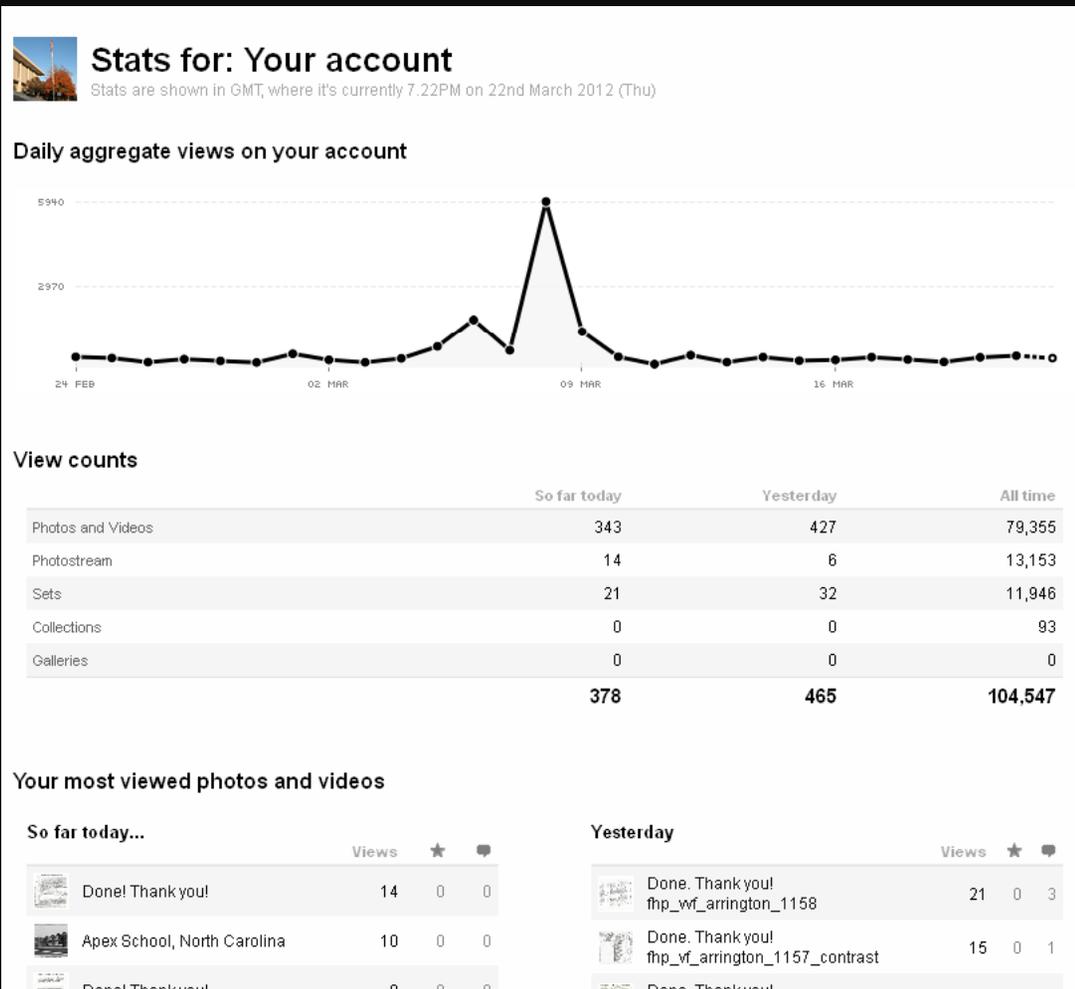
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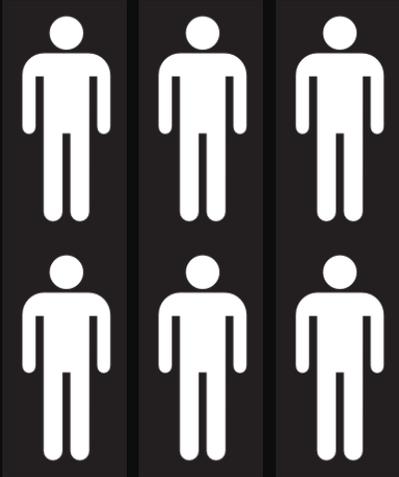


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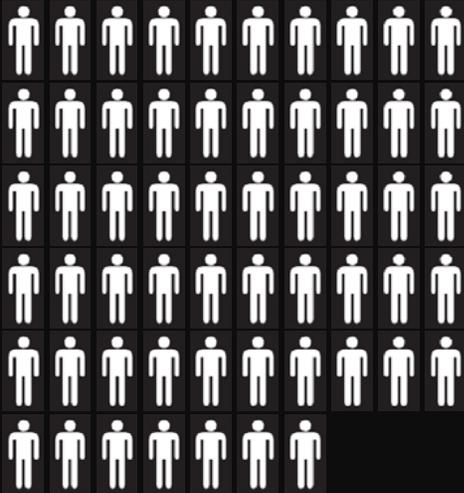
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 Elijah "y" Ball was born on the 4th day 3 in the morning 1822
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 Nancey Ball was born December the 21 10:34 in afternoon 1827
 ___ Ball was born May the ___ day of 1 in the afternoon 1829 and died Sept 13 day 1830
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 ___ Ball was born August the 31 8 ___ afternoon 1834
 Rebek ___ Ball was born June the 18 day 8:30 in the morn 1841

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 VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT STATE OF INDIANA TOWN OF FALLS CREEK MADISON COUNTY.
 Benjamin F. Rogers born in Madison County in the state of Indiana age 24 years and by occupation a farmer do hereby acknowledge to have volunteered this 14th day of December 186? to serve as a soldier in the army of the United States of America for the period of three years unless sooner discharged by proper authority do also agree to accept such bounty pay rations clothing as are or may be established by law for volunteers. And I, Benjamin F. Rogers do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me according to the rules and articles of war. Sworn and subscribed to me by ? Iberiah, Sr. this 14th day of December, 1863 Benjamin F. Rogers before Captain ?. I certify on honor that I have carefully examined the above named volunteer agreeably to the general regulations of the army and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity which would in any way disqualify him performing the duties of a soldier. By ???, examining surgeon. I certify on honor that I have minutely inspected the volunteer Benjamin F. Rogers previously to his enlistment and that he was entirely sober when enlisted that to the best of his judgment and belief that he is of lawful age and that in accepting him to performing the duties of an enlisted soldier I have strictly obeyed the regulations. This soldier has blue eyes dark hair fair complexion is five foot six inches high.
 Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. ??? Recruiting Officer

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K_Smith51 (2 weeks ago)

I'm trying to find out if these are some of my Grandfather's family I know he was born to Owen Barnhill and Mary Steele from the Ga, Al area



Government & Heritage Library, State Library of NC [pro](#) (2 weeks ago)

You can see this entire document here: digital.ncdcr.gov/u/?p15012coll1_42358. You might also be interested in other "Barnhill" family records in our collection: bit.ly/x20efJ.

Check this out, too:

Ben Brumfield's Webwise 2012 presentation on crowdsourcing:
<http://bit.ly/AdWyaS>

Thank you.

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