

# Grey Highlands Public Library Digitization Project

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*Mackdale Standard*

*Agnes Macphail*



## Project Planning

## Putting Local Newspapers Online

## Building the Agnes Macphail Website & Digital Collection

### The GHPL Project

- Local newspapers 1880< online & indexed
- Agnes Macphail Website & Digital Collection features unique photos and documents from local repositories

### Why this collection?

- Local & national interest
- Historical & educational resource
- Promotes GHPL to a wider audience

### Funding

- LSDF grant
- Friends of the Library
- JCP funding



### Partnerships

- Local museums, archives & historical society share objects, technology & expertise
- OurOntario hosts site, provides toolbox & technical support, & manages digital files of all kinds

### In-house resources

- GHPL supplies: laptops, microfilm reader-scanner, workspace, software, internet & ISP support, volunteer base, tea, etc...



### New Staff & Tools

- Project facilitator (LSDF)
- Assistant (JCP)
- Scanner pen, OCR software, digital camera



### Microfilm scanning

- Transfer microfilm to jpegs
- Create PDF & OCR files



### Indexing

- Establish parameters
- Input manually
- Scan existing print indexes

### Upload & Manage Files

- Ontario News Index web form
- Link to page scans



### Search & Display Features

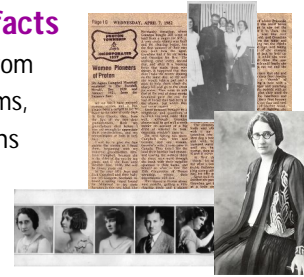
- Article and Birth, Marriage, Death indexes
- High resolution scans
- PDF for zooming & printing



<http://news.ourontario.ca/GHPL>

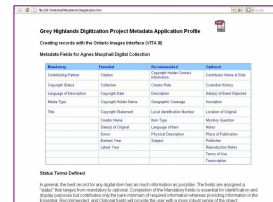
### Collect Artifacts

- Scan material from archives, museums, private collections



### Permissions & Copyright

- Respect donors' rights:
- Chase copyright to the source!



### Create records

- Metadata profile: Dublin Core & Ontario Images database fields

- Upload using VITAIII record management & web form

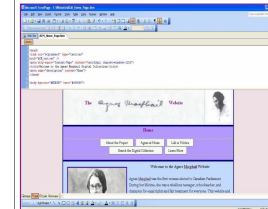
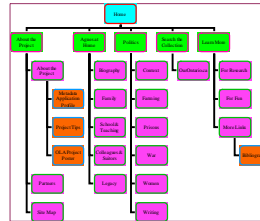
### Display Features

- Link to host library
- Electronic postcards
- Mystery questions
- Interactive comments section
- & more...

<http://images.ourontario.ca/Macphail/>

### Website Design

- Who are your users?
- Plot out web site structure and content
- Allow room to grow!



### Building the Site

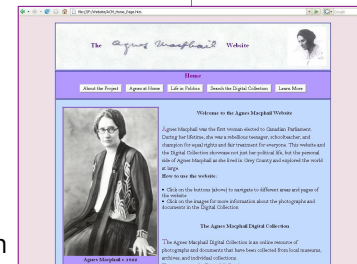
- Use an editor like FrontPage, GoLive or DreamWeaver

### User Feedback

- Publish prototype, get user feedback
- Refine site, correct mistakes & gather ideas for future development

### Launch onto WWW!

- Project tips for other libraries
- Document best practices & legacy information for new staff
- Bibliographic resources & related links
- Link to Digital Collection



<http://www.greyhighlandspubliclibrary.com/AgnesMacphail>



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