#### **DALNET's Digital Collections Survey**

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#### 1. Describe the collection that may is a candidate for digitization

I am interested in digitizing approximately 800 speeches given by black abolitionists between 1830 and 1865 as part of their efforts for the American and international Anti-slavery movements. This represents about 6% of the broader collection of documents in the Black Abolitionist Archives. The speeches are scannable text appropriate for presentation in OCR format. This part of the collection is static in nature.

# 2. Why is this collection valuable? Why is it unique? Any special significance to Southeastern Michigan? What is the importance of digitizing it? Who will benefit?

Digitizing the collection will make these speeches broadly available to university and secondary students and instructors worldwide, as well as the general user. It will also make them searchable electronically. This should be of interest to scholars and students in history, minority studies, literature, rhetoric, and social movements. There is no collection -- in print or electronic format -- that presents such a thorough portrait of the work and intellectual content of black abolitionism, a movement concerned with both ending slavery and obtaining civil rights and equality -- a movement I term "America's first civil rights movement." Some of these speeches emerge from Detroit's small but militant group of black abolitionists in the 1840s and 1850s

# 3. Are you aware of any potential funding sources (Grants, foundation, and your institution)? If yes, please describe.

I am currently seeking external funding for related projects re the Black Abolitionist Archives. A significant portion of the work can probably be accomplished with student assistance, under my supervision and that of my research assistant in the archives.

Is there any written information describing the collection (index cards, computer databases, registrar, MARC records)? If yes, please describe.

A brochure describes the broader collection, and a published guidebook (available in many reference libraries) lists all 14,000 documents in the broader collection. My research assistant is in the process of identifying the speeches in the collection

Please return this survey to Karen Tubolino by (February 8, 2001).

Ms. Karen Tubolino OO1R-I, Chief, Information and Media Section, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, 4646 John R, Detroit, MI 48201, PHONE: (313) 576-1085, FAX: (313) 576-1048, Karen. Tubolino@med.va.gov

IHDC December 4, 2000

IHDC Digital Projects Proposal Follow-up Interview Questions
PROJECT: Speeches by Black Abolitionists (UDM)
Summary prepared by W. Cromwell-Kessler

#### General questions:

- 1. Goal of the project is to digitize selected speeches and supporting documents to create a coherent information resource..
- 2. Sponsoring organization (UDM) is a full membjer
- 3. Contact: Leo Papa (313-993-1074) or George Libbey
- 4. Contact/project manager will oversee work in conjunction with a faculty "sponsor:
- 5. No deadlines to meet
- 6. Project Starting & ending date: on or after Sept. 1 2001; to be completed August 31, 2002.

#### Subject:

- 1. DALNET niche is cultural history
- 2. Could potentially relate to collections from other institutions (DPL, Reuther and other collections in UDM as well)
- 3. This is a "known" and finite collection; digitizing it will make more widely available and easily available as well as enhance other Hub projects.
- 4. Potential audience is wide; academic researchers; popular (elementary & hight school, etc.)
- 5. SE Michigan tie in obvious (early site for abilitionist activity); also has Winsor tie-in
- 6. Temple Univ. has related collections (URL?)

#### Status:

- 1. Collection is inventoried/sorted and finding aids exist.
- 2. Collection is finite; consists of ca. 14000 documents; plan is to digitize 800 speeches n the first phase (which is the current project).

#### Resources:

- This project has strong support from the UDM library faculty since it represents an important UDM resource from a well-established repository (Black Abolitionist Archive)
- UDM will provide expertise to carry out the project and does not require DALNET personnel support other than occaisional advice for purposes of good integration.
- 3. UDM would like to secure financial support from DALNET.
- 4. There may be potential to recover costs by distributing CD/DVDs of digitized materials.
- 5. A exact budget had not been prepared at the time of the interview
- Possible cooperative potential might be explored between sites such as HFGV, DPL's Burton collection etc. which may have related types of materials that could be exploited for grant, etc. proposals.

- Project is not dependent on DALNET sponsorship and would be done for UDM without DALNET help; however, DALNET sponsorship will make it easier to do and to do well.
- 8. Once the project is completed, UDM will continue to add to it and will enhance presentation its linkages, both internal & external.

#### Legal Issues:

- 1. No rights issues
- 2. Some items have copyright issues; they will not be digitized or UDM will secure have permissions when necessary.
- 3. No software-licensing isues or access restrictions.
- No charges are mandated for access to this material (apart for possible sale of CD/DVD packages)

### Enhancements/Preservation Issues:

- 1. Digitization will increase access to this material
- 2. Materials do not require preservation.
- 3. Digitization will not harm source materials.

### Technical Feasibility

- Techical needs (re DALNET) depend on establishing digital labs; UDM has submitted proposals for equipment under terms of DALNET grant (UDM will be a digital lab site).
- Horizon database (if used) will use DALNET server; images will reside on local UDM server).



Dear Margaret Auer,

Your institution's project Black Abolitionists Archives has been selected as one to the initial pilot digitization projects selected by the Information Hub Development Committee and proved by the Board of Directors. We all are anxious to get the projects underway and completed by January 2003.

The monies used to initiate the pilot projects have been made available through the Ameritech Foundation grant through the Friends of the Detroit Public Library. DALNET must account for the progress of the projects and all expenditures. To facilitate the reporting we ask that you submit by January 15, 2002, a brief project timeline indicating key milestones (a one page summary is sufficient).

Brief project progress reports will be required on a quarterly basis. These reports should be no more than one page (a bulleted outline is fully acceptable). Due dates for the reports are:

March 20, 2002 June 30, 2002 September 30, 2002

A complete final report is due January 31, 2003.

The total amount allocated for your project is \$15,000. Funds will be issued on a reimbursement basis. You may request reimbursement on a monthly or quarterly basis, or request complete reimbursement in one payment at project completion. Please use the enclosed voucher form to request grant funds. Any allocated monies not spent by January 31, 2003 will be reallocated to the American Foundation grant.

As always, the DALNET staff is available to assist you. Please outline your specific needs for server space, web-related issues, and access schedules to the digital labs.

Please forward all reports, reimbursement requests and staff assistance needs to:

Duryea Callaway
Chair, Information Hub Development Committee
3301 David Adamany Undergraduate Library
Wayne State University
Detroit, Mi 48202
aa4353@wayne.edu
(313) 577-9056

CC: Leo Papa

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