

October 2008: The Califa Group and Northern Micrographics Begin the Fourth Year of Partnership

October 2008 marks the beginning of the fourth year of the partnership between The Califa Library Group and Northern Micrographics as they work together to help California libraries digitize images for the Local History Digital Resources Project.

Throughout this multi-year partnership, California libraries have submitted books, scrapbooks, political buttons, photographs, negatives, and other source material to the La Crosse, Wisconsin facility. More than 9,000 images submitted by more than 46 California libraries have been scanned to high resolution master images. Additionally, Northern Micrographics develops technical metadata and creates derivative images for the web and other access points.

The LHDRP is a multi-year pilot project to explore a model to aggregate, preserve, and provide permanent public access to local history digital resources via a statewide online access point. The LHDRP is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act through the California State Library. The Califa Library Group (www.califa.org) is a membership-based service bureau designed to provide member-enhanced, value-added services to all California libraries.