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## Open Funding Call for Four New Projects

June 3, 2014 -- From the documentary history of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) to the family records of a British provisioning plantation founded on the eastern tip of Long Island in 1652, REVEAL DIGITAL is pleased to announce four projects open for library funding.

### The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Digital Archive, 1960-1969



**OVERVIEW:** Founded in 1960 by students involved in early sit-ins at lunch-counters and businesses in the South, SNCC became a leading organizing and action arm of the civil rights movement. Loosely organized but dogged in its commitment to end segregation, the young SNCC activists played (and play) a critical role in the ongoing fight for to obtain equal rights for all Americans.

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**CONTENT:** The Collection will house primary source material related to SNCC. This includes official SNCC documents (correspondence, memorandum, speeches, press releases, reports, financial records, field reports, newspapers, flyers, posters, photos, etc.), personal papers (as they relate to SNCC activities), news clippings and government documents. Documents will be stored at the item level with item and folder level metadata. The collection is expected to contain over 200,000 pages of material.

### Weaving Threads of Justice: Highlander Center Digital Archive, 1932-1983



**OVERVIEW:** Founded in 1932 by Miles Horton, the Highlander Folk School has provided education, training and community leadership for early labor union organizing efforts in the South, served as a training

center for many civil rights leaders and organizations, held voter registration workshops and founded Citizenship Schools to fight segregation. Still active today, Highlander continues to fight for economic and environmental justice throughout Appalachia.

**CONTENT:** The Collection includes: administrative files, a large number of audio and video recordings (workshops, Advisory and Executive meetings, addresses and speeches, trials and hearings, and publicity), newsletters and other serial publications, pamphlets, correspondence, documentary films,

photographs, government documents and news clippings. Plays and music were in integral part of the Highlander experience and we're including recordings of plays and musical performances, songbooks, sheet music and scripts.

## The Liberation News Service Digital Archive, 1967-1981



**OVERVIEW:** The Liberation News Service was a left-wing news agency. It offered its subscribers news packets, including photographs, twice a week. Established by Marshall Bloom and Raymond Mungo in 1967, and at its height LNS had several hundred subscribers, mostly college, underground and progressive community newspapers. The packets contained current news, features, opinion pieces, poetry, photographs, cartoons and artwork that documented the

progressive movements and counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s.

**CONTENT:** The digital archive will include the complete collection of both photographs and news packets sent to subscribers during the 15-year life of the service, plus thousands of unpublished photographs. Where known, photographer names, places and dates will be associated with each image. Users of the collection will be encouraged to provide additional subject tags for images should they recognize people, places or events.

## The Sylvester Manor Digital Archive



**OVERVIEW:** Sylvester Manor is the home of the original European settlers on Shelter Island in eastern Long Island, New York. For over 350 years and continuing to this day, the Manor has remained with descendants of the original Sylvesters.

In its early years, Sylvester Manor served as a northern provisioning plantation for the Sylvester's sugar cane plantations in Barbados. In addition to the Sylvester family, the Manor was home to Native Americans and slaves from Africa. In subsequent years, the Manor was the home of important politicians and scientists. Notable historical figures

include Ezra L'Hommedieu, an attorney and politician who advised President Washington and designed and built the Montauk Point lighthouse; Samuel Smith Gardiner, an attorney from a prominent family of eastern Long Island; and Eben Norton Horsford, a scientist and entrepreneur best known for his reformulation of baking powder.

**CONTENT:** The Sylvester Manor Archive contains an enormous array of documents which reflect all aspects of life on Shelter Island from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The collection includes business and legal documents alongside religious, poetry, cooking and gardening literature. The content will be valuable to scholars in numerous disciplines.



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