Statement Regarding Accessibility Levels of Born-Digital Materials

Despite our best efforts to ensure the long-term preservation and access to the materials contained in this package, there may be some limitations related to accessibility and renderability. Below is a description of known limitations, and potential solutions regarding the materials you may encounter.

Much of the material available in DeepBlue was acquired by the Bentley Historical Library on various types of digital storage devices and via cloud storage. The storage devices range from floppy disks, optical discs, flash storage, and Dropbox/Google Drive. In order to preserve the materials effectively we must carefully migrate the digital files to storage that is contemporary and optimized for long-term preservation. We employ best practices to analyze and migrate digital files from donated storage devices to DeepBlue for preservation and access.

As a result of the legacy nature of some of the digital materials we receive, some digital files are difficult to access with contemporary software. This also means that some files may be inaccessible at present. Additionally, not all of these materials include screen-reader compatible full-text, accurate captioning, transcripts, accessibly formatted pdfs, and/or alt-text descriptions. As it becomes possible to do so, we will expand and improve access to legacy file formats based on emerging best practices and tool development.

If you have questions about access to files, file formats, or storage devices used to transfer the materials to the Bentley Historical Library, please contact us at bhl-accessibility@umich.edu for more information.

If you are unable to use this material in its current form, you can request accessibility remediation through bhl-accessibility@umich.edu.

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