

# THE ARCHIVAL ADVOCATE

*A newsletter from the Columbus State University Archives and Special Collections*

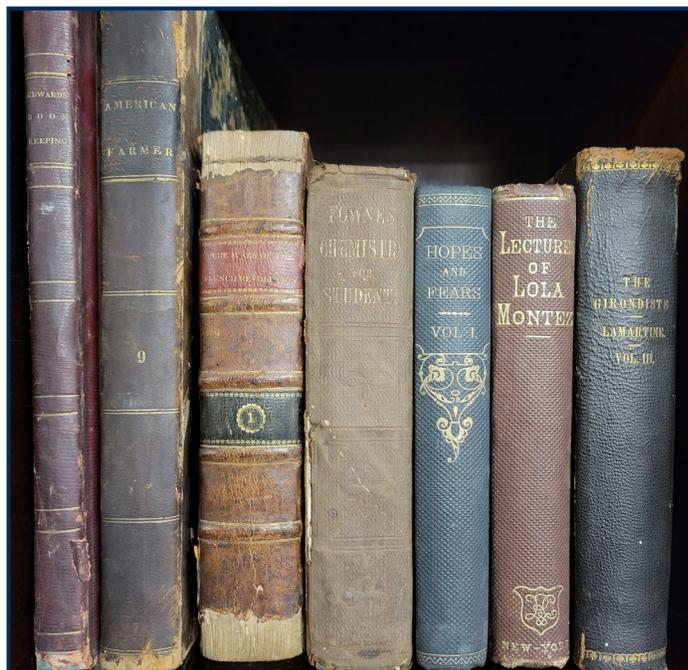
## Archives Receives Original Library of Books Belonging to Columbus' First Mayor

Earlier this year the Schley family generously donated a collection of books that originally belonged to the Fontaine family, including John Fontaine, who served as Columbus' first mayor from 1836 - 1837.

John Fontaine, born in 1792, was an early settler in Columbus along with his wife Mary Ann Stewart, who was born in 1808. Together they had five children: Henrietta, Mary, Benjamin, Theophilus, Francis, and George.

The family library would have been used for both education and leisurely reading. It ranges from 1819 to the 1860s and includes topics on history, philosophy, literature, the sciences, and agriculture. Together as a collection it shows what influenced and informed the early families of Columbus including leaders such as the mayor.

Many of the books are currently on display within the Archives for visitors to see.



*Selection of books from the library of Columbus' first mayor.*

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## Letter from the Director: Grateful for Your Support

Just a few short months ago, beginning this past May, we embarked on a fundraising campaign to support the purchase of two important newspaper archives including over 100,000 historic images. Today we are happy to announce that we have successfully met our goal!

This is due entirely to your generosity; we could not have done it without your help! We are so grateful to have such extensive support and that we can rest assured knowing that we can count on our many friends in the community and around the world.

Many of our contributors to this campaign were first time donors to the Archives and Special Collections. We are excited to continue our relationship with you, including receiving this newsletter. As a way to acknowledge our donors and show our appreciation, in this issue we are including a list of those who have given this year. Please let me know if our records need updating regarding how your name is acknowledged.

We have already moved forward in purchasing the Ledger-Enquirer Newsbank database. You can read more about that resource on the next page. We continue negotiations with the seller of the historic photograph archive and hope to have news to share on that soon. Stay tuned!

Even though we have met our fundraising challenge, we are continuing to accept donations. Any contributions donated towards this project will help fund temporary staffing, including student assistants, to help process these new photographs and upload them online for all to see.

*David M. Owings  
Head of Archives and  
Special Collections*



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## Ledger-Enquirer Archives Come to Columbus

Welcome to Newsbank! This new database is available online and fully searchable, allowing researchers to explore particular years for specific keywords and view the articles online instead of panning through microfilm reels.

This resource is freely available to anyone (including the general public) on campus. Come visit us in the Archives or by using one of the computers on the main floor of the Schwob Library. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help navigating campus.

Students and employees of CSU can access Newsbank remotely from home. We also have a limited number of remote log-on accounts for community members to access this resource from home. To apply for an account, please contact the Archives staff.

The screenshot shows a search results page for "Eagle and Phenix" in the Newsbank database. The search bar at the top contains the query "Eagle and Phenix". Below the search bar, there are filters for "Columbus Daily Enquirer" and "Clear Filters". The results show 3,078 results. The first three results are visible:

- They Issue a Letter. American Trust and Banking Co. Competent to Look after Eagle and Phenix Bonds** (July 31, 1896, Columbus Daily Enquirer, published as Columbus Daily Enquirer-Sun) | Columbus, Georgia | Letters | Volume XXXVII | Issue 187 | Page [4]
- Eagle and Phenix Beats Jordan City** (July 5, 1922, Columbus Daily Enquirer, published as The Columbus Daily Enquirer) | Columbus, Georgia | News Article | Volume XCIV | Issue 221 | Page Copy of Page Seven
- Eagle and Phenix Defeats Railroaders** (May 14, 1922, Columbus Daily Enquirer, published as The Columbus Enquirer Sun) | Columbus, Georgia | News Article | Volume XCIV | Issue 170 | Page Page Three, Page Seven

Each result includes a small thumbnail image of the newspaper clipping and a "Preview" link.

## Archives Receives Excellence Award

We recently received the Excellence in Archival Program Development Award from the Georgia Archives and the University System of Georgia. The award honors an institution's actions to appropriately care for and manage archival records. We were recognized specifically for our facility enhancements, outreach efforts, and our robust internship program available to students.



*Archives receiving their award. Pictured from left to right: Tom Converse, David Owings, and Jessie Merrell. Not pictured: Martha Ragan.*

## Revisiting the Congressional Papers of Jack Brinkley

The Columbus State University Archives and Special Collections is pleased to announce the reprocessing of the Congressional Papers of Jack Brinkley.

Brinkley was born December 22, 1930 in Faceville, a small town in southern Georgia. After graduating from Young Harris College in 1949, he taught for two years until becoming a U.S. Air Force pilot. He later received his juris doctorate from the University of Georgia Law School and opened a local law practice in Columbus. Brinkley then began his political career, serving in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1964 to 1966, and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives the next year serving until 1982.

The Archives acquired the collection in 1982 as a set of three hundred fifty-seven boxes. At the time, it received only minimal processing due to staffing limitations. However, staff and student interns have recently been revisiting this important collection, focusing efforts to maximize its accessibility to potential researchers. This includes extensive efforts to review and describe materials, generating numerous keywords on topics in the collection so researchers will know what the collection contains. As a result, future researchers will be able to more easily locate the documents they need. Student interns and staff are also revising the finding aid which includes each topic in every folder and box, making it easier to navigate the hundreds of boxes available.

There are several series in the collection, such as office administration, legislative correspondence, legislative committee work, politics, personal, public relations, and artifacts, which are subject to change as processing continues. Potential research topics include civil rights, desegregation, the Vietnam War, Watergate, the Equal Rights Amendment, inflation, the energy crisis, and more. Anyone interested in local history or late twentieth century American history will find something to engage them in the Brinkley Collection.

According to Archivist Tom Converse, “Jack Brinkley's Congressional papers provide wide and deep insights into the views and activities of both Brinkley and many of his constituents during a turbulent and fascinating period in our nation's history.” Some examples of documents in the collection include information on Brinkley's efforts to include Columbus in the national interstate highway system. Another example includes numerous documents on forced busing and school desegregation. Related to the energy crisis, there are also documents on use of gasohol as demonstrated on the next page.

Those interested in the collection can reach out to the CSU Archives and Special Collections at (706) 507-8672.

*Nancy*  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
June 14, 1978

*Wednesday  
June 28  
12:30  
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Dear Colleague:

On June 28, 29 and 30, we, along with the American Automobile Association, will be sponsoring a demonstration of gasohol for Members of Congress, the Executive, interested organizations, and the media.

We have arranged to have a tank truck stationed at Pennsylvania Avenue and First Street, N.W., facing the Peace Monument, so that Members and other participants can enjoy a free fill-up of gasohol in their own cars. The gasohol will be composed of 90% unleaded regular gasoline and 10% ethanol from renewable resources.

Those of us sponsoring this demonstration believe that alcohol fuels are a near-term, promising avenue to reducing our nation's dependence on imported petroleum which, at the same time, offer the hope of boosting local economies all over the country by supplementing farm incomes and relieving the drain on urban budgets caused by waste disposal problems.

We urge you to treat yourself to a free fill-up. Our tank truck will be pumping gasohol according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday, June 28 - 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 29 - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 30 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please bring the enclosed certificate to present to the Capitol Hill Police when entering the restricted area where the gasohol will be dispensed. Also, after you have used a tankful of gasohol, please return the attached reply card with your comments on how the gasohol performed in your car.

If you would like to show your support for gasohol and be listed in the press kit as a cosponsor of this demonstration project, please call Charlotte on 55271.

Sincerely,

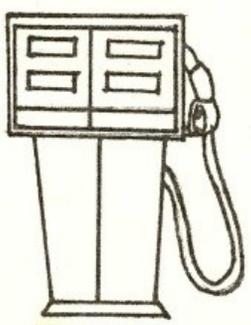
*David Emery*  
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*Dan Glickman*  
Dan Glickman

*6/15 called Charlotte in Rep. Findley's office to tell JPS will cosponsor demonstration project - AC*



**The energy crisis of the late 1970s inspired Americans to try alternative fuel sources. One of the most popular sources was "gasohol", a combination of regular gasoline with a small percentage of alcohol, often in the form of ethanol. This demonstration shows the ways in which both private companies and politicians would encourage people to use the alternative fuel sources to boost the economy and minimize the energy crisis. Jack Brinkley strongly supported the use of gasohol.**

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## “Found in the Archives” Spotlight



### A Nehi Cola Christmas Parade Float with Santa Clause, circa 1920

This photograph is from an album collected by Walter King Hatcher, brother of Claude A. Hatcher who founded the Chero-Cola Company in Columbus.

This photograph album primarily documents a bottling company located in Birmingham, Alabama where Walter King Hatcher operated. It shows the reach and impact of Chero-Cola industries (later RC Cola) outside of Columbus.

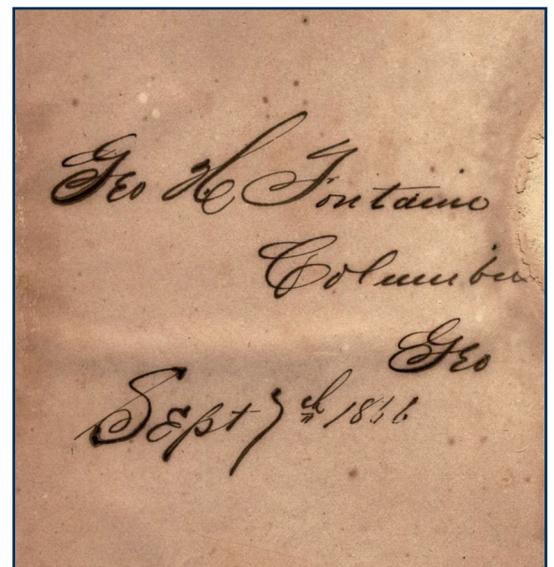
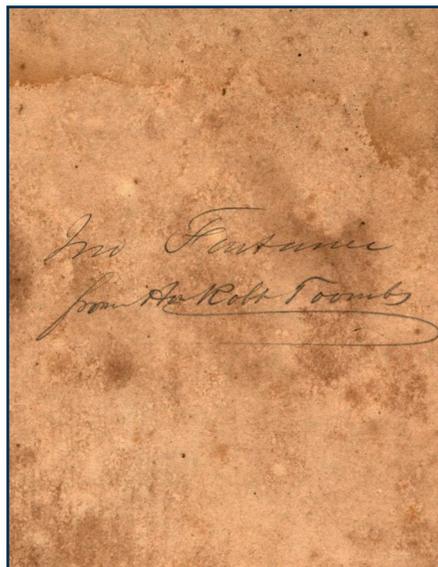
## Rare Book Corner

### Fontaine Family Library

Two books featured here show the signature of John Fontaine and his son George Fontaine.

The first is a United States Report of the Commissioner of Patents from 1856.

The second is a textbook for the study of Natural Philosophy from 1866.





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The Advocates for the Archives (AFTA) supports the Archives and Special Collections in its mission to document and preserve the history and culture of Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley area. Our annual giving program, funded by donor contributions, provides us with critical support for ensuring our collections are preserved for future generations including sending documents to specialized conservation labs for treatment when needed.

Everyone is invited to become an advocate by contributing to the annual giving program. Please consider joining; your donation is an investment in history. The Archives also welcomes physical donations of research materials. If you have, or know of, materials which relate to the history of Columbus or the surrounding area, please contact us. All contributions are tax deductible.

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