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A newsletter from the Columbus State University Archives and Special Collections

Dr. Roland B. Daniel Reading Room and Endowment

The Archives is excited to announce and celebrate the naming of the Dr. Roland B. Daniel Reading Room!

Dr. Roland B. Daniel was appointed superintendent of the Columbus school system in 1909 and served until his retirement in 1937. Perhaps the crowning achievement of his administration was the opening in 1937 of Jordan Vocational High School, a state-of-the-art industrial school. Dr. Daniel also served as chairman of the Committee on Education for the development of Columbus College, now Columbus State University. His influence on education in Columbus is still felt today.

This space is named in recognition of a generous gift from his granddaughter, Ann Cox Strub. This gift also establishes the first Archives and Special Collections Endowment! This will enable the Archives to continue its trajectory of excellence by supporting its mission long into the future. It will also support a series of research awards to recognize and encourage research and other scholarly endeavors utilizing the collections of the Archives.

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Portrait of Dr. Roland B. Daniel gifted by Ann Cox Strub

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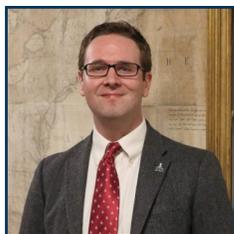
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Letter from the Director:

Dedicating the Dr. Roland B. Daniel Reading Room and Celebrating our Inaugural Endowment

A consummate educator, a community leader, and a giant in his profession.

These words inscribed on the plaque officially dedicating the Dr. Roland B. Daniel Reading Room encapsulate the life long legacy of an individual whose impact on education few can equal. His overall unwavering love and dedication to education and research is a passion we seek to aspire to in all of our work.

I could not be prouder to dedicate our Reading Room in memory of Dr. Roland B. Daniel. One of our primary missions in the Archives is preserving the past, but we are equally committed to public access and usage of our priceless collections for public enrichment and in support of education, research, and scholarship. All of which aligns with the legacy of Dr. Daniel's lifelong work. That legacy will now endure in perpetuity as part of the Columbus State University Archives and Special Collections.

Just as I could not be prouder for naming the Dr. Daniel Reading room, I could not be more grateful for Mrs. Strub's support and generosity to Columbus State and to the Archives. Mrs. Strub's generosity has established our very first inaugural endowment! This will secure the Archives' operations long into the future. Recurring funds generated from this endowment will enable us to directly support research and education of our students by offering annual awards and scholarships. These awards will recognize the scholarly contributions or research excellence of those who use our collection in the archives. It will also support paid internships for students to gain practical hands on experience in the archives profession.

As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary this year, this major milestone in establishing an Archives endowment affirms to all that we have built something truly special in the Archives at CSU, and it positions us to continue growing and excelling in all that we do!

*David M. Owings
Director, Archives and
Special Collections*



Images from the reception dedicating the Dr. Roland B. Daniel Reading Room



Cartographic America

Cartographic America: Selections from the J. Kyle Spencer Map Collection is officially released and available for purchase!

This visually stunning and intellectually rich work by David Owings and Dr. Eric Spears was curated from the university's one-of-a-kind J. Kyle Spencer map collection.

The 123-page, coffee table-style book charts nearly 300 years of American historical geography from the late 1500s to the late 1800s. It uses the unique J. Kyle Spencer Map Collection—housed in the Columbus State University Archives & Special Collections since 2013—as a lens to illuminate some of the most pivotal years of American history.



Authors David Owings (left) and Dr. Eric Spears (right) present a copy of Cartographic America to Tracy Spencer (middle).

“Collectively, these maps document the evolution of the Americas—including Europeans’ first contact with local indigenous tribes, expansive colonization by the British, colonial revolution and the United States’ ultimate independence,” Owings explained. “Each of these maps has its own incredible story, and as such, we have strived to contextualize each in its original historical period to provide readers a unique way to discover the past.”

As Columbus State faculty members and scholars in their respective fields, both Owings and Spears spent at least a year researching and drafting commentaries for each map in the book. Those commentaries accurately depict and frame the maps in their historical time periods. As a result, the book has broad academic and teaching applications— not just in the United States, but internationally, considering that many of the book’s maps are of British and French origin.

“*Cartographic America* offers a compelling journey through the early European formation of North America. By examining historical geography, this book provides a uniquely spatial perspective on the colonial competition among the British, French and Spanish, and their collective impact on the First Nations in the American Southeast,” said Spears, whose academic specialty is geography.

Some early reviews are already coming with experts praising the publication:

“Maps occupy a curious place: part utility and part art. This is evident in the book ‘Cartographic America: Selections from the J. Kyle Spencer Map Collection.’ Here we have a lovely book that explores this division with maps of North America from the earliest European exploration to the late nineteenth century, with emphasis on the Southeast, and with a chapter devoted to maps of Georgia before and after statehood.” —Stephen Goldfarb, Ph.D., historian and retired Alabama-Fulton Public Library reference librarian

“A visual feast for anyone interested in early maps of the Americas—especially the Southeast and the Caribbean. Whether you are simply a history buff or an academician, there’s something for everyone here...” —Robert Gamble, senior architectural historian emeritus, Alabama Historical Commission

“This book is a joy, being well written and edited with a good layout and sharply defined maps. It will be useful not only for historical and geographic research but also just for reading pleasure.” —Stanley W. Trimble, Ph.D., author and professor emeritus of geography, UCLA

“The result [of ‘Cartographic America’] is a tour de force through Georgia and American history that is both revealing and provocative. The book is a riot of color and a celebration of design, but also a tangible resource for understanding several important eras of our nation’s past.” —Mike Bunn, author and historian

Cartographic America is available for purchase locally at the CSU Bookstore which is operated by Barnes and Nobles and can be shipped nationally and internationally by purchasing through the B&N website.

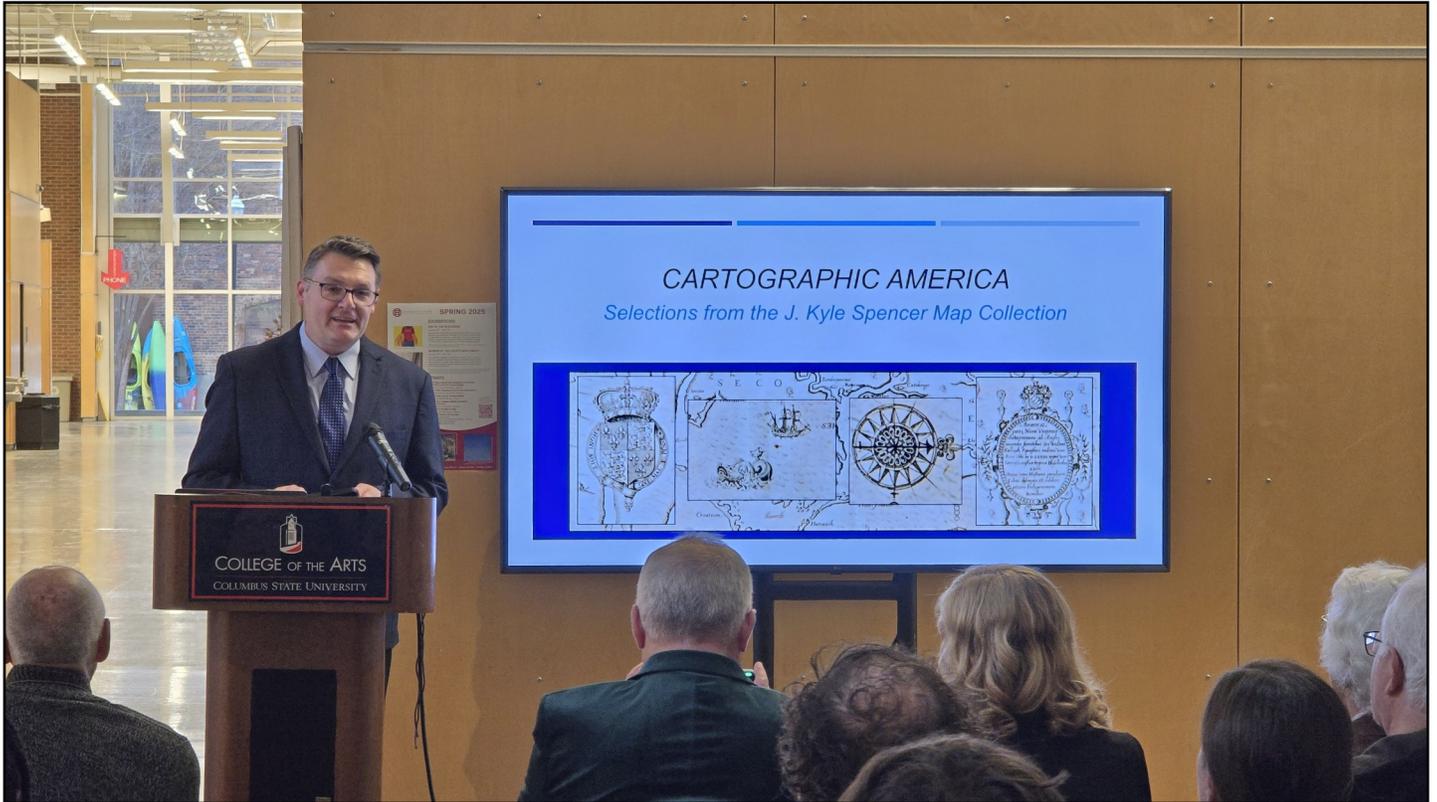


Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

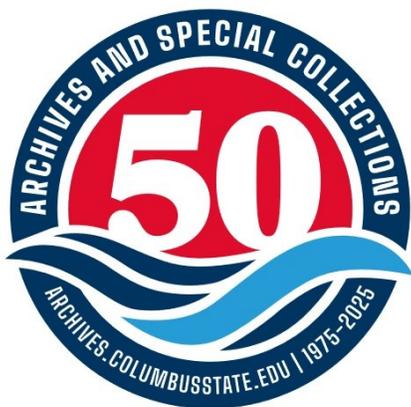
We kicked off our 50th anniversary celebrations with an exhibition of the Spencer Maps in the Illges Gallery of the Visual Arts! We also hosted a formal reception, gallery talk, and book signing!



Visitors exploring the map exhibit



Authors Dr. Eric Spears and David Owings give a gallery talk



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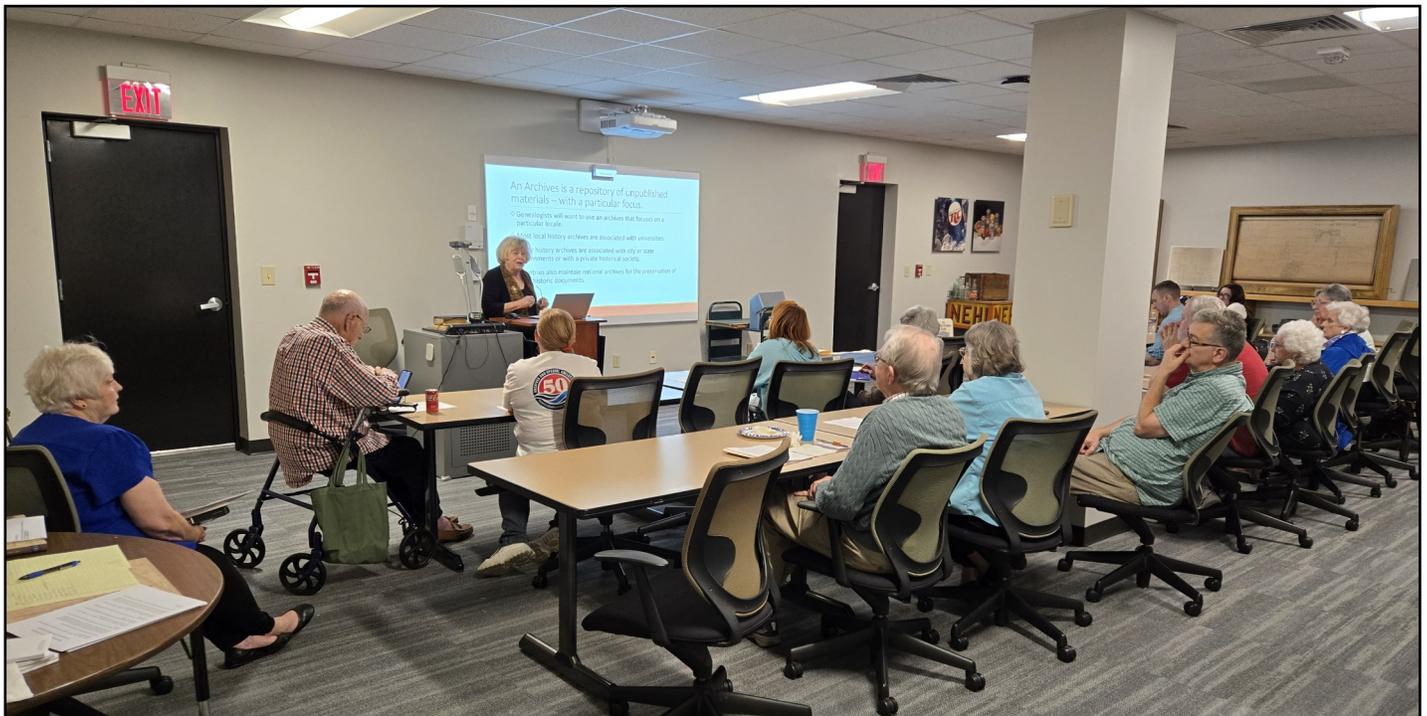
In March, Dr. Bryan Banks and Cathy Fussell presented on the legends of tunnels in Columbus! Jack Schley also shared his research on the Marquis de Lafayette's travels through Georgia. In April, we hosted a genealogy and family history workshop partnering with the Muscogee Genealogical Society. We also featured an artist talk with Kenny Gray (next page). We ended the Spring Semester with an EPIC 50 ft Scrambled Dog! Check back next issue for a full recap of that event!



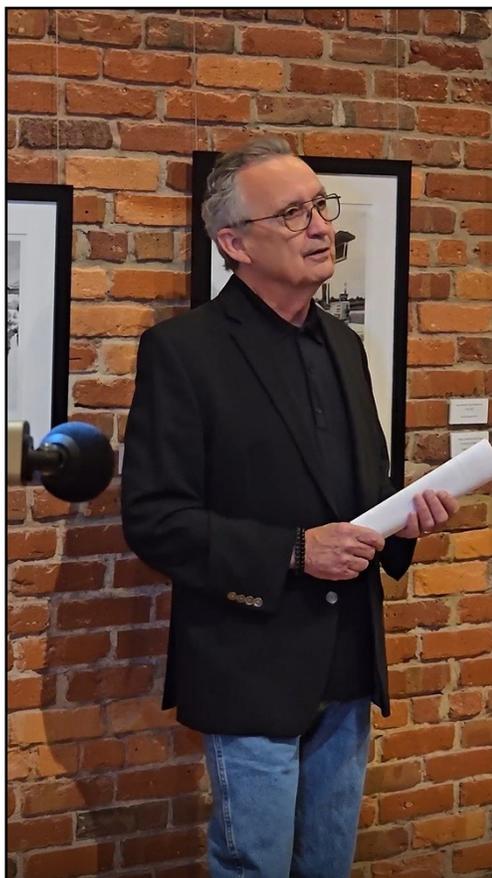
March 11: Tunnels Beneath Columbus Lecture with Dr. Bryan Banks and Cathy Fussell



March 27: The Legend of Lafayette talk by Jack Schley



April 12: Genealogy and Family History Workshop



Kenny Gray's *My Southside*

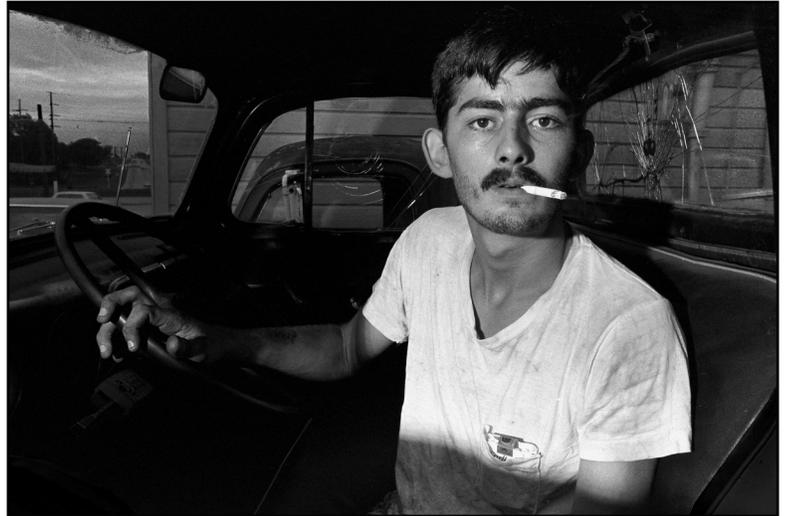
Last year we partnered with the Do Good Fund to exhibit fifty prints from artist Kenny Gray. These prints represent a series of photographs collectively exhibited as *My Southside*.

Kenny Gray's compelling photography captures the Southside of Columbus in the 1970s and 1980s. Kenny's photographs document the everyday lives of people from backyards and kitchens to tattoo parlors and bars. The exhibit presents images that are both works of art and glimpses of a community frozen in time.

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations we are bringing the *My Southside* exhibit back! It is currently on display in the main campus Schwob Library Forum on the first floor and will remain on display throughout the summer.



Kenny Gray installs his My Southside photographs in the main campus Schwob Library Forum.



A selection of images from Kenny Gray's My Southside exhibit.

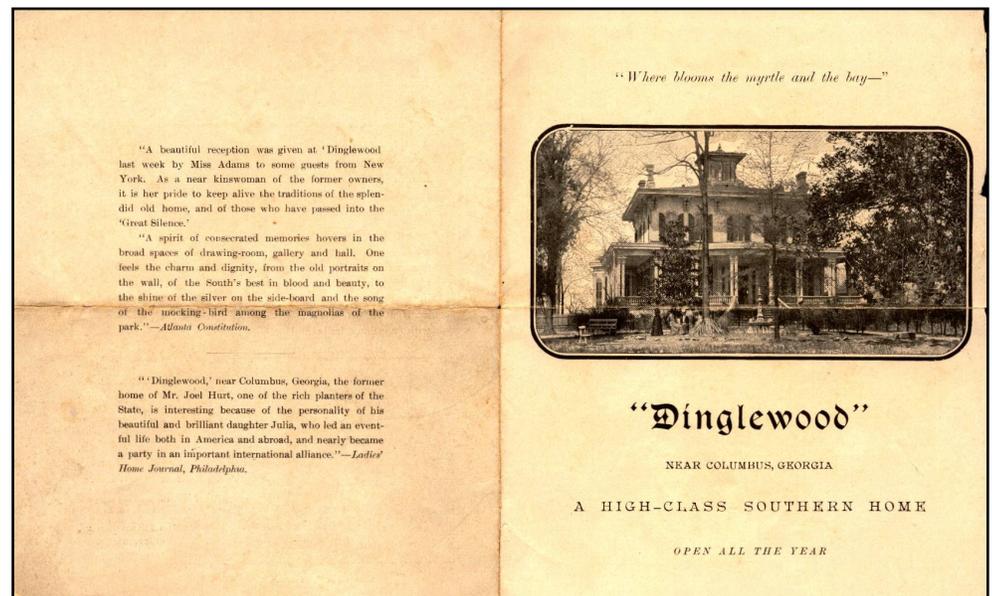
New in Acquisitions

For this issue we are featuring a truly amazing and rare find: a scrapbook showcasing the historic Dinglewood home! This scrapbook features candid scenes of the home, its residents, and surrounding property. Made at the turn of the twentieth century it represents a unique look at Columbus life, society, and culture.

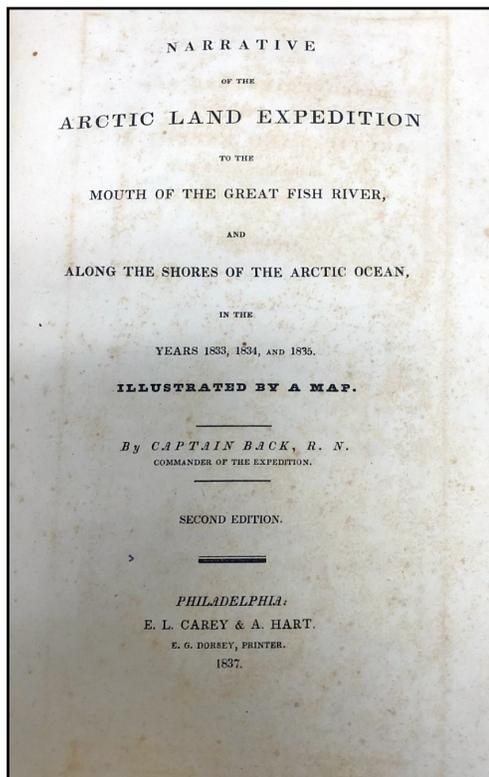
The home was built in 1859 in the Italianate-Style by Joel Early Hurt and his wife Frances Flournoy Hurt. Upon the passing of Mr. Hurt in 1865, his wife and daughter, Julia, inherited the home. In 1899, the home passed to Frances Hurt's sister Martha Adams and her daughter Fannie Adams. The scrapbook belonged to Fannie and her friend Annie G. Hinde who lived at the home until her death in 1947.

We want to thank Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. and the Hinde family for the donation and transfer of this scrapbook to the Archives this Spring and for all of their advocacy and support!

Selected photographs from the scrapbook showing farm animals, an advert for "Dinglewood" as a boarding house, residents and friends on the property, and a woman in the driveway.



Rare Book Corner



Back, George. *Narrative of the Arctic Land Expedition to the Mouth of the Great Fish River, and Along the Shores of the Arctic Ocean, in the Years 1833, 1834, and 1835.* 2nd ed.

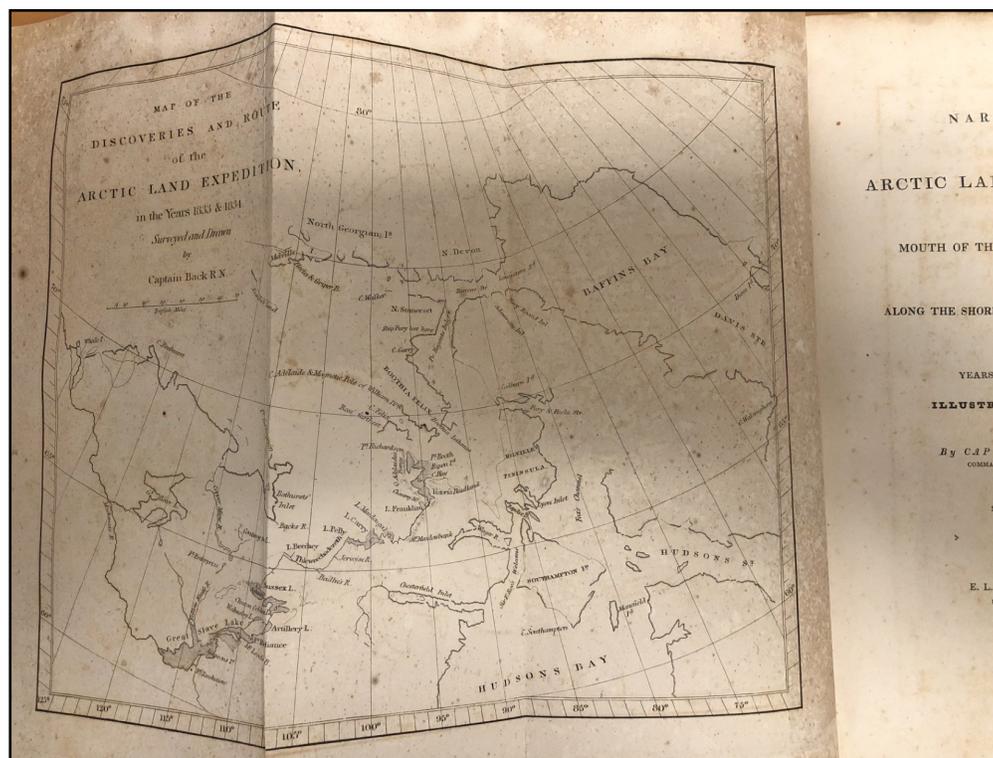
Philadelphia: E.L. Carey & A. Hart, 1837 (Call Number: G650 1833.B14)

I always recommend reading a book about Arctic exploration on a hot summer day as a way to cool off. This account of Captain George Back's expedition to chart the Great Fish River in Northern Canada is one of the first rare books that made up the Archives' collection when it opened its doors in 1975. Loretto Chappell donated this book as part of her family's library, so this polar book has lived in Columbus for many years now, and may have even been purchased here in a local bookstore soon after its publication in Philadelphia in 1837.

The Great Fish River plays a major role in the history of Arctic exploration. Just ten years after Back's expedition returned to England, the ill-fated Franklin Expedition set sail in search of the Northwest Passage. After several years of being stuck in the ice on King William Island, the remaining men of the Franklin Expedition attempted to walk south to the mouth of the Great Fish River to reach safety.

Unfortunately, no one made it the seemingly-insurmountable 900 miles and all 129 members of the expedition perished. The exact nature of their demise was an object of mystery for many years.

- Adam V. Doskey





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The Advocates for the Archives (AFTA) supports the Archives 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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