

THE ARCHIVAL ADVOCATE

A newsletter from the Columbus State University Archives and Special Collections

Celebrating Student Research in the Archives

One of the most rewarding aspects of our work in a university archive is the opportunity to engage with students and directly support their academic success. Every semester we host students who utilize our primary source collections to support their research projects on a wide range of topics. Many of these students are interacting with and studying archival sources for the very first time.

For those introductory classes that require archival research, we host orientation sessions that provide an overview of what an archive is, the type of work archivists do, and the types of materials they will find in our collections. We also teach students how to analyze primary sources. Students learn to interpret original documents while considering the context in which it was created. They must decide what stories the documents tell, which often requires reading volumes of letters before the full story emerges and sometimes even learning to read cursive.

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Students from Dr. Bryan Banks' Historical Methods Class discovering the collections of the Archives.

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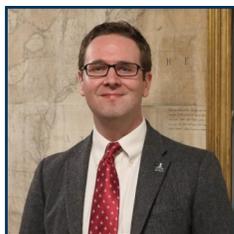
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Letter from the Director:
*Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the
J. Kyle Spencer Map Collection*

In 2013, Mr. J. Kyle Spencer formally donated his collection of rare and antique maps to the Columbus State University Archives and Special Collections. This collection of maps is one he carefully curated over his lifetime and includes many invaluable and historically significant maps for both American history and geography. It spans nearly three hundred years ranging from the late 1500s to the late 1800s and covers North America as a whole, while also focusing on the Southeastern United States, and the state of Georgia.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the J. Kyle Spencer Map Collection! To celebrate this occasion, I have been working with Dr. Eric Spears, Professor of Geography and Director of CSU's Center for Global Engagement, to curate a selection of maps for publication in a hardcover, coffee-table sized book. We have worked diligently over the past year to review each map in the collection and research and draft commentaries for each.

This upcoming book uses the impressive Spencer Map Collection as a lens to illuminate some of the most pivotal years of American history and geography. Collectively, these maps document the evolution of the Americas from the first contact of Europeans with local indigenous tribes, to the establishment of expansive colonial nations, and the ultimate independence and formation of the United States. Each one of these maps has its own incredible story, and as such, we have strived to contextualize each in its original historical time period to provide readers a unique way to discover the past.

The book will be published by the Donald L. Jordan Endowed CSU Press with generous support provided by Katherine Jordan Waddell. It is currently scheduled for release later this year. Be on the lookout for more information soon including upcoming book talks and signings!



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

Featured Highlights

New Exhibit: Spring Harbor is currently hosting a selection of original watercolors by local artist Gloria Sampson. On loan from the collections of the Archives, these watercolors document historic churches and temples across the state of Georgia. This is the first exhibit on loan to Spring Harbor with future ideas already in the works.



Meeting in the Archives: The Tea Olive Garden Club recently visited the Archives for a luncheon where they heard news and updates about our latest projects in. They also viewed the Tea Olive Collection of historic documents and scrapbooks as well as those of other local organizations.

Pictured, L to R: Katherine Waddell, Helen Brooks, Frances Boyce, Vandy Middleton and Margaret McCormick.

Digitizing Maps: Professional photographer and director of the Rankin Arts Photography Studio Kenny Gray works to digitally image the J. Kyle Spencer Map Collection. These images will be featured in the upcoming coffee table book that is scheduled to be released later this year. The digitized images will also be available for researchers upon request.



The Story of Isabel Garrard Patterson: Archaeology Records Transferred to the Archives from the Columbus Museum



*Portrait of Isabel Patterson
Courtesy of the Columbus Museum*

In preparation for their recent renovations, the Columbus Museum recently donated several filing cabinets of archival materials primarily related to local archaeology. One of these cabinets contained the papers of Isabel Garrard Patterson, a local archaeology enthusiast and champion for historic preservation of Native American sites.

Isabel Garrard was born on December 23, 1894, at her family home known as “Wildwood.” The home was built in 1831, and was the birthplace of Columbus author Augusta Evans Wilson. She married Herman Wayne Patterson in 1915 and remained at “Wildwood” until her death in 1955.

This exciting collection covers Isabel's involvement in archaeology during the 1930s and 1940s. She was instrumental in pairing Works Progress Administration funding with dig sites around Georgia. She specifically worked on the Bull Creek site here in Columbus, the Ocmulgee site (now a National Park) in Macon, and the Irene Mound site in Savannah. Her collection of Native American artifacts was requested for exhibitions at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and Indian Springs State Park here in Georgia.

Patterson was an active member of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia and through those connections she was instrumental in the creation of the Hernando de Soto Commission in 1940, which celebrated the 400th anniversary of de Soto's journey through the Southern United States. The celebrations included parades, reenactments, and installation of commemorative markers along the route. The Commission was passed by the U.S. Congress and was the first one created to mark a historical event.

Other notable materials include Garrard family history and correspondence with the President of the University of Georgia regarding the creation of a Chair of Archaeology. Not only did Patterson assist in securing funding for this position, but she was also able to propose several promising candidates.

The Isabel Garrard Patterson Papers (MC 443) consists of sixteen boxes of correspondence, personal notes, essay manuscripts, photographs, and reel-to-reel film. The collection is fully processed and open for researchers.

For more information visit:

archivesspace.columbusstate.edu/repositories/2/resources/476



Images showing Isabel Patterson at the Bull Creek Site

Celebrating Student Research *(continued from page 1)*

The Historical Methods course is one we regularly work with to help familiarize history students with archival research. According to history professor and department chair, Dr. Bryan Banks, “The CSU Archives and Special Collections give students an opportunity to work with unique materials hands-on. No matter what their research topic, the CSU archival team is able to find materials that elucidate interesting local and global perspectives.”

Other courses that regularly visit the Archives includes Dr. Joelle Bonamy’s Spanish Phonetics class, which works on translating our Spanish language oral histories and Dr. Stacy Blersch’s Hydrology class that studies the tri-state water wars and the usage of the Chattahoochee River.

Examples of student research projects using our archival collections include:

- *Textile Labor Strikes*
- *Civil War era recipes*
- *The Legacy of General Henry Benning*
- *Memorialization of the Battle of Columbus*
- *Local author Carson McCullers*
- *History of the Public Education System in Columbus*
- *Famous Musicians in Columbus such as Ma Rainey and Blind Tom*
- *Women’s Suffrage*
- *Folk Art—Pasaquan*



Left: Students explore the Civil War era letters from Private James Fuller

Right: Students discover microfilmed collections

“Found in the Archives” Spotlight

Pretty as a picture—and it's easier than you think. Shaleen hosiery makes your legs prettier, smarter, more fashionably correct. Awaiting your selection are fashion co-ordinated colors for late Summer and early Fall. Wear them with your light travel tweeds, wool spectator frocks, dark prints and formals. Enjoy the luxury of the finest silk, the comfort and beauty of unique fashioning, the long wear of inborn quality. And the reasonable price will please you, too.

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Shannon Hosiery Mill Advertisement

Before moving to its current location, Columbus College was originally located at the Shannon Hosiery Mill on Talbotton Avenue.

This advertisement from the Shannon features Shaleen stockings that they manufactured in Columbus.

This ad was originally published in *Mademoiselle Magazine* in August 1940 and was drawn by the artist Major Felten.

From SMC 175.

Rare Book Corner

Gunn's Domestic Medicine, or Poor Man's Friend, in the Hours of Affliction, Pain, and Sickness

This book, published in 1840, was written by Dr. John C. Gunn. It covers dozens of illnesses, their symptoms, and their treatments.

Common ailments such as headaches, toothaches, and sore throats are included as well as more serious conditions such as liver disease, cancer, and inflammation of the brain.

These two pages feature treatments for the common cold and inflammation of the kidneys.

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REMEDIES.

Immediately before going to bed, bathe the feet and legs in warm water fifteen or twenty minutes; then wipe and rub them perfectly dry, and wrap them carefully in warm dry flannels. After lying down, take a large drink of warm sage, balm, or hyssop tea, or any thing else that will sweat moderately. If the head is much stopped up with the cold, you may relieve yourself in a sitting posture, by covering the head with flannel or a blanket, and producing a steam beneath and surrounding the head; this can easily be done by placing a hot rock in a crock or basin, and gradually dripping water on it, at the same time holding the vessel on your lap, and closing all the avenues by which the steam might escape from about your head, excepting one through which you are to breathe. This will give much relief in a short time. My practice in the commencement of a cold is, to give an emetic or puke, which in nine cases out of ten relieves the patient at once, and cuts short the advance of the fever: see table for dose. When fever is very considerable, with violent pain in the head, indicating inflammation, the loss of some blood would be advisable: after which, give a tea-spoonful of *antimonial wine*, every three hours, in any kind of drink; this will determine to the surface, or in other words produce a gentle moisture on the skin, and allay the feverish symptoms. The bowels should be purged moderately, by the daily use of Epsom salts, in small quantities, dissolved in cold water. If there be any pain in the chest or side, after employing the above remedies, put a blister over the part affected with pain, and keep it running as long as possible; look under the head Blisters. The diet in

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In this disease, there is always great pain in the small of the back, similar to that felt in cholera, but seated much nearer the back-bone and loins. There is also, in this complaint, a deadness and numbness of feeling in the upper part of the thigh; considerable sickness at the stomach; a great desire to make water frequently, which is done with much difficulty, and in small quantities at a time. The urine or water is of a deep red colour, showing that there is great internal fever; the slightest motion gives pain; and, even in sitting upright in bed, the patient is extremely restless, always receiving more ease by lying on the affected part. Sometimes one of the testicles is retracted or drawn up, so that you can scarcely feel it. The complaint is brought on by great exertions in lifting; by violent and sudden sprains; by exposure to cold when over-heated; by lying on the damp ground; and by too frequent intercourse with women. Sometimes the disease is produced by hard substances, calculus, stone or gravel formed in the kidneys: and I have known two or three instances of its having been produced in young persons by that horrible practice called by physicians Onanism.

REMEDIES.

Like all other inflammations, that of the kidneys requires the free use of the lancet; always repeating the bleeding from the arm, as the urgency and severity of the symptoms may seem to require. Cup freely over the small of the back; (for cupping read under that head.) Apply flannel cloths, wrung out of hot water, to the small of the back; and give glysters of warm



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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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