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Abstract

Collection consists of digitized images of religious artifacts and printed materials lent for scanning by members of the local community during a spring 2012 "History Harvest" led by JMU history professor Dr. Andrew Witmer and the students of "Introduction to Religious History."

source

Witmer, Andrew (Andrew Daryl) (1976-)

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5.8 Gigabytes

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Collection Context

Digital images within this collection were produced as part of a 2012 "History Harvest" event. Students within the spring 2012 course, "Introduction to U.S. Religious History," taught by history professor, Dr. Andrew Witmer, planned and conducted a "History Harvest" as part of their course requirements. The purpose of the event was to gather and digitize items of religious significance from across the Shenandoah Valley. Community members were invited to East Campus Library (now Rose Library) from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 14, 2012 to share their items. The following excerpt from Dr. Witmer's syllabus describes the event: "Within the new field of digital history, historians have pioneered an innovative approach to collecting and studying the past. This class will adapt a model recently developed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and work with JMU Special Collections to organize and host our own History Harvest. This event invites community members to share their records related to the religious history of Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley for digital preservation and study by our class and future scholars. In regular consultation with the professor and Special Collections Librarian, students will use their skills and creativity to plan the History Harvest."

Scope and Contents

Under the direction of Dr. Andrew Witmer, students in the spring 2012 course, Introduction to U.S. Religious History, in partnership with Special Collections, worked to compile a digital collection of local religious artifacts. The class hosted a "History Harvest" in which local community members brought in items of religious significance to be digitized.

Digital images in this collection were created by students who digitized materials during the April 14, 2012 History Harvest event, or digitization took place throughout 2012 for the items that were loaned to Special Collections after the History Harvest for scanning. Content in the collection includes digital images of a variety of religious artifacts, including historic pamphlets and photographs from various churches in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Donors were interviewed on site by students for background information about their items, which is reflected in the item descriptions in the collection inventory.

Separated Materials

The following published monographs were donated to Special Collections and have been cataloged as part of Special Collections' rare book holdings. Donated by Elwood Yoder: Yoder, Elwood E. We're Marching to Zion:

A History of Zion Mennonite Church, Broadway, Virginia, 1885-2010. Harrisonburg, Virginia: printed by Custom Printing, 2010. Yoder, Elwood E. The Bishop's Letters: The Writings, Life, and Times of Virginia Mennonite Bishop Martin Burkholder, 1817-1860. Harrisonburg, Virginia: Shenandoah Valley Mennonite Historians, 2011. Donated by Frances Scruby: Emmanuel Church. One Hundred Years Serving Our Lord: Emmanuel Episcopal Church Greenwood, Albemarle County, Virginia. Preface by Langhorne Gibson Jr., 1960. Scruby, Frances. Neve: Virginia's Thousandfold Man. Charlottesville, Virginia: Pietas Publications, 2010.

Keywords

Witmer, Andrew (Andrew Daryl) (1976-)

Existence and Location of Copies

The collection is available online through JMU's [Madison Digital Image Database \(MDID\)](#). High-quality TIFF versions of many of these images are available in Special Collections. There is no physical access to the original materials.

Existence and Location of Originals

All original materials were retained by the donors.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into the following seven series according to History Harvest participant donor name and the subject of each donor's material contribution:

- William Ney - Beth El Congregation
- Martha Dofflemyer - Elkton Presbyterian Church
- Kenneth J. Weaver - Virginia Mennonites
- Jane Desper - White Hill Church of the Brethren
- Esther Yoder Stenson - Amish Church
- James Good - Mennonites
- Harold E. Huber

Description of Subordinate Components

William Ney - Beth El Congregation

Unit ID 1

Unit Date 1880-2012

Unit Date 1923-1989

Scope and Contents

This series contains information about the Beth El Congregation. The items in this series tell the history of the Beth El Temple through photographs, manuscript, and newspapers, and were brought in from the temple archives.

Martha Dofflemyer - Elkton Presbyterian Church

Unit ID 2

Unit Date 1999-2012

Scope and Contents

contains information about Elkton Presbyterian Church.

--Photographs

Church (inside and outside)

Pastors

Advent wreath

Church Directory (Undated)

Church publications

"Celebrating 100 years of God's Love and Faithfulness: Elkton Presbyterian Church 1899-1999" (1999)
"Chrismons – An Explanation of the Symbols on the Chrismon Tree at Elkton Presbyterian Church, Elkton, Virginia" (December, 2001)
Letters
Weekly Bulletin 2012
Brochures
Scans of newspaper articles

Kenneth J. Weaver - Virginia Mennonites

Unit ID 3

Unit Date 1835-2012

Unit Date 1969-2012

Scope and Contents

In Search of Faithfulness by Glendon L. Blosser

People of Peace by Gloria Y. Diener

Introduction to Virginia Mennonite Conference (VMC)

Letter from VMC Officer

Brochure identifying VMC current stance as a service organization

VA Mennonite Missions – 1919-1969, "Holding Forth the Word of Life"

Enlarging the Borders, 150 Years of Expansion by E. Richard Good (published 1985)

Conference minutes - Copies of the first recorded minutes from 1835, containing both the original German and a translation

Shenandoah Mennonite Historians' newsletters

Winter 2012, with lists of all Mennonite groups in VA

Spring 2012, a sample of the type of historical reporting by this group

Brochures for Breneman Turner-Mill, owned by Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center

Congregational Histories

1936-1986 Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, "Glimpses of our Past" 50th anniversary celebration, November 15 and 16, 1986

75th anniversary/75 year history of Harrisonburg Mennonite Church

Samples of brochures about VMC 2012 activities

March 2012 of "Connections", VMC Newsletter

Announcement for VMC's 2012 Annual Assembly

Jane Desper - White Hill Church of the Brethren

Unit ID 4

Unit Date 1901-2001

Scope and Contents

Photocopied documents (1901-2001) concerning White Hill Church, detailing the church's original establishment, lists previous pastors with photographs, and also lists of donors and amount donated.

Esther Yoder Stenson - Amish Church

Unit ID 5

Unit Date 1940s-1980s

Scope and Contents

Images taken of clothes: black cap, white organdy cap and apron, white cap, black bonnet, beach bonnet cap

German prayer book

James Good - Mennonite

Unit ID 6

Unit Date 1861

Unit Date 1971

Scope and Contents

Reprint of Mennonite Historical Bulletin article

Military Induction of Christian Good

Christian Good Virginia Militia Muster Roll

Harold E. Huber

Unit ID 7

Unit Date undated

Scope and Contents

Photograph of White House, south of Luray, VA