

# Breaking into the Field



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# Historical Society offers scrapbook program

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Scrapbooks have long been a part of our culture. While collecting and preserving memorabilia into albums has been around for centuries, it was the advent of paper photographs and inexpensive cameras in the late 1800s and early 1900s that caused the popularity of scrapbooking to explode. Although that popularity declined in the mid-20th century, a modern scrapbooking boom began in the late 1980s and has yet to subside.

The Historical Society of Frederick County will explore scrapbooks in American life at its ongoing Learning Lunch series from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Museum of Frederick County History, 24 E. Church St. in Frederick.

"The history of scrapbooks and scrapbooking can be traced back to the 1600s with the Commonplace Book, used by Renaissance men as a memory aid and notebook," said Brigitte Kamsler, Historical Society archivist. "Today, scrapbooks are still

with us but wrought with conservation concerns. Anyone who has seen a scrapbook filled with crumbling newspaper clippings, faded photos, and yellowed, dried adhesive tape has experienced that."

Kamsler will lead a discussion of the issues that arise from combined elements, construction and everyday wear and tear of scrapbooks. Examples from the Historical Society's collection will be displayed and recommendations for the care of scrapbooks will be provided. "We will be offering some practical tips that will help people enjoy their scrapbooks for many years."

The Learning Lunch programs are offered the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming topics include wedding dresses and other cherished fabrics on May 5, and a history of photography and types of early photographs on June 2. The programs are free.

For information about these programs and other upcoming events, visit [www.hsfinfo.org](http://www.hsfinfo.org) or call 301-663-1188.

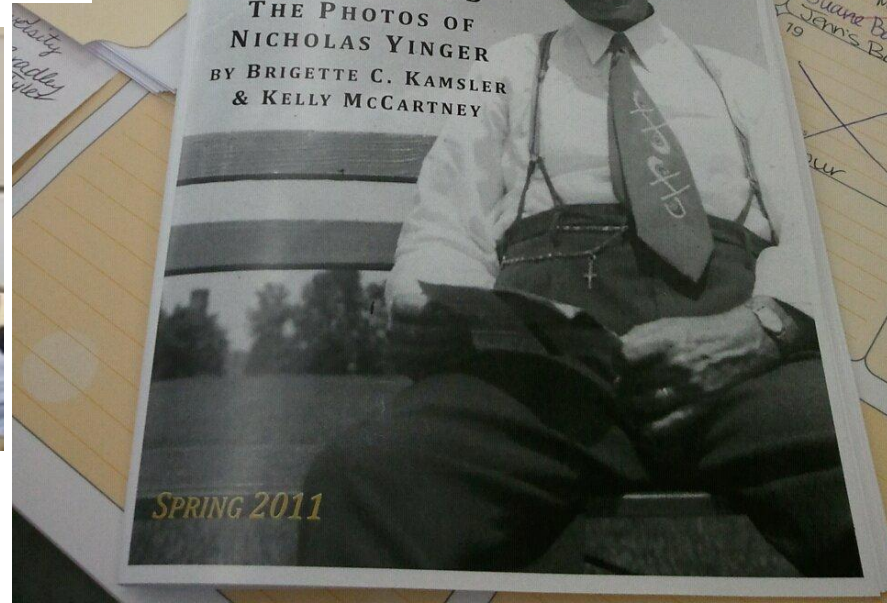


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Brigitte Kamsler, archivist with the Historical Society of Frederick County, will lead a workshop on the history and care of scrapbooks.



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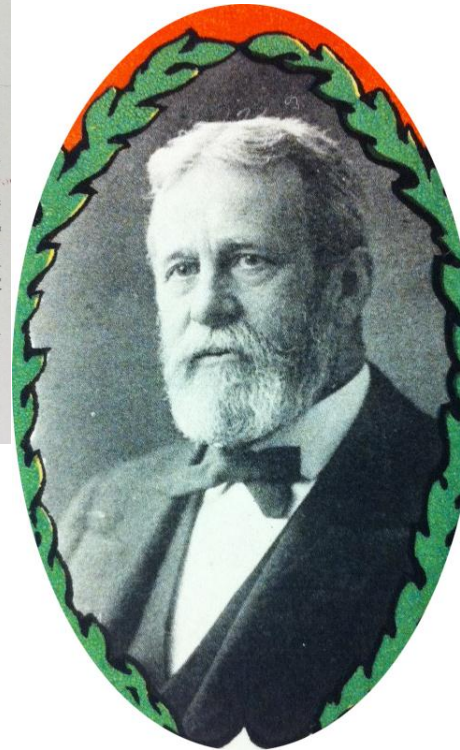
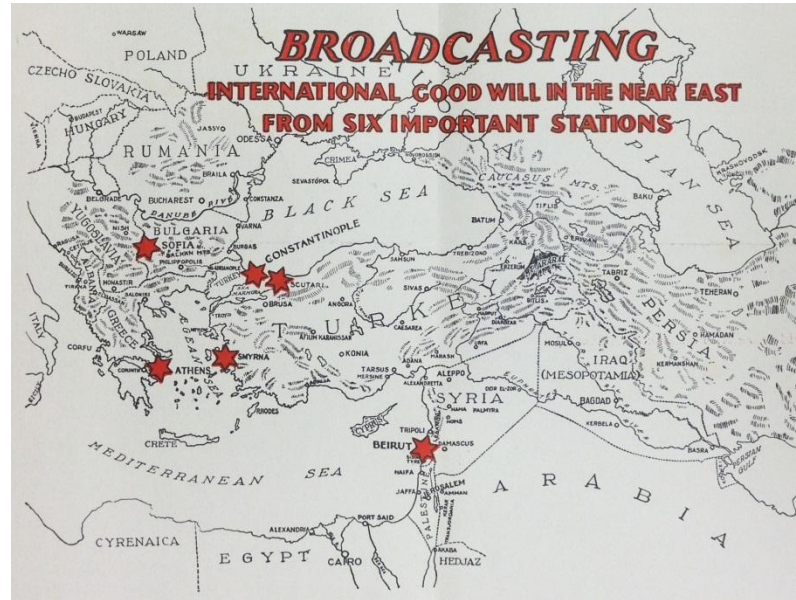
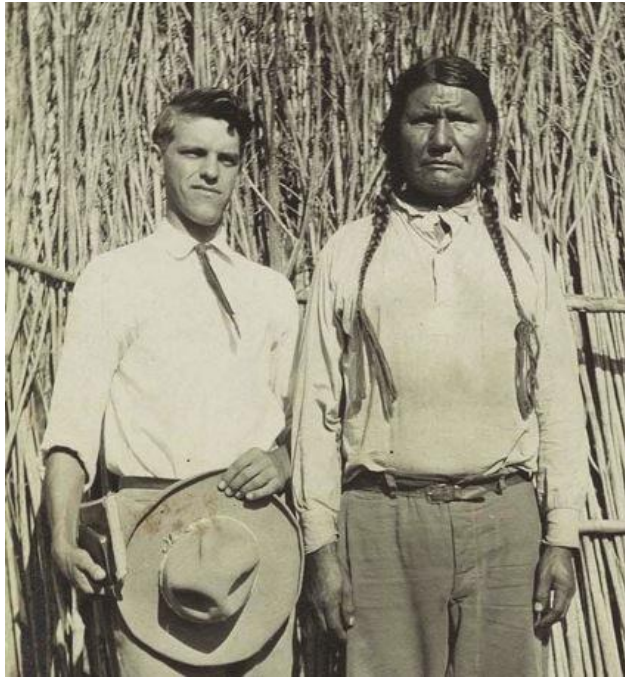
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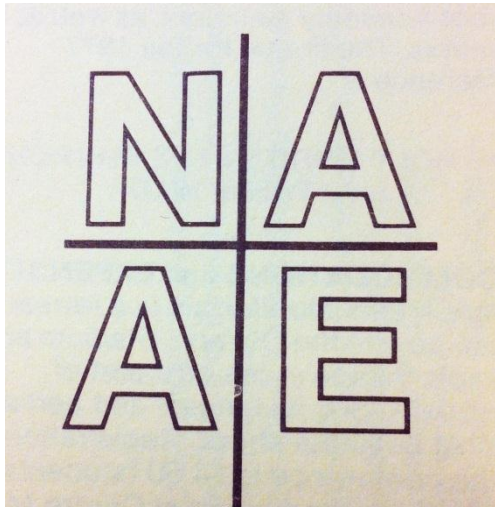


# Missionary Research Library Archives





# William Adams Brown Ecumenical Library Archives







# Quotes from Archival Collections:

“These are bloody times in which we live and it seems as if we can’t go on in this way much longer...”

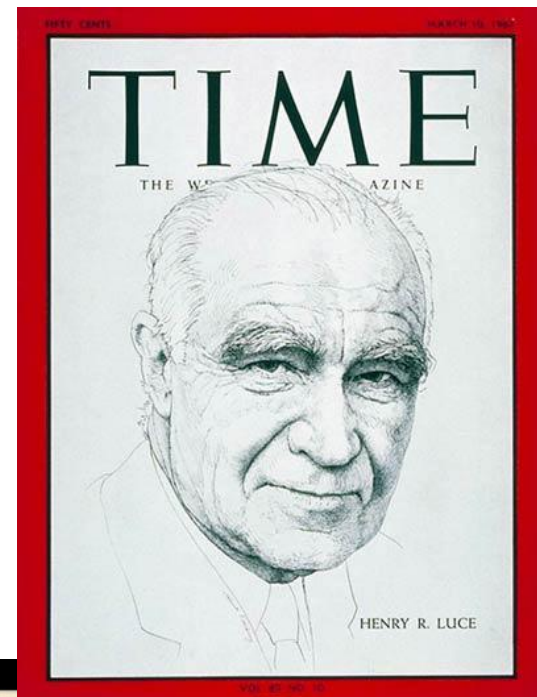
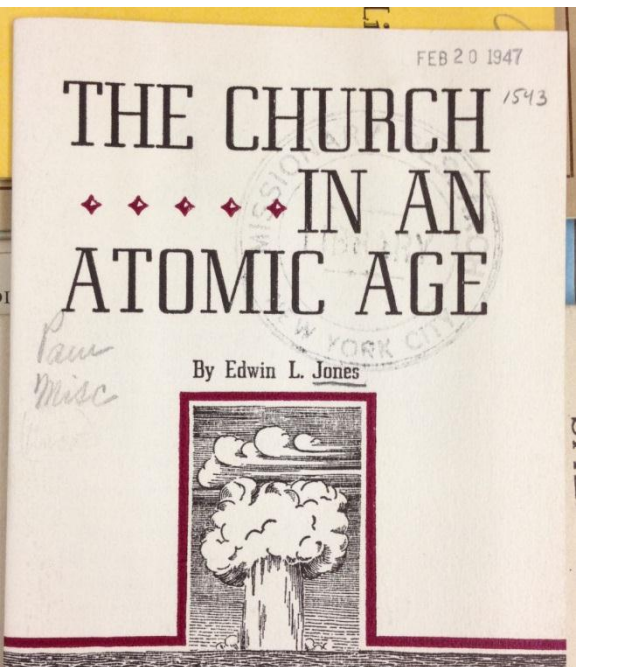
~MRL2: *Mary Lewis Shedd Papers regarding the withdrawal of Assyrian Christians from Persia, 1918*

“I long to see you – to hear you and to lay my aching head on that dear shoulder which has so often pillowed it. You can’t think how I miss you...”

~MRL3: *William Wilberforce Chapin Papers, 1860 – 1865*









# Future[???

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### Missionary Research Library Archives

#### MRL1: Africa

- All Africa Christian Conference Records, 1959 – 1972 [completed January 2012]
- German Missionaries in Cameroon, 1914 – 1915 [completed January 2012]
- Presbyterian Church of the Gold Coast, 1908 – 1942 [completed January 2012]
- Albert Schweitzer Records, 1949 [completed December 2011]
- Christian Educational Policy in Tanganyika Territory, 1932 [completed December 2011]
- David Livingstone Papers, 1856; 1957 [completed December 2011]
- Erwin H. Richards Papers, 1905 – 1907 [completed December 2011]
- Basel Mission (Gold Coast) Records, 1894 – 1904 [completed September 2011]
- James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey Papers, 1920 – 1927 [completed September 2011]
- Robert Hamill Nassau Papers, 1856 – 1976 [completed September 2011]

#### MRL2: Near/Middle East

- Lorenzo Warriner Pease Papers, 1811 – 1896 [completed December 2011]
- American Constantinople Relief Committee Records, 1912 – 1914 [completed October 2011]
- Joseph Kingsbury Greene Papers, 1857 – 1917 [completed October 2011]
- Mary Lewis [Mrs. W. A.] Shedd Papers, 1918 [completed October 2011]
- Near East Relief Committee Records, 1904–1950 [completed January 2013]
- Near East Collene Association Records, 1928 – 1943 [completed January 2013]

# Skills!

# Networking

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## Welcome to my Online Portfolio!



**Brigette C. Kamsler** is the Archivist for the Missionary Research Library Archives and the William Adams Brown Ecumenical Library Archives project, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. She has a BA in History from Millersville University and a MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh where she specialized in Archives, Preservation and Records Management. Prior to her work at Columbia, she was the Archivist and Research Center Coordinator at the Historical Society of Frederick County, Maryland.

Brigette has been working in the archives, museum and library field for the past nine years. She enjoys the processing and preservation of collections, Web 2.0 technologies, advising organizations and individuals in the community on archival history, issues and care, as well as supervising and mentoring others interested in the field.

Brigette looks forward to being an advocate for historical documents and collections throughout her career.

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# Thank You!

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