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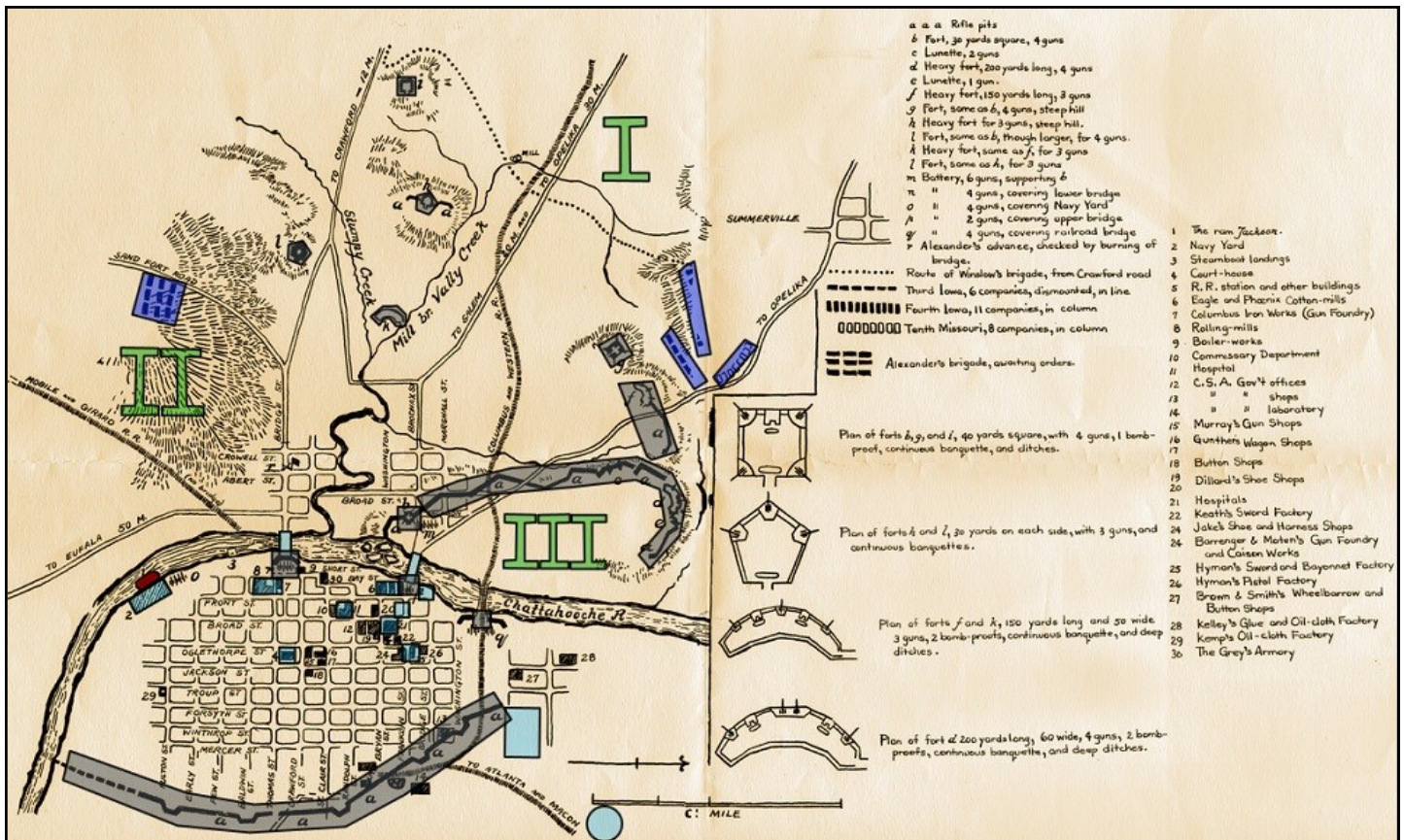
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CSU Archives Launches Interactive Battle of Columbus Map

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Columbus. To commemorate the battle, the CSU Archives has put together something special using items from its collections. An interactive map is now available on the CSU Digital Archives that allows users to explore the city at the time of the battle. Troop placements, defensive fortifications, and important points of interests such as Columbus businesses are all highlighted in this digital exhibit. Each colored point is clickable and expands with text and images to tell the story of Columbus during the Civil War. Unique items from the Archives' collection help tell this story, such as Colonel Von Zinken's original letter telling local citizens to get out of town and many historic photographs representing Columbus during the Civil War. Often called the last battle of the Civil War, it took place on April 16, 1865, just a few days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. The battle is certainly an important part of Columbus' history. Some of the city's most fascinating stories come from this time, such as Randolph L. Mott, John Pemberton, Henry Benning, the Eagle Mills, Haiman's Sword Factory, the CSS Jackson, and many others. To learn more visit the interactive map at:

<http://digitalarchives.columbusstate.edu/neatline/show/battle-of-columbus>

- David Owings



Screenshot of the interactive map.

A Student's Perspective on Archival Processing

The Columbus State University Archives boasts many collections, but, for me, the one collection that has influenced my growth and experience as a student of history the most is the Col. Richard R. Hallock Collection. The collection is substantial in both size and scope with materials ranging from 1938-1980s housed in 154 boxes. As the graduate research assistant for Dr. Dan Crosswell, my major task was to help process, preserve, and catalogue the collection. This was a mammoth task that at many times seemed to be a never-ending job. However, I was not alone. Douglas Allen, the previous graduate assistant had done some work before he graduated in May of 2014 leaving the task in my hands. Other hands that helped in the processing include Tom Converse, Henry Lasseter, Ashley Brand, and of course, Dr. Dan Crosswell. As the graduate assistant though, the bulk of the responsibility was mine. Months of processing work consumed me, but all in all, it truly gave me a better understanding and appreciation for archival work, especially in my role as a researcher.

Processing began by sorting through boxes and piles of papers. After the initial sorting the task was to assemble this material into groups that would allow a researcher to utilize this material in a meaningful fashion. The development of series and sub-series of records was beneficial to my education, as it provided me with alternate methods of looking at the same topic, especially one as large as the Hallock Collection. Following the initial sorting of the collection I then proceeded with detailed preservation work, such as removing every staple and replacing it with a plastic paperclip that will not rust or damage the item over time. I also placed any delicate material in plastic sleeves to help preserve the material and protect it from handling by future researchers. Despite the tedious nature of the job, it allowed me the time to read and study the life of Col. Hallock, which was one of the most beneficial parts of my time in the Archives, the ability to learn about an interesting person, often from their own words. After months went by, the collection was completed and a finding aid was needed to catalogue the collection. This was another helpful process for honing my skills. I wrote detailed descriptions for many of the folders and boxes that housed the collection making the researchers job easier when they come looking for material. This is the task that brought about my full admiration for my work and the efforts of others, which makes my research easier.

As a history student, I often employ material from archives in my research but never fully appreciated the work of archivists. The material at the Archives would always come out in nice neat boxes and folders ordered by date and subject, making it easy to find the material I required. The process to this final product is a long and arduous one taking many hours of work and skill. Though this process was long and painstaking, it was fully worth the effort. It may have taken several years and multiple individuals from the Archives to help complete this work, but it provided me with the skills that I will continue to use in my professional career. The knowledge and understanding that I took away from the Archives has provided me with multiple ways of looking at history and how to understand and conceptualize a topic. I would encourage anyone given the opportunity to work at the Archives to take full advantage.

- Mark J. Sciuchetti Jr.



The Hallock Team. Pictured from left to right: Henry Lasseter, Ashley Brand, Mark Sciuchetti, and Tom Converse. Not pictured: Dr. Dan Crosswell and Doug Allen.

Government Documents

This April marks the 40th year that the Simon Schwob Library has been a selective depository for federal documents. As a partner in the Federal Depository Library Program, the Schwob Library receives 33% of the items available from the recently renamed Government Publishing Office and houses these for the benefit of the 3rd Congressional District and the Columbus region, as well as for the students, faculty, and staff of CSU.

Our print collection includes a wide variety of titles, such as:

- *Science, Technology & Human Values*
- *Cast and Recast: The Sculpture of Frederic Remington*
- *Wallace Stevens, the Poetry of the Earth*
- *A Survey of Cuban Revistas, 1902-1958*
- *Initial Reports of the Deep Sea Drilling Project*
- *Talk that Music Talk: Passing on Brass Band Music in New Orleans the Traditional Way*
- *Cheese Varieties and Descriptions*
- *Patterns of Global Terrorism*
- *The Seeds of Artificial Intelligence*
- *Smithsonian Contributions to Anthropology*
- *Biomedical Results of the Space Shuttle Program*



Of particular note is the Department of Defense section, which includes many books on military history and policy, including oral histories from recent U.S. intervention in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Government Documents Display area has been used to highlight timely items in the collection. Located near the Government Document shelves facing Einstein's Bagels, recent exhibits have included:

- Space Technology (December 2014)
- *Apropo*: Government Documents related to Current World Affairs (January 2015)
- Black History Month (February 2015)
- Women's History Month (March 2015)
- The Civil War (April 2015)

These are Your Documents and they can be used for curriculum development and for research, and most Government Documents in the Schwob Library are searchable in GIL and can circulate. In addition to the print collection, we also have access to thousands of electronic titles through GIL.

- Jesse D. Chariton

New Business Librarian and Government Documents Coordinator

The Schwob Library introduces Alison Sperry as the new Business Librarian and Government Documents Coordinator.

She previously served as the serials and reference librarian at Columbus Technical College, but has experience in many different positions in libraries for the past five years. In 2010, she received her MSLS from the University of Kentucky. Her bachelor's degree is in history and museum studies from the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Potsdam. Information literacy is one of her passions, and she looks forward to working with the students and faculty to connect them with the resources and information that are provided by the library.

Schedule an appointment for a research consultation by contacting Alison by phone at 706-507-8684 or by email at sperry_alison@columbusstate.edu. Appointments in advance are recommended but walk-ins are also accepted. Alison's subject areas include the following:

Political Science, Business, Criminal Justice, and Government Documents



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Library Instruction continued.

For students who wish to increase their information-seeking skills while simultaneously earning course credit, CSU Libraries offers a 2.0-credit elective course, **LIBR 1105: Library Research Methods**. Known since its inception as *Introduction to Library Science*, the Libraries' Instruction Team decided a name change was in order to better reflect what the class was about. LIBR 1105 students not only learn how to use library resources such as the library catalog and Galileo databases. They also study information in a larger context, learning the principles of information literacy, and about issues unique to the Digital Age.

- Tom Ganzevoort

A First Look at the CSU ePress

CSU Libraries has many services, not just for students, but also for faculty members and scholars everywhere. The CSU ePress, an open access digital repository, is one of these services that you may not have used yet. It collects and preserves various materials such as dissertations and theses, conference presentations, journal articles, student publications, and much more. The platform is a robust service with many features available for users.

As a first-time user, one will notice that its many features distinguish it from other similar services. One of these features is that all items available are obtainable on Google and Google Scholar. Another feature of the CSU ePress is its ability to provide citations to better position patrons and scholars conducting their research. Many patrons of the Schwob Memorial Library are more than likely to conduct their research physically in a library; however, with the CSU ePress, finding a professor's graduate dissertation or last winter's issue of *The Arden* can be conducted from a home kitchen or in a dorm room. There are many other features, but perhaps one of the most significant and snubbed features of the ePress is that all information provided is largely free. Despite the myriad options these features present, navigation is surprisingly easy. A minimalist design yields a simplistic and straightforward display for users to easily navigate amongst the digital catalog.

The many benefits CSU ePress offers is far too great for researchers to ignore. The catalog is expanding every day too. With the expansion of the CSU ePress, more and more works from faculty and other scholars are becoming entirely available. The growing catalog includes many student creative works and professional works from CSU faculty and staff that improve visibility of scholarship and the rate of citations. Be sure to visit the [CSU ePress](#) and explore its many features. Please also consider contributing your scholarly work. To do so, please contact Jackie Radebaugh at: radebaugh_jacqueline@columbusstate.edu.

- Forrest-Raven Evans

Library Forum

Need a space to host your event? CSU Libraries welcomes all students and faculty to utilize our Library's forum area. The forum is located on the 1st floor (main floor) of our main campus Library and comes equipped with:

- Microphones
- Area to serve food and drinks
- Mobile tables and chairs
- Projector & Computer

To reserve the Library forum area please contact Julie Caulder at caulder_julie@columbusstate.edu or by phone at 706-507-8680.

Center of Online Learning Transformations

The newly formed (January 2014) Center of Online Learning (COOL) underwent renovation this past summer to provide a more welcoming and collaborative environment for faculty to get assistance from instructional designers and technologists. They moved back into their new space in the library basement in October. In addition, the center was shifted organizationally, now reporting to Academic Affairs. The new center has small group consultation rooms, a recording room, and conference room in addition to their training lab available for reservation. They have also added new services to coordinate proctoring for online courses.

The Center of Online Learning provides services for instructional design and course development including assisting faculty with the alignment of course components with course objectives, identifying and incorporating effective elearning strategies and technologies to encourage student engagement and active learning. COOL provides support in the use of the Quality Matters rubric to ensure the standards of quality course design are met. They also coordinate and administer online course development grants provided by the Distance Learning Committee to incentivize quality online course design. COOL provides workshops in the use of various instructional technologies, including but not limited to, Camtasia, Blackboard Collaborate, and Respondus. COOL staff are also available to assist departments through customized training and faculty 1-on-1 consultations. Beginning January 2015, proctor coordination for online courses became centralized in COOL to provide services for approving proctor sites, administering exam passwords and information, and serving as liaison with proctor sites.

To learn more about the Center of Online Learning, please visit: <http://onlinelearning.columbusstate.edu/>

- Amy Thornton



Before



After

Upcoming Library Events

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 — 12:00pm-1:30 pm

Faculty Research Forum: Dr. Jennifer Newbrey, Biology
Topic: "Carotenoid Pigments and Reproduction of Eastern Bluebirds and other Cavity-Nesting Songbirds in West-central Georgia."

Thursday, April 9, 2015 — 12:30pm-1:30pm

English Department Lecture Series: A Poetry Reading by Dr. David Johnson

Monday, April 13, 2015 — 12:00pm-1:30pm

National Library Week Kick-Off featuring guest speaker Barbara Moushon of The Literacy Alliance. Cake and sandwiches will be served.

Monday, April 13, 2015 — 1:30pm - 9:00pm

In less than a hundred words write down creative ways you've used your library. The winner will be drawn and announced on Wednesday, April 15

Monday, April 13, 2015 — Friday, April 17, 2015

Online Trivia - Prizes awarded every day of the week. The first to answer all five correctly on Friday will receive a Gift Certificate for the book sale, a tote bag, notepad, and pens.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 — 10:00am - 4:00pm

Scavenger Hunt: Walk through the different service areas of the library and answer questions about them. Those who answer every question correctly will be put in a drawing. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 — 12:00pm-1:30pm

Languages out Loud: Classics in Their Own Words, a reading event featuring well known classics being read in their original language. A light lunch will be served.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 — 10:00am-4:00pm

Bookmark Contest: Submit a 2" x 6" bookmark design to jones_michelle@columbusstate.edu and have your bookmark displayed at the library where CSU faculty, staff, and students will vote for their favorite design. The winner will have 100 copies of his/her bookmark made as well as receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 — 12:30pm-1:30pm

Celebration of Student Writing: Come and support our students as they share what they have learned about their writing process and products developed in innovative Faculty Writing Fellows' classes. The form of the event is similar to poster sessions of regional and national disciplinary conferences.

Friday, April 17, 2015

Online trivia and bookmark contest winners announced online on our Facebook page, Twitter account, and website.

Friday, April 17, 2015 — 9:00am-4:30pm

Library Book Sale at the Music Library

Monday, April 20, 2015 — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Celebrating the opening of the Colonel Richard Hallock Papers with special guest speaker Pierre Spray.

Tuesday-Wednesday, April 21-22, 2015 — 10:00am-7:00pm

Main Campus Schwob Library Book Sale

Thursday, April 23, 2015 — 12:00pm-3:00pm

"Ready, Set, Relax" by Student Activities Council.
(Massage chairs & oxygen bar)





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