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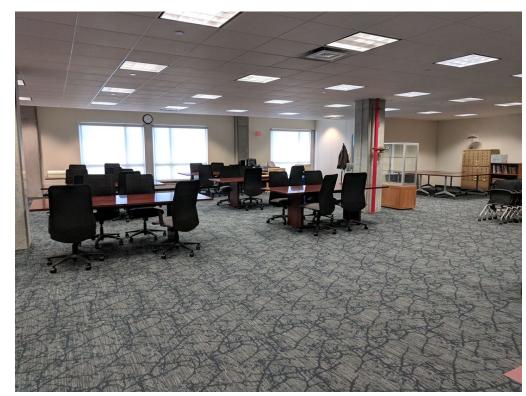
Rowan University

- Founded in 1923 as a normal school teacher's college
- Mid-sized public university in southern New Jersey
- Several names through the years, is presently designated a Carnegie R2 research institution
- Landmark \$100M donation launched the school into a new sphere, 1992
- Content warning: difficult topics like racism and mental health/illness
- Land acknowledgement



History of UASC

- UASC established in 1949, when the school was called the New Jersey State Teachers College at Glassboro and RUASC was called the Frank H. Stewart Room
- For many years, relegated to an inaccessible space
- In 2017, moved to the main 3rd floor of the Library – far more accessible! – visits increased three fold – up to 4x increase and maintained through pandemic
- No professional archivist on staff until 2016 nearly 70 years of backlog, no electronic records





Archivist: Sara A. Borden, CA

- At Rowan since February 2016
- Previously worked at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania - another great resource!
- Had several other part-time, project, or contract jobs
- Master's degree in Public History with a concentration in Archives from Temple University, 2011
- Bachelor's degree from Arcadia
 University, 2004: history and art history
- Being an archivist is my second career





What Are Archives? A Quick Overview

- Have you been to archives in the past?
- What do you expect to see?
- What kind of items exist in archives?
- What kind of research is done in archives?
- Why are archives important?
- Can be intimidating, but shouldn't be!
- Rules are a little different at every repository
- What can you expect at Rowan?
- What can you expect at other archives?
- Talk to your local archivist we're friendly!
- Reach out with any questions or concerns





First Donor: Frank H. Stewart

- 5000 books
- 70 linear feet of manuscripts
- U.S. Mint artifacts
- Personal and business effects
- Most-used collection
- Stewart and his collection have generated some fun stories





First Donor: Frank H. Stewart

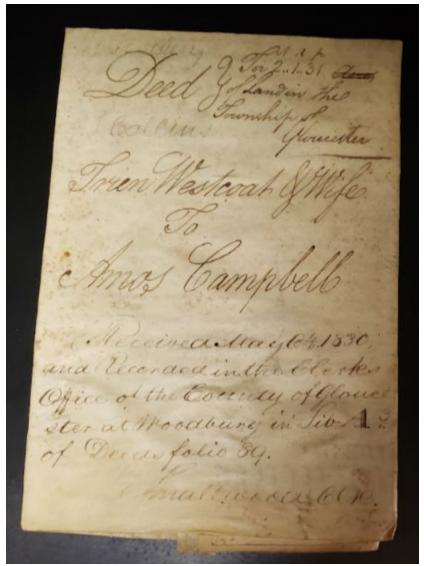
- Donated collection to Glassboro Teacher's College in 1949, established UASC
- Was long-time president of Gloucester County Historical Society still exists (another great resource!)
- Upon donation, was the largest collection of New Jerseyana in existence
- A collector of all things especially interested in the Native Americans in New Jersey
- Upon donation, it was the largest collection of New Jerseyana in existence
- South Jersey-focused, but world coverage
- Native American objects Lenape tribe
- Southern New Jersey land deeds and indentures
- Revolutionary War militia muster rolls and requisition forms
- Early American pamphlets



First Donor: Frank H. Stewart Family Papers

Local Prominent Family Names:

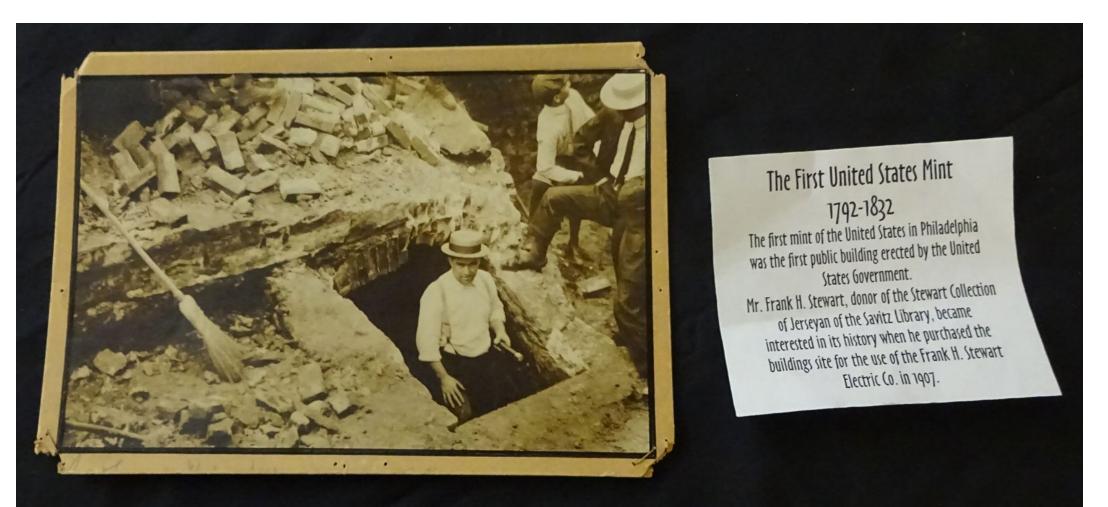
- Howell
- Inskeep
- Coleman
- Leaming
- Lippincott
- Leaming
- Somers
- Haines
- Hayes
- Mickle
- Ladd
- Moffatt
- Eastlack
- ...Many more





First Donor: Frank H. Stewart and the US Mint

Vault found during Stewart's demolition of the First United States Mint, 1907





New Jersey: The Lenape People

- Historically, the Lenape inhabited the land where we sit now: NJ, PA, DE, NY
- One of 574 federally-recognized Indian Nations, with many, many more being recognized at the state level
- Some Lenape still live in NJ, though most were relocated to OK, as well as WI and Ontario
- Also known as the Leni (or Lenni) Lenape or the Delaware Nation
- National Congress of American Indians: NCAI.org
- Tribal Nations and the United States: An Introduction (downloadable PDF)
- Highly, highly recommended
- Runs about 50 pages, but contains a lot of graphics, infographics, and photography



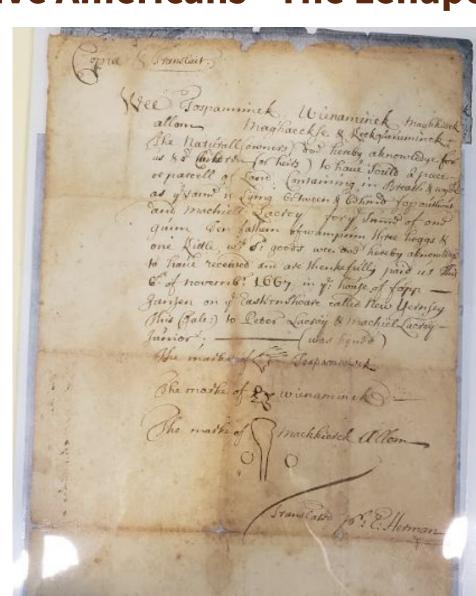
Deeds with Native Americans - The Lenape

Near Right:

- From November 1667
- Secroy Family
- Notice signatures

Far Right:

- Largely illegible
- From December 1671
- Attached to wooden board





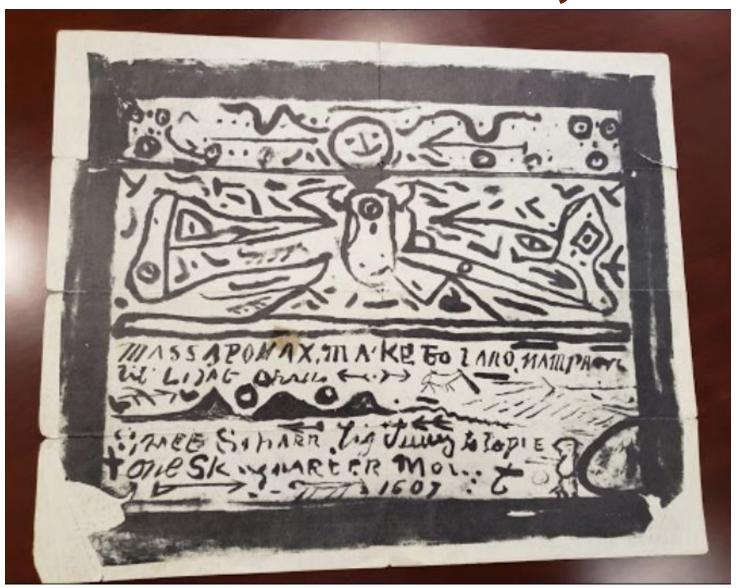


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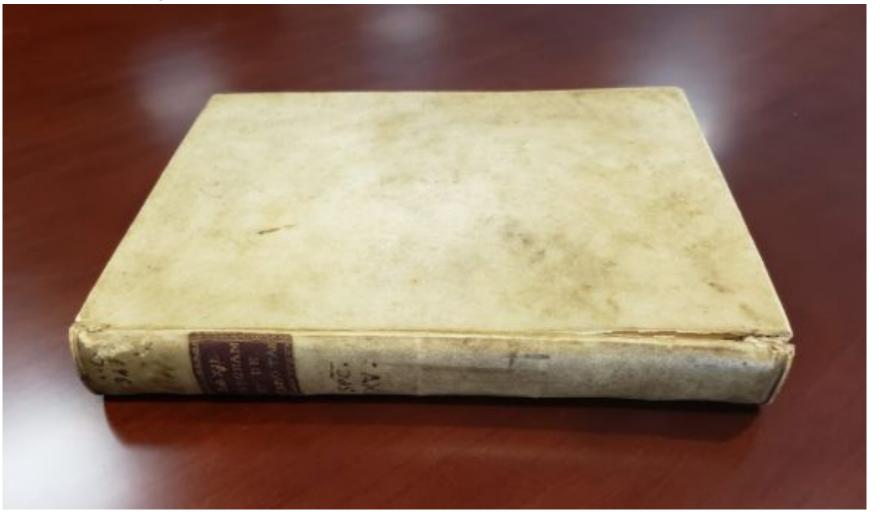


Books from Our Collections

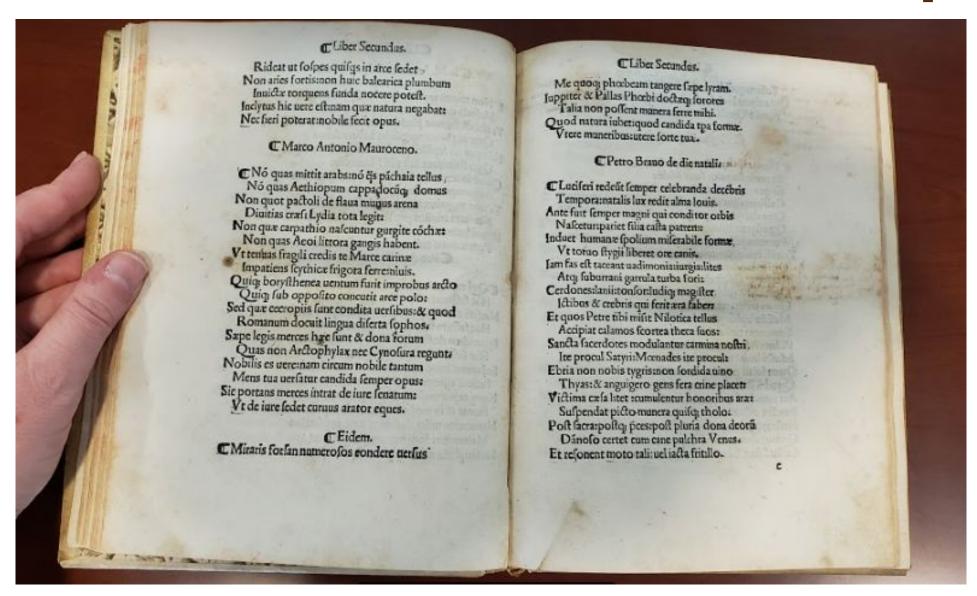
- Oldest book in collection dates to 1499, a book of poetry and philosophy by Italian philosopher Panfilo Sassi
- Approximately 4,000 of the 12,000 volume collection could be categorized as "rare"
- Bulk of collection dates to 18th and 19th century, though all centuries from 15th to the 21st represented
- Many different languages included, including German, Latin, Spanish, and French
- American and European publications
- Variety of subjects no clear collection strategy or scope
- Large collection of pedagogical texts from 18th through 20th centuries
- Books come from many donors, including Stewart, faculty and staff, one-time donations, and by unknown means



1499 Text by Panfilo Sassi, *Epigrammata*

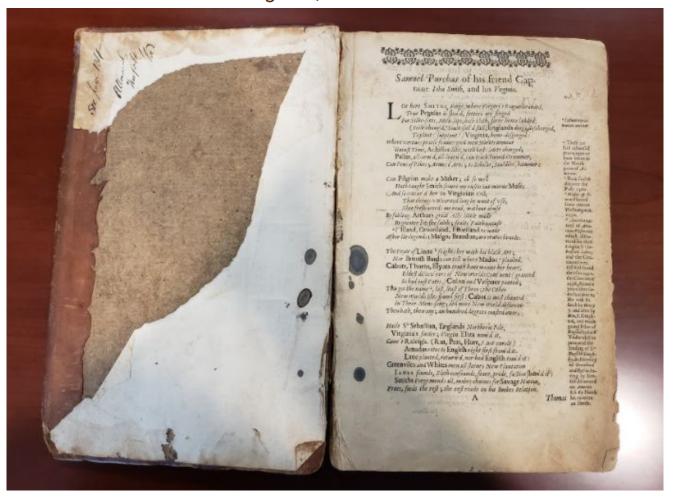








Samuel Purchas, *The Generall Historie of Virginia*, c. 1624



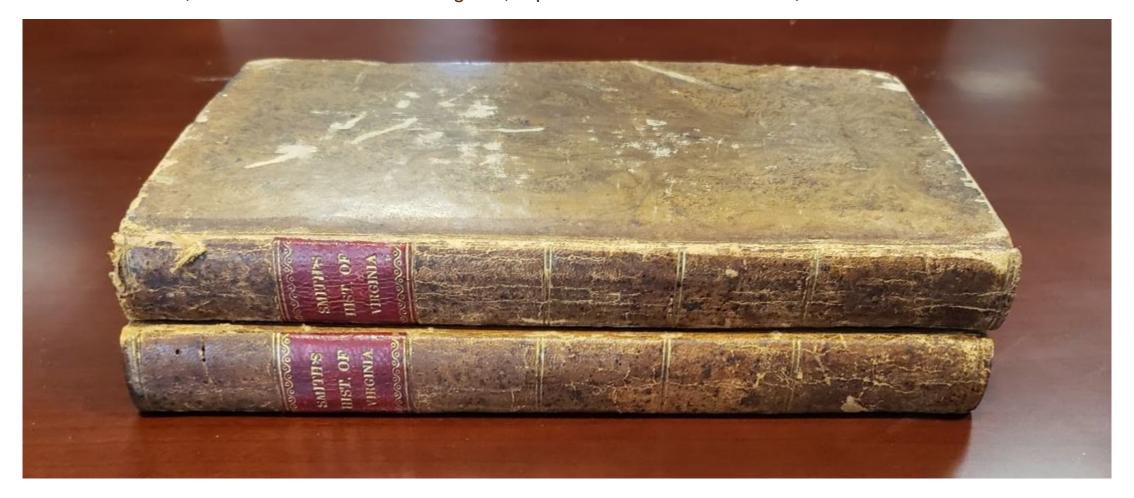


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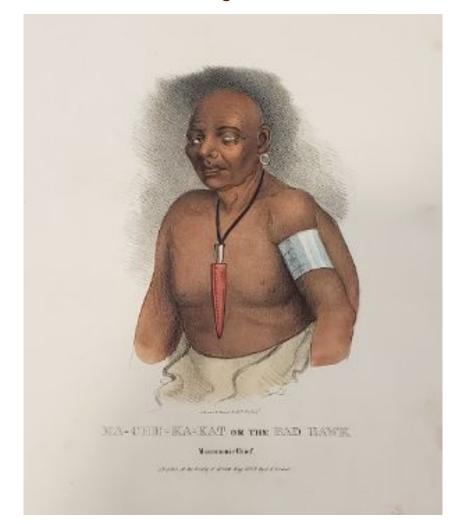
Samuel Purchas, *The Generall Historie of Virginia*, republished as two volumes, 1819





Books from Our Collections: Rarities

James Otto Lewis, Aboriginal Portfolio, c. 1835





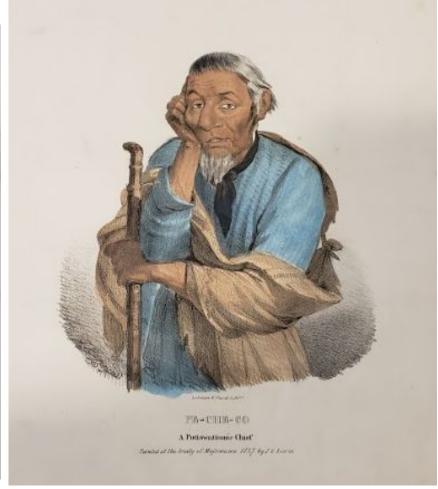


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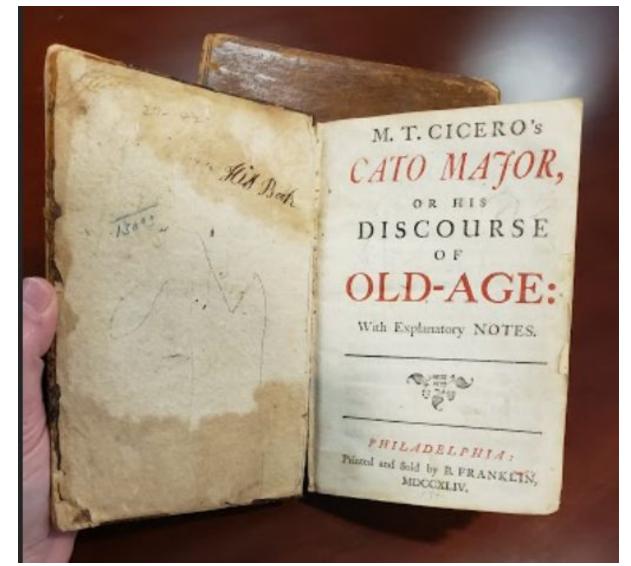
Books from Our Collections: Benjamin Franklin





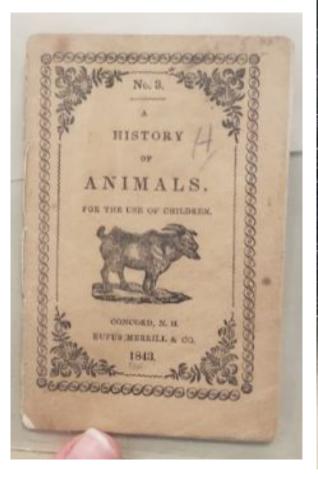
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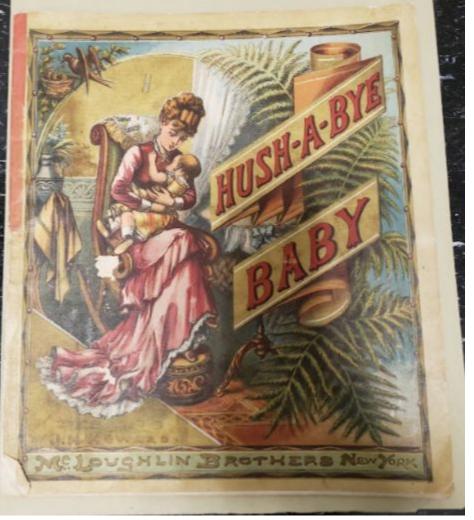
- Cicero's Cato Major, or His Discourse of Old Age
- Translated by James Logan, prominent Philadelphian
- Published in 1744
- This is a first edition, first state (page 27 misprint of "ony"
- Considered one of finest examples of early American printing and of Franklin's work

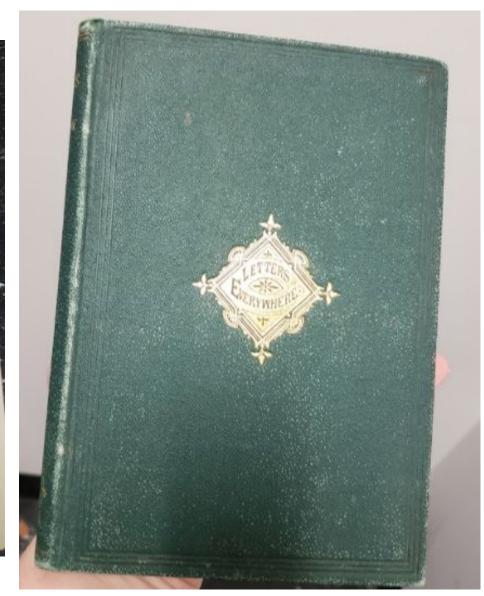


Books from Our Collections: Tighe Collection of

Early Children's Literature



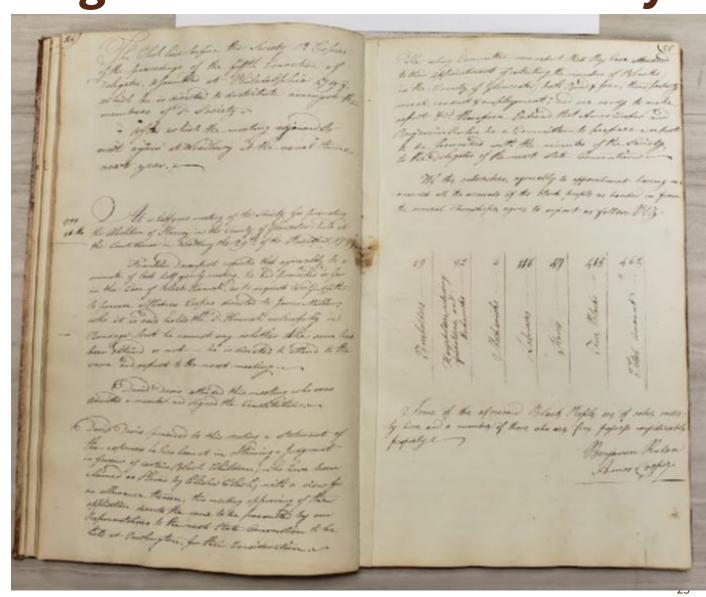






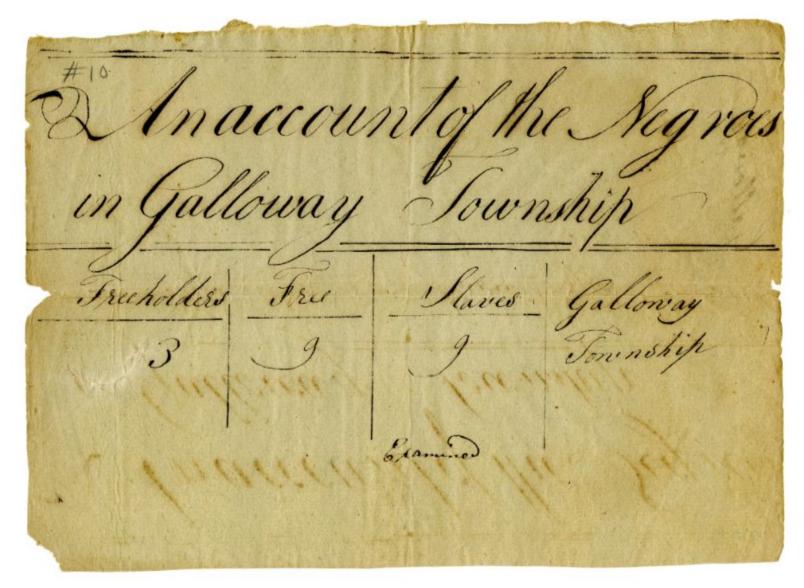
NJ Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery

The Society existed from 1793 through 1817; its members were Quakers. The mission of the Society was to promote the gradual abolition of slavery, which they believed was a more feasible approach than immediate, outright abolition. The Society was instrumental in bringing forth a New Jersey act, passed in 1804, which mandated that all children born enslaved after July 4 of the same year were to be freed after serving apprenticeships with their mother's owner. After the passage of this act, the Society lost momentum and eventually dissolved in 1817.



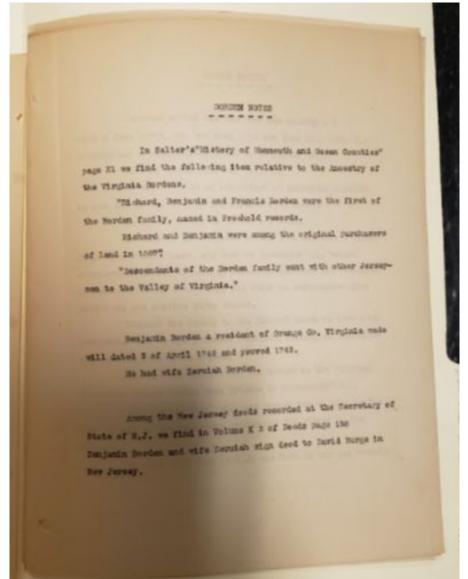


Additional Materials on Slavery and Enslaved People





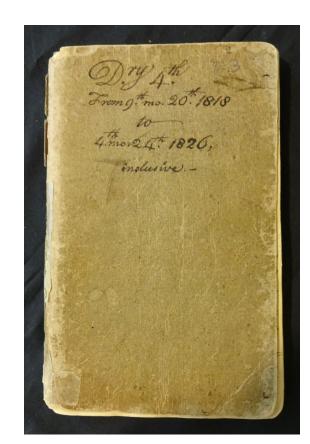
Elizabeth Satterthwaite Papers

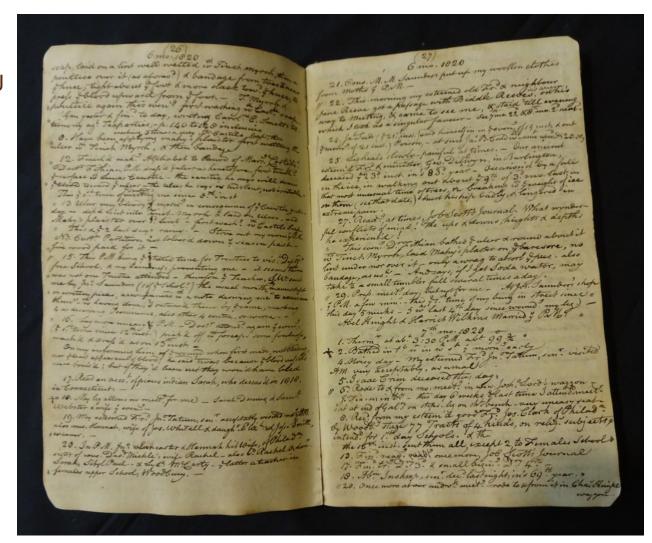




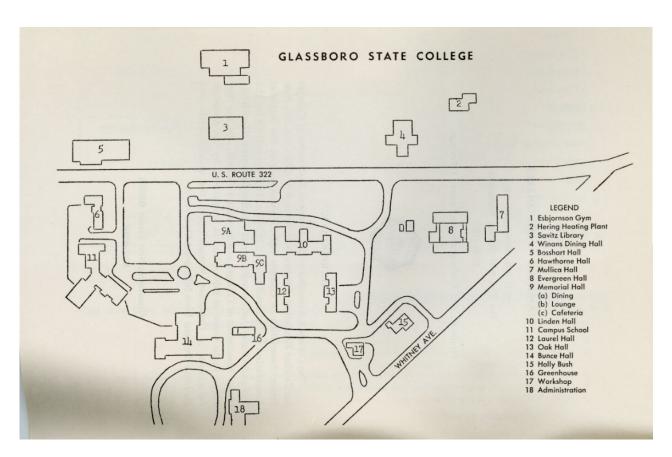
Samuel Mickle Diaries

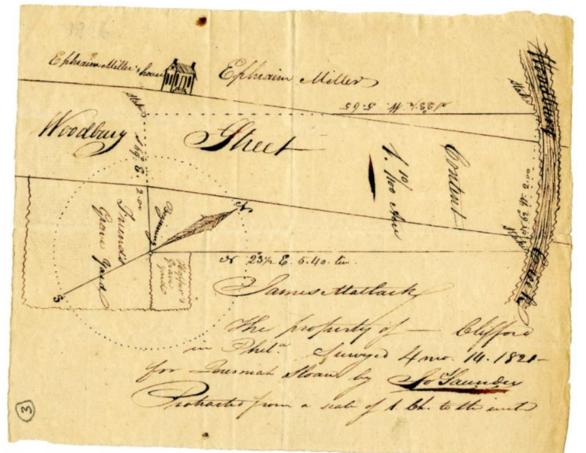
- Mickle was a prominent 19th-century New Jersey Quaker and businessman
- The Mickle family gave their name to Mickleton, NJ
- Rich resource for genealogy and local history





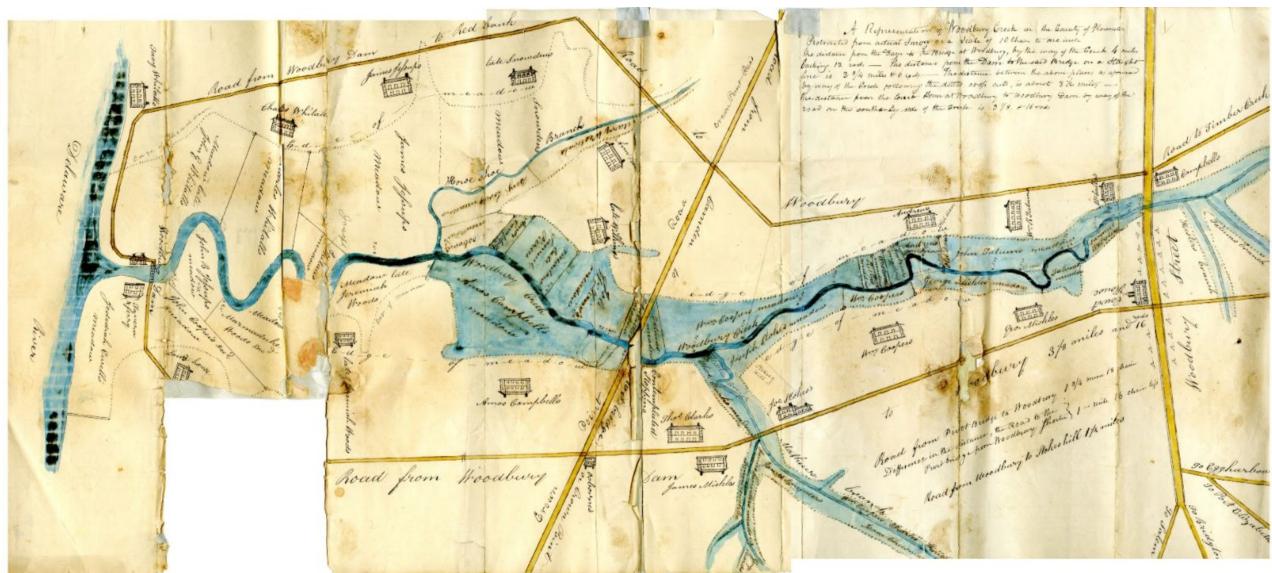
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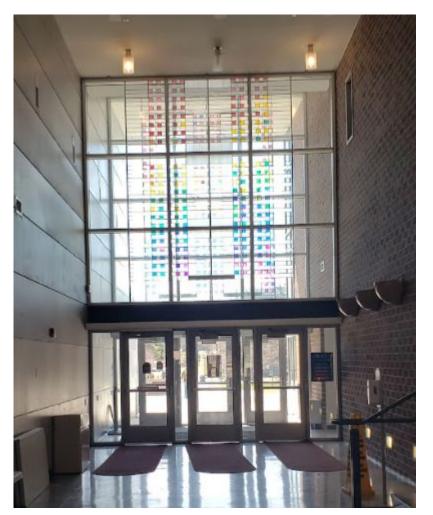


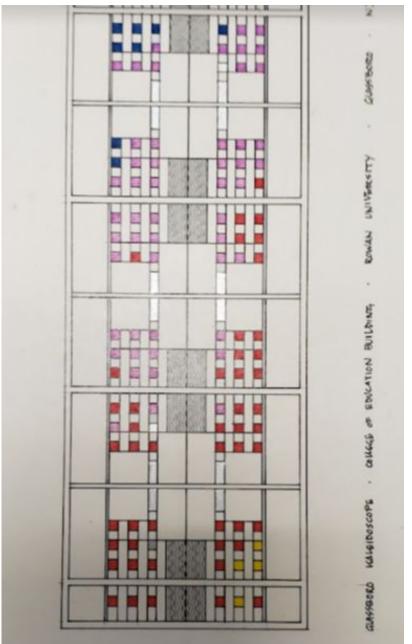






"Kaleidescope" by David Wilson







STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
TRENTON

June 24, 1937

Miss Rosetta Coleman 247 N. New Jersey Avenue Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Miss Coleman:

Miss Bagg has referred to me your

letter of June 22.

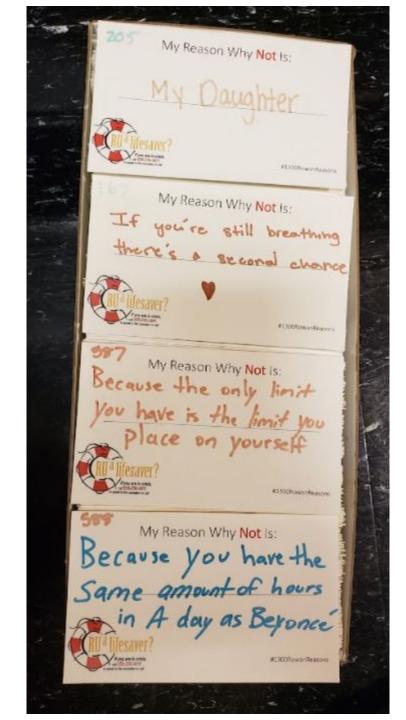
at Glassboro concerning the placing of colored students in the dormitory. We shall endeavor to find a suitable place in a private family in town if you desire to live in Glassboro.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) E. F. BUNCE
President, Glassboro State Teachers College

tosend me a 1939-31 catalog, if you have one available From reports Junderstand that the colored students will be allow ed touse the dormi I have not as yet receive ed any official notice lete to know if there ports are correct There earliest convenience. Respectfully yours,



- Healthy Campus Initiatives
- "What's Your Reason Why Not?"
- On display for about a year
- Students submitted anonymously around campus



Publications









University Archives: Campus Media

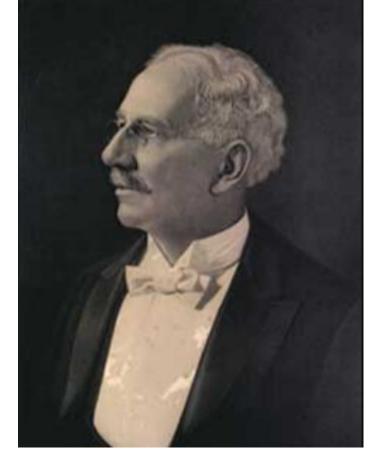




James Gandy Collection on Oberlin Smith and Ferracute Machine Works

- Oberlin Smith was an electrical engineer who invented magnetic sound recording technology
- Ferracute Machine Works was headquartered in Bridgeton, NJ, until the plant closed in 1968
- Huge provider of munitions and other equipment to Russian, American, and British forces in WWII







Hollybush Summit Collection

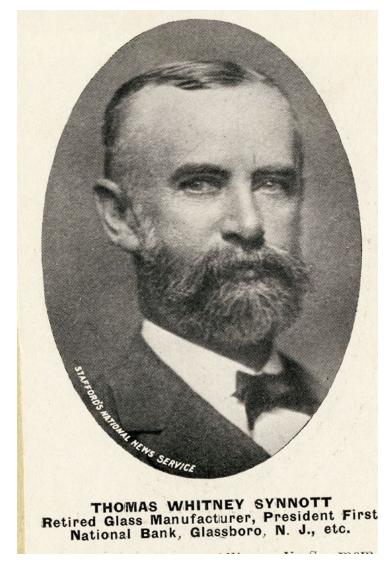
- Historic summit in June 1967 at the height of the Cold War between President Lyndon Baines Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin to discuss US-Soviet relationships.
- The Hollybush Summit took place in June 1967 on Rowan's campus in Hollybush Mansion
- Kosygin was scheduled to speak at the United Nations in New York; Johnson was unwilling to appear weak by traveling to meet him and Kosygin also did not want to show weakness by making a special trip to Washington, DC
- Glassboro, NJ, was halfway between New York and DC and was thus chosen
- Collection consists mostly of newspaper clippings and photographs, with very few primary source documents





Thomas Whitney Synnott Papers

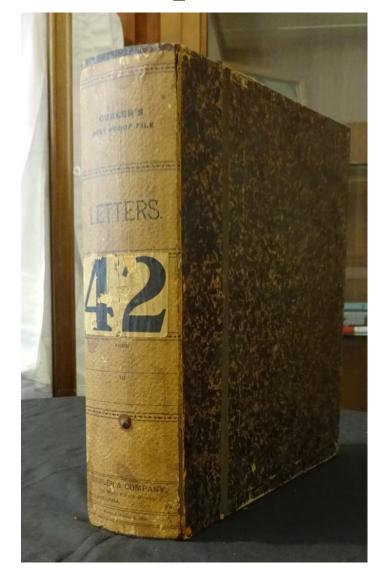
- The Whitney family founded Whitney glassworks, the leading industry of Glassboro; glass manufacturing gave Glassboro its name
- Synnott was a well-known South Jersey businessman from the late 19th through the early 20th centuries
- Synnotts were integral in acquiring the initial tract of land that would establish Rowan University in 1923
- Hollybush Mansion, on Rowan's campus, was the ancestral home of the Whitneys
- Synnott was the leader of the Whitney Glassworks for several years before he retired a wealthy man and became a prominent philanthropist
- Integral to the founding of Wenonah, NJ
- Synnott funded a variety of projects, from churches and schools, to small businesses and scholarships
- He helped establish Wenonah, NJ, first with the completion of his mansion in 1884 and then the Memorial Presbyterian Church, completed in 1904





Thomas Whitney Synnott Papers

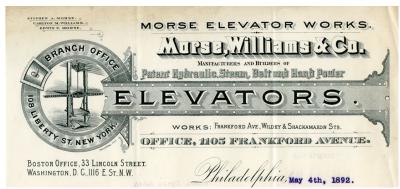
- His grandchildren, Thomas Whitney Synnott, III, and Marcia Synnott donated his papers to Rowan in his honor and have kindly funded the care of the collection
- Inclusive dates range from 1871 through 1953 (after his death)
- Predominant dates are 1893 through 1940
- Illustrates all aspects of New Jersey history at the time, particularly the evolution of the region's geography
- Collection touches a variety of subjects and details the changing geography of southern New Jersey over the course of Synnott's life
- Worked with scions of high society, banks, financial corporations, mining corporations, colleges and universities, and many more
- Letters, maps, invoices, legal documents





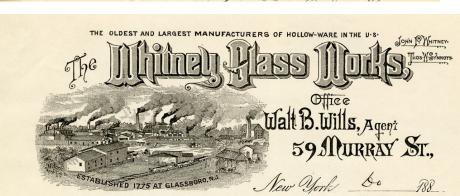
Thomas Whitney Synnott Papers: Letterheads



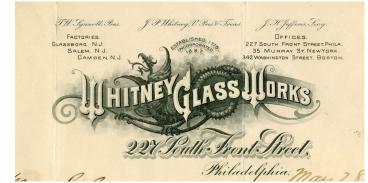










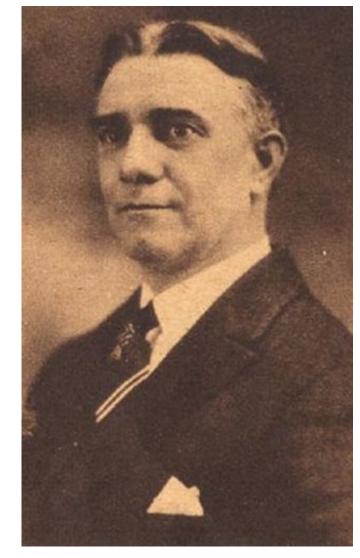






Congressman Charles A. Wolverton Papers

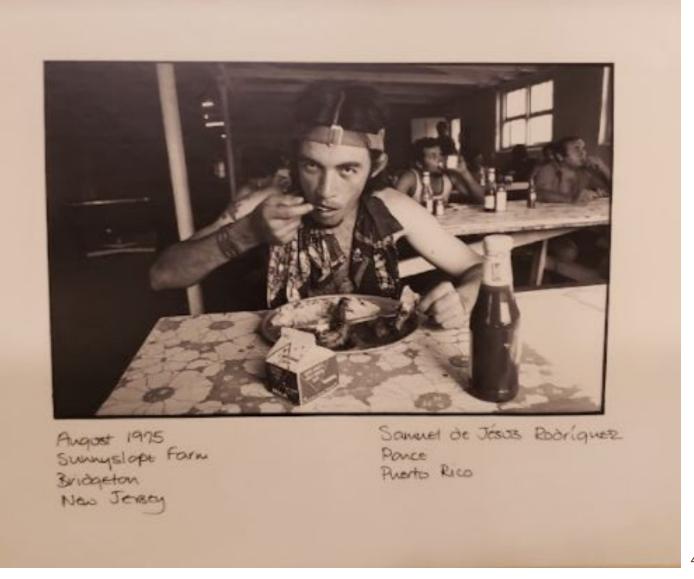
- Wolverton served New Jersey's 1st Congressional district (Camden County and parts of Burlington and Gloucester Counties) from 1927 until 1959
- Was a Camden County native and worked as the county's prosecutor
- Also served in the New Jersey State House of Assembly
- Supporter of New Deal programs and public works projects that benefitted South Jersey
- Especially championed causes of ethnic constituents, such as Polish and Irish communities
- Collection is comprised of scrapbooks that document his political career
- Newspaper clippings, photographs, letters, press releases
- Seem to have been compiled by a secretary or assistant





Lawrence and Betty Park Collection

- Mr. Park was a 1947
 Delegate to NJ
 Constitutional
 Convention
- Migrant workers photographs



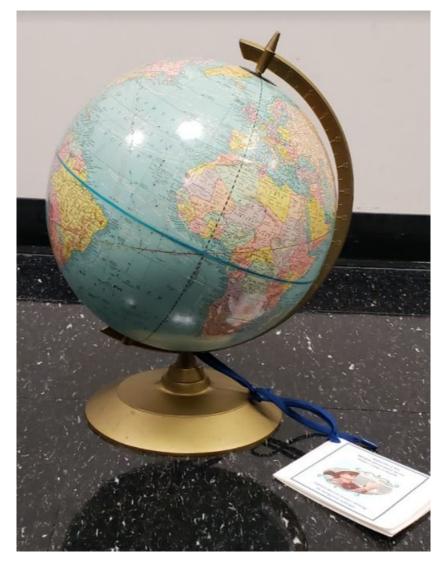


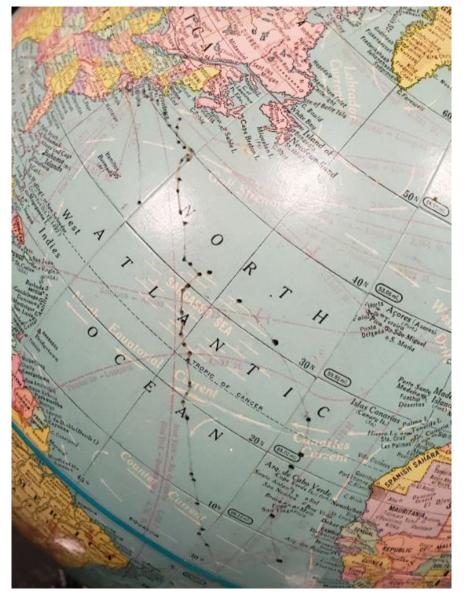
Marvin C. Creamer Collection

- Dr. Marvin Creamer, former Geography professor, decided upon his retirement, to take up sailing
- Creamer, aboard the Globe Star, was the first in the modern era to circumnavigate the globe using no navigational instrumentation, only the stars, winds, wildlife, and currents, as well as a handblown hourglass to measure the accuracy of timepieces on board (kept hidden)
- The trip took 18 months, from December 1982 until May 1984, nearly 12 of them spent at sea
- Collection contains correspondence before, during, and after his trip; photographs and videos; data reports; journals and logbooks; and documentation of his previous practice voyages
- Creamer died at age 104 at the end of 2020!



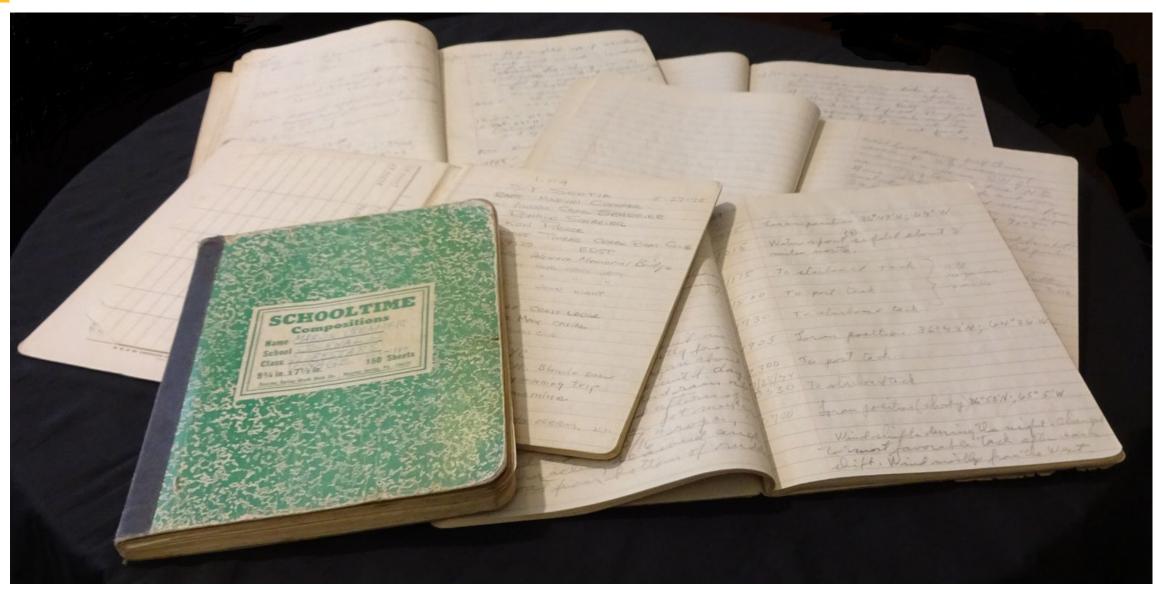
Marvin C. Creamer Collection: The Globe







Marvin C. Creamer Collection: The Log Books



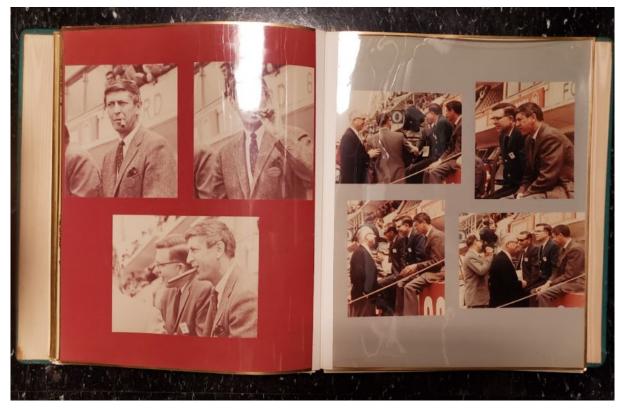


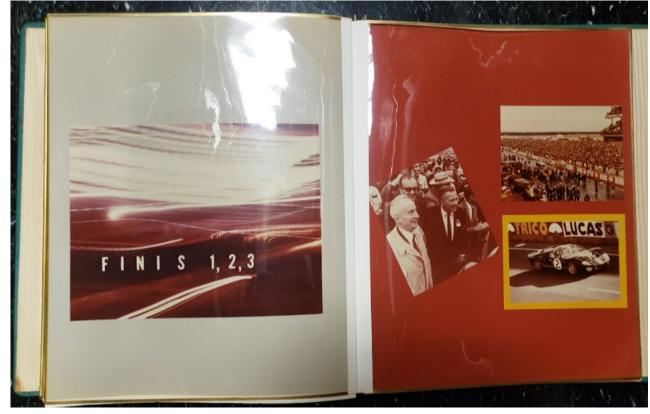
Leo C. Beebe Collection

- Employed by Ford Motor Company; instrumental in creating successful Ford Racing Team
- Took time off from Ford at request of Henry Ford II and Presidents Eisenhower and Johnson to head up Hungarian Refugee humanitarian efforts including overseeing Camp Kilmer in NJ and later the Cuban Refugee crisis
- Started Management Institute at Rowan and eventually became Dean of the Business School
- Had a long and varied career, ranging from work at Ford, Rowan University, and K-Tron (a South Jersey industrial supply company)
- During his time at Ford, Beebe worked closely with Henry Ford II most notably to close down the Edsel business
- Also directed Ford Racing to victories in 1965 and 1966, ending Ferrari's supremacy and leading the way for Ford's 1-2-3 win at the Le Mans 24-hour auto endurance race in 1966
- Beebe's collection consists of correspondence, photographs, ephemera, and more, detailing the different eras of his career



Leo C. Beebe Collection: Le Mans 1966







Lucile P. Pfleeger Collection

- Pfleeger was an ardent feminist who helped establish the South Jersey NOW – Alice Paul Chapter (the local chapter of the National Organiation for Women)
- Also a champion of equal rights for the LGBT+ community and all races and genders
- Pfleeger was quite politically active in the 1970s and 1980s, including supporting the 1984 Mondale-Ferraro presidential campaign
- An energetic supporter of Rowan, as her husband, Clarke, was a music professor, which is what brought them to South Jersey (Rowan's Pfleeger Concert Hall is named for them)
- Collection contains correspondence, publications, newspaper clippings, and other ephemera

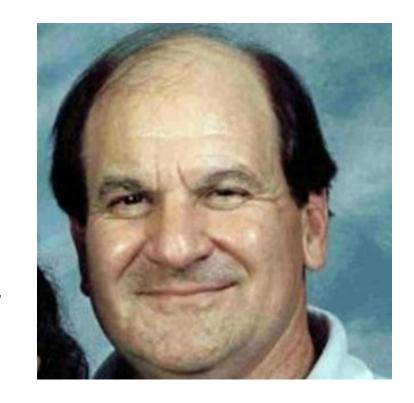






Pete Zakroff Collection on Education

- Zakroff made his career as a writer for hire
- An illustrator and specialist in multi-media productions
- Wrote extensively on the history of education in New Jersey in the 1970s and 1980s
- There are Pete Zakroff collections on other subjects in repositories such as the Hagley Museum, Seton Hall University, and the University of Maryland





Wendy Pfeffer Collection

- Wendy graduated from Rowan in 1950 and all of her siblings are alumnae
- She met her husband on campus
- Wendy was first a teacher before transitioning to children's book author
- Her work is mostly narrative non-fiction
- Her 50th book was recently published
- Specializes in topics such as ecology, biology, and physical sciences, among others
- Collection contains not just books, but documents each part of the publication process, from idea to final drafts and everything in between





David Bianculli Collection

- A prominent TV critic who publishes a blog called "TV Worth Watching"
- His columns on TV criticism were published in a variety of newspapers from 1975 through 2007
- He is also the TV critic for NPR's *Fresh Air* show, on which he is also a frequent guest host substituting for Terry Gross
- He has published several books on TV, the most recent being The Platinum Age of Television: From I Love Lucy to the Walking Dead – How TV Became Terrific (2017)
- David's fascination with TV dates back to the 1950s, when he started collecting as many publications on the subject has he could
- He donated his collection in 2017, which consists of rare and unusual books on TV, hard-to-find recordings, interviews, and VHS and DVDs of TV shows, from pilots to full runs
- Some accessibility concerns such as media formatting and copyright





- This collection is truly a treasure trove of memorabilia, history, marketing, merchandise, and more!
- Complete run of all Doodyville Historical Society newsletters ever printed
- Endless memorabilia, anything that had Howdy Doody's likeness or name, as well as that of Buffalo Bob, including some fun toys, costumes, and apparel
- Fabulous folk art and commercial advertisements
- Media like audio, video, books, an original kinescope (1957 10th anniversary show!)
- BUFFALO BOB'S AMAZING ORIGINAL SCRAPBOOKS!!
- Sadly, we do not have any original marionettes

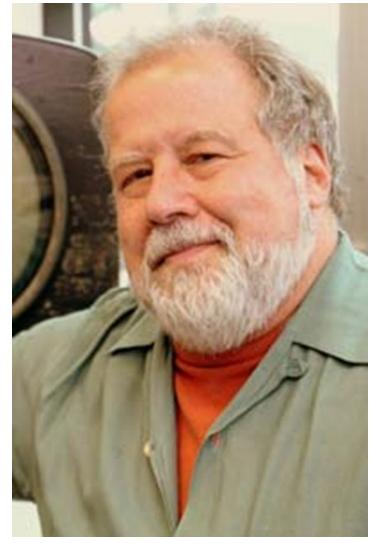




- Why Rowan?
- Bianculli donated his extensive TV media collection to Rowan in 2017
- Bianculli is a well-known TV historian and the Judsons thought his home
 University was a good match for their collection
- At the time The Howdy Doody Show aired, NBC owned RCA (an RCA TV came with the collection!) and Rowan is home to the RCA Heritage Museum (Campbell Library 5th floor tower!)
- In 2022, Rowan's Edelman College of Communication and Creative Arts launched a master's program in television history, the first of its kind in the nation: The Diana King Master of Arts in Television Studies













RCA Victor TV Set Contemporary to Show Airing





RCA Heritage Program Museum

- Founded by Joseph Pane, former RCA executive, in 2012
- Illustrates the history of RCA and the history of the use of sound wave technology from the early 20th century through the modern era
- Huge and varied collection
- Visiting hours on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Contact information:

 (856) 256-4807 or
 rcaheritage@rowan.edu or
 https://rcaheritagemuseum.com



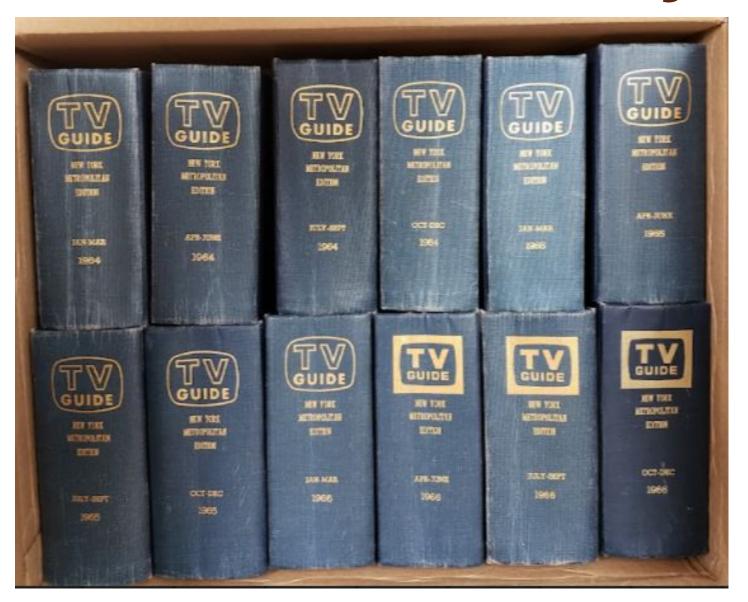


RCA Heritage Program Museum: Stuff a Sock in It!





TV Guides from the Paley Center





Mr. Movie Media Collection

- Steve Friedman, Mr. Movie, radio show and TV news correspondent
- Mr. Movie had an eidetic memory
- Michell Muldoon, widow, donated the collection in his memory and to support new media studies programs
- Contains magazines, videos, DVDs, advertisements, books, and so, so much more





COVID-19 Collection

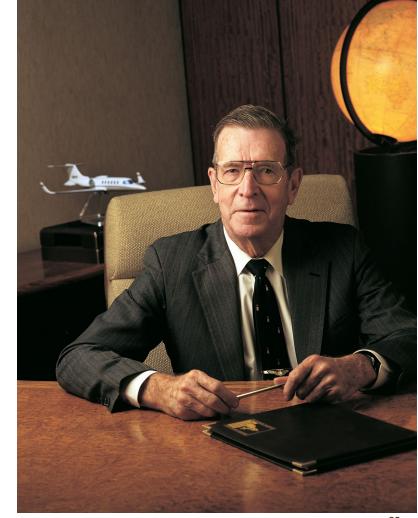
- Students, faculty, staff, and other community members submitted their narratives
- Media donations including short video clips, photographs, and art
- Artist Dolores Poacelli made art on her pandemic musings and was kind enough to donate a few pieces (on paper with paint, paper, and other materials)





Henry M. and Betty L. Rowan Family Collection

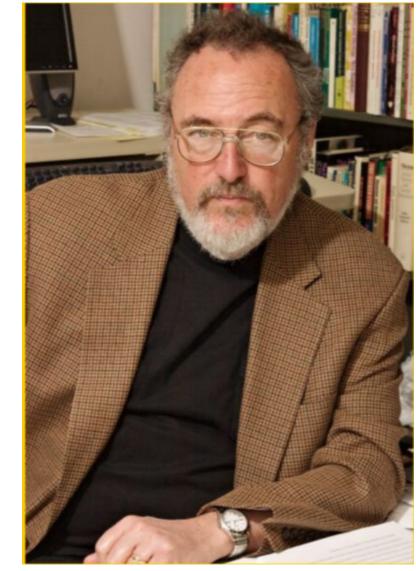
- Mr. and Mrs. Rowan improved the induction furnace
- Revolutionized the ability to melt metal quickly and evenly; vastly improved efficiency of induction furnace
- Founded a company called Inductotherm, today a multinational corporation
- Mr. Rowan donated his "little \$100 million" to University in 1992 and put the institution on a new trajectory
- Changed the future of southern New Jersey: economic engine
- Stipulated that an college of engineering be founded with donation, which admitted its first class in 1997 25th anniversary!
- Collection contains photographs throughout the life of the Rowans, as well as ephemera, correspondence, artifacts, and much more





Michael Apple Collection

- Apple is a Rowan alumnus
- Currently faculty at the University of Wisconsin
- Long, prominent, historic career as an educator
- A prolific scholar, writer, activist, and lecturer
- Collection contains the entirety of his publications in all languages they have been published in (English, Chinese, Spanish, more)
- Also contains awards, ephemera, and other memorabilia acquired over his career





Lee B. Kress Collection on New Jersey in World War II

- One of our students' favorite collections
- Illustrates what the average person was doing and reading during World War II
- Contains pamphlets, books, correspondence, media, and more
- Compiled and donated by history professor emeritus Lee Kress





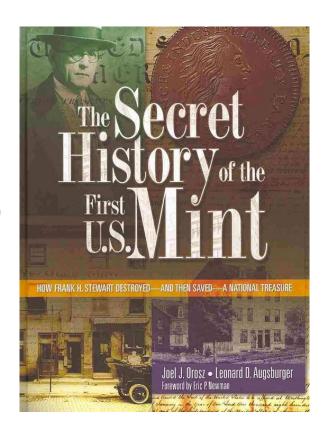
Incoming Collections

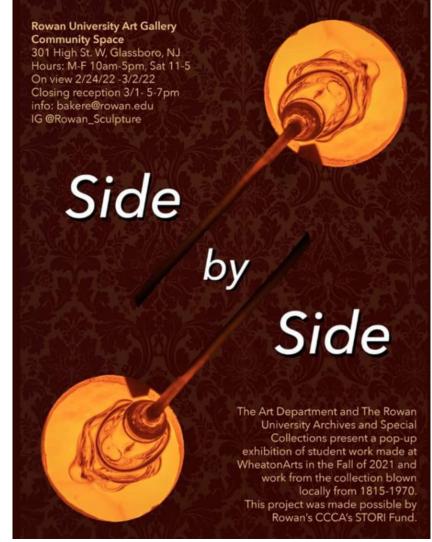
- Soupy Sales via NPR's Kathy O'Connell
- Student-produced glass
- More Mr. Movie
- Joseph Robinette papers
- Henry M. Rowan Papers



The Fruits of Research

- The Secret History of the First U.S. Mint: How Frank H. Stewart Destroyed – and Then Saved – A National Treasure by Joel H. Orosz and Leonard D. Augsburger (2011)
- Leo C. Beebe: Final Lecture and Papers – A Chronicle of Achievement and Service compiled Robert D. Lynch (2010)
- Summit at Holly Bush by Robert D. Bole (1969)
- Innumerable theses, dissertations, and student papers
- Side/by/Side exhibit







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