

DIY Archives: Enhancing Access to Collections via Free, Open-Source Platforms

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Introductions

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“Exploring” CollectiveAccess at the AAC



H. Adams Carter Yukon 1935 scrapbook scan,
CollectiveAccess image viewer detail, Providence

- Providence (back-end): all metadata, digital object upload, search, customization
- Pawtucket (front-end): object display, tagging, galleries, search, browse

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COLLECTIVEACCESS

NEW FIND MANAGE IMPORT HISTORY STATISTICS harvey c

PREV RESULTS (4/100) NEXT

Editing File:
Harvey Carter Box 2 > Folder 1:
Harvey Carter Climbing Log 1945-1958 (2012.006.002.001)



Created 1 year, 8 months ago by Erich Purpur
Last changed 1 year, 6 months ago by Erich Purpur

IDENTITY
CONTENT AND STRUCTURE
ACCESS AND USE
ACQUISITION AND APPRAISAL
RELATED MATERIALS
NOTES
ACCESS POINTS
ITEM INFORMATION

Save Cancel

Hierarchy navigation
Harvey Carter Collection → Series 1: Personal Papers, Photographs, and Items → Harvey Carter 2 → Folder 1: Harvey Carter Climbing Log 1945-1958

Location in hierarchy
Series 1: Personal Papers, Photographs, and Items → Harvey Carter Box 2 → Folder 1: Harvey Carter Climbing Log 1945-1958

Explore Move Add

Click object names to explore. Click on an arrow icon to open an object for editing. Find:

Harvey Carter Box 2 (2012.006 Box 2)	Folder 1: Harvey Carter Climbing Log 1945-1958 (2012.006.002.001)
Harvey Carter Box 3 (2012.006 Box 3)	Folder 2: Harvey Carter Climbing Log 1959-1961 (2012.006.002.002)
Harvey Carter Box 4 (2012.006 Box 4)	Folder 3: America's Pikes Peak Massif Regional Directory (2012.006.002.003)
Harvey Carter Box 5 (2012.006 Box 5)	


Sort order (Required)
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Object identifier

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- Digital asset management
- Archives administration
- Artifact registration and metadata


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North peak of Mount McKinley

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- American Alpine Club Event
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The screenshot shows the CollectiveAccess web application interface. At the top left is the logo "CA COLLECTIVEACCESS". To the right are navigation links: NEW, FIND, MANAGE, IMPORT, HISTORY, STATISTICS, and a search bar containing "harvey carter".

On the left side, there is a sidebar with the following options: BROWSE OBJECTS, SEARCH, ADVANCED SEARCH, and BROWSE (which is highlighted).

The main content area is titled "Browse by" and contains a grid of filter buttons, each with a plus sign:

- TITLE OR NAME
- AAC SECTION
- HAS MEDIA
- COLLECTIONS
- EVENT
- TERMS
- ACCESS STATUSES
- CLIMBING SIGNIFICANCE (highlighted)
- AAC REGION
- ENTITIES
- AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB EVENT
- EXPEDITIONS
- TYPES
- YEARS
- AAC DIVISION
- GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
- PLACES
- AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB NATIONAL EVENT
- STORAGE LOCATIONS
- STATUSES

Below the filter grid, the "CLIMBING SIGNIFICANCE" section is active, showing a list of letters: A B C F H I M N O S T U V W. The letter "A" is highlighted in a blue bar. Underneath, the following terms are listed:

- Accident
- Aid
- Alpine
- Ascent
- Attempt

Below "A", the letter "B" is highlighted in a blue bar, with the following terms listed:

- Big Wall
- Bouldering

Below "B", the letter "C" is highlighted in a blue bar, with the following terms listed:

- Camp/Hut
- Competition

Below "C", the letter "F" is highlighted in a blue bar, with the following terms listed:

- Fatality
- First
- Free

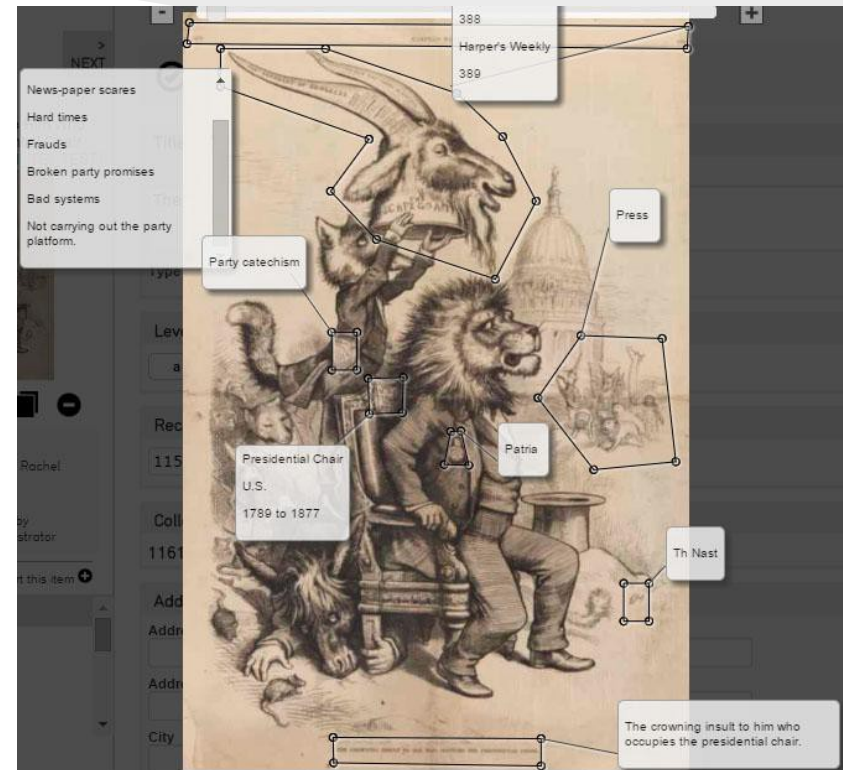
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collectiveaccess.org

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<http://hsp.org/HINT>



Historic Images, New Technologies

- Update to HSP's image viewer in *Collective Access* to allow image annotation and support TEI markup
- Publication of *Drupal*-based exhibit of annotated political cartoons



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Learn more:

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McArthur Public Library Archives & Special Collections Catalog for Local History, Genealogy, Archives, and Special Collections



Home Finding Aids History Index (Circa 1850 - Circa 1900) Images Veterans Index Biographical Resource Scrapbooks

Welcome!

Welcome to the McArthur Public Library Archives & Special Collections CATALOG! Inside you will find information on our varied collections as well as our immense and growing Biddeford Area Biographical Resources.

Comments and questions are always welcome. Contact us by email at <reference@mcarthur.lib.me.us> or you can call the Reference Department at 207-284-4181.

****IF YOU HAVE ANY GENEALOGY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT AT THE EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER ABOVE. THANKS!****

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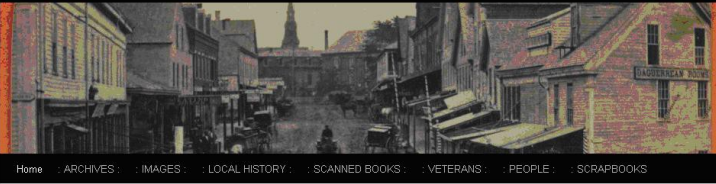
Recent Posts

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- Flood "Tommy" Collins (1871-14)
- Mark Prime Eggers (1860-66)
- Mitchell Shaw Conspiracy Collection (1850-62)
- Almanac Collection (1850-97)
- Howard Browning Newsletter Collection (1850-92)

Archives

- August 2011
- March 2011
- January 2011
- July 2010

McArthur Public Library Archives & Special Collections Catalog for Local History, Genealogy, Archives, and Special Collections



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Today

- Created October 2010
- THEN: share **indexes, finding aids** and other **collection documentation**
- NOW: also a “one stop” **portal** to dispersed **digital collections**

WordPress *for Collection Access*



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Advantages...

- No in-house hosting/infrastructure needed
- No coding expertise needed (unless...)
- No cost (unless...)
- Simple, user-friendly interface
- Built-in statistical analysis tools for metrics
- Lots of opportunity to expand/upgrade
- Lots of documentation about the product and how to use it!

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Disadvantages...???



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AtoM: An Alternative



EMERSON COLLEGE

Our story...

- Lone Arranger until October 2013; added Digital Archivist and Archives/Records Management Associate
- Finding aids were/are pdfs on the website; hard to edit and search
- Finding aids were/are being contributed to ArchiveGrid
- Also needed something with **records management** capabilities
- No money or IT infrastructure for something like Archivist's Toolkit, Archon, or Archivesspace

atom.emerson.edu

How and Why?

- Did an environmental scan:
 - **AtoM** (“*Access to Memory*”) (open-source, “free like kittens”)
 - **AXAEM** (proprietary, subscription)
 - **Collective Access** (open-source, “free like kittens”)
 - **Lyrasis-hosted Archivesspace** (open-source, subscription)
- AXAEM was the best fit for our needs but too costly
- AtoM had just enough features with flexible hosting options
- Originally developed under the International Council on Archives, currently maintained by Artefactual (makers of Archivematica)

Our Process

- Decided to host AtoM on an Amazon EC2 instance even though it is **not** an officially supported set-up
- Applied for and received the 2014 Richard L. Haas Award from the New England Archivists to fund hosting costs until we can prove value
- Digital Archivist acts as systems administrator, Archives/Records Management Associate acts as content administrator (“Prime Minister and Queen”)
- Student interns entering both finding aids and guides to records groups; box lists will be added later in 2015
- Still no additional funding, IT infrastructure, or additional personnel time