

***SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CARE, ACCESS AND
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I. GUIDELINES FOR USERS:

Access to the Historical Collection:

Materials are available for research and study on an appointment basis. Because of the uniqueness of the Mary Atwood Historical Collection, materials are housed in a locked and secure manner, and staff mediation is necessary to use the collection. Contact the Local History/Genealogist Specialist to set up an appointment time and indicate the area of your study and research. Because of the uniqueness of the Historical Collections, materials are deemed reference resources and are not available for circulation or inter-library loan.

Materials Allowed in the Mary Atwood Lecture Hall:

Briefcases, bags, purses, backpacks, newspapers, large notebooks and any other bulky items must be left in the Information Services office. Only paper and pencil may be brought into the research area. No pens of any sort are permitted. Permission is required for the use of a portable computer, typewriter or tape recorder by a researcher.

Retrieval of Materials for the Researcher:

Books, manuscripts, photographs and other materials are retrieved from storage by staff only. Please provide a call number and brief title or reference where available, or as complete a description as possible of research parameters. Only one manuscript box will be made available to researchers at a time. No more than three rare book volumes may be consulted at any given time.

Care and Handling of Unique Materials:

Materials should be handled with respect and with concern for preservation of the item. All materials should be handled as little as possible, however, delicate or fragile items may require the use of cotton gloves (which will be provided), or may be limited to staff handling only. All materials should be kept flat on the research table, with nothing placed on top (including paper or notecards). Researchers must insure that the existing order of manuscript materials in either folders or boxes is retained. If photocopying is required, please contact a staff member.

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At the conclusion of research, please bring all materials to the librarian, and ask to retrieve any stored belongings. All rare materials should be returned at least 15 minutes before closing time.



II. AGREEMENT BY USERS:

Failure to abide by any of the foregoing regulations will result in termination of privileges and/or prosecution as appropriate.

By affixing my signature below, I certify that I have read the list of procedures above, and that I agree to abide by said procedures in any use I make of the Historic collections in the J. V. Fletcher Library.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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[A Picture ID will be consulted at the time of registering for use of the Historic Collections].

For Librarian's Use Only

Collections Used:

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY
Registration and Procedures
for
Historical Collection Use

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Name (please print) _____

Permanent Mailing address: _____

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Institutional Affiliation: _____

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Faculty ____ Other _____

Subject of Research (please be specific): _____

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Shall we make the information found on this form available to other researchers working in your subject area? Yes ___ No ___



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Signed _____ Date _____
Library Representative

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Date: _____

TO: _____
(agency's/researcher's name)

(address)

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For the period _____ to _____
Location of objects while on loan _____
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