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This newsletter, in its title and masthead, pays homage to the *American Lutheran Survey* published by the noted Lutheran leader, Dr. Walton H. Greever, and was originally published at a site near the present-day Archives.

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# **ARCHIVAL SURVEY**

# **"A Surprising Discovery" In the Salzburger Collection**

he Salzburger collection (that accession of 160 books which once belonged to the German speaking immigrant community of Ebenezer, Georgia) consistently rewards us with new surprises as we continue our cataloging and research work on it. One particularly interesting piece in the collection was a certificate that had been placed in protective plastic sheeting. We knew by the top-center placement in large bold fractur of the name of the community's first pastor, Johann Martin Boltzius, along with the

central placement of King George II of England, that this was a document of some significance.

Dr. Russell Kleckley, the translator of *The Letters of Johann Martin Boltzius* and keynote speaker for the Archives' Reformation Reception, has been kind enough to advise us in our research efforts. He recently translated the document; it proved to be a farewell greeting from the faculty and students of the school connected to the Francke Foundation in the pietist center of Halle from whence Boltzius had accepted the call to lead the displaced emigrants from Salzburg. According to the conservationist who recently evaluated key volumes from the collection, the farewell document had initially been "tipped in" (specially bound in front of the title page) to the front of the book *The Soul's Treasures* by Christian Scriver, which was evidently given as a departing gift to Boltzius.



More intriguing still, Dr. Kleckley wrote to an archivist colleague in Halle, Jürgen Gröschl, and included an image of the document. Mr. Gröschl expressed genuine interest in the

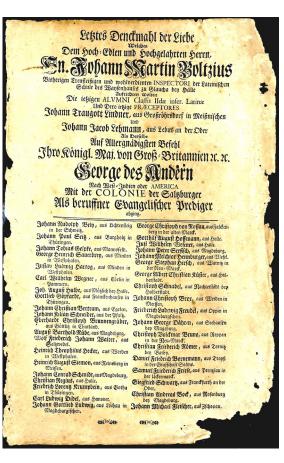
collection, noting that he had already heard of our cataloguing efforts. Furthermore, he offered help in identifying rare titles. Of the Boltzius farewell document he stated:

The farewell greetings for Boltzius are really a surprising discovery, and we have not known of their existence so far, i.e. we do not possess another copy of this document. As it was printed, one could assume that the students of Boltzius' class received a copy, but there is no copy in our archives. Many of these students are in our database as they became teachers or inspectors in the schools of the orphanage themselves and/or pastors in their own communities later.

I think the book by Scriver was a normally printed copy. Usually such books were sold unbound. In this case, the students added their print sheet with the greetings and had them bound together with the book by a professional bookbinder.

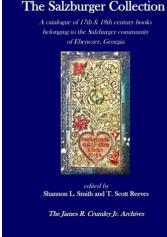
Mr. Gröschl has not been the only scholar to express interest in the collection; the work on the Salzburger collection has created some excitement in a broader scholarly circle, and we *(Continued on page 2)* 

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#### New Catalogue: The Salzburger Collection

This catalogue records the survival of a remarkable book collection from a remarkable immigrant community in eighteenth-century Georgia. The German-speaking Salzburgers, religious exiles from their homeland, first came to America in 1734, settling in the Savannah area, at Ebenezer, Georgia. The collection catalogued here includes volumes brought to Georgia by the first groups of Salzburger settlers. The earliest book in the collection is dated c. 1615 and the latest in 1828. The collection has been kept together over succeeding generations, providing an insight into the religious culture and Lutheran pietism of the Ebenezer community. The collection is now housed in the James R. Crumley Jr., Archives in Columbia, South Carolina, the regional archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



You can purchase your own catalogue from Amazon at:

https://www.amazon.com/Salzburger-Collection-catalogue-belonging-Publications/ dp/1973802414/ref=sr\_1\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1503410543&sr=1-1&keywords=salzburger+crumley

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have been blessed with assistance not only from Dr. Kleckley but also of Dr. Scott Hendrix, professor emeritus of Reformation history at Princeton as well as Dr. Patrick Scott, former director of rare books at USC. In fact, Dr. Scott has invested a great deal of time and effort in assisting with the publication of a printed version of the collection's bibliographic catalogue which will soon be available for purchase with proceeds benefitting the work of the Archives. Sandy Leach of Lineberger Library and Shannon Smith our head archivist presented at a gathering of the SC Library Association (SCLA) about the process of transferring the collection from the library to the archives back in November, and an accompanying article is set for publication in the next edition of the SCLA journal. Finally, Scott Reeves, the assistant archivist who has worked with the Salzburger collection from the start, is completing a bibliographic essay for submission to the journal of the American Theological Library Association. We have hopes that as our work continues the Boltzius farewell greeting will not be the last "surprising discovery." • By Scott Reeves

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#### Look Back Clearly: Arthur Julius Stirewalt's Diaries

By Ellen Fishburne Triplett

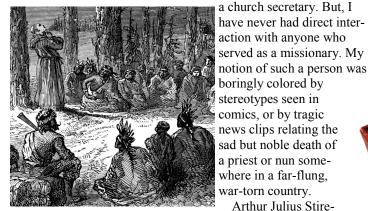
Arthur Julius Stirewalt, 1881-1968, was a Lutheran minister. Born in Virginia, educated at Lenoir College and the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, he spent nearly all of his adult life as a missionary in Japan. He was instrumental in the establishment of both the Lutheran Seminary and the Kyushu Gakuin, a middle

school, in Kumamoto, Japan. He taught in Hakata and Saga at yochiens, or pre-schools. After the Great Earthquake of 1923, he helped found and manage Tkyo's Home for Widows and Children, and the Tokyo Old Folks Home. He was living and working in Tokyo when Pearl Harbor was bombed, being allowed to leave a few months afterward.

Those are the man's major accomplishments in about a hundred words. However, I can tell you that the above barely dents the surface of an incredible life, well-lived, by a complex and remarkable individual.

It has been my good fortune, through the generosity of a Peeler Grant, to spend the past few months photographically scanning the diaries of Arthur Stirewalt, and writing brief descriptions of each year, for the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives. This has not only provided me the opportunity to read his fascinating life in thousands of words – his own words –but it has also changed my layman's view of missionary work in general.

I am an artist by trade, not a religious scholar, although I was reared in the Episcopal Church, spent most childhood Sunday mornings learning my Bible lessons, and even did a brief stint as



Charles W. Jeffry's drawing of Jesuits with American Indians - Benson John Lossing, ed. Harper's Encyclopedia of United States History (vol. 5) (New York, NY: Harper and

the pages he kept from 1900 throughout most of the rest of his life, that I, too, shivered with cold when there was no money for fuel in his Chicago grad-student apartment, and despaired when he was so exhausted he wrote of giving up. I felt the ash and cinders he experienced raining down from atop Asama Yama in 1908. And I cheered when he read the 1912 letter from Alice Wulbern, in which she agreed to be his wife.

Arthur Julius Stire-

has taken me time traveling

first-hand. So vivid are his

descriptions, hand-written in

walt - a missionary! -

From Lenoir College he wrote of the simple routines of daily life, such as finding the best price in Hickory for his weekly laundry, and maneuvering through social events, some of which - as

a country boy - he seemed to have found rather uncomfortable. Summers were spent working, hunting, and fishing on his family farm near Luray, Virginia, and occasionally helping his father, Rev. John N. Stirewalt, at the three churches he tended. He graduated from Lenoir College in May of 1902.

During his years in Chicago. Illinois as a graduate student, young Stirewalt exhibited amazing stamina, maturity, and dedication. He not only studied for classes, he also served as personal assistant to Dr. R. F. Weidner, and traveled by train every week to be Chaplain at a Passavant Hospital. He wrote of ailments: tooth aches, headaches, fevers. He also



Chicago Lutheran Seminary Graduates 1905

that work, he discovered, was bringing Christianity to the Japanese people. In December of 1905, Stirewalt sailed from Seattle, Washington, arriving in Yokohama, Japan in time for the new year. He began studying the language in earnest,

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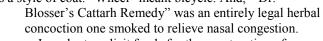
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drawing Japanese characters at the top of each journal entry. The unfamiliar culture brought surprises; he commented more than once about the harsh physical labor expected of women and children. But there were happy similarities, too. On May 26, 1906, he described the local children's delight in catching fireflies!

Stirewalt took pleasure in gardening and listening to music on his graphophone. And, he wrote of giving "magic lantern lectures." These were mentioned time and again. Finally, I had to discover what the truth was behind these mystical-sounding events. It turned out that our man in Japan was using multi-media at that early date! The magic lantern was a projector, for which he bought appropriate slides.

Other interesting tidbits gleaned from Stirewalt's writings: A "Prince Albert" was a style of coat. "Wheel" meant bicycle. And, "Dr.



In order to solicit funds for the construction of Kyushu Gakuin, Stirewalt returned to the United States early in 1910. During this time, he twice encountered Major Perry of Leesville, South Carolina, who was widely known as "The Sleeping Negro Preacher," and he wrote about Perry at length. He also met his bride-tobe in Charleston during this return trip to the States.

Stirewalt had been ill, and spent the month of July, 1912 regaining his health at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The focus was on exercise, deep breathing, massage, nutrition, and sleep. He kept detailed notes on the lectures about nutrition and disease, much of which is being rediscovered in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. From this experience he adopted a vegetarian diet. In September of 1912, Stirewalt boarded the Atlantic Transport Line's "Minnesota" for Yokohama, and arrived there October 4.

To date I have read partially into the year 1914, when Arthur and Alice are wed. Later that year, as they are beginning their new life together, they will travel to Japan across an ocean patrolled by enemy boats, during the first months of World War I. I cannot wait to experience the rest of their adventures. •



You are cordially invited to the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives 500th Anniversary Reformation Celebration

The evening will include: 5:30: Welcome and registration in Lineberger Library 6:15: Lecture by Dr. Russell Kleckley entitled "From Salzburg to Ebenezer: The Georgia Salzburgers at the Crossroads of Faith and Freedom" 7:15: Reception with the Presentation of our Salzburger Collection Dedication of our new Reading Room and Sponsorship opportunities

# September 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Lineberger Memorial Library and Stavros Lecture Hall Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Lenoir-Rhyne University 4201 N. Main St. Columbia, S.C. 29203

Dr. Kleckley will present "From Salzburg to Ebenezer: The Georgia Salzburgers at the Crossroads of Faith and Freedom." This lecture will address the impact of the Reformation and the American context on the Salzburger story at Ebenezer.

Admission to this event is complementary. It is our way of saying thank you for your continued support. Space is limited and is on a first come, first served basis.

Please RSVP to the Crumley Archives and register for the lecture through the Academy of Faith and Leadership by September 13th.

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# Just thinking...

As I'm finishing up the process of "putting to bed" this issue of the *Survey*, I got to thinking about some friends in Houston, Texas... a place which, at the moment is inundated with flood water. I think(!) that my friends are safe and sound,

but I haven't heard from them for several days. I am reminded of the floods that hit South Carolina and the eastern part of North Carolina in the past couple years.



These floods can be devastating... to people and to property. It is in such times that I am thankful that the Crumley Archives is located on a high point in the city of Columbia, SC! As I am thankful that I live in the mountains of western NC where it seldom floods! But at the same time I hurt for the churches that become flooded and can lose much that is of historical value. If you, or your congregation lie in a flood plain (even a 500-year flood plain!), I would hope that you have taken precautions to keep valuable, historic documents safe... from floods or any other natural disaster. If you need some guidance on such safe-keeping, may I suggest that you contact Shannon Smith, Director of the Crumley Archives, who can offer guidance on what you can (and should) do to keep these valuable documents and items safe. Once such are damaged or destroyed there is often no way to recover what has been lost. Just thinking..... ♦ Don Poole, Editor.

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You can donate all or part of mandatory IRS withdrawals directly to the Archives without paying taxes on the withdrawals. It's another way to consider your support for the Crumley Archives. For information on how to do this, contact your financial institution, or tax advisor.



Dr. Russell Kleckley,

professor of religion at

Augsburg College in

Minneapolis, MN

#### The Crumley Archives Enters a New Era

By Shannon Smith, Director of the Archives

The Crumley Archives' mission is to preserve history. Every once in a while, we have the chance to make a little. If you have visited the Crumley Archives, which is located in the lower level of Lineberger Memorial Library, you know that our facility is



packed full of treasures. And while this is a point of pride for us, being one of the richest archives of Lutheran history, such a great volume of material has also been somewhat of a cross to bear, as it were. For quite some time, the staff of the Crumley Archives and the Board of Directors have devised ways of remedying the problem of space-shortage. One possible solution was to relocate our materials to a new piece of property. But many felt that this was not in the Archives' best interest, given that ELCA regional archives across America have a long-standing history of being housed on seminary campuses. Another proposed solution was to create an annex across the street from the LR-LTSS campus. But again, some felt that this could be awkward when it came to going back and forth from one

space to another, and that the cost exceeded the potential benefit.

In the spring of 2016, the Crumley Archives began discussions with LR-LTSS on the acquisition of large room

that is adjacent to the Archives. The staff and board felt that to acquire additional space close to the archives would mitigate the problem of space shortage while at the same time allowing staff to remain close to the materials.

Renovation of the new space began in the winter of 2017. The Archives installed



glass doors to bring natural light into the room and granting outside access. We also arranged for the double doors that lead to the common area of the lower level of the library to have glass inserts, creating a more open and inviting space. Next, we painted ... and painted some more! The floor came first,



and then the walls. Our last major project was the installation of new lighting. After our renovation was complete, we began to relocate our operations.

Everyone agreed that it was in the best interest of the Archives to keep all records and books *in the Archives*, that is, in a climate controlled facility free from natural light. The "stuff" we removed from the Archives was our desks, research tables, book shelves . . . in other words, things that were not "archival" in character. By moving the furniture and equipment that took up more than a third of the Archives, we strategically freed up enough space to add more shelving. And more shelving means more space for beloved collections.

A few small renovations in our new space — which we have named "The Reading Room"— remain. We're also very busy improving and rearranging the Archives. All of this will be completed in time for our Reformation celebration and reception at the end of September (see this newsletter and our website for details). We look forward to presenting this space to our patrons, and dedicating it to a very special benefactor who has been a long time supporter of the Archives.

There are countless individuals to thank, although we cannot possibly recognize them all in this newsletter. Still, a small effort is in order: to our board of directors, and in particular those who read countless emails, brainstormed ways of making this space a reality, and who acted as sounding boards when we hit bumps in the road: Mark Scott, Susan McArver, Karen Sumner, Harvey Huntley, Don Poole, and Ed Woodward. If it were not for generous grants from the folks of Home Mission Foundation and the SC-Lutheran Men in Mission, our problem of

space shortage would persist. We owe a special thanks to Sandy Leach for her hospitality. Her appreciation for our work is evident. We mustn't forget Scott Reeves, our "resident painter" (but better known for his Salzburger research!) who never batted an eye at the wet and dirty work we asked him to do. And to Trudy Bouknight for her keen insight and financial oversight. We are indebted to everyone who has made a donation, big and small, that has contributed to the rehabilitation of our space, and to everyone who has kept us in prayer and business for the last 25 years. Here's to another 25 of preserving and making history! ◆

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## A Question of Loyalty

Dr. Susan Wilds McArver

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official entry of the United States into World War I. The war had already been raging in Europe for almost three years, and the belated, decisive decision of the United States to send soldiers "Over There" began to shore up the exhausted forces of England and France.

As the United States moved to an overseas war-footing, however, a population on the home front also began to come under serious threat: German-Americans.

Germans had been immigrating to America since the colonial period, settling in large numbers in Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Carolinas. Although they retained some latent affinities for their European ancestors, as well as some distinctive cultural habits, they had long since become "southernized." Large new immigrant waves in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, however, made Germans especially visible in the Midwest, where many still spoke German, lived and married in ethnic enclaves - and worshiped in their Lutheran churches.

# SAUERKRAUT MAY BE 'LIBERTY CABBAGE'

German-Americans began to fall under heavy suspicion. Some of this took an almost comical turn: overnight, for example, dachshunds became "liberty pups" and traditional German sauerkraut became "liberty cabbage" (an action echoed in 2003, when "Freedom Fries" temporarily replaced "French Fries" on some menus during a dust up with the French).

Dealers Think Camouflaged Name Is Better Suited to American Sensibility.

New York Times, April 25, 1918

More seriously, German Americans throughout the United States increasingly became the targets of physical abuse. While this particularly affected Lutherans in the Midwest, even Lutherans in the Southeast were not immune from suspicion.

This new reality caught southern Lutherans by surprise in more ways than one. Residents and loyal citizens for almost two hundred years and seven generations, they were puzzled to suddenly find themselves the target of anti-German sentiment because of their church's historic national roots.

Pastor and editor John Horine protested in vain that "the relation of the Lutheran Church in America to the German nation and government, if it exists at all, must be very distant – a sort of second cousinship twice removed!"<sup>1</sup> Another writer painfully noted that considering their record and service since the American Revolution, "this suspicion of Lutherans and Germans is so strange."<sup>2</sup> But the efforts did little to tamp down the growing frenzy.

James Eleazer of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Chapin, for example, was shocked to be arrested by police not once, but twice, as a suspected German spy in 1916-1917, as he traveled in southwest Georgia as a citrus canker inspector. Worse, he had to make a hasty retreat from one town when rumors spread that "the Germans" had poisoned the local water supply.<sup>3</sup>

Rumors also flew that the Lutheran Seminary's magnificent new building, completed in 1911 and overlooking the city of Columbia, served as a strategic location for German sympathizers to shell the city with artillery fire, imitating Union General Sherman sixty years before.

The Secret Service reportedly investigated Walton Harlowe Greever (1870-1965), pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbia, editor of the southern weekly newspaper, the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and co-editor of the new national journal, the *American Lutheran Survey*. Editorials in both papers beginning in early 1914 had urged a cautious neutrality, but Greever's measured tones angered an increasingly panic-stricken populace. He had to travel to Washington, DC, to plead his case before his congressional representative (and fellow southern Lutheran), Frank A. Lever.<sup>4</sup> Eventually, Greever devoted the entire issue of June 5, 1918 of *The Lutheran Survey* to disproving charges that Lutherans were treacherous aliens in the United States.



Walton Harlow Greever

Other southern Lutherans also rushed to demonstrate their own loyalty. The long-standing German Friendly Society of Ascension Lutheran, Savannah disbanded, when their Pastor "told the members . . . it was their patriotic duty to do this."  $^{5}$ 

The South Carolina Synod defended itself in 1917 against challenges in the press, voting to "reaffirm our loyal adherence . . . of patriotic devotion to the flag of the country [and] of respect for civil authority,"<sup>6</sup> and the Newberry Conference passed its own resolutions in support of the war in 1918.<sup>7</sup>

The Armistice of November 1918 finally cooled the worst of the hysteria. But perhaps the experience of "German Lutherans" in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century can serve as a cautionary reminder, even today, of how easy it can be to discriminate against an entire population of people, based solely on their ethnic or religious background.

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