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## University Library and Center for Archival Collections A Proposal to Northwest Ohio Genealogists

This year the Bowling Green State University Library and the Center for Archival Collections will allocate approximately \$1 million towards new acquisitions and the preservation of numerous historical collections to better serve the university community and the citizens of northwest Ohio. In light of recent reductions in university funding the Library and CAC recognize the need to appeal to outside individuals and organizations for the necessary resources to maintain the high standards of an academic library and archives. As a result of BGSU's efforts, the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) awarded a \$150,000 three year challenge grant to be completed by 1983. In essence, for every three dollars raised by private contribution the NEH will contribute one dollar. In order to receive a full \$150,000 the Library and CAC must raise \$450,000. To date, more than \$370,000 has been contributed from alumni, parents, faculty, and friends of the Library and CAC. In this final year, we are asking for your support by establishing a goal of \$30,000.

Of particular importance to genealogists would be:

- a. the establishment of an endowment for the Library and CAC to improve its long-range commitment in developing the Northwest Ohio History Collection, especially in genealogical materials. i.e., county histories, newspapers, vital statistics, census, etc.
- b. the continued preservation and expansion of over 400 title newspapers covering a period from 1822-present, currently housed at the CAC
- c. the availability, through microfilm preservation, of a facet of local history which most oftentimes has been destroyed through neglect, fire, flood, and occasionally theft
- d. the referencing of newspaper files by CAC staff for publishers, university students, community leaders, local citizens, and genealogists
- e. the continued expansion of the conservation laboratory for use by all citizens of northwest Ohio.

During the weeks of April 4-8 and 24-29 the CAC staff and Friends will be contacting you for your much needed support to help us meet our goal. Your continued support would be most appreciated!

### \* \* \* PRESERVATION POINTS \* \* \*

#### "How to preserve newspaper clippings"

Have you ever searched for a newspaper article that you just knew you cut out to save years ago? When you finally locate your treasured article it is so fragile it falls apart as you unfolded it and has turned a brownish yellow in color. Why do newspapers and some books do this? This self-destructive-paper problem is a price we pay for the mass production of newspapers and some books. After the 1860's, publishers began to use wood pulp to make paper because it was cheaper and more plentiful than rags. An inherent problem with wood-pulp paper is that its lignin (the glue that holds the wood fibers together) turns dark easily. Also, the water in the paper, plus the alum in the sizing (sizing prevents inks from feathering; paper towels have no sizing) combine with sulphur dioxide in the air to form sulfuric acid. Acid is paper's biggest enemy and it is almost everywhere. The acid attacks the paper fibers and weakens them, eventually turning them into sawdust.

If you wish to preserve newspaper clippings here are two suggestions:

- 1) Copy onto good quality permanent paper
- 2) Provide support for the original clipping. This could be done by encapsulating in plastic or by pasting onto good quality paper such as 100% rag or permalife. Be sure to use a neutral adhesive such as the Pritt glue stick.

If you have any paper or photographic preservation or conservation questions for which you would like to see answers, please send them to the Archival Chronicle, Center for Archival Collections, 5th Floor Library, BGSU, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403.

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Walnut Grove Cemetery Association Records (Delphos, Ohio)  
CEMETERY RECORD, N.D.  
RECORD OF DEED FOR CEMETERY LOT, March 7, 1892-1980  
CEMETERY PLOT MAPS, Misc. dates