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I. Summary of Project Activities and Accomplishments

a. Summary

The completion of the arrangement and description of the BWU Photo Collection required the entire grant period to finish the processing due to delays in the shipping of some materials. A student assistant was not hired for the fall semester, and therefore, the hours set aside for student work were taken up by me.

During the process, I updated a blog (<http://bwarchive.blogspot.com/>) using photographs that were in the process of being organized. I then linked these photographs to the archive Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/bwhistorianshouse>).

Finding Aids were created and posted to the newly created archive website.
(<http://www.bw.edu/resources/university-archive/>)

b. Assessment

The SNAP Grant has created much needed visibility to the BW Archive. The archive's Facebook page "likes" have spiked to 357 followers since I began posting photos and using the blog. Recently, I have been working with a Graduate Assistant in the University Relations Department to find photographs for BWU's Facebook page's "Throwback Thursdays." ⁹<http://www.facebook.com/baldwinwallacecollege>) The Throwback posts include using photos to engage alumni/current students. The student posts a photo and has followers guess the year the photo was taken. The eight finding aids have helped facilitate easy access to photographs.

The photographs are now listed in eight finding aids.¹ These finding aids have been posted to the new archive website. This website has not been live for long, so the effects have yet to be realized. However, the finding aids provide a level of security because the finding aids document what files are in the collection and where they should be located.

The most important part of the project was the general preservation of the photographs. Photos are now stored in Hollinger boxes that are appropriate to size and type of photograph. Barrier board has been cut and placed between file folders in order to prevent curling and to help straighten out photos that already have a slight curl. Photos have been sleeved in mylar photo sleeves. This will help preserve the photos when they need to be physically accessed. The storage shelf purchased using the grant funds, now helps store the processed boxes.²

Cabinet Cards and Carte De Vistas have been sleeved in special mylar sleeves and placed in the boxes appropriate to their size.

114 Oversized photographs are foldered in the oversized folders that were purchased through the grant and are stored in the oversized filing cabinet that was also purchased through the grant.³ The contents of both the boxes and the drawer are referenced in the overall collection with Document removed forms.

The new oversized drawer was able to fit under another smaller, oversized drawer and has helped consolidate space.

Not only did the OHRAB grant allow Baldwin Wallace to preserve precious pieces of our history and heritage, it has helped draw attention to the importance of the archive. This is a major reason why, during the summer of 2013, the archive will be relocating from its current location to a space more properly suited for the collections; Baldwin Wallace's Ritter Library. The photographs will be very beneficial in the creation of displays for the library, as a space will be allocated for such exhibits.

¹ Appendix A.

² Appendix B

³ Appendix C

c. Related access and outreach efforts

As mentioned, the University Relations have begun to access photographs for the University's Facebook account. Also, the photograph collection is now in a position that a digitization of the collection can start.

The plan for the archive move to Ritter Library includes creating an exhibit space to display artifacts, including photographs, so that faculty, staff, students, and potential students will be able to learn about the history of Baldwin Wallace.

Archival photographs have been used in Baldwin Wallace's annual magazine, *Synergies*, for a story co-written by the archivist. (See Next Page)

Calvin Weiss '47, who had been a BW student, was also in the first V-12 class. He recalled the dual roles of academia and naval requirements, saying, "It was regimental compared to what we had before. Every morning—I don't know what time that darn bugle got us up, six o'clock?—we rolled out onto Seminary Street and exercised. The rest of the day we were just regular students, but we were in uniform." For the V-12s, Saturday classes ended at noon, followed by a "parade revue" which brought out both students and local residents.

The Navy required swimming facilities as one of the conditions for hosting the V-12 program. The college considered several options before deciding it was necessary to build an indoor pool attached to the existing gymnasium (now the SAC). The Navy Department obtained "priority" for the construction (necessary for any building during the war) and the pool was completed in February 1944 at a total cost of \$55,799.

Athletics Advanced

The war years also bolstered BW athletics. During his freshman year, someone suggested to Harrison Dillard '49, that if he joined the enlisted reserves, it might give him a few extra weeks on campus before he entered the service. As luck would have it, Harrison and others on the team were called into active duty right before the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament.

Yet, he explained, "Eddie [Coach Finnegan], knowing some people, apparently, had managed to get us a weekend pass. So, we came back, and that's when we ran the Ohio Conference track meet and won that thing; Eddie's first and BW's first."

As Harrison was leaving campus, another star student-athlete was on his way. *The Exponent* stated, "Our man of the hour has yet to see his 19th birthday, stands five feet, nine inches tall

and tips the scales at very little more than 165 pounds...Lee is not the big, unintelligent football player we read about in sports novels." After plans to play football at Ohio State were interrupted by the war, Lee Tressel '48, found his way to BW through the Navy V-12.

Lee served his country, returned to BW to finish his degree, then returned in 1958 to become a legendary coach of the Yellow Jackets. Harrison went on to earn Olympic Gold in 1948 and 1952 Olympics and helped Finnegan realize his dream of coaching an OAC Champion track team and a National Champion runner.

There was no place on campus large enough for indoor athletic events and men's physical education. "In those days we played basketball in the old Armory [in Berea]," recalled V-12 Don Swegan '45. "We beat Bowling Green the last game of the season." They had lost only once that year and played in the NIT, then a prestigious tournament. "We beat them 57-54," Swegan said. "Ray Watts had gone to Florida and allowed Lars Wagner to coach the team so we threw Lars into the shower," to celebrate.

"Civvies" Roll Out Red Carpet

The war reached every aspect of campus life. Civvies, as the regular students were called in the *Grindstone*, particularly the women, looked forward to the V-12s arrival. Mary Ogilvy Gensler '38 returned to BW to teach home economics in 1940. She recalled the reactions of the women students when the V-12s came to campus.

"The fellows, of course, were in uniform and that added a little more glamour and excitement." Mary stayed in Tudor House where home ec students lived while learning how to run a home. During food rationing she recalled some unusual meals with many of the recipes improvised, substituting cheese and beans for the meat.



d. Publicity

A June 22, 2012 article that was posted on Cleveland.com and printed in the local Sun Newspaper was the greatest source of publicity. The story is as follows:

“A small white house on Beech Street has more Baldwin-Wallace College history within its walls than perhaps any other on campus.

The structure next to B-W’s President’s House is home to the college’s historian.

Jeremy B. Feador became B-W’s archivist and college historian in December 2010. He is a 2008 B-W history and political science grad and earned his master’s degree in history with a specialization in archival and museum administration.

Feador, 26, became an archival buff while working on the Adams Street Cemetery restoration project as a B-W student. He recently received an Ohio Historic Records Advisory Board grant to process and preserve B-W’s photo collection.

“There are some really neat photos that document Berea and B-W, quarrying in town, 1800s student life, the changing campus and others,” he said. “There is a lot of history in this building.”

His main focus is organizing the material, mainly photographs, and trying to accommodate the growth that will occur when Baldwin-Wallace College becomes Baldwin Wallace University on July 1.

“It is a living, breathing institution,” Feader said. “It produces a variety of photos and information that should be documented for history. I’m sure more will come this way with the change — everything that has ‘college’ written on it will end up here.”

Now he is involved in a project of interviewing V-12 alumni from 1940 through 1950. B-W was selected in 1943 for the U. S. Navy V-12 training program in which hundreds of young men descended on the campus. B-W provided housing, classrooms and some professors. The men then went elsewhere for midshipman training.

World War II veterans also came to the college with their GI Bill funding after the war. Small campers or trailers dotted an open field next to the football stadium.

“There was no running water and they did their laundry under the stadium. Lee Tressel lived in one,” said Feador, a 2004 North Olmsted High School grad.

Photographs, of which there are thousands, are kept in acid-free folders, archival boxes and other types of storage that will not damage them.

“The cardinal rule is, don’t do something to them that you can’t undo, such as writing in pen,” he said.

Feador said one of his biggest surprises was finding a folder in a drawer that President Woodrow Wilson sent to Baldwin-Wallace College. It was dated May 23, 1918.

“This was a ‘German’ school and, with the war, there were some issues surrounding that. The college sent a letter to Washington D.C. ensuring this was an all-American school, with the faculty offering their patriotic pledges,” he said. “Wilson thanked them for that.”

Feador said he wondered how many people knew the college began on land that is now in the Cleveland Metroparks. Baldwin University was located south of North Quarry Road, which is now a parking lot, and continued through the Cleveland Metroparks toward the extension of South Rocky River Drive. It moved to what is now known as the north campus and later joined German Wallace College. The move was due

to the encroachment of the sandstone quarries that made Berea known as the grindstone capital of the world.

A part-time employee, Feador said some comments he read from stored material said that John Baldwin — who owned quarries, built educational institutions and local homes — surprised some by walking around town without shoes, a hat or vest.

“One man wrote he thought Baldwin was a janitor when he met him, not a rich man,” Feador said. Some of the stored material relates to various signs of the times. Baldwin University’s *The Collegiate Gazetteer* of 1859 mentioned the “new hoop skirts” seen at S. Gould’s Grocery Store and “turtle soup and ice cream” served at Wheeler & Hartupee’s.

Berea can see part of history returning to the campus, as American International is restoring several buildings. The firm also is redesigning the stairway, located just north of Kulas Hall and leading from a parking lot to the campus, to its original form.

Feador offers programs to groups about various aspects of the college’s history. He sees the potential of having working archives on campus, although the greatest need is preserving what is there now.

“B-W has a great history and cool traditions,” he said. “I want this information accessible to those who need it and to make it easier to find. It is amazing what we have right here in this house.”

Feador may be reached at (440) 826-3218. He also has a B-W historian’s house [Facebook](#) page and a blog.”

The article mentions the SNAP grant. During this time, I saw a spike in the “likes” of the archive’s Facebook page. This article also altered many of the campus staff and faculty to the presence of the archive.

II. Itemized list of expenditures

Salaries and Wages (<i>list items</i>)	Grant Funds	Cash Match	TOTAL
Archivist (\$16.36x200 hours)		\$3,272	\$3,272
taxes & benefits		\$276	\$276
			\$0
			\$0
Subtotals	\$0	\$3,548	\$3,548

Supplies (<i>list items</i>)	Grant Funds	Cash Match	TOTAL
Tape 3M Double Sided 1/4" x 36 Yds	\$28		\$28
Cabinet Card Flip-Top	\$54		\$54
Cabinet Card Sleeves-Self Locking Photo Slvs	\$118		\$103
Carte de Vistie Box Shallow Lid	\$16		\$16
Carte de Vistie Self Locking Photo Slvs 3mil	\$30		\$30
Oversize Folders	\$203		\$203
Steel Flat File 5 Drawer 16 1/2Hx46 3/8Wx35 3/8"D	\$999		\$849
Base 6" For 4996 & 4986 Files 6Hx46 3/8Wx32	\$162		\$137
Record Storage Racks 4 Levels Holds 48 Cartons 84Hx42Wx30"D	\$419		\$419
Barrier Board 60 pt Buffered 16W x 20L Blue Grey Pkg 25	\$184		\$184
Self Locking Photo Slvs 3mil Arch 4Wx6"	\$34		\$34
Self Locking Photo Slvs 3mil Arch Poly 5Wx7"	\$78		\$69
Self Locking Photo Slvs 3mil Arch Poly 8Wx10"H Pkg 50	\$400		\$400
			\$0
			\$0
Subtotals	\$2,724	\$0	\$2,525

Summary Budget	Grant Funds	Cash Match	TOTAL
Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$3,548	\$3,548
Supplies	\$2,724	\$0	\$2,525
Total Project Costs	\$2,724	\$3,548	\$6,073

Highlighted items where on sale.

III. Project Cost Match

The cost match of the project exceeded the original \$3,548. Due to not having a student worker, the archivist dedicated 20 hours/week to the project, twice the original 10, bringing Baldwin Wallace University's match to 400 hours and \$7,096.

APPENDIX A: Sample of a finding aid

BW PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION KEY

.01 BUILDINGS

ID NUMBER	BOX	FILE	DESCRIPTION
BW.01.1.1.	1	1	21 Beech
01.2.1		2	63 Beech [Chi House, Before Renovation]
01.2.2		3	63 Beech [Chi House]
01.3.1		4	Athletic Field
01.4.1		5	Armory
01.5.1		6	Bagley Hall-Exterior
01.5.2		7	Bagley Hall-Interior
01.6.1		8	Baldwin Hall
01.7.1		9	Black Cultural Center
01.8.1		10	Bonds Hall
01.9.1		11	Buildings and Grounds
01.10.1		12	Burrell Observatory-Construction
01.10.2		13	Burrell Observatory
01.10.3		14	Burrell Observatory-Interior
01.10.4		15	Burrell Observatory-Clocks
01.10.5		16	Burrell Observatory-Sketch
01.11.1		17	Carnegie Science Hall
01.11.2		18	Carnegie Science Hall
01.11.3		19	Carnegie Science Hall-Interior
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(<http://www.bw.edu/resources/university-archive/finding-aids/01.Photo%20Finding%20Aid%20Buildings.pdf>)

APPENDIX B: Storage Shelf



APPENDIX C: Oversized Drawer –[Bottom Drawer was purchased using grant funds]

