SUPPORTING OUR WORK

Moravian Archives is an agency of the Moravian Church in North America, Southern Province.

Three-fourths of the Archives’ funding graciously comes from our Church’s giving: half from the budget of the entire Southern Province, and half from the twelve churches of the Salem Congregation. For the remainder, we are dependent upon annual and endowment gifts by individual supporters. Individual supporters also help with volunteer staffing and project work, and add to the holdings of collections through selected gifts of manuscripts and artifacts. We would welcome you as a supporter of our Archives.

VOLUNTEERS

With a fulltime Archives staff of only two employees, volunteer help will continue to be of great importance in carrying out our mission of service to the Church and community. Volunteers staff our reception area, work with genealogy researchers as Family History Docents, assist in the digitization or our print and photo resources, generate searchable typescript documents from our manuscript collections, and remind us daily with their enthusiasm and dedication just what a joy it is to work in our place. We thank them, and we would welcome your help as a volunteer as well.

Annotations

Annotations is our occasional newsletter for supporters of the Archives, usually sent twice a year. Copies of our latest issue and selected back issues can be found at the Annotations tab under the Supporters section of our website.
COLLECTORS

Over the years we have received many wonderful gifts from individuals. Generally these have been correspondence, papers, and mementos — cherished Moravian heirlooms that families wish to have a permanent home, or collections from individuals impacting the Moravian community.

We do occasionally accept non-paper items, or ephemera, even though we do not have the display or storage capability of a museum. Such items usually have special importance or significance to aspects of our Moravian heritage. We house a band director’s cherished silver bowl, a lap-desk for writing 19th-century records, and even a carefully preserved baptismal gown and the 1900-era dress pictured above, of a style in fashion then among Salem’s elite. If you have a unique item from our community’s past that you think should have a home here for the long-term, contact us about a possible donation.

SUSTAINERS

The successful start of Wachovia in the wilderness of Piedmont North Carolina would not have been possible without three things: the assurance of faith, a practicality to adjust to unexpected change, and organized planning to guide the community back to its vision for itself.

A key to the Archives’ ability to plan and grow our future stewardship and service is through the assurance of your planned financial gifts. Gifts include bequests in estates and charitable trusts; but also can include gift annuities and donor advised funds. The Archives partners with the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (brochure at left) to provide gift planning resources for our donors.

FRIENDS

Annual financial contributors subsidize the ongoing preservation and management of our collections. Those gifts have also enabled unique opportunities for the Archives:

- Translations of our documents from the original German script into English, including, since 2008, text for the Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees book series.
- Conservation of unique hand-drawn maps of the Moravian Church lands in Forsyth County, North Carolina, some dating back to before the Revolutionary War.
- Purchase of special equipment, from our first office computer in 1991 to a new PowerPoint projector in 2017.

In addition to enjoying the programs and outreach offered by the Archives to the Church and community, annual givers get access to unique news outlets, social events, and learning activities.

If You Want to Contribute:

You can send a check to our address on the back of this brochure; or make a credit card contribution online at our website to join our Friends of the Archives today. We are grateful for whatever you can give to support our work.