Guidelines for use of collections

To ensure the preservation of collections for future generations there are guidelines that researchers are required to follow:

• All researchers are required to sign in and show identification if requested.

• Materials must be handled with care and respect to prevent tears and other damage.

• The use of ink pens is prohibited to prevent marking the materials.

• No food or beverage is allowed in the room.

• Oversize items such as coats, backpacks and briefcases are to be stored in the designated place before requesting materials.

• Researchers are asked to maintain the order in which materials are arranged to ensure that they can be located by future users.

Franklin and Marshall College Archives & Special Collections
First Floor - Martin Library of the Sciences

Services Offered

• Classroom instruction on the use of primary source materials.

• Reference assistance in using F&M historical materials.

• Assistance in locating other special collections in the US.

Department Hours

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday all year

To ensure full service, especially during summer and holiday periods, it is recommended that researchers call in advance to schedule an appointment with Special Collections staff.

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General Information
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Gift of Mrs. Cameron Hawley.

Two larger rare book collections are:

The Napoleona Collection, assembled by General John Watts de Peyster to document Napoleon Bonaparte and the Napoleonic Era. This collection of French monographs focuses on 19th-century European military history and politics.

The William Reichenbach Collection bequeathed by a Franklin College Mathematics professor in 1821. This collection of Latin texts represents the earliest documented library collection.

WWI Poster by Laura Brey.