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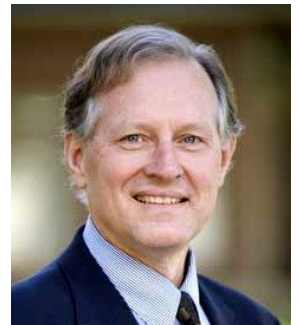


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Rev. Dr. David Seymour, *Development Officer*
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ARCHIVAL SURVEY

The Crumley Archives and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary — Lenoir Rhyne University

One of the nice surprises I encountered when entering the job as Provost of LTSS three years ago was the realization that the seminary is the host of the Region 9 James R. Crumley Jr. Archives. The archives are located in the basement level of the Lineberger Library. When you are on campus, I invite you to visit the collection. It holds amazing historical documents that tell the story of Lutheranism throughout the southeastern portion of the country. This fall, we also received several boxes of historical documents from Frederick Church on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas. This is the oldest Lutheran church in the region; the congregation will celebrate its 350th anniversary next fall. The Archives is the perfect place for this—and other historic churches—to store their important documents.



As Provost, I am a strong advocate of the Crumley Archives. When I learned that it was my duty to appoint someone from the seminary to serve on the archives board, I appointed myself. I did so because of the great value of having the collection housed at the seminary. I made a commitment to doing all I could to preserve the collection and provide for its future at the seminary.

One of the reasons that the seminary needs the archives near at hand is that our history students are assigned by their professor, Dr. Susan McArver, to do historical research in the collection. This exercise makes students aware of the rich history of our church as well as the importance of keeping congregational records. Another reason that I am pleased for the seminary to host the archives is that it brings people to campus. When people visit the archives, they are participating in the 185 year history of LTSS. Speaking for the archives as well as the seminary, we love visitors and are eager to share what we do with the church. When you are in Columbia, or just passing by, please drop by to see us.

Clay Schmit
Provost

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Preserving Memories: How the Crumley Archives Works to Preserve the History of a Children's Home

By Shannon Smith, Director of the Archives

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these (Matt. 19:14).



Before I arrived at the Crumley Archives in March 2015, a special delivery was made that contained what would prove to be one of my most favorite collections to date. It was a sizable delivery, something around six banker's boxes of various documentation, programs, records, microfilm, and mostly, photographs. This collection, which would come to be known as the Williams-Henson Home for Boys collection, was more than 75 years old, and contained the story of a

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ministry that offered shelter to children who sought refuge.

For those of you who know little of its history, Williams-Henson Home for Boys opened its doors on September 25, 1928. The home rested upon 155 acres of gifted farmland, graciously willed by Mr. Lewis E. Williams for the purpose of providing a home for “unfortunate boys”. In his will, Williams specified that the “farm is to be used for an Orphan Home forever, and is to be under the control and supervision of Holston Synod . . .”. Mrs. Martha Henson, a Lutheran benefactress, was instrumental in

the formation of the home, giving what was then a quite sizable endowment of \$5,000 “for the benefit of the Williams-Henson Home for Boys”, as was dictated in her own will. The home began modestly, with only three boys residing there full-time.

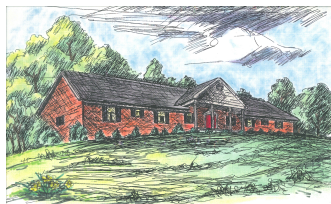
The mission of the Williams-Henson Home for Boys was to “shelter, educate, train, protect and otherwise care for delinquent boys between the ages of six and twenty-one years and prepare them mentally, morally, physically and technically for any useful business, trade, profession or calling, and to inspire them to become good and useful citizens” (“Statement of Purpose”, c. 1964). As time passed, the Board of Directors deemed it suitable to expand the home’s scope and welcome any “dependent”

youth—regardless of color, creed, or criminal history—who needed a home. The Williams-Henson Home for Boys valued itself as a “[w]holesome Christian home where ‘family’ is the keyword, and the church is central in the spiritual nurture and care of the boys.” The home’s nurturing reputation spread, and at one point during the home’s early years, as many as 30 residents were documented. By its 50th anniversary, Williams-Henson Home for Boys had reduced its numbers to a somewhat more manageable 12 children, though its reputation as a loving home, supported by devoted caregivers, never wavered.

Ownership of the WHHB passed to and from many hands and supporters throughout its tenure. Beginning with the Holston Synod, the WHHB was assumed under the Virginia Synod for a period of time, finishing out its years with the Southeastern Synod until its closure in 2005, due to financial dif-

iculties.

The processing of this collection began in the Archives in October 2015, and was completed in two months. Very little “weeding”, or routine discarding of irrelevant or redundant



material, was done. Our team of workers found nearly everything to be essential to the collection. Thus, its size did not reduce much, and the full collection spans 17 boxes.

As I mentioned, this collection endeared itself to me in a way no other collection has. Perhaps it is because I am the mother of a young boy, or maybe it was because the photographs, well preserved, describe the lives of the youngsters in ways words cannot, moving the heart in a direction that words cannot take it. Or maybe it is because this collection has so many details about young boys, now old men, who now have children and grandchildren of their own. Certainly, these reasons are not exclusive to one another.

As we processed this collection, I could not help but feel that many of these children’s stories have gone untold, and while we were not given specific records of the children, it was plain to see from the mission of the home that the majority of them were at the home because they had suffered misfortune. If the story had ended there, it would have been a most unfortunate one. But it did not. The purpose of Williams-Henson Home for Boys was to alleviate the suffering of these little ones. And it was not difficult to see, through the numerous news articles, in the smiling faces of the youth with their house sponsors, and within the testimony of many Lutherans who were involved with the home, that this purpose was fulfilled.

As I am writing this article, I am excited to say that the Crumley Archives has been accepted to this year’s South Carolina Archival Association conference to present a poster on the Williams-Henson Home for Boys and what our Archives has done to ensure its preservation; we hope to share this

poster at future Region 9 ELCA meetings and functions, too. One effort that we have taken is to digitally preserve just a few of the hundreds of photographs within the collection. We have also added features to this digital collection, that can help people search and find pictures of the Williams-Henson youth. If you are interested in meeting some of the boys, please visit our website, www.crumleyarchives.org, and search our “Finding Aids”. There, you will be able to view the full collection guide, which will give you an idea of what the Williams-Henson Home for Boys collection contains. Be sure to peruse the “slide show” as well, and stay tuned as we add more photographs this year. ♦

An Easy Way for Your Congregation to Support the Archives

Please consider giving the Archives an annual contribution equal to \$1 for each year your congregation has been organized. This size gift is small in terms of congregational budgets, but huge in terms of what it collectively means to the Archives and our ability to continue serving congregations with anniversary, archives and history support. Thank you!

From the President of the Archives Board

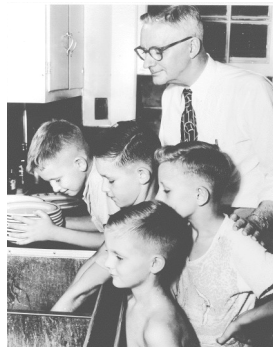
By the Rev. Dr. Mark A. Scott

As we enter the season of Easter, we focus on issues of resurrection and hope. Much of what we do relating to our faith is forward-looking. Many of the Scripture lessons of the Easter season use the future tense to describe the promise and hope of future resurrection for all who believe.

Some might claim that the focus of archival ministry is exactly the opposite. One of our key missions in caring for the archival resources in our region is to preserve images of our past. When you consider all of the pieces of material that might be collected from all the congregations and institutions in the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean, you come to realize how massive this task could be.

Fortunately, God is blessing us in this ministry as we move forward to ensure that the stories of ministry in the past will be told long into the future. Part of that blessing comes from the support of everyone who cares about these stories. As we come to appreciate a legacy of vision that our forebears provided, the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives of Region 9 is continuing to provide important resources for generations to come.

Last year, with the addition of archival material from Frederick Church in the Virgin Islands, we were able to add congregational resources to our collection dating back to the 1660’s (Frederick Church is the second old-



est church in the Western Hemisphere). To me what was most inspiring about this acquisition is that it documents the spread of the Lutheran movement into this hemisphere and it occurred less than a century after the Reformation period in Europe.

In other words, the ministry of caring for the past is truly vital to our future as Lutheran Christians on this continent. We have no idea where God will lead us as we move into that future. However, we certainly are inspired by the faithful response of people in our past. Without them, we would not have gained the grasp on the Gospel that helps us to comprehend the Easter message of hope, resurrection and the power of God's love at work in the world.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives of Region 9! This newsletter will offer many details related to our ongoing efforts in this ministry but we hope that you will find inspiration in the stories the archives preserve. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, we also hope that you will continue to support the effort we share as we move forward as Easter people into the future God is providing for us.

In Christ's love during this Easter season, ♦

FREE to a Good Home!

The Archives has a lot of extra N.C. Synod Assembly material (1991; 1996-2006). It needs a "good home." If you are interested, or need, any of that material, please contact the Archives.



James R. Crumley Jr. Archives 2016 Hours of Operation:

Monday: 9a - 4p
Tuesday: closed
Wednesday: 9a - 4p
Thursday: closed
Friday: 9a—4p

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The James R. Crumley Jr. Archives Celebrating 25 Years! 1991-2016

Archival Aspirations

By the Rev. Dr. David Seymour, Development Officer

I am the development officer for the *James R. Crumley, Jr. Archives*. Mine is a multi-faceted position, but it boils down to two major tasks: getting the word out about the Archives and encouraging support for the Archives.



Since you are reading the Archival Survey, the chances are that you are familiar with the Archives. You probably know that the Archives holds six centuries of Lutheran resources in twenty languages, that it is the repository for important, historical records of the Lutheran congregations and synods in Region 9 stretching all the way from Virginia to the Bahamas. You may be well aware that we have arrived at a time when the Archives must expand and that about 80% of its operating budget is dependent on the gifts of individual Lutherans.

And that's where you come in.

There are ways beyond your occasional donations that you can give to the Archives to help ensure that, in the year 2016 and beyond, it will continue to be able to preserve the story of the Lutheran expression of Christ's church in the expansive area that comprises Region 9. Here are some of the ways that you can make that happen.

- You can name The Crumley Archives as a primary or contingent **beneficiary of a life insurance policy.**
- You may generate a current income tax deduction by **giving a home or farm** to The Crumley Archives, while retaining the right to use the property during your lifetime. The property will also be removed from your taxable estate.
- And while the **IRA Charitable Rollover** has been around for a while, it has now been made permanent. If you are 70 ½ or older you know that there is a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) that you must withdraw from your IRA. You also know that the RMD is taxable. But now, if you rollover your RMD directly to The Crumley Archives, your RMD is not taxable income, unless your gift exceeds \$100,000.00.
- Naming The Crumley Archives as a primary or contingent **beneficiary of a retirement plan** (e.g. IRA, SEP, 401(k), 403 (b), ESOP, etc.) may enable you to make a larger gift than you anticipated because income and estate taxes are not imposed when plan assets are distributed to The Crumley Archives. If left to an heir, the plan assets are subject to income tax.
- You can **fund a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder unitrust, charitable lead trust, or pooled income fund through your will.** You will not save on taxes with these gift plans but they may reduce estate taxes and provide life income for a loved one.
- And, as you may imagine, the most common form of deferred gift to support your church is **a bequest contained in a person's will or revocable (living) trust.**

Your lawyer, insurance representative, or financial planner can assist you in making the decision that is right for you and right for The Crumley Archives.

We do not know what the economic future will be like, but we know that the work and ministries of The Crumley Archives are too important to leave to economic uncertainty. Please carefully and prayerfully consider the above options as ways that you can help ensure that The Crumley Archives is a vital and important record of and witness to the Christian faith well into the future. ♦

Donate IRA Withdrawals to the Archives

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.

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Since the last issue of the *Archival Survey* (Fall 2015), the following friends have made contributions to the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives. We are most grateful for these gifts because they enable us to preserve our church's history and to assist researchers, congregations, and institutions in their work. If you have made a contribution since Fall 2015 and your name is not listed here, please accept our apologies and send us a note indicating the amount and date of your gift. Also, if you've made a donation in honor of others, be assured we have written them directly. Space prohibits us from naming honorees and memorials.

If your congregation could make a gift to the Archives, that would be a wonderful support. We would be glad to supply any information you might need to help you make such a request at your church. Many thanks for your gifts!

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Ernest Lewis Hazelius

By Dr. Susan McArver

For 186 years, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary has educated men and women, Lutheran and non-Lutheran, for public ministry in the church. Much of the credit for its firm establishment and ecumenical embrace in its earliest days goes to this man, Ernest Lewis Hazelius (1777-1853).

The image of Hazelius seen here is a “daguerreotype,” one of the earliest forms of photography, used primarily between 1840 and the late 1850’s. It records on glass the image of a man with a unique past and a lasting legacy.

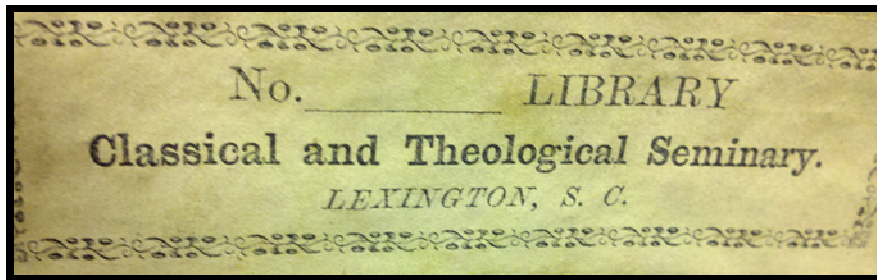
Ernest Hazelius was born in Neusalz, Prussia, of poor, but pious Moravian parents. Despite his humble origins, had he so chosen, Hazelius could have enjoyed another fate: life at imperial court. Empress Catherine II of Russia had been a childhood friend of his mother, and at Ernest’s birth the empress wrote to his parents, offering to educate and sponsor the child. The parents delayed a decision as long as possible, finally putting the empress’s request directly to Hazelius when he was twelve. Ernest himself turned her down, as even early in life, he had decided to devote himself to the church.



Hazelius originally came to America to teach at the Moravian Seminary in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. In 1808, however, the seminary board precipitated a crisis for Hazelius when it would not approve his desire to marry, and he left the Moravian denomination for the Lutheran church of his ancestors.

Hazelius held the distinction of serving as theological professor in the first three Lutheran seminaries established in this country— at Hartwick Seminary in New York between 1815 and 1830, and then for two years at Gettysburg Seminary. In 1832, he was recruited by John Bachman to become the head of the fledgling Southern Seminary, then located in Lexington, South Carolina, and he remained as its head for two decades until shortly before his death in 1853.

As the sole professor for most of his tenure, Hazelius taught almost every course in the curriculum, from “Evidences of Christianity” to “Biblical and Profane History Connected.” His students called him simply, “The Dr.,” and he listened patiently to



their word for word recitations of lectures in his study. He wrote the first published history of Lutherans in America and catalogued every book in the Seminary’s library, many of which still reside today in the library’s Rare Book Room. Irenic in temperament, congenial in personality, devout in spirit, and humble in manner, a friend noted that Hazelius came “as near perfection as human nature ever attains,” although Hazelius was the only German he had ever known who could “neither sing nor smoke.” Hazelius wrote the Seminary’s

first constitution and guidelines for its student body, including the 1833 notice that “The Seminary stands open for the reception of students of all Christian denominations,” a characteristic the seminary has maintained to this day. ♦

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◆
Friday,
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Annual Friends of the
Archives Banquet

◆
Palmetto Club, Columbia, SC

*Invitations will be sent in
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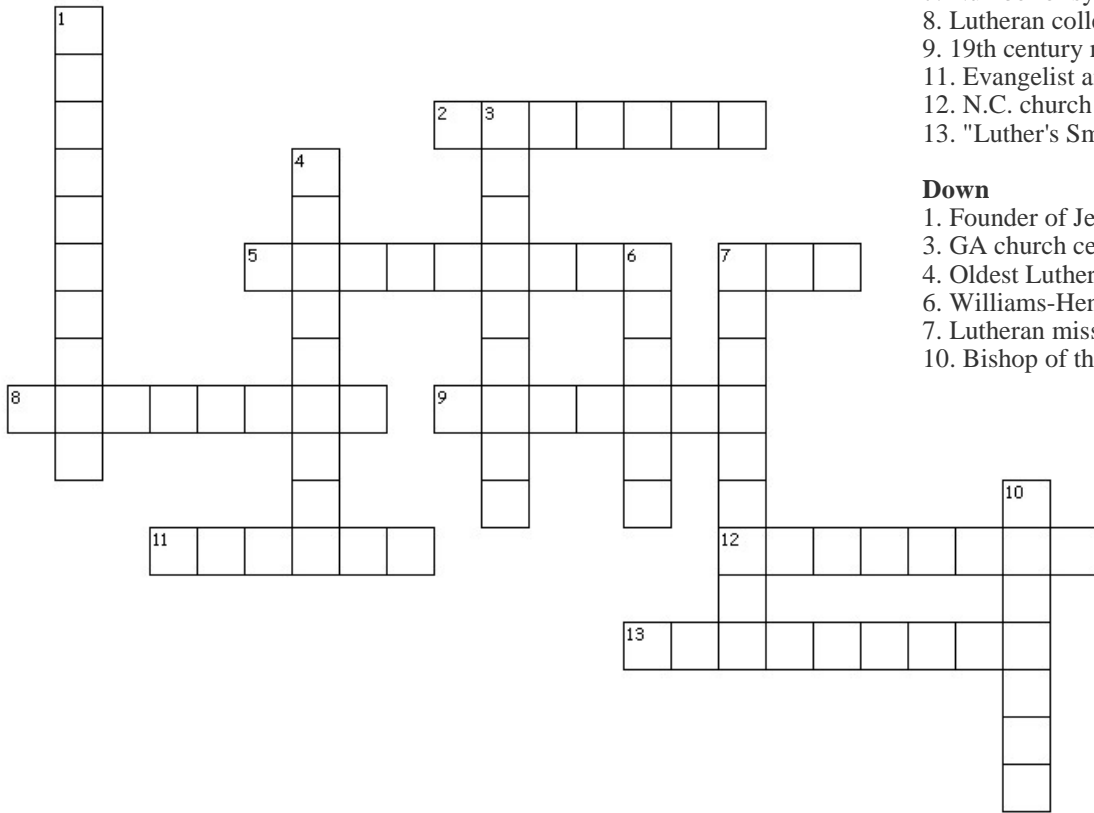
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Crossword Puzzle of Southern Lutheran History

Test your knowledge... Win a Prize!

What's the Prize? It's a secret... but we promise it won't be all our extra NC Synod Assembly materials!
 Finish the puzzle... cut it out (or copy it) and send it to the Crumley Archives address located on the form at the bottom of this page.
Good luck!



Across

- 2. Lutheran minister and ornithologist
- 5. SC church celebrating 200th anniversary
- 7. Number of synods in Region 9 ELCA
- 8. Lutheran college
- 9. 19th century magazine, "The Lutheran _____"
- 11. Evangelist and leader in the Tennessee Synod
- 12. N.C. church celebrating 125th anniversary
- 13. "Luther's Small _____"

Down

- 1. Founder of Jerusalem Church
- 3. GA church celebrating 275th anniversary
- 4. Oldest Lutheran church in Western Hemisphere
- 6. Williams-Henson benefactress
- 7. Lutheran missionary to Japan
- 10. Bishop of the LCA



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