

‘Anatolia College 100 Years in Thessaloniki’ exhibition:

Highlighting how librarians, through the Archives, brought our history to life

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Agenda

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Bissell Library Archives

Historical photos digitized
606

Yearbooks Digitized
67

Boxes of archival material
100

Books on Anatolia
History **78**

Missionary Herard Volumes
76

Merzifon book collection
190

School publications **98**
(the older one is Aurora 1929)

Echo of our class 1929-30
and also Mathitiki Skepsi 1933

Vinyl records
178

Exhibitions
1 physical and **3** online
Contributed to **5** external

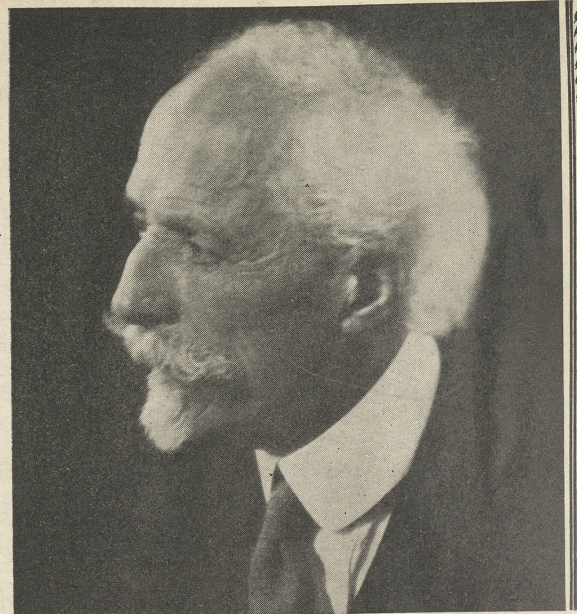




Rare Items

- Armenian Gospel Manuscript 17th century
- Jewish Archive Microfilm collection
- Missionary Herald Journal
- Documents from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
- Director's Book
- Historical photos
- Anatolia School Publications
- Yearbooks
- Presidents' papers
- Correspondence
- Trustees meetings minutes
- Staff and student records
- And more...

● Alexander the Great, starting from Macedonia with 30,000 warriors, conquered the world. His army, originally composed of sturdy Macedonian soldiers, formed the backbone of his brilliant campaigns and made it possible for him to crush the mighty empires of Asia. A strong, well organized Macedonia will serve as the backbone of the modern Greek state also. The vast reclamation works now being undertaken, and the permanent establishment of hardy refugees on the reclaimed lands will eventually create a civilization in that historic land which will augur well for the entire Greek nation. A powerful Macedonia will insure the security of Greece.



Dr. George Sotiriades, Macedonian Archaeologist, Historian, and First Rector of Salonica University

Recreation and Reclamation in Macedonia

By DR. GEORGE E. WHITE
President of Anatolia College

IN the clear dawn of a perfect spring morning a group of persons connected with Anatolia College gathered on the campus for an all-day excursion. We were invited guests of the great Foundation Company, and were to visit and view the vast reclamation works on which the Company is engaged in the broad valley of the Vardar River. The sun was just rising over Mount Hortiati and the seal of the College appropriately shows the sun rising over a mountain, with the motto "The Morning Cometh." All who know Greek words know that Anatolia means "The Land of the Sunrise." The weather in Macedonia this morning of our excursion recalled the remark of the British Consul General in Salonica, "This is Riviera weather."

The American Foundation Company, with headquarters in New York and London, is a great institution, and Major Ross is the able director of its enterprise in Macedonia. The Major had given two lectures in the College on what the Company was doing in the Vardar Valley, and had provided two other lectures by able Greek engineers on the reclamation project. Then ten students, selected by competitive composition tests, seven teachers and two honorary guests were invited to join in this 200 kilometer ride.

It was a wonderful experience. Imagine a huge triangle of land some 50 miles on each side, with the Thessalonika and Berea of classic history and of St. Paul at the base angles, and the Vardar River, after breaking through the mountain wall farther north straggling across the great triangle from the

peak to the base line, which rests on the Aegean coast. The Gallicos and the Haliacmon Rivers clip the eastern and western edges of the territory, and the Ludias, partly lake and partly river, struggles with the swamps and sandbanks between Pella, the old Macedonian capital, and Aegean water. The whole region consists of land and water mixed with marshy lakes, swampy streams and unsteady soil. Cultivation of the land is so uncertain as to be practically abandoned. The war cemeteries are seen here and there on the hill slopes near, with their long rows of white crosses.

Can such land, can this area of more than half a million acres, be redeemed and turned into truck farms to help feed 300,000 or more people in the commercial metropolis of Salonica? Major Ross says some firms thought the Greeks were down not to rise but the Foundation Company had confidence and undertook the \$25,000,000 reclamation project. What is the actual plan? Sluggish streams and seasonal floods are to be controlled by dredging channels and raising embankments; the soil is to be dried out, but with provision for irrigation in case of excessive drought; the mosquito must go and carry his load of malaria germs into oblivion; refugee laborers must have work; good roads must be built; Macedonia's new settlers must find land for homesteads; so help fill the bread baskets and dairy dishes, the flour sacks and fruit cellars of the homes and hotels in Salonica. It is a Herculean task.

Our party, personally escorted by Captain Turner, formerly of the British Army, and Captain Jacovo, a capable Greek engineer, with an autobus for the students and the automobiles for the older guests, traversed historic ground

Exhibition Importance

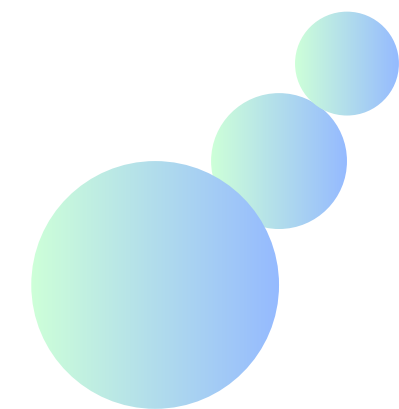


Purpose of the Exhibition:

- Celebrates 100 years of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki
- Highlights the College's vision for the future
- Acts as a bridge between past achievements and future aspirations

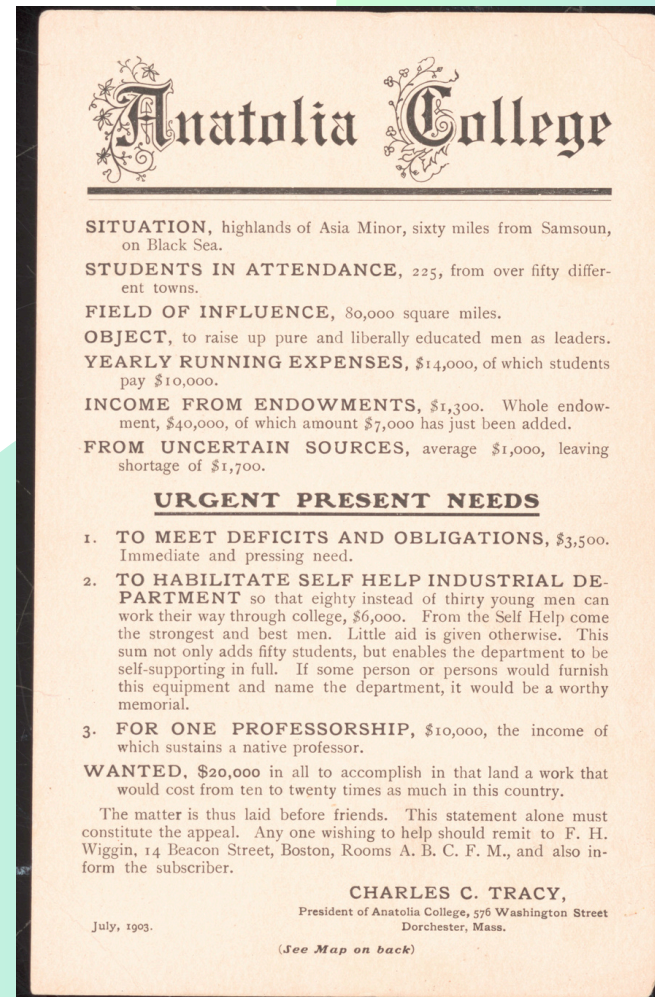
Anatolia College's Ongoing Impact:

- Shapes and supports local communities
- Encourages volunteerism and civic responsibility
- Develops active, engaged citizens
- Preserves and promotes cultural heritage



Material Requested Research

- Photographs
- Blueprints
- Posters
- Books / Yearbooks
- Correspondence
- Artifacts
- Maps





Timeline of Exhibition Sections



Merzifon
1886



Charilaou
1924



Pylaia
1934

Project Requirements



- 400 hours of research and organizing for the exhibition and the publication
- 100 hours of research for the website



- 50 hours of labels
- 5 librarians
- 389 Items

Preparation Process



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ΑΡΧΕΙΑΚΟΥ ΥΛΙΚΟΥ ΚΟΛΛΕΓΙΟΥ ΑΝΑΤΟΛΙΑ

Το τμήμα Αρχείων και Ειδικών Συλλογών του Κολλεγίου Ανατόλια παραδίδει το παρακάτω υλικό για την έκθεση που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στο Βυζαντινό Μουσείο Θεσσαλονίκης στο πλαίσιο της επετείου 100 Χρόνια Ανατόλια στην Θεσσαλονίκη- Centenary Event. Οι φωτογραφίες¹ και τα έγγραφα που παραδίδονται είναι τα εξής :

A/A	Ονομασία
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3				Room 1: all items finalised in study room		
4	✓	✓			14 x 9,5	Το αρχικό κτίριο του Κ Ανατόλια. Διακρίνεται Ρολόι στην πίσω πλευρά. Πτέρυγες χτίστηκαν δι' επόμενα χρόνια.
5	✓	✓			28*38.5	Επαγγελματική σχολή Τμήμα αυτοβοήθειας, ΕΠΕΤΕΙΟΣ ΠΕΝΗΝΤΑΚΟΝ

Green cell and tick means item has been added to study room

IN BOX	SCANNED	A/A	Photo	Greek Label
✓				



Exhibition Result

ANATOLIA COLLEGE ORAL HISTORIES

Anatolia College Identity and Values	Academic Life and Learning Inside and Outside the Classroom	Social and Cultural Life
Report of Oral History Data Analysis	Extracts from the Interviews	

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE



Anatolia student committee at the 1954 opening of a new school in the village of Mavrorachi to which Anatolia students had contributed, one of several projects to aid the war-stricken village.

“Fairness, equality, I think that was so important, because we had some very rich people and we had some very poor people [...] but equality was instilled through the clubs, through the advisors.”

“[...] they would go during the weekends and offer voluntary work. The



Anatolia College
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1960s
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Home

Anatolia College Identity and Values

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Carl Compton

Report of Oral History Data Analysis

Future plans

Digital exhibition
using Omeka platform

Example:
[Anatolia College Oral Histories](#)





Thank
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