

Moravian Archives Sunday: April 25, 2021
**“Documenting Our Churches, Our Families, and Our Communities
since 1753”**

Overview Statement

On this Archives Sunday 2021, we take time to reflect upon and offer prayers of support for the work of our Moravian Archives in the Southern Province. The Archives preserves our church records and our members’ memoirs, photographs and lives. All congregations in our Province support the Archives as an important church agency. The Archives makes possible the sharing of the Moravian witness for current and future church members, our descendants, and those interested in the history of the many communities in which our church has played an important role. Visitors from across our country and the world visit our Archives and its online resources to research our stories.

We are grateful for the stewardship of the Archives by Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe, and the church members who serve on its governing commission. We are blessed by the Cherokee Nation and Wachovia Historical Society, who support the Archives’ book series, *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees*. Importantly, we also thank the individuals who sustain the work of the Archives with their gifts of financial support and volunteer service

Today we invite you to celebrate the Archives with us, and prayerfully consider how you might support the Archives’ work as a financial donor or volunteer, or in the gift of some of your family records to this shared collection of our stories. With its work, the Archives preserves those previous materials will show how God has been “our help in ages past,” and remains “our eternal home.”

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