

U of M Bicentennial Moments Project

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Objective:

Find appealing images and information about given key moments in the history of the University of Michigan to be used during the Bicentennial celebration on posters and printed materials around campus that will educate the community about the history of the University.



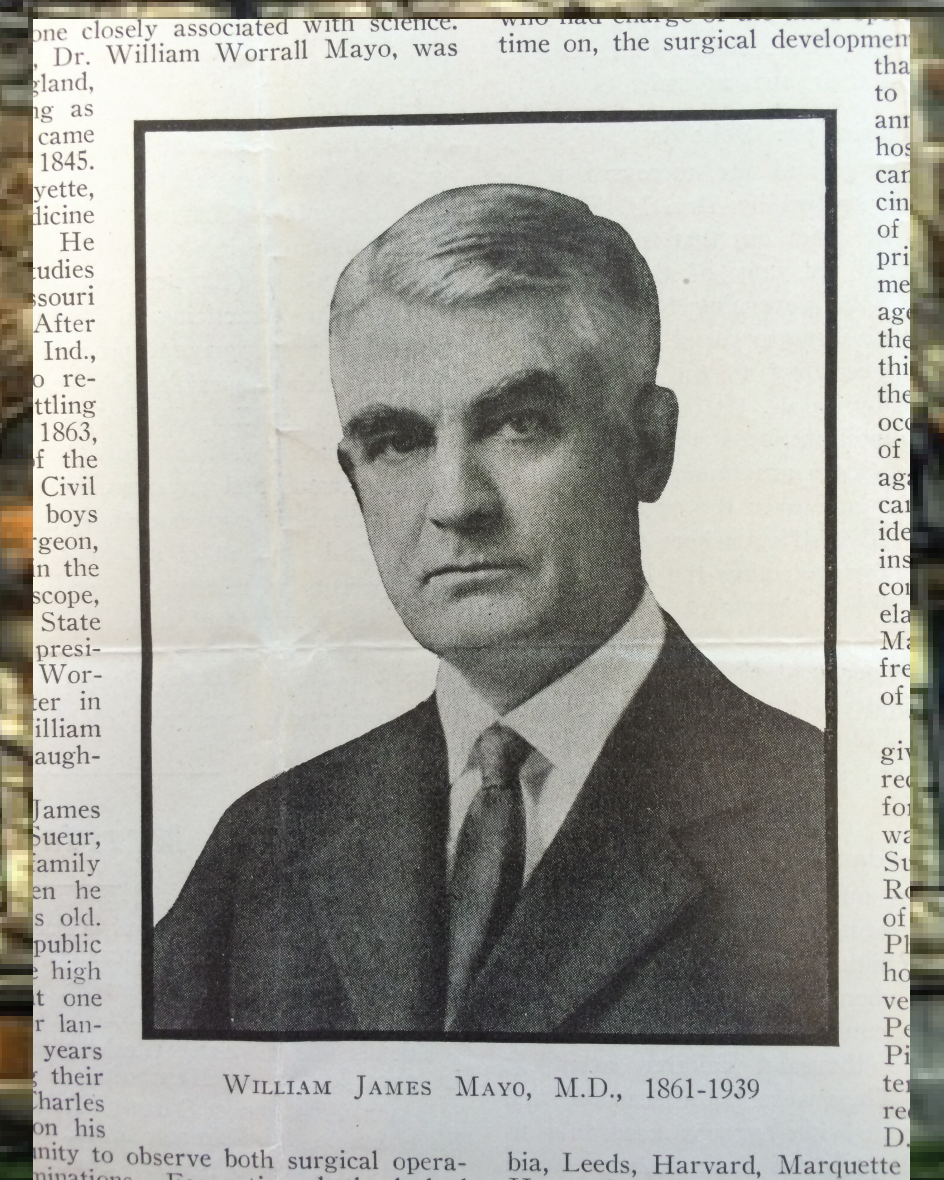
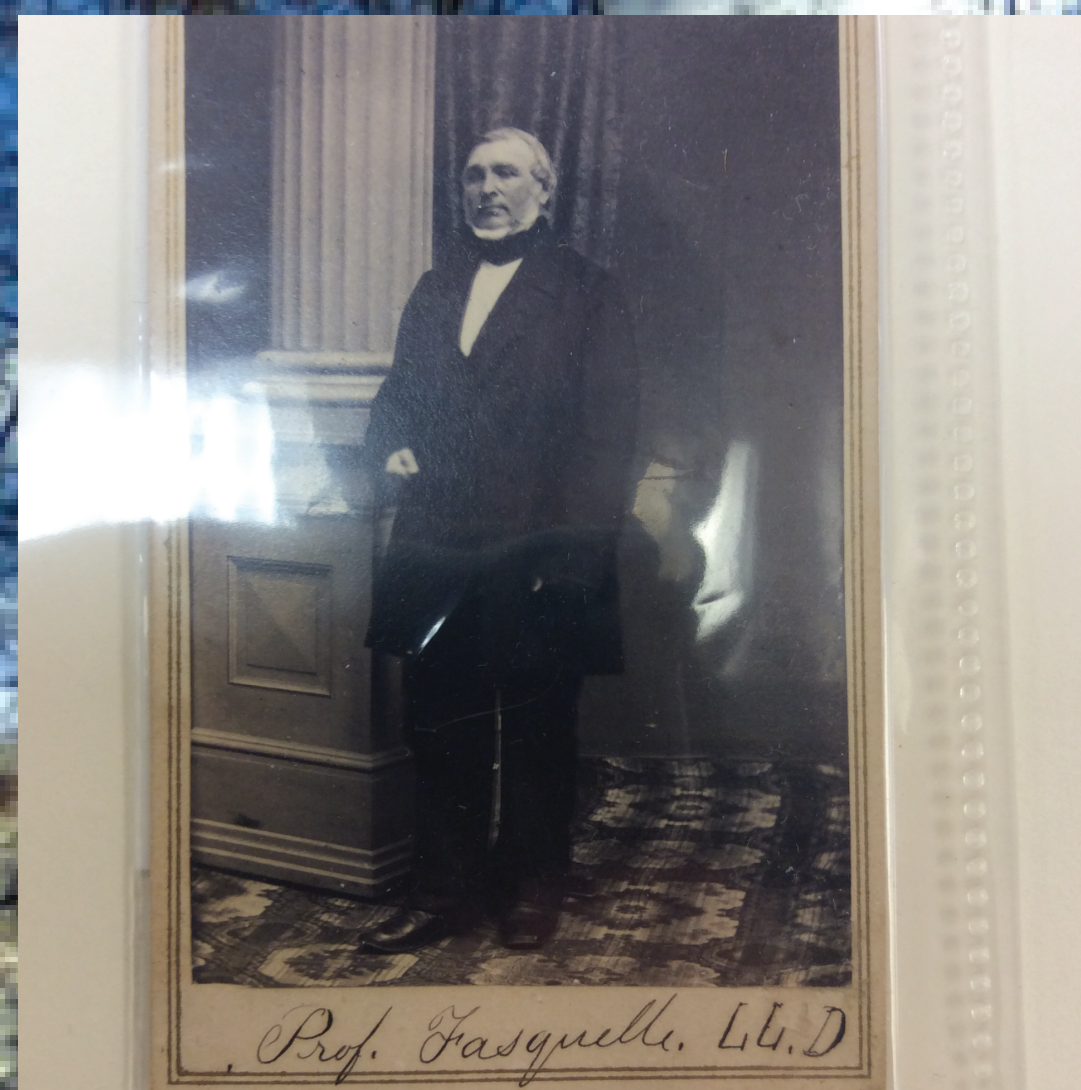
BENTLEY HISTORICAL LIBRARY
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Methods:

The Bicentennial Office provided a list of Michigan Moments to research. Images and information were found for each moment using:
Bentley Historical Library for:
Images
Articles
Books
Internet for:
Cross checking information,
Finding obituaries.

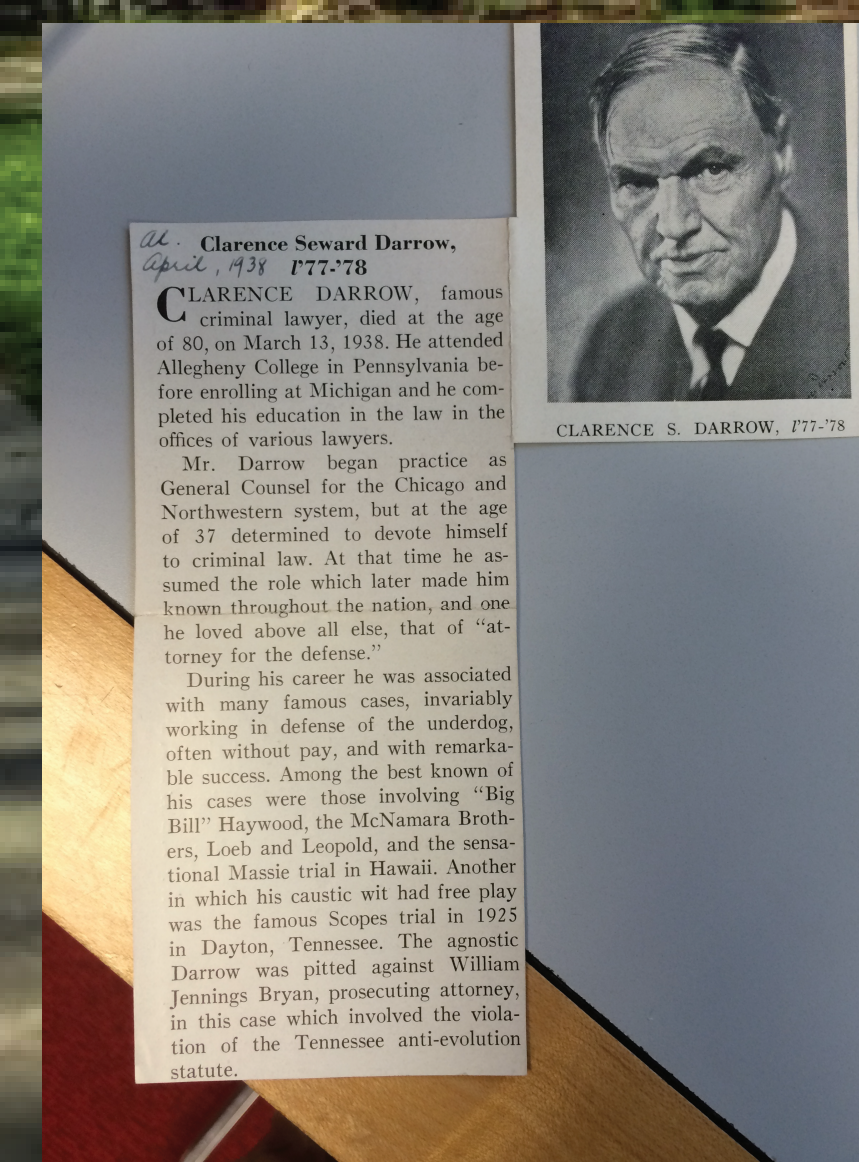
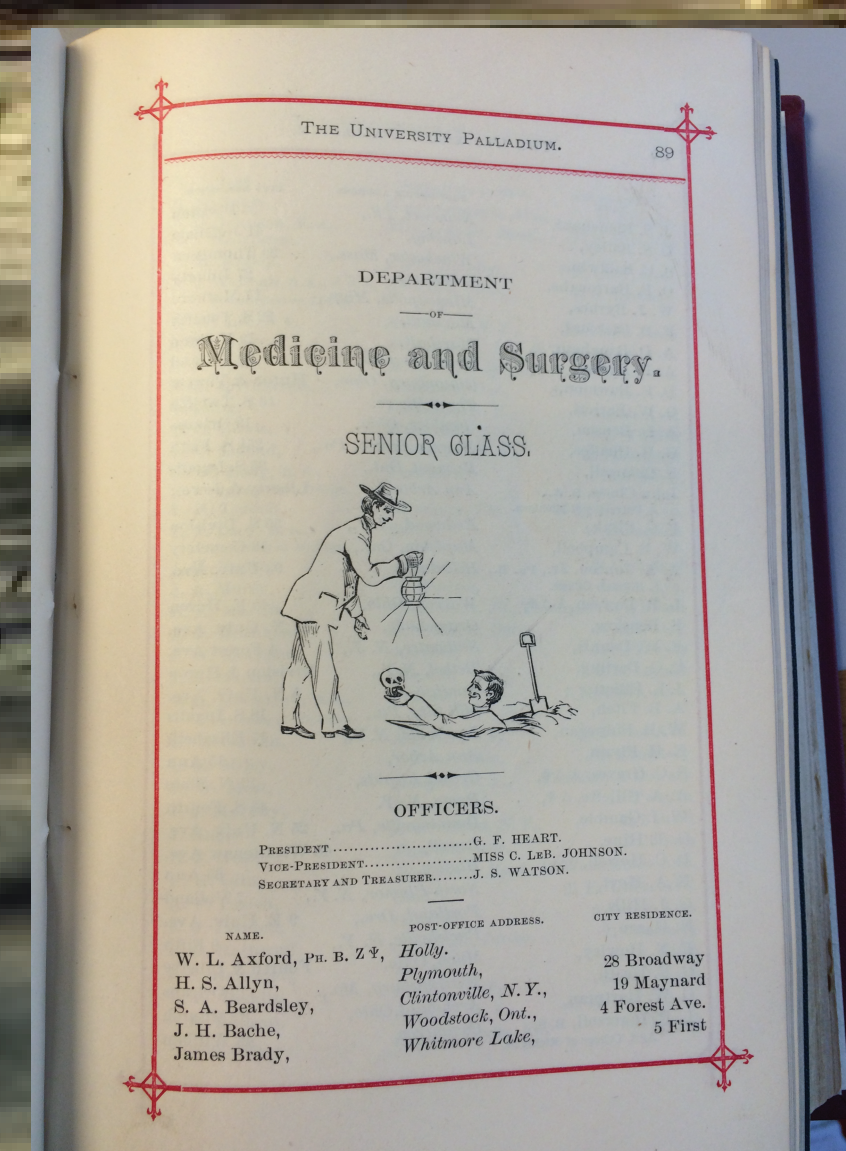
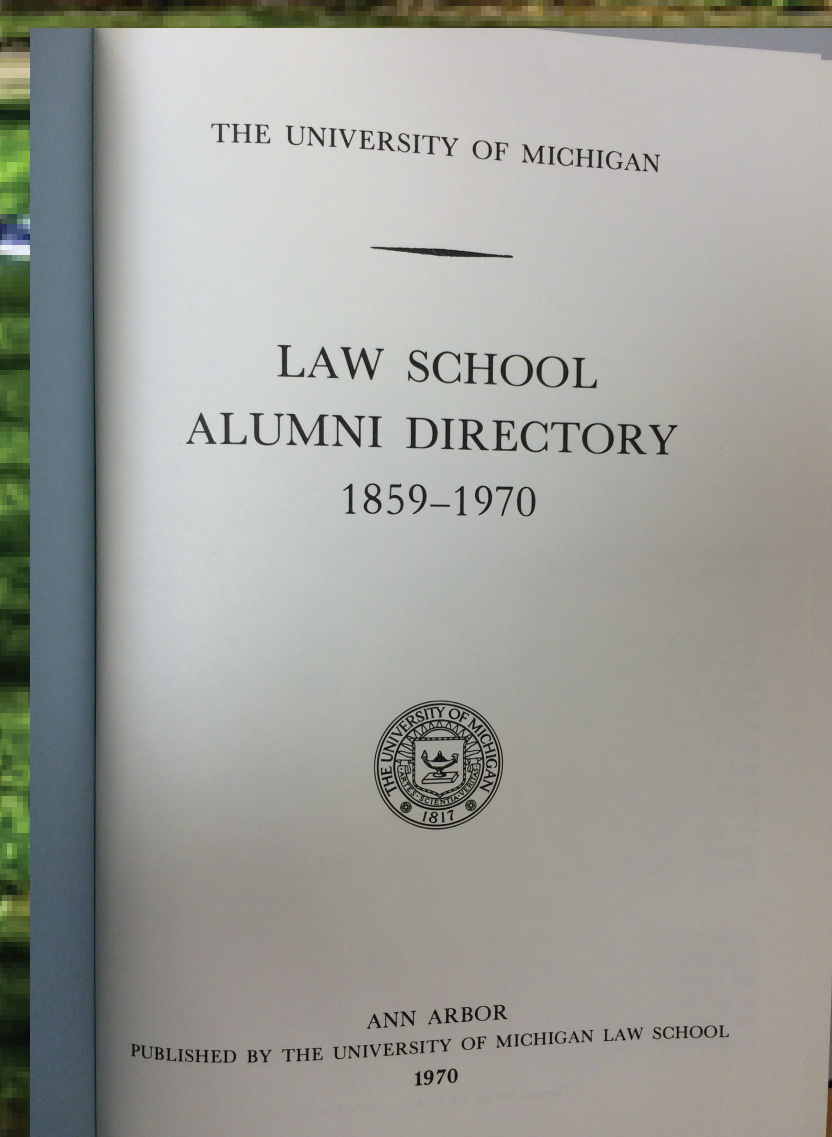
Abstract

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Results:

After researching through the library's extensive collection of archives, we were able to obtain images and information for more than 50 Moments on our list dating back to 1838.



Conclusion:

These key moments are just the beginning of this on-going research; the history of the University is very extensive and deep. With this amazing history there are bound to be many moments of interest for everyone.