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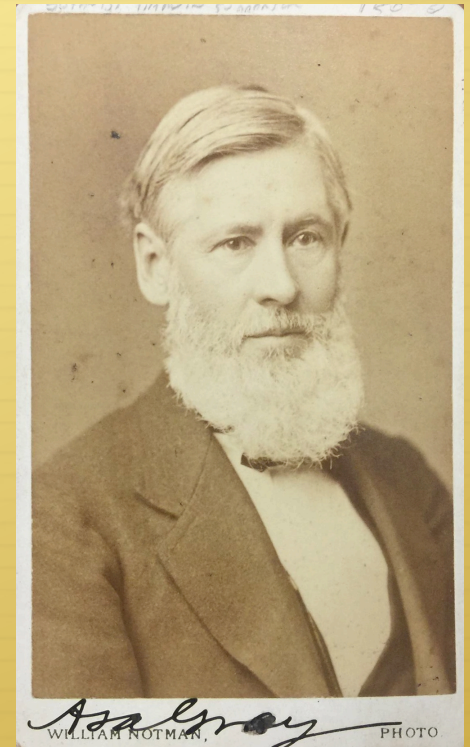


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# Project Overview

- ✦ Tracing the European voyage of Asa Gray – U-M's first professor
- ✦ Examining his book purchases
  - ✦ Where were they originally published?
  - ✦ Where did they “live” at U-M?
- ✦ Dispelling myths AND vindicating Prof. Gray



# Objectives

- ✦ Experience with historical research
- ✦ Create an interactive WordPress website
- ✦ Create two Story Maps depicting:
  1. Gray's visits to European universities/libraries
  2. The movement of the Gray Collection



# Challenges

- ✦ Platform
- ✦ Copyright
  - ✦ Images
- ✦ WordPress plug-ins
- ✦ Story Maps

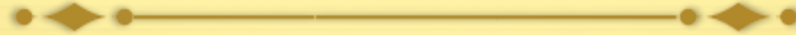


# Solutions

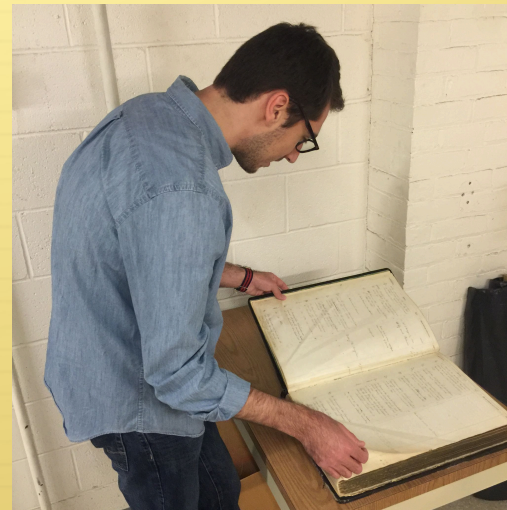


- ✦ Meeting with library staff
  - ✦ Justin Joque and Nicole Scholtz
  - ✦ Breanna Hamm
- ✦ Meeting with LSA IT
  - ✦ Jessica Darga
- ✦ Co-workers as resource

# Lessons Learned

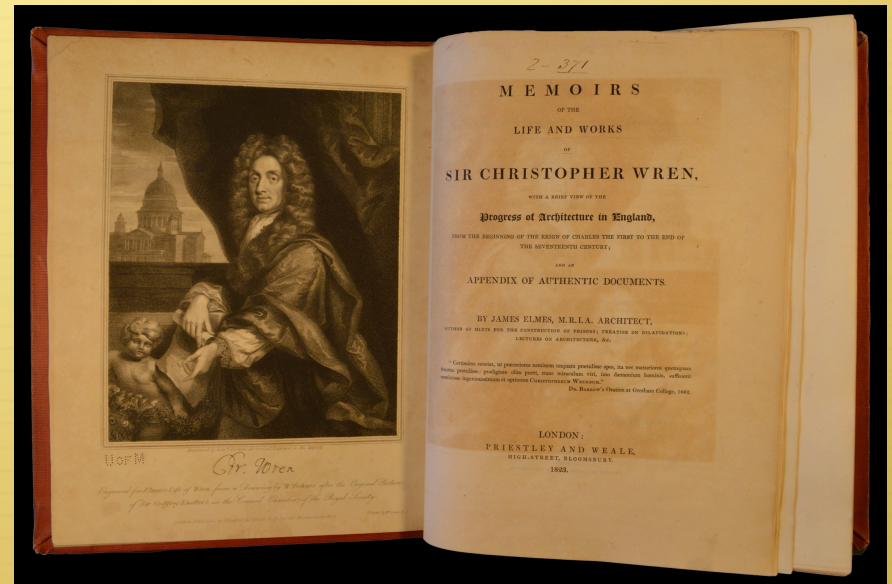


- ✦ Historical Research
  - ✦ Archival work
- ✦ Time Management
- ✦ Project Planning
- ✦ Professional Communication
- ✦ Creative Presentation



# Enjoyable Experiences

- ✦ Working with historical materials
  - ✦ Gray's actual purchases
- ✦ Creative expression
  - ✦ Web design
  - ✦ Photography
- ✦ Co-workers and mentors





# Next Steps



- ✦ Analyze Gray Purchase for use
- ✦ Include a timeline tracing the U-M library
- ✦ Provide more accessible alternatives

