

"Raising an Ebenezer": Archives as a Religious Means of Remembering



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Abstract

By definition it is the purpose of archives to collect and preserve materials that document the work and activity of persons, organizations, and cultures, for the benefit of those who follow. Such materials can prove to play an active and vital role in the process of remembering, through

the telling of stories. This activity can support a library's endeavors to connect with users in this dimension of its services, and to fulfill its mission. The present essay provides an overview of such initiatives at Wheaton College.

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Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. The word Ebenezer there is a reference to 1 Samuel 7:12, where the prophet Samuel takes a stone and names it "the stone of help", for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us." When understood, it's a great reminder that God's faithful to his people throughout biblical history. Russell Moore recently tweeted the following about it: Every time a worship leader takes "Here I raise mine Ebenezer" out of "Come Thou Fount," an angel loses his wings. — Russell Moore (@drmoore) April 9, 2015. Ebenezer meaning. Because of the definite article, the name Eben-aezer doesn't simply mean Stone Of Help (NOBSE Study Bible Name List, Jones' Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names), but it means Stone Of The Help, which in Hebrew denotes an emphasized specification. Eben-aezer didn't commemorate getting help in general or even the help that God gave. Eben-aezer commemorated the help that God is. γ . Be our patron for as little as one dollar a month Let's be a movement!