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WILLIAM CAREY COLLECTION



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Co-directors of the Carey Center at William Carey University, Bennie Crockett Jr., left, and Myron Noonkester, discuss a piece in the museum collection that bears the Serampore College blazon. William Carey, for whom the university was named, founded Serampore College while in Bengal, India.

Museum spotlights life, works of Carey

University namesake a missionary in India

By Mary Lett
American Staff Writer

William Carey's childhood dictionary. An 1813 engraving depicting 'Carey and his Brahmin Pundit.' A palanquin handmade in Calcutta in 1820. A 1993 stamp and its first-day cover commemorating Carey's contributions to India.

These artifacts and manuscripts are among thousands collected and housed in the Center for Study of the Life and Work of William Carey in Donnell Hall at William Carey University.

"With the collection, we're trying to show the breadth and depth of Carey's life work. He was a missionary but that work was not a narrow endeavor," said Myron Noonkester, co-director of the center.

Carey (1761-1834) was a Baptist missionary in India and so much more, Noonkester

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Display cases hold around 250 items from the life of the Baptist missionary at the Center for Study of the Life and Work of William Carey, or the Carey Center, in Donnell Hall.

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explained. Born in England, Carey worked as a social reformer, linguist, botanist and educator. In 1793, he left England and moved his family to a Danish colony in Serampore, India, where he served as a missionary.

About 250 pieces are on display in two galleries at the center, but Bennie Crockett Jr., also co-director, said thousands of additional items are in a vault.

Crockett said the artifacts and manuscripts — including Bibles that Carey translated into Bengali, Sanskrit, Hindi, Oriya and Marhatta — were purchased from or donated by rare book collectors, antiques dealers and private collectors. He said many leads also come

by way of the center's website, which has garnered more than 1 million hits since it went live in 2001.

"Some people are happy to know that their item is coming to a museum where it will be well-cared for and preserved," said Crockett, who added the museum's concept was initiated in 2000, with the actual facility opening in 2006.

The center is open from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment.

Students at the university are impressed with the collection, which is one of the most wide-ranging stockpiles of William Carey artifacts.

"The amount of work he put into the Bible translations is amazing," said Sara Jolley, 19, a sophomore majoring in religion, who interns at the center. "And he didn't

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William Carey University senior

have a formal education."

Beth Mayes, 22, a senior majoring in psychology, who also interns at the center, agreed.

"I knew about him as a missionary but wasn't aware of his work as a botanist, translator and his work in social justice," said the Jacksonville, Alabama, native.

"The fact that he did so much on so many different fronts for the people he went to serve is so impressive."



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Around 250 works and items revolving around the life of William Carey are displayed in two galleries.

Center for the Study of the Life and Work of William Carey

» **Where:** William Carey University's Donnell Hall

» **Hours:** 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and private tours by appointment

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