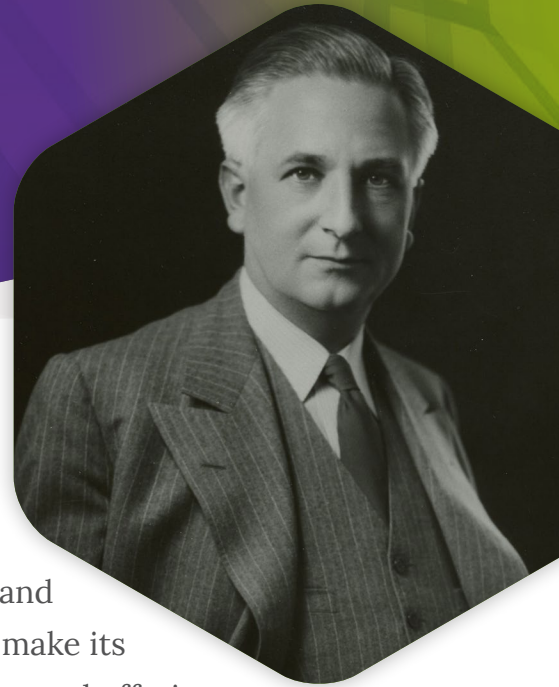


Digitizing Dow

A True Partner for the Dow Foundation Archives



BACKGROUND

The Dow Foundation, an esteemed institution dedicated to preserving the history of Herbert H. Dow, Grace A. Dow, their family, and their philanthropic work, faced a pivotal moment in its mission to make its archives more accessible when their current digitization partner ceased offering their services. With an extensive collection of invaluable historical records that hadn't yet been digitized, the Foundation sought to find a partner—who could help them digitize these documents to enhance research capabilities and ensure their preservation for future generations.

Challenge

Despite the clear benefits of digitization, The Dow Foundation encountered significant challenges in finding a collaborative partner that could meet their high standards. Past experiences with firms that lacked attention to detail and failed to integrate seamlessly with their existing cataloging system had left the foundation cautious. The complexity of the project required a partner that could provide impeccable digital quality while respecting the pre-existing numbering system essential for maintaining an organized archive.

Solution

The partnership between The Dow Foundation and Anderson Archival yielded remarkable results. The digitization process not only preserved the delicate documents with exceptional quality but also enhanced their accessibility for researchers and historians. The meticulous attention to detail meant that the digital files were perfectly aligned with the Foundation's cataloging system, making the transition smooth and efficient.



Results

The Dow Foundation found a solution in Anderson Archival. Recognizing the Foundation's needs, Anderson Archival approached the project with a deep understanding of the importance of precision and care.

The team committed to:

- Engaging in an open dialogue to ensure every aspect of the project was understood and agreed upon.
- Developing a digitization plan that complemented the Foundation's existing numbering system, ensuring seamless integration and minimal disruption.
- Implementing rigorous quality control measures to guarantee that each digitized document met the highest standards of accuracy and clarity.



WHAT THE CLIENT HAS TO SAY

“I wanted to make sure I found the right partner for the job because I’ve had experiences where the firm wasn’t as helpful throughout the process and didn’t show the same level of care as us. These aren’t documents you can feed through a scanner. It’s never good when you get a file back and you realize you need to correct it all. The numbering system... is based on a numbering system for the archive that was already in place before the collection was ever digitized and had to be matched by a new vendor.

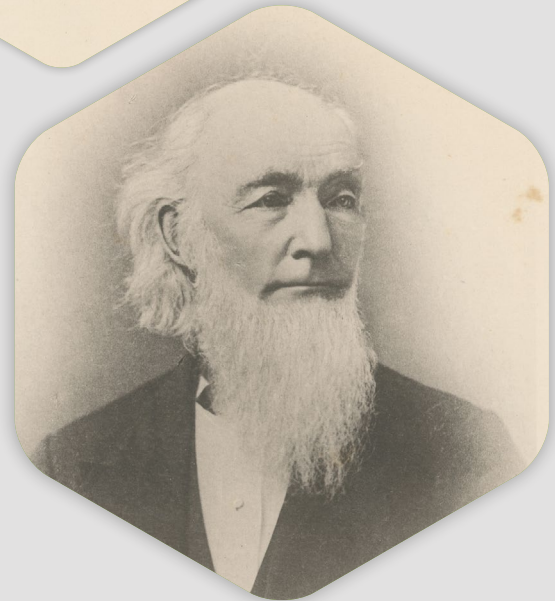
From the beginning, I felt that there was a level of care that I have not experienced previously. Anytime there needed to be a readjustment or a question came up, it was brought to my attention so that I could answer it, and we could move along. I was very happy with how everything worked.”

– Samantha Engel, Historian



Outcome

Researchers now have easy access to a wealth of historical information, and the Foundation can rest assured that its precious documents are preserved for posterity. The collaboration with Anderson Archival has proven to be a pivotal step in modernizing the Foundation’s archival methods, setting a new standard for future projects.



If your organization faces similar challenges in preserving and digitizing historical documents, don’t settle for less. Choose a partner who values your collection as much as you do. Contact Anderson Archival, a division of Anderson Technologies, today to learn how we can help you transform your archives and make history accessible for future generations.