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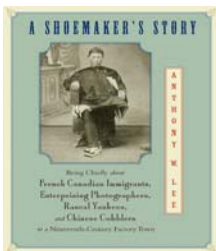
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This publication is created by the Freel Library Local History/Archives Division of the Reference Department to inform students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the general public about the ongoing local history projects at MCLA. This newsletter covers new acquisitions (books, videos, artifacts, etc.) to the local history/college Archives collections that are beneficial for research and help to preserve the history of the college and the local community. It is also our wish to inform members of the MCLA community what our students are doing on and off campus.

### ***Local History Lecture by Mount Holyoke Professor at MCLA***



On Wednesday April 15th, Professor Anthony Lee from Mount Holyoke College spoke about his recently released book on the placement of Chinese in a North Adams shoe factory in 1870 to break a strike and the impact this “experiment” had on local labor relations. He also discussed their demand for local photographers to document their presence in the City. Mr. Lee’s presentation was well received by the campus community and local residents. There was an excellent interaction and exchange of questions and comments.



***A Shoemaker's Story: Being Chiefly About French Canadian Immigrants, Enterprising Photographers, Rascal Yankees, and Chinese Cobblers in a Nineteenth-century Factory Town. by Anthony W. Lee. (F74.N8L43)***

### Recent Microfilm Acquisitions

With the Hardman Endowment money, the Local History Department was able to purchase additional years of the **Transcript** on microfilm. We now have the years through 1952.



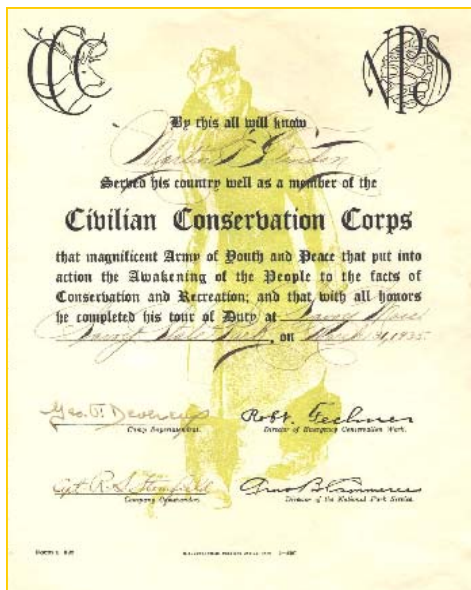
### *1859 Exhibit in Freel Library*

As part of the Modernity series on campus, Freel Library has put together an exhibit of materials about famous events and people that invented, authored, or impacted society during the mid-19th c. We have also included some local history events for the North Adams area, to give a glimpse of what the community would have looked like at that time.

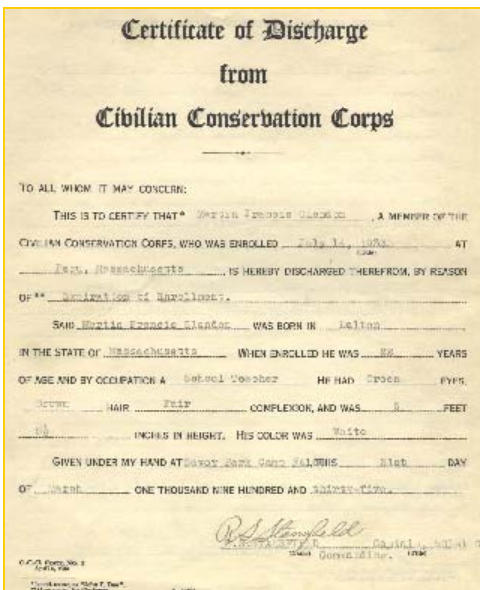
Currently, we have information on display about John Brown, the famous abolitionist, the underground railroad and slavery, 19th c. local photography, the first collegiate baseball game between Amherst and Williams Colleges and more. The exhibit is on the third floor of the library.



**Recent addition to the Local History Collection**  
Marty Glendon from Windsor, Ma. graciously allowed the library to scan a few of his father's documents . His father was a member of the CCC camp in Savoy, Massachusetts from July 1933 – March 1935. Mr. Glendon came to Freel Library to look through the CCC camp newsletters that we have on microfilm to find more information about his father's camp.



Certificate of Service March 1935



Certificate of Discharge March 31, 1935

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gleason of Tennessee donated some historical items to the Freel Library archives. Mr. Gleason's mother, Flora M. Oaks class of 1912, graduated from the Normal School. We had a print made of the 1917 panoramic view taken from the Hairpin Turn on the Mohawk Trail. This photograph, a class pin from 1912, and some postcards from the along the Mohawk Trail are also displayed in the case on the main floor of Freel Library.



Postcards of  
Historic Sites along  
the Mohawk Trail



Bridge of Flowers



Hairpin Turn



Hotel Whitcomb Summit

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