

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons (ATS)

Interim Report - 2026 OHRAB Regrant Program

Summary of Project

This project aims to preserve and digitize a collection of historical items documenting the history of the Transylvanian Saxons in Ohio and the Midwest region of the United States. The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is a national organization representing individuals of Transylvanian Saxon descent in the U.S. This project will make the collection held at the ATS home office in Cleveland, which is unduplicated anywhere in North America, available to researchers and the general public. Funding will be used to purchase archival boxes, acid-free folders, and other archival supplies as well as a one-year subscription to ArchivesSpace preservation software.

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The project is approximately 20% complete with 1,231 images scanned. Material preservation is still in preliminary stages. Of the total \$2,055.90 granted, \$516.50 has been spent. Archival storage boxes, file folders, and labels were purchased and have arrived. We are currently in the process of beginning a one-year subscription to ArchivesSpace, with an expected starting date of September 1st. Approximately 50 hours of staff matching time has been spent on the project thus far. With a recent increase in library/archive staff time, the project is still on track to be completed by December 31st, 2026. So far, publicity around this project has been limited to internal ATS channels, including our bi-weekly newsletter and slide presentations at ATS branch meetings and at our national convention. We plan to launch an ATS Library and Archives Facebook page in the very near term where we will post regularly about this and other initiatives.

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