



On October 12th, WHILBR held an Allegany Scanning Day where the Allegany County community was invited to bring photos and documents from their family members who served in World War I to be scanned for our website.

Before the scanning began, we explained how to search on WHILBR, and what kinds of collections may be found there. We also discussed different ways to research soldiers, like searching Ancestry.com through the library (where it is offered for free), information from the book *Maryland in the World War* which lists all service personnel from Maryland. It was especially helpful in finding birth and death dates, as well as finding home locations for the soldiers, which could be matched with records, such as the registration cards, from Ancestry. Where local newspapers are available online they serve as a major resource, though reading microfilm at FSU or ACM is still a possibility.

WHILBR received several photographs of different men from both Allegany and Garrett counties who served in the First World War including: Darius Broadwater, Otis Cuppet, William Gardner, William Knippenburg, George Lowdermilk, Clinton Michael, George Simpson, Oscar Simpson, Harry Turney, and Gilmore Welch.

Two additional men from the Frostburg/ Eckhart area added more depth. One was the diary of Otto Droege covering the time when he waved goodbye to the Statue of Liberty and his actions in France. The other was a collection of photographs taken by John Davis, a balloonist who took aerial photographs of the area where he served in France.

WHILBR is excited to include these men in our collection on digital.whilbr.org and thanks Jennifer Howell and Renee Mason for setting up the event and advertising it so successfully