

**A GUIDE TO THE PAPERS OF
WILLIAM M. BRISH**

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BIOGRAPHY

William M. Brish was born September 6, 1906 in Frederick, Maryland. He graduated from Frederick High School in 1924. He received an AB degree from Franklin and Marshall College in 1928, a master's degree for Teacher's College, Columbia University in 1932 and a doctor of Pedagogy degree from Franklin and Marshall in 1956. He did some additional graduate work at George Washington University.

Brish began his career as a history and science teacher at Thurmont and Frederick (MD) High Schools. He subsequently served as principal of Elm Street School in Frederick, Maryland. Prior to his time as superintendent in Washington County, he was the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Prince George's County and then Superintendent of Schools in Kent County.

He served as the Superintendent of Schools for Washington County (MD) from 1947 to 1973. During his tenure, the Washington County closed-circuit television program was developed and instituted. Brish became known as an expert in using television for instructional purposes. As a result of the closed-circuit program, Washington County was selected by the U.S. government to partner with Nigeria's education system in developing instructional television. Brish was the home base coordinator for the U.S.A.I.D. Modern Aids to Education Project for Nigeria from 1963 to 1969. Dr. Brish also served as a consultant in educational television for All India Radio as a part of a Ford Foundation project (1950-1961) and for several workshops at universities in the United States (1957-1960).

After his retirement from Washington County Schools, Brish was a cluster director (1973-1975) and then consultant for the Appalachian satellite project from 1976 to 1987 (AESP - Appalachian Educational Satellite Project, ACSN - Appalachian Community Service Network).

An active member in his community, he served on the boards of the Hagerstown Chamber of Commerce, Washington County Free Library, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Mason-Dixon Council, and Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Brish left a legacy in Washington County beyond his work as superintendent. As a result of his involvement in developing the Hagerstown Junior College which is now the Hagerstown Community College, the college library is named after him as well as the local planetarium.

William Brish died June 1, 1999.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Papers of William M. Brish cover the years 1942 to 1992, with the bulk of the collection ranging from 1958 to 1976. There is a sizeable amount of print publications including various reports, brochures and booklets relating to Washington County Schools, the Appalachian Educational Satellite Project (AESP) which later became the Appalachian Community Service Network (ACSN) and the Ford Foundation's India project. Also included are papers, speeches,

and reports by Dr. Brish on the concepts behind the use of instructional television in the classroom including the roles of classroom and television teacher.

The collection consists of four series:

- Series 1: Instructional Television
 - Subseries 1: Closed-Circuit
 - Subseries 2: Satellite Broadcasting
- Series 2: Washington County
 - Subseries 1: Washington County Schools
 - Subseries 2: WJEJ - Potomac Echoes
 - Subseries 3: History Papers
- Series 3: Conferences and Workshops
- Series 4: Personal and Professional Papers

PROVENANCE

The Papers of William M. Brish were donated to the National Public Broadcasting Archives, University of Maryland Libraries by Margaret Wagner in August of 1999.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1: Instructional Television, 1950-1992 (3.0 lin. ft.)

This series documents the closed-circuit television program in the Washington County Schools, consulting by Dr. Brish for the Ford Foundation in India, the Appalachian satellite efforts, information on satellite use in Alaska and the project between Washington County and Nigeria. The material is arranged chronologically, undated items follow the chronological run.

Subseries 1: Closed-Circuit

This sub-series includes reports produced by the Washington County Board of Education, teacher workshop materials, writings on the program by Dr. Brish, several articles and a doctoral dissertation written by Aminda L. Nicoloro on the closed-circuit program, "Washington County's Instructional Television Project and Program, Hagerstown, Maryland, 1947-1992, A Case Study" (2 vols). There are also 28 photos relating to the program.

Subseries 2: Satellite Broadcasting

This sub-series documents Dr. Brish's consulting efforts in India (1960-1961) and the six year long U.S.A.I.D. project between Washington County and Nigeria (includes photos).

Series 2: Washington County, 1963-1985 (1.5 lin. ft.)

This series documents Washington County educational endeavors beyond the closed-circuit program. The series also includes the radio program Potomac Echoes which was a broadcast of WJEJ which included the involvement of Dr. Brish and E. Russell Hicks a Washington County history teacher. The materials are arranged chronologically where possible.

Subseries 1: Washington County Schools

Most of the annual reports for teachers published during Dr. Brish's tenure are found in this series along with teacher training materials, meetings and workshops.

Subseries 2: WJEJ - Potomac Echoes

This subseries contains the Potomac Echoes broadcasts on WJEJ that were done by E. Russell Hicks.

Subseries 3: History Papers

This subseries contains papers and writings pertaining Washington County and Hagerstown, Maryland history. It includes published and unpublished materials by E. Russell Hicks. There are 14 photos related to the history papers.

Series 3: Conferences and Workshops, 1939-1991 (0.5 lin. ft.)

This series documents the attendance and participation of Dr. Brish in conferences and workshops on instructional television. There are also proceedings for conferences in this area beyond what is documented by his attendance. The information is arranged chronologically.

Series 4: Personal and Professional Papers, 1946-1977 (0.5 lin. ft.)

This series includes correspondence by Dr. Brish beyond that already included in the other series, notably letters of condolences to others, job recommendations and letters related to his retirement in 1973. Personal information such as his resume, and activities of his high school graduating class are included. Dr. Brish had begun work on a doctoral dissertation for George Washington University included in this series is a proposed thesis and thesis outline.

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1	1	“Closed-Circuit Television Project Proposal”, May 15, 1956
	2	Newspaper articles on closed-circuit TV, Washington County, 1956-1957
	3	Bakal, Carl, “The Schools of Tomorrow” <u>The Saturday Review</u> , August 24, 1957
	4	Weiss, John K., “Teaching by Television in Hagerstown,” <u>The School Review</u> , Winter 1957
	5	Washington County Closed-Circuit Television Project: Statement of William M. Brish before Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, April 24, 1958
	6	Washington County Closed-Circuit Educational Television, “TV Guide”, 1958-1960
	7	“Closed-Circuit Television: Teaching in Washington County 1958-1959, Progress Report,” March 1959
	8	“Guidance Information Telecasts to the High Schools,” 1959
	9	“Notes Concerning the Use of Television as a Resource in Education,” October 13, 1959
	10	“Washington County Closed Circuit Television Report,” circa 1963
	11	Brish, William, “Eight Years of Instructional Television,” October 2, 1964
	12	Conference, Maryland County Superintendents, “The Use of Television in the Educational Program,” January 21-22, 1965
	13	“Current Trends in the Use of Television for Instruction”, November 1965
	14	Washington County Schools, Hagerstown, MD, “Instructional Television, Staff Report, Meetings April 25 and May 3 , 1968
	15	Kumar, Narendra, “TV Utilization in Washington County”, 1970.
	16	“Washington County School System, Instructional Television, Financial Data and Analysis”, February 1973
	17	Photos, Washington County TV Project, nd
	18	Teaching by Television - Presentation Boards, nd
	19	Miscellaneous notes, presentations, etc., nd
	20	Miscellaneous “Ideas”, nd
	21	Various notes on television in the classroom, nd
2	1	“The Use of Television for Instructional Purposes,” nd
	2	“A Look at Learning,” nd
	3	“The Challenge of Secondary Education,” nd
	4	“Television is a Medium of Communication,” nd
	5	Nicoloro, Aminda, letters re: dissertation, June-July, 1992

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2	6	Dr. Mindy Nicoloro: Resume, Portfolio, Addendum, Recommendations and Evaluations
	7	Nicoloro, Aminda L., "Excerpts from Research Study," nd
	8-9	Nicoloro, Aminda L., <u>Washington County's Instructional Television Project and Program, Hagerstown, Maryland, 1947-1992, A Case Study</u> . 1991 (2 vols.)

SUBSERIES 2 : SATELLITE BROADCASTING

		India
	10	India TV Project, Correspondence, 1970
	11	"An Introduction to School Television," India, circa 1961
	12	Directorate for Education, "School Television Project, 1961-1962", India
		Nigeria
3	1	"AID/US Nigeria Educational Radio and Television Project", Report of Visit, March 13-April 11, 1963
	2	"Hagerstown Seminar, AID Nigerian Project, Notebook", July-August 1963
	3	"Western Nigeria - Progress to Date", August 14, 1963
	4	Visit to US by Nigerian Team, August 1963 and nd
	5	Nigeria, notes, nd and 1963
	6	"USAID, Notes on Contract Operation, Board of Education, Washington County, MD", circa 1964
	7	Nigeria, correspondence, 1964
	8	Itinerary, Inspection Tour, Nigeria, March 28-April 9, 1964
	9	"Modern Aids to Education Project (USAID, Nigeria, Washington County) Report #5" 1966
	10	"A Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Use of Modern Aids to Education in the Six Northern States of Nigeria", October 1967
	11	ETS, "Broadcasting Media in the Teaching of Primary 5 English in Nigeria, An Evaluation Report", June, 1968
	12	"Modern Aids to Education Project, Final Report", (USAID, Nigeria, Washington County) 1969
	13	Conference on Educational Broadcast Satellites, A.I.D., 1974
	14	"A Report on Engineering and Technical Aspects of Educational Broadcast Services in Nigeria", nd
	15	"Brief Outline of the Agency for International Development's Role in Education", nd
	16	Photos, Nigeria
	17	AID/Nigeria Project, nd

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4	1	Radio and Television Education Project, Work Plan Data, nd
	2	Notes on a Workplan, Radio and Television Education, Nigeria, nd
		Alaska
	3	“Expanding Educational Opportunity Through Telecommunications” circa 1980 Tenant, Edward A., et. al. “A Study of the State of Alaska’s Instructional Television Management Procedures”
	4	Vol I, August 21, 1981
	5	Vol II, August 21, 1981
		Appalachian Education Satellite Project
	6	Appalachian Education Satellite Project (AESP) Career Education, 1973
	7	“Appalachian Education Satellite Project, Status Report 1973, Summary of Accomplishments”, December 1973
	8	AESP: Tracker Newsletter, 1973
	9	AESP, instructional reading, 1973
	10	AESP Contracts and Budget, 1973
	11-13	“Ancillary Materials for Career Education in Junior/Senior High School”, Fall 1974 (3f)
	14	“AESP Evaluation Design, Technical Report, No. 4”, December 1974
		Appalachian Education Satellite Project (cont'd)
5	1	“AESP, Project Information Series: Executive Report”, circa 1975
	2	“AESP, Costs Model, Technical Report No. 10”, September 1975
	3	“Appalachian Education Satellite Project Proceedings of Planning Seminar on ATS”, February 26, 1976
	4	“AESP, Appalachian Needs, Technical Report No 14., June 1976”
	5	“The Cumberland Region, Tri-State Proposal for Appalachian Education Satellite Project”, September 1976 AESP Operational Plan, December 1976
	6	Section I/II
	7	Section III/IV/V
	8	Section VI, Appendix A-E
	9	Appendix F-G
	10	AESP Satellite Inaugural Conference, February 11, 1977
	11	Appalachian Education Satellite Project
	12	Paper, “The AESP”, nd
	13	Photos, AESP, nd
	14	AESP Slide Show Transcript
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	17	ATS-F, information portfolio, nd
6	1	Fairchild Industries Communications Satellites, 1975, nd [booklets]
	2	Fairchild Industries, The Next Generation, nd
	3	ATS-F Project Director's Report, September 17, 1973
	4	ATS-F Health Education Telecommunications (booklet) nd
	5	Hershowitz, Martin & Joseph Hawvermale. "The Appalachian ATS-F Satellite Experiment as the Kernal for the Appalachian Maryland Community ETV Study, nd booklet
	6	Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), Meeting Minutes, 1973
	7	University of Maryland Instructional Televisions Network, February 1972
	8	ETV Taskforce for Appalachian Maryland, August 1972
	9	Satellite Technology Demonstration (STD): Broadcast and Engineering Training Manual, June 7, 1974
	10	Automation Industries, Inc., Contract, System Study to Develop A Plan for Regional Cooperation in ETV, October 1972
	11	Regional Education Service Agency, Newsletter, vol. 1, no 1., March 1976
	12	"Final Report of the Appalachian Community Service Network to The National Institute of Education: The Reshaping of an Innovation, 1970-1982"
	13	Appalachian Regional Commission, Contract 1978. 1979
	14	"Appalachia", vol 7, number 6, June-July 1974
	15	ACSN, brochure nd
	16	ACSN: The Reshaping of an Innovation, 1975-1982
	17	Critical Factors in the Development of ASCN
	18	Appalachian Community Service Network: Brish, The Emergence of ASCN, n.d
	19	The Emergence of ACSN Notes, nd
		Appalachian Education Satellite Project (cont'd)
7	1	ACSN: Policies and Procedures Manual, September 1980
	2	ACSN: Telecourse Implementation Guide, Spring 1983, For College & University Affiliates
	3	Appalachian Community Service Network - The Learning Channel, c. 1985?

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7	4	Chamber of Commerce Education Committee - School Expansion, pamphlet, nd
	5	Miscellaneous Photos - Brish, Washington County
	6	Witt Paul W.F., "What is Good Teaching in 1966?", Discussion Group IV
	7	Teacher Workshop, nd
	8	Teachers Training, nd
	9	Maryland Looks Ahead in Education, July 1945
	10	Staff Conference, Bulletin No. 1, October 3, 1950
	11	"Washington County, Curriculum Notebook", 1951
	12-14	Curriculum Development Program, 1952-1953 (3f)
	15	Brish, William N. "Together - We Build A School," <u>The American School and University</u> , 1950-1951
	16	"These are Your Schools", Washington County, MD circa 1946
	17	"Establishing the Goals", Board of Education Hagerstown, 1948
	18	Annual School Budget of Washington County, 1971-72, School Year "Teaching in Washington County"
	19	1949-1950, Bulletin No. 4, September 1949
	20	1951-1952, September 1951
	21	1952-1953, September 1952
	22	1953-1954, September 1953
	23	1954-1955, September 1954
		"Teaching in Washington County" (cont'd)
8	1	1956-1957, September 1956
	2	1957-1958, Handbook for Teachers
	3	1959-1960, September 1959
	4	1963-1964, Handbook for Teachers, September 1963
	5	1964-1965, September 1964
	6	1966-1967, December 1966
	7	1967-1968, Annual Report
	8	1969-1970, Annual Report
	9	1971-1972, Handbook for Teachers, September 1971
	10	1972-1973, Annual Report
	11	"The Elm Leaf," Elm Street School, September 1942
	12	Staff Conference, Washington County, October 1950
	13	A Report to the Teaching Staff on New Development in Education in Washington County, 1949
	14	Blueprints - Photo Dark Room, Layout and Perspective, 1950
	15	Hagerstown Junior College: Dedication, program, May 6, 1967
	16	Social Studies - Grade Eleven, General Understandings in the Eleventh Grade History, nd

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	18	“Where North and South Clasp Hands in a Civil War Commemoration”, May 28, 1961
	19	“The Potomac’s Phenomenal Presence”, June 14, 1961
	20	“Gettysburg, The Imperishable”, July 4, 1961
	21	“Green Grass and Pine Tree Shade in a Confederate Cemetery”, September 24, 1961
	22	“The Clustered Spines of Frederick”, January 7, 1962
	23	“The Courage in Stone Monuments”, March 4, 1962
	24	“Hagerstown’s Native Son, Whose Wonderworkings did so Much to Make the Confederacy ‘The New South’”, August 12, 1962
	25	“Ferry Hill, The Colorful Eminence Above the Potomac that Re-Echoes the Articulate Voice of the Invincible Stonewall”, nd
	26	“The Balm of Maryland”, nd

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		E. Russell Hicks
	27-30	Mr. Hicks’ “History” (4f)
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9	1	My Philosophy of History, April 1939
	2	“Washington County in History”, booklet, 1947
	3	Letters to the Editor, 20 July, 25 July 1959, nd
	4	“Our Washington County Heritage”, (Hagerstown, MD: Board of Education of Washington County) 1974.
	5	Assorted writings, nd
	6	Objectives, nd
	7	Notecards
	8	“Another War Bible that Radiated Brotherhood”, part I+II, nd
	9	“The Antietam Accomplishments” nd
	10	“Brethernism in Operation on America’s Bloodiest Battlefield” nd
	11	“A Brochure of Antietam’s (Sharpsburg’s) Battle - History for Pageantry nd
	12	“The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and the Civil War” nd
	13	“The Confederate Cemetery in Washington County”
	14	“The Flowering of Brethernism of Brownsville”
	15	“The Glories of Fort Frederick”, published nd
	16	“The Jonathan Hager House” nd
	17	“Hagerstown, The Ante-Bellum hub City” nd
	18	“The Heroic in Washington County” nd

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9	19	“Hills of Glory” nd
	20	“How Maryland and Her Sister States Bridged the War Chasm Between North and South” nd
	21	“Lady Potomac, Foster Mother of Nation, State and of Western Maryland” nd
	22	“A Lecture from the Top of Southern Mountain (Turner’s Gap, Fox’s Gap Crampton’s Gap)” nd
	23	“Lincoln’s Appraisal of Antietam” nd
	24	“Love Above Fame: The Key to a Great Marylander’s Life” nd
	25	“To Martha Tarbell - An Apostrophe” (eulogy) nd
	26	“The Mason and Dixon Line - The Boundary Line of Peace” nd
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	31	“Stony Batter, Buchanan’s Birthplace, Still Speaks to the Nation”
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	34	“When Artillery Fire, Rifle Shots and Musketry Smoke on South Mountain Proclaimed a New Day”, nd
	35	“Wings Over Washington County” nd
	36	Brown, E. McCulloh, “Fort Frederick” mimeograph, nd
	37	Assorted history articles, various authors, 1963, 1970, nd
	38	Outline for Series of History Articles, nd
	39	Maryland history papers with photos nd
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	2	“First European Flying Classroom - Memory Book”, photos, 1950
	3	The Flying Classroom, 1951, nd
	4	“The European Flying Classroom, An Educational Experiment”, booklet, 1952
	5	Educator’s Orientation Conference, photos, April 1957
	6	Leadership Exchange Program Itinerary, August 1957
	7	American University, American Language Center, Album of the International Teachers of English, 1957-1985
	8	Travel Information, 1958, 1975, 1979, 1991, nd

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	10	E-TV Conference 1959, 1961, n.d.
	11	McGintey, Rev. Lawrence J, SJ "Education for a Climate of Freedom", remarks at The Tuition Plan annual forum, March 16, 1960
	12	Fischer, John H., "Address to the Graduates", Teachers College, Columbia University, NY, June 1, 1960
	13	Wisconsin Improvement Program - Teacher Education and Local School Systems, July 11- August 5, 1960
	14	Regional Information Conference on Research in Newer Educational Media, October 3-5, 1960
	15	Educational Television Conference, Transcription, October 29, 1960
	16	Centre for Educational Television Overseas, "Report of the International Working Group on Educational Television", November 22-27, 1964
	17	The Ditchley Foundation: "The Use of New Educational Techniques in the Developing Countries", February 1966
	18	Maryland State Department of Education, "The Human Condition and some Educational Implications", May 1967
	19	Harley, William, "A Statement on Educational Broadcasting and New Communications Technology", May 15, 1971

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	20	The Kent County Education, Vol. II, No. 3, November 1946
	21	Department of Education, State of Maryland, Superintendent Certificate, 1946
	22	Brish-Transcript, Columbia University, 1954
	23	Reunions of Class of 1924, Frederick High School, 1954, 1959, 1970, 1979, n.d.
	24	Commendations, 1958, 1973, 1974
	25	Proposed Doctoral Study, Administrative Aspects of Using Closed-Circuit Television for Instructional Purposes in a School System", May 1959
	26	Educational Facilities with New Media - Report A: A Guide for Policy Makers, December 1965
11	1	Educational Facilities with New Media - Report B: A Guide for Design Professionals, December 1965
	2	Educational Facilities with New Media - Report C: A Technical Guide, December 1965
	3	Condolence letters from Brish, 1968, 1972, 1974, 1975
	4	Knauss, Zane, "The Talkin' Tube at the University of South Carolina." <u>Educational Television</u> , December 1971.
	5	Trip to India, World Cultures Seminar, 1971-1972
	6	Retirement Correspondence, 1973

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	8	Membership Roster, Schoolmen's Group, 1973-1974
	9	Brish, William M. "History in the Secondary Schools", n.d.
	10	Brish, William M. "Plan for Developing a Doctoral Dissertation", n.d.
	11	Brish Resumes n.d.
	12	Shellenberger, Preston P., "Psychological Concept and the Foundation of Learning" n.d.

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