Instructions for Accessing the Digital Archives

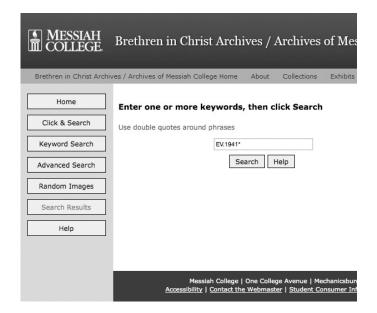
Go to the website: www.messiah.edu/archives

Click on Digital Collection on the "Brethren in Christ Archives" sidebar.

On the resulting webpage, **click on the Online Catalog link**, which appears in the short second paragraph (see Illustration 1).



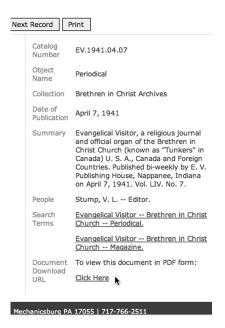
This takes you to the PastPerfect Online initial search page, where you have several search options listed on the sidebar (see Illustration 2).



Enter an appropriate key word or Object ID number in the search box. For example, to search for transcripts of H. Frances Davidson's diaries, enter the word <u>Diary</u>. (In Illustration 2, we've typed in a "wild card" search for all of the 1941 issues of the *Evangelical Visitor*.) The "results" page(s) gives a list of records in which the search term is found (Illustration 3).



Click on the link you want to follow (in Illustration 3, the cursor is at the link for the issue published on April 7), and that record will be shown on the screen, with selected information about the record in the right-hand panel (see Illustration 4).



For most documents, there will be no preview or thumbnail image. For photographs, a low-resolution image will appear.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the Click Here link to download a PDF document that can be printed and is searchable (if it is not a hand-written document).

A brief word about file numbers and names:

Periodicals have an "Object ID" number that reflects both the name of the publication and the date. For example, the *Evangelical Visitor* issue of Dec. 22, 1941 has this object ID: EV.1941.12.22 which you would enter in the "Search" field (step 4 above). If you wanted to browse through all the 1941 issues, you would simply enter EV.1941* (the asterisk is critical) and you would see a list of the 25 issues published that year (see Illustration 3).