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Mission Statement

The Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc., is dedicated to publishing fact-based information about the Shroud of Turin through its award-winning website, www.shroud.com. In addition to this extensive online resource, the Association maintains a vast collection of scientific and historical material crucial to the continuing study of the Shroud.

The Website: www.shroud.com, founded January 21, 1996, is the oldest, largest and most extensive resource of Shroud of Turin information on the Internet. It is responsible for disseminating a wealth of data about the Turin Shroud in the form of peer-reviewed articles, historical documents, and invaluable photographs, including micro, x-ray, ultraviolet and other specialized forms of photography. In its more than fifteen years of continuous online publication, the website has reached over ten million viewers, and is used as a library resource by professional investigators of the Shroud, as well as by teachers, students and interested public from all over the world. www.shroud.com publishes articles presenting differing, often conflicting views regarding the authenticity and origin of the Shroud written by investigators of various scientific and religious backgrounds. The publisher maintains an unbiased site open to all factually supported views.

The Museum and Library: The President of the Association, photographer Barrie M. Schwartz, was a member of the international Shroud of Turin Research Project which was granted unparalleled and unimpeded access in 1978 to perform the first ever in-depth scientific examination of the cloth in its history. During the ensuing thirty years, Mr. Schwartz has accumulated an extensive collection of Shroud-related materials. These include, in addition to his own items, the collections of five prominent Shroud researchers, now deceased, who placed their materials under his direct care and control, plus other collections pledged but not yet received. A continually increasing portion of these materials is now available indirectly to the public via the website, and directly to qualified researchers on request. As the process of curating and archiving continues, more and more of these extensive materials are being made accessible.

The Center: The Association looks forward to establishing a Center where Shroud-related historical artifacts, documents and other visual materials will be displayed in a museum-like setting for the benefit of the general public, and where direct, physical access to these various items will be provided to research scholars. Establishment of the Center is intended to ensure that these invaluable scientific and historical materials remain intact as a collection and are preserved for use by future generations of Shroud scholars, enabling the work of understanding enigmas of the Shroud to continue.

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