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Remnant Trust is a unique institution in the United States. We own 1,100 rare books, manuscripts and documents, going back into the Middle Ages and forward thru the history of printing that have been assembled around two themes. One is the tradition of political liberty, as it's developed first in the West and then globally. And then second, works that strive to articulate either arguments for or articulate the difficulties in achieving human dignity. We make these works available to educational institutions, which can include museums or colleges and universities, other kinds of organizations. Our collection may not be as mind-blowing as say, the University of Texas, an enormously a valuable rare book collection, but they'll never let you handle it. But we'll let you do that and we bring it to you.

Dr. James Hallmark
WTAMU Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Well the Remnant Trust came to as an opportunity, we couldn't just walk away from it – the opportunity to have these original documents on campus, and be able to hold them, touch them, feel them, read them. So, we have 50 documents here this semester, and we're integrating them into classes; 18 courses at this point are using the documents. In addition, the museum has them on display, and the public is able to view them. We have events like lectures, 3 different lectures going on over the course of the semesters.

50 works, ranging from mid-evil manuscripts, right on thru to works from 20th century. We have the first edition of George Orwell's, *1984*; we have 14th century, roughly 1349-1350, edition of the Magna Carta; there's the first Torah in America; an early printed edition of *Aristotle*; something called *Nuremburg Chronicle*. We have the first edition, first printing of the King James Version of the Bible. And two pieces, Emancipation Proclamation, and the Gettysburg address. So there's all these cool opportunities to see things, that you could otherwise never see, unless you were a scholar. This is our first trip to Texas; WT is our first stop.

Remnant Trust Lectures
Oct. 14-The first edition of the King James Bible and Nov. 18- A WTAMU Faculty Round Table Presentation at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

The Remnant Trust Collection will be on display at PPHM through Dec. 1.