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Office of  
Archives, Statistics,  
and Research



# Who are we ?

**ASTR** stands for the Office of **A**rchives **S**tatistics and **R**esearch

and is located at the General Conference (GC) headquarters just outside of Washington, D.C., in Silver Spring, Maryland.



# When was ASTR established?

**ASTR** has its origins in **1904**, in the appointment of a **GC Statistical Secretary**.

In **1973**, the **General Conference Archives** was founded and in **1975**, the Archives and Record Center was combined with the department of the Statistical Secretary to form the **Office of Archives and Statistics**.

In **2011**, the department was renamed the **Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research** and received a new responsibility for evaluation of programs, research and data analysis.



# What does ASTR do?

- **Serves** as official **records center** and **archives** of the world headquarters and the North American Division
- **Evaluates** General **C**onference programs and agencies
- **Produces** the denomination's *Yearbook* and *Annual Statistical Report*
- **Conducts** research projects for the General Conference administration and strategic planning committee
- **Provides** information and resources via **website**



**Why are we talking to you?**

**We would like to help you.**

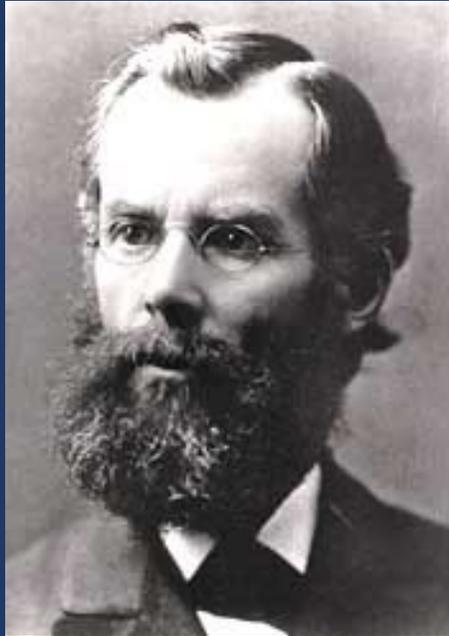


How can ASTR help you?

Let's look at some examples.



# You are looking for information on an Adventist pioneer?



John Nevis Andrews

Go to the ASTR website:  
(<https://www.adventistarchives.org>)

click on the Resources tab and select  
Historical Research Resources  
and click on Researcher tools  
and select

Biographical Sketches of the Pioneers



# You are looking for an interesting person to write an essay about for Bible or History class?

Check out our online encyclopedia

The logo for the Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists (ESDA), featuring the letters 'ESDA' in a blue, sans-serif font with a white outline, set against a dark blue square background.

<https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/>



Dr. Margherita Freeman was cited for outstanding service in medicine at the 1975 GC Session.



John Kellogg a multi-talented man: surgeon, inventor of surgical instruments, pioneer in physiotherapy and nutrition



Franklin H. Bryant: The first black Seventh-day Adventist to publish a book.

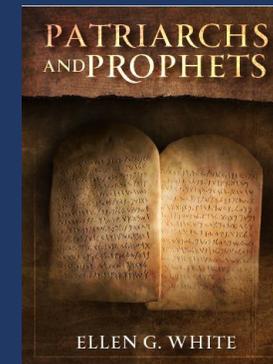
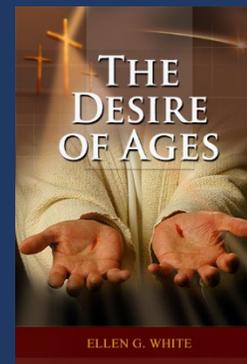
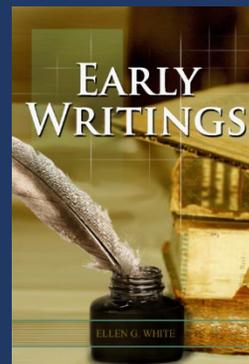


# You are looking for a book written by Ellen White?

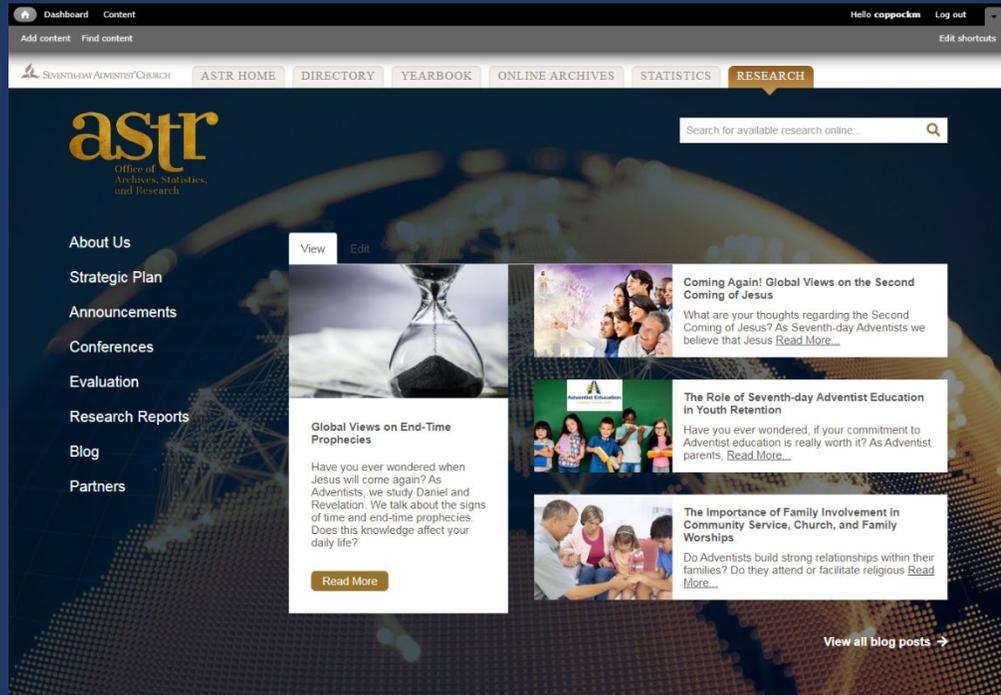
Go to the ASTR website:

(<https://www.adventistarchives.org/research-resources>)

and select Materials related to Ellen White



# You are looking for research data regarding Seventh-day Adventists worldwide?



The screenshot shows the ASTR website dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, ASTR HOME, DIRECTORY, YEARBOOK, ONLINE ARCHIVES, STATISTICS, and RESEARCH. The RESEARCH tab is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with the text "Search for available research online." and a magnifying glass icon. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with the following items: About Us, Strategic Plan, Announcements, Conferences, Evaluation, Research Reports, Blog, and Partners. The main content area features a grid of research articles. The first article is titled "Global Views on End-Time Prophecies" and includes a sub-header "Global Views on End-Time Prophecies" and a "Read More" button. The second article is titled "Coming Again! Global Views on the Second Coming of Jesus" and includes a sub-header "Coming Again! Global Views on the Second Coming of Jesus" and a "Read More..." link. The third article is titled "The Role of Seventh-day Adventist Education in Youth Retention" and includes a sub-header "The Role of Seventh-day Adventist Education in Youth Retention" and a "Read More..." link. The fourth article is titled "The Importance of Family Involvement in Community Service, Church, and Family Worship" and includes a sub-header "The Importance of Family Involvement in Community Service, Church, and Family Worship" and a "Read More..." link. At the bottom right of the main content area, there is a link "View all blog posts" with a right-pointing arrow.

Go to the [ASTR website](http://www.adventistresearch.info):  
([www.adventistresearch.info](http://www.adventistresearch.info))  
and click on the [Research tab](#)



# You are curious about Adventist history?

Check out our Videos: *This Week in Adventist History*

Go to the [ASTR website](http://www.adventistarchives.org/historytoday):

[www.adventistarchives.org/historytoday](http://www.adventistarchives.org/historytoday)



You are planning to do research on a specific person (e.g. family member) or church organization?

Go to the ASTR website:

(<https://www.adventistarchives.org/resources>)

and select the Research Center tab



# You are looking for an older version of the *Adventist Review* or another Periodical?

Go to the Online Archives on our ASTR website:  
(<http://documents.adventistarchives.org/default.aspx>)

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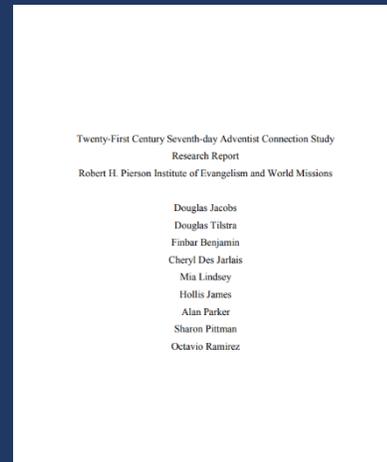
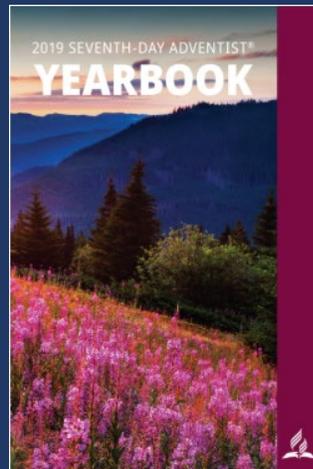




# Other Resources Online:



- Annual Statistic Reports
- Yearbook
- Directory for churches, schools, hospitals worldwide
- Research reports, Blogs, Newsletters, and PPT presentations
- Committee Minutes,
- GC Strategic Plan etc.



# Questions???

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