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Curating with a light touch means that we, the curators, do not get to decide what is important or not. The readings reminded me of the process of creating the King James version of the bible. How the scholars of the time (priests) threw out and destroyed the scripture they believed was not important. Or the scripture that went against the religion they were creating. Such a shame. If it was not for the parchments being found (even today), we might not have even a hint as to what they said. We probably still do not have even a sliver of understanding of what was destroyed. So when we curate, we do so lightly. Never delete information. Leave it all. We are just really organizing a preserving.

So, I stand by my original thoughts of adding to the Social Justice collection. But this week has also sort of made me want to explore another topic. I think I will start looking into it. I am Hard of Hearing and I have low frequency hearing loss. It is possible that like my Great-grandmother, Great-aunt, Grandpa, and cousin, I too will go deaf. I am in support groups to deal. Deaf, deaf, and Hard of Hearing people have faced struggles during COVID-19. Communication and accessibility has always been hard, but now it is ridiculous. I am not sure what I will find but perhaps I will reach out to some of my groups and see if they would like to share. I am sure disabilities are a gap in the archive. I have not seen any myself, aside from what I contributed this summer. It might be worth some effort.