The Great Cover-Up

University staff uncovered an ornate stained glass window hidden behind a chalkboard while refurbishing Baun Hall in December 2011. A long and sinuous research trail indicates the window was donated to the University around 1890 by the Heacock family in memory of their son Joseph, class of 1886. Joseph’s father, Henry, a Methodist minister, had been a University trustee from 1895 to 1915.

The window was originally mounted in the Conservatory of Music building in 1890 when the University was in San Jose. The University moved to Stockton in 1924. Records indicate that in 1938 the family requested the window be installed in the new library in Baun Hall, which is now part of the School of Engineering and Computer Science. The glass appears to have been covered up sometime in the 1970s, but it’s not known why.

Read more about the window at go.Pacific.edu/FoundStainedGlass or see the window and its history beautifully displayed in the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House.

The window was originally mounted in the University’s Conservatory of Music building in San Jose around 1890. The disposition of the second window and the identity of the man pictured here are not known.

The meaning and origin of the words is not known for sure, but may refer to statements by John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, or to Joseph Heacock, in whose memory the window was dedicated.