



## Travel Channel Interviews Dr. Banks for New Show



A production crew from the Travel Channel visited the Western Campus in November to film Dr. James Banks, director of the Crile Archives, in connection with a monument in the Cleveland Metroparks.

A monument in the Rocky River Reservation of a Yorkshire terrier in a World War II military helmet attracted the attention of the producer of the Travel Channel's new show, "[Monumental Mysteries](#)." The local monument honors Smoky, a famous war dog who saved lives in 1945 when it successfully ran a telephone wire underground during a reconnaissance mission in Nadzab, New Guinea.

The pint-sized Yorkie had been found in an abandoned foxhole and was adopted by William Wynne, a U.S. soldier who named her for the smoky color of her fur and trained her to do tricks. After the war, he brought her to his home in Parma. Smoky became a celebrity, appearing onstage, in movies and on TV shows. She later worked as a therapy dog in local hospitals.

Wynne worked for years as a Plain Dealer photojournalist and then a NASA flight photographer before writing "Yorkie Doodle Dandy," a book about Smoky and their World War II experiences.

So what is the connection between Smoky and the Crile Archives? Years ago, Wynne gave a copy of his book to Dr. Banks to archive. The Crile Archives also has an original painting, depicting Smoky, Wynne and fellow soldiers surviving a Kamikaze attack on an aircraft carrier.

The show will air sometime this spring. We will let you know when Dr. Banks will have his Travel Channel debut.