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SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS

Annual Business Meeting, April 18, 1985

In the absence of President Bernice Bell, the seventh annual business meeting of the Society of Mississippi Archivists was called to order by Vice-President/President-Elect Linda Overman at 12:50 p.m. at Nick's Restaurant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on April 18, 1985. Copies of a written report from President Bell were distributed at this time.

Copies of the minutes of the 1984 business meeting were distributed and approved.

Alice Cox, Treasurer, distributed copies of the treasurer's report for the past year, and the report was approved.

Mickey Hennen, Membership Chairman, reported that the Society's current membership is 105. He suggested that members take copies of the new brochure to use in encouraging others to join.

Lynne Mueller reported that the most recent issue of *The Primary Source* had been delayed partly because the Mississippi Library Commission had lost their printer but that Jackson State University's printer had helped at that point. She urged the members to respond to Marty Sparrow's notice requesting news items and to submit articles for publication.

Reporting for the Archival Education Committee, Bill Hanna announced that Julia Young had resigned as Chairperson since becoming editor of *The American Archivist*. Last summer, the Committee began drawing up a script for a media presentation dealing with Mississippi archives, and it is in this area that its efforts will continue to be concentrated.

In spite of the loss of two of its members, Linda Overman reported that the Conservation Committee continues to publish conservation leaflets in *The Primary Source* and, with the Conservation Committee of MLA, sponsored a disaster preparedness workshop at the fall meeting of MLA/SELA in Biloxi, Mississippi. Also sponsored by the MLA/SMA Committees, at each of MLA's six regional meetings this spring Ms. Overman will give a lecture and slide presentation entitled "Implementing Library Preservation Programs."

Terry Latour gave the report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He pointed out that most of the suggested changes were minor with the exception of the change regarding the Executive Director and that the changes reflect the way that the Society is operating currently. Attention was called to the change in Section IV, Article 2, returning to the language of the original constitution. The proposed

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- FROM THE PRESIDENT -

I am looking forward to working for and with all of you this year and will be calling on many of you for assistance. Committee chairs have been appointed, but committee members are still needed. Call one of the committee chairs listed elsewhere in this issue and volunteer to be on a committee that appeals to your interests.

The annual meeting in Tuscaloosa, April 18-19, 1985 was held in conjunction with the Society of Alabama Archivists. Approximately sixty persons were in attendance. Several member of SMA were on the program. Lisa Buechele discussed the newsfilm project at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The end result of this project will be a computer generated finding aid to the newsfilm. Madel Morgan discussed grants in progress in the state. Julia Young and Terry Latour presented papers on appraisal strategy

and on appraisal of faculty papers respectively. Patricia Galloway was a member of a panel presentation of automating archives. She discussed the system she designed for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Among other uses, it is being utilized to create finding aids to manuscript collections.

As a result of the success of this year's annual meeting, the program chair is exploring the possibility of a joint meeting with Alabama or another archival organization for the spring of 1986. The meeting would be held somewhere in Mississippi this time.

In addition to the annual meeting of the Society which has traditionally been held in the spring, the society is investigating the feasibility of having a one-day fall meeting. The purpose of the meeting would be to focus on a particular subject, possibly in a workshop or seminar format. One topic that has been mentioned is the array of grant funding that can be available to archival repositories, and how archives can tap those resources. Your suggestions and comments regarding meetings, meeting topics, and meeting sites are welcomed.

Our membership currently stands at 110. A new brochure has been designed and printed, please contact Mickey Hennen, membership chair for copies and distribute them to interested persons.

I wish to extend the society's thanks to Bernice Bell, the immediate past president and to Thomas Henderson and Virgia Brock-Shedd, former council members for their work on behalf of the society. Bernice will remain on the council this year. I also wish to thank Bill Hanna for his many contributions to the society. Although he is leaving the archival profession for a new career, he will continue as a member of the society and has agreed to be on the conservation committee this year. I know I speak for all of you in wishing him luck and happiness as the Assistant Director of the Water and Soil Conservation Commission in Jackson.

The Executive Council will meet at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, at 10:00 a.m. on July 16, 1985, October 15, 1985, January 21, 1986 and March 18, 1986.

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ACCESSIONS

Evans Memorial Library, Aberdeen

- Army Corps of Engineers Collection. Accretion. 1984. 1 item.
Report entitled, *Handbook for the Institutional and Financial Implementation of Water Utilities* by N. John Cullinane, Jr., and Janet S. Condra.
Presented by the Corps of Engineers.
Collection open.
- Crawford (Mr. and Mrs. Sam W.) Accretion. 1981. 1 item.
Book, *Lowndes County, Mississippi* by Lowndes County Department of Archives and History. Given in memory of Alex Preston, Jr.
Presented by the Crawfords, Hamilton.
Collection open.
- Hamilton, (Mrs. Charles G.) Collection. Accretion.
Various materials including folder of correspondence with Dr. Ralph W. Widener, Jr. concerning the Confederate monument in Aberdeen as well as Confederate military buried in Aberdeen; booklet, *Archaeology and Archaeological Resources* by Charles R. McGimsey III for the Society of American Archaeology; book, *The Art of Colour* by Michel Jacobs; pamphlet, "Tour of Bellefontaine Cemetery" in St. Louis, Mo.; Clipping dated June 26, 1975 from the *Northwest Alabamian* concerning the old log Winston County Jail at Old Houston; folder on Bartram Historical Trail of Mississippi; cassette tape of memorial service for Historian John Ed Rodabough of St. Louis held at Evans Memorial Library on July 8, 1982 and conducted by Dr. Charles G. Hamilton.
Presented by Mrs. Charles G. Hamilton, Aberdeen.
Collection open.
- Harvey (Mrs. Ruth) Collection. Accretion. 1978-1984. 4 items.
Book, *Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vol. 5 - York County, Virginia Wills, Deeds*; Newsletter, *The Searcher*, of Henley and related families, April 1982-April 1984; quarterly newsletter, *Harde-Facts*; 4 1984 issues on Hardeman County, Tennessee, families; booklet compiled by Mrs. Harvey including the following family names: Armstrong, Chamberlayne, Denman, Darby, Dunbar, Elliott, Gittings, Grantham, Green, Griffin, Hancock, Harbin, Henley, Hogan, Lawson, Osburn, Pope, Saunders, Slaton, Tait, Wilborn, Williams, Williamson, and Woodson.
Presented by Mrs. Ruth Harvey, Aberdeen.
Collection open.
- Hathcock (Douglas W.) Collection. Accretion. 1984. 1 item.
Book by Mrs. Hathcock, *Hathcock Family*, Vol VI.
Presented by Mrs. Hathcock, Huntsville, Alabama.
Collection open.
- Houston (Mrs. D. W., Jr.) Collection. Accretion. 1933. 2 items.
Newspapers, *Aberdeen Examiner* and *Memphis Commercial Appeal* May 18 and 21, 1933.
Collection open.
- Howell (Dilworth Buford) Collection. Accretion. 1 item.

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Reprint of *The Howells of Athens 1635-1899*, Vol. II by George W. Howell, Jr.
Collection open.

Mattox (Mr. and Mrs. Quinn F.) Collection. Accretion. 1920-1962. 205 items.
Bids on automobile to be given away at the 1962 Monroe County Fair; 1964 letter from George W. Howell, Jr., to Quinn F. Mattox concerning establishment of a Standard Industrial Park at the Prairie site of the Gulf Ordinance Plant at Prairie; materials from the Meyer Bergman home in Aberdeen including 207 postcards from foreign countries, and 1939 War and Navy Department map of Algiers for use by agencies only - used by Captain Meyer Bergman in World War II; photographs. Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Mattox, Aberdeen.
Collection open.

Nickles (Mrs. Lillian) Collection. Accretion. 2 items.
Typescript book, "Carroll County" (Miss.) History by William Franklin Hamilton., n.d.
Presented by Mrs. Lillian Nickles, Aberdeen.
Collection open.

Paine (Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F., Jr.) Collection. Accretion. 13 items.
Photocopy of *History of La Grange College* by A. A. McGregor with addenda by Dr. and Mrs. Paine; readex book, 1966 reprint of *Travels in the Interior of America* by John Bradbury, 1817; 3 volumes of *Journals of Muscle Shoals History* published by Tennessee Valley Historical Society; scattered copies of *Gentry Family Gazette and Genealogy* 1979-1983; *West Chickasaw Historical Bulletin*, 1982; *Natchez Trace Traveler*, 1983; *Clan Campbell Society Journal*, 1981-1984.
Presented by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Paine, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee.
Collection open.

Shepherd (Dr. and Mrs. Banks) Collection. Accretion. 1984. 6 items.
Photocopies from Daniel Burnett estate papers; typescript book by Dr. Shepherd, *Daniel Burnett and His Family*, 1984.
Presented by the Shepherds, Aberdeen.
Collection open.

Tisdal (Kenny) Collection. 1921-1924.
Photograph of Aberdeen Rotary Club and wives beside train with banner "Queen City of the Alfalfa Belt, Hot Springs Special." Photograph of convention group; additional photographs of Rotary Club groups.
Presented by Kenny Tisdale of Aberdeen.
Collection open.

Twentieth Century Club Collection. Accretion. 1984. 1 item.
Line drawing by G. L. Farrell for the Club's quilt block used in local Collection.
Presented by the Twentieth Century Club.
Collection open.

ACCESSIONS

McKee (Clyde V.) World War I Papers. 1918-1919. 5 items.

World War I diary and four letters written by McKee; the diary gives a detailed account of McKee's entry into the army, trip to Europe and activities after arriving in Europe; much of McKee's duty in Europe occurred after the Armistice was signed.

Presented by Alice Henderson, Jackson; Clyde McKee, Orange, Texas; and John McKee, Zachary, Louisiana.

Council School Foundation Contract for Employment. 1973. 1 item.

A contract of employment form for the Council School Foundation for the school year 1973-1974; the contract was executed by the donor as a teacher in Council School 3 Manhattan.

Presented by Lucy Johnson Dowd, Brandon.

Collection is open.

Vardaman (James K.) Collection. 1918-1919. 2 items.

A letter from Senator James K. Vardaman to his stepson, Douglas Robinson at Sidon and one letter from Senator James A. Reed (Missouri) to Vardaman; In writing to his son, Vardaman mentions the recent campaign, but primarily discusses his opposition to the draft of eighteen year olds and his dislike of Woodrow Wilson; the Read letter discusses opposition to the League of Nations. Presented by John F. Robinson, Pisa, Italy.

Woodliff (George Franklin) Legislative Papers. 1942. 1 linear inch.

Legislative papers (1942) of G. F. Woodliff, representative from Jackson, Hinds County for the 1940 and 1942 sessions; the collection contains correspondence from constituents and lobbyists on numerous subjects including charity, hospital financial support, municipal financing, prevention of integration at the state's universities and jury service for women.

Purchased by the Department from Rocking Horse Antiques, Jackson.

Clore (D. P.) Diary. April - July 1963. 1 volume.

Diary of D. P. Clore, member of Co. G(?). First Mississippi Light Artillery; he was in Vicksburg and the Vicksburg area during the siege and this diary covers that period including the surrender of the city; Clore details the activities of the troops and his daily entries refer to gunboat movement and the shelling of the city; after the surrender he refers to gunboats and to being given food and drink.

Presented by Fred and Katherine Clore Barnett, Camden.

Collection open.

Mississippi Nurses' Association. Accretion. 1941-1981. 1 c.f.

Committee records, financial papers and materials concerning the annual conventions of the Mississippi Nurses' Association.

Presented by the Mississippi Nurses' Association, Jackson.

Collection open.

Dunn (Matthew A.) Family Papers. 1859, 1862-1865. 29 items.

The bulk of the collection consists of letters written by Dunn while in the Confederate army, Co. K, 33rd Mississippi Infantry; he was killed at the battle of Franklin (Tennessee) on November 30, 1864.

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Presented by J. Manning Hudson, Jackson.
Collection open.

Aby Family Papers, 1838-1856 (scattered), n.d. 1 volume.

Typescript edition (1939) of family letters of the Aby family; the letters relate to family matters and to the family mercantile and farming businesses. Presented by June D. Evans, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Collection open.

Peel (William) Diary. 1863-1865. 1 volume.

Peel wrote this diary while he was a prisoner of war in Johnson's Island Prison, Sandusky, Ohio; the diary covers in detail many aspects of prison life including diet, recreation, attitudes toward the war, escape attempts and news from home. Presented by Josephine Greer, Itta Bena.
Collection open.

Larrabee (Elizabeth Hatheway) Letter. July 8, 1842. 1 item.

Letter written by Larrabee to her brother describing her trip to Pontotoc from Memphis and through Holly Springs; the letter describes in detail the countryside, the swamps and stops at houses along the way for meals; much of the letter describes the Pontotoc area and Larrabee's plans to settle there with her husband and Lyman Draper.
Purchased from Daniel Gatti, Washington, D.C.
Collection open.

Wood (Luther) Promissory Note. June 2, 1841. 1 item.

Promissory note from Luther Wood to John Webb for hire of five named slaves. Presented by Ann E. Williams, Lawrence, Kansas.
Collection opened.

Mississippi State University
Mitchell Memorial Library

Bouchillon (Barbara) Collection. Accretion. 1984. .5 c.f.

Memorabilia concerning the 1984 Republican National Convention which the donor attended as a delegate from Mississippi.
Presented by Barbara Bouchillon.
Collection open.

Davis (Russell C.) Papers. 1962-1977. 101 c.f.

Correspondence, minutes, speeches, reports, and other papers concerning primarily Davis' terms as mayor of Jackson (1969-1977) and as a representative of Hinds County in the Mississippi Legislature (1960-1969); in addition to the daily administration of the Jackson city government, the collection documents relief efforts to aid victims of Hurricane Camille (1969), the activities of the Republic of New Africa, and the events at Jackson State University in 1970. Presented by Russell C. Davis.
Collection open with permission.

Mississippi Forestry Association Records. 1938-1982. 32 c.f.

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Financial records and office files concerning the activities of the Mississippi Forestry Association; among the major topics are forestry education, legislation, and taxation; forest fires; replanting of forests; and leading personalities in the Mississippi forestry industry.
Presented by Mississippi Forestry Association.

Starkville Civic League Collection. 1978-1984. 6 volumes.

Six scrapbooks documenting the activities of the organization and its members.
Presented by the Starkville Civic League.
Collection open.

University of Southern Mississippi McCain Library and Archives

Jackson (Alexander Melvorne) Papers. 1846-1892. 1.15 c.f.

Personal correspondence of the Jackson family as well as political correspondence dealing with Jackson's appointment as Secretary of the New Mexico Territory, and military correspondence concerning the Arizona campaign of the Civil War; prior to his service with the 2nd Mississippi Volunteers in the Mexican War, Jackson was a lawyer in Ripley and assisted Judge Price with the editorship of the Ripley Advertiser; also included in the collection are various records relating to New Mexico and Texas, photographs of the family, and photographs of Austin, Texas.
Collection open.

Featherston (Winfield Scott) Letter. 1950. 1 letter.

Letter, written April 7, 1850, by Featherston (House of Representatives, 1847-1851, 1876-1878, 1880-1882) to an unidentified person concerning a cadet appointment which was being sought; Featherston makes several statements about the slavery issue.
Donor unknown.
Collection open.

Davis (Jefferson) Letters. 1853, 1880. 2 items.

The first letter, 1853, written to Davis by Colonel H. K. Craig, concerns the appointment of a new commanding officer of the Baton Rouge Arsenal; the second letter, 1880, is from Davis to Frank Moore in answer to some unknown request, and states that the acts, resolutions, and journals of the Confederate Congress had been published.
Collection open.

Quitman (John Anthony) Letter. 1850. 1 letter

One letter dated June 10, 1850, from John Anthony Quitman, Governor of Mississippi (1835-1836; 1850-1851) to the Governor of Connecticut stating that two copies of the laws passed during the last legislative session of Mississippi were being forwarded by mail; Quitman also requested that receipt of the copies be acknowledged.
Collection open.

Camp (David A.) Letters. 1862-1863. 8 items.

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Seven letters from David A. Camp to his wife Anna; includes descriptions of the camp life and movements of the 16th Georgia Battalion Partisan Rangers in eastern Tennessee and northern Georgia in the fall and winter of 1862-1863; Camp also expresses concern for his wife and conditions at home in Jackson County, Georgia; a three-page manuscript history describes early Lumberton through the 1920s.

Presented by Miss Bessie Jenkins.

Collection open.

Chatham (W. L.) Letter. 1864. 1 letter.

Letter from Chatham, member of the Confederate Army guarding Bull's Gap in the mountains of Jefferson County, Tennessee, to Nancy Elizabeth Searcy; Chatham writes about his health, family concerns, the military situation in Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia, and his hopes that Confederate independence could be won by pledging to gradually emancipate the slaves.

Presented by Dr. Leon A. Wilbur.

Collection open.

Goodyear Yellow Pine Company Photographs. 1918-1920. 45 photographs.

Photographs taken by New Orleans Photographer, John N. Teunisson, of the operations and facilities of both the new mill of the Goodyear Yellow Pine Company and of the Rosa Lumber Company (which became a part of the former company) both located in Picayune; included are photographs of skidder timber harvesting, a logging camp, mill buildings, machinery, equipment, and various operations.

Presented by Miss Mary Ruth Smith.

Collection open.

Mississippi Division of the National Association of Parliamentarians. 1948-1977. 1.10 c.f.

The organizational files and two scrapbooks document the history of the organization; the first scrapbook prepared by the Beta Unit of Cleveland, Mississippi, covers the period 1948 to 1967 while the second scrapbook prepared by the Gamma Unit of Jackson documents the period 1967 through 1977. Presented by Mrs. Sara McCorkle.

Collection open.

Theta Unit, Mississippi Division of the National Association of Parliamentarians. 1959-1969. .65 c.f.

The scrapbook created by the Theta Unit of Hattiesburg contains many newspaper clippings about the activities of the unit as well as notices and programs relating to the Mississippi Division of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Collection open.

Republican Party of Forrest County Records. 1959-1964. .2 c.f.

Correspondence, pamphlets, booklets, and miscellaneous materials of Forrest County Republican Party Chairman Clarence E. Tolar; the materials concern the distributing of party patronage, promoting Republican Party functions in Forrest County, and increasing support for state and national candidates; also included is a state fund-raising manual and audits of the state party treasury. Presented

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by Clarence E. Tolar.

Collection open.

Sellers (Con L.) Papers. ca. 1956-1981. 5.15 c.f.

Sellers is a Mississippi born writer of popular fiction and historical romances; he has written more than 230 novels under 94 pseudonyms; the collection includes literary manuscripts including various drafts, galleys, related correspondence, financial records, and other documentation for 23 of Sellers' major novels.

Given by Con L. Sellers.

Collection open.

Brown (Sarah Jane Hickman) Diaries. 1896-1902. .2 c.f.

Photocopied personal diaries containing specific information concerning dates of births, marriages, and deaths of family members and friends; the epidemics which spread throughout Mississippi in late 1897 may be of special interest. Presented by Miss Jessie H. Morrison.

Collection open.

Pendergrass (John L.) Collection of Political Campaign Buttons. ca. 1952-1956. 1 c.f.

Twelve framed displays (12"x18") of Eisenhower/Nixon campaign buttons and similar memorabilia.

Presented by Dr. John L. Pendergrass.

Collection open.

Civil War Band Instruments Research Collection. 1861-1865. .25 c.f.

Photographs of Civil War bands, bandsmen, and band instruments, supported by photocopied documentation.

Presented by Dr. William Bufkin.

Collection open.

Weston Lumber Company Photographs. ca. 1925. 2 items.

Panoramic photographs (on a transparent backing) of the sawmill operations of the Weston Lumber Company of Logtown, Hancock County; the photographs date from the 1920s and measure 14 1/2"x36" in size.

Presented by Donald O. Sigworth.

Collection open.

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MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

The Mississippi Republican Party Papers, 1928-1983, are now available to researchers with special permission. The main body of the papers begin in the mid-1950s, when the present party was organized. The collection provides a wealth of information about the operation of the party, political campaigns in Mississippi, election analyses, and the Southern Association of Republican State Chairmen. The size of the collection is 164 cubic feet.

The guide to the Delta and Pine Land Company Records, 1886-1982, has been completed and the collection is available to researchers. Among the many important subjects included in the collection are the history of agriculture, the tenant farming system, cotton seed research, the National Cotton Council, the New Deal, the Mississippi River Flood of 1927, and Bolivar and Washington counties.

EVANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ABERDEEN

A week long Clothesline Poetry Show was held at the Library by the North Branch of the Mississippi Poetry Society. Highlight of the event was a Poetry Reading attended by approximately forty people. Willifred Farrar, poet laureate of Mississippi was among the honored guests. At this time winners from among the seventy-five entries were announced.

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

Mrs. Gloria Atkinson, university archivist and director of the Archives and Museum, announces the opening of the presidential gallery in Orr Building. The gallery contains portraits or photographs of former presidents of the university as well as of Dr. James Strobel, the current president. The gallery was opened during Founders Day, a part of the centennial celebration, held on October 19th.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

The name of the William D. McCain Graduate Library has been changed to the William D. McCain Library and Archives. The new name more clearly reflects the mission and holdings of the facility. The Library and Archives is open for use by all students, faculty, and the general public. A significant portion of the Library's holdings consist of manuscripts, illustrations, and archival records; hence, the reasons for dropping the designation Graduate and adding the word Archives.

Mrs. Richard S. Lackey of Forest, recently donated approximately 1,500 volumes to the genealogy division of the William D. McCain Library and Archives. The volumes were collected by her late husband, Richard Lackey, a professional genealogist and Mississippi author. Lackey gained a national and international reputation in his field before his untimely death in 1982.

The Richard Lackey Collection consists of maps, microfilm, civic and county records and rare books containing information from colonial American to the twentieth century. Much of the materials deal with land records in the

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southwestern United States. With the addition of the Lackey Collection, the University of Southern Mississippi became the largest state repository of genealogy with approximately 3,500 volumes.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Dr. Pat Galloway has been granted a leave of absence for a year to work on a history of the Choctaw Indians. She will study the ethnic identity of the proto-historic Choctaw. (Mississippi History Newsletter, Jan 1985).

Patti Black, director of the State Historical Museum, has been appointed to two national policy making boards. She has received an appointment to the American Association of Museums Accreditation Committee and to the National Advisory Board, National Museum Act. (Mississippi History Newsletter, Jan 1985).

SMITHSONIAN INTERNSHIPS

The Smithsonian Institution offers internships to both undergraduate and graduate students and to museum professionals. Interns serve in departments and offices throughout the Smithsonian. They gain experience by participating in daily activities as well as specific projects. The duration of the internships varies from a few months up to a year or more depending on the intern's needs. There are no deadlines for application. The Smithsonian accepts interns throughout the year. Candidates are required to submit applications at least three months before they wish to start work. For further information, write the Smithsonian Internship Program, Office of Museum Programs, Room 2235, Arts and Industries Building, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560. (History News Jan 1985).

INTRODUCTION TO MUSEUM ARCHIVES

Museum Archives: An Introduction by William A. Deiss encourages museum administrators to preserve historically valuable museum records. Deiss, assistant archivist for the Smithsonian Institution, discusses why a museum should have an archives, how to start an archives program, and basic procedures involved in the operation of a museum archives including arrangement, description, reference and conservation. He includes information on establishing the basic authority of the archives and conducting a records survey. The forty-page manual is available from the Society of American Archivists, 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605. (American Archivist, Summer 1984). Cost is \$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members.

AASLH EMPLOYMENT TRENDS AND SALARY SURVEY

The Wages of History: The AASLH Employment Trends and Salary Survey written by Charles Phillips and Patricia Hogan provides the first comprehensive description of the state and local history profession. The book gives a clear picture of the kinds of institutions likely to hire professional historians, the range of salaries they can expect, the experience and education required to compete in the job market and the economic trends affecting the work they do. *The Wages of History's* sometimes disturbing conclusions make it a thought provoking look at

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IN MEMORIAM

An era has passed. Miss Lucille Peacock, long-time librarian and consultant at Evans Memorial Library and former SMA member, died March 3, 1985 at the age of 84. She had been through many episodes of serious illness in the past few years, but always managed to present a happy and outgoing attitude to the general public.

Born and educated in Alabama, she obtained a teaching position in Webb. While teaching here, she fell ill and took the prescribed treatment at Sanitorium, consisting of bedrest, fresh air and sunshine. She had recently arrived back at her parents' home on the Arkansas side of the Mississippi Delta when the 1927 Flood occurred. The family and laborers on the plantation were stranded on a section of levee completely surrounded with raging flood waters for ten days, living in tents. Her father declared that he would move his family to "high ground" if they survived the flood. This he did.

That super salesman, Kenneth Wishart, was advertising land for sale in the Monroe County area in those days. Mr. Peacock read and responded to an ad in a St. Louis paper, and that is how Miss Peacock came to Aberdeen.

She joined the Aberdeen Woman's Club. The main reason for this club's being was to have a library in Aberdeen. The members took turns keeping their small collection open a very few hours a week in a free room upstairs in the City Hall.

Since Miss Peacock had had a course in college in library work, she fell heir to the job of librarian when the ladies decided they were tired of doing it themselves. Her pay was low. When PWA and the WPA came along, Miss Peacock was a natural choice to help with those library projects.

Dr. W. A. Evans, prominent in Chicago as Commissioner of Public Health and all over the nation as the first syndicated health columnist with "How to Keep Well," retired and returned to his hometown, Aberdeen. He researched the history of Monroe County, wrote a historical column for the Aberdeen Examiner, "Mother Monroe." He worked on many other projects using the library for his headquarters. Miss Peacock helped him in every way that she could.

He offered the town a new brick library building which was happily accepted. Then, in his will, he endowed the library with \$100,000 in stocks, bonds and other assets. Miss Peacock was installed as Librarian of Evans Memorial Library when it was first opened on November 4, 1939. Mandatory retirement ended her career as librarian but she kept right on as chief consultant in the Historical Division which she had created.

Miss Peacock was ahead of her time, encouraging genealogical research before it became a popular national pastime (or addiction) and when many librarians were still "agin" it. She developed a serious manuscript and museum collection while so many attics were still full and the older people were still living to tell their tales. The City of Aberdeen enjoys many treasures now housed in Evans Memorial Library, sometimes called "Tut's Tomb on the Tombigbee," because Miss Peacock saved them. We won't see the likes of her again soon, if ever. Truly an era has passed for those of us who knew and loved her.

Helen M. Crawford

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employment in America's cultural organizations. Cost of the eighty-page book is \$10.00. It can be ordered from the American Association of State and Local History, 708 Berry Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37204. (History News, Jan 1985).

The previous issue of The Primary Source was Volume 6, Number 3, August/November 1984.

There will be no issue Number 4 for 1984.

Publication of the current issue Volume 7, Numbers 1 & 2, February/May 1985 allows for the publication to be back on schedule.

NOTICE!

Due to a change in the Society's by-laws regarding the term of the membership year (See: Section III No. 1) current members in good standing will be the beneficiary of a six months grace period. Dues will not be due until April 1986. New members are invited to join the Society and will receive full membership credit for the current membership year, April 1985 - April 1986.

CONSTITUTION
THE SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS

I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Society of Mississippi Archivists. The Society is incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Mississippi.

II. OBJECTIVES

The Society of Mississippi Archivists is an organization established to provide a more effective means of communication among persons and institutions concerned with the documentation of human experience; to promote the preservation and appreciation of archival and manuscript resources in the State; to promote the adoption of sound principles and standards by all agencies public and private, that have responsibility for the preservation and administration of records; to foster publication and research; and to cooperate with citizens, professional organizations, cultural and educational institutions having mutual interest in the preservation and use of man's recorded heritage.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall be open to any person who engages in, is interested in or wishes to support the objectives of the Society.
2. A person shall be enrolled as a member upon the receipt of the first payment of dues.
3. Categories of membership, the schedule of membership dues, and the membership year shall be determined by the Executive Council and submitted for approval by a majority of the membership, present and voting at the annual business meeting.
4. Annual dues are payable in advance. Any member failing to pay dues within two months of the beginning of the membership year may be considered delinquent. Delinquent members may be dropped from the membership rolls thirty (30) days after being notified of their delinquent status.

IV. OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT

1. The officers of the Society shall be a president, a Vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. All officers shall serve a term of one (1) year. The vice-president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected annually as provided for in the bylaws. The vice-president shall service as president-elect of the Society and shall automatically

become the president of the Society at the end of the vice-presidential term. All terms of office shall begin at the end of the annual meeting and run through the next annual meeting.

2. The government of the Society shall be vested in an Executive Council composed of the three elected officers, the immediate past president, and four directors, elected for two year terms by the membership. At the initial election of directors two shall be elected for terms of three years and the remaining two for a term of two years. Thereafter directors shall serve for a term of two years and shall not be immediately eligible for reelection until at least one term shall have expired.
3. If a vacancy should occur in any of the offices except president, the office may be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Council and the person designated shall hold the position for the unexpired term. In the case of a vacancy in the presidency, the vice-president shall assume that office and hold it for the remainder of the unexpired term and for his or her own complete term as president.

V. MEETINGS

1. The membership of the Society shall hold at least one business meeting a year. Notices of such meetings shall be made by the president at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting. Members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
2. The Executive Council shall meet at least four times yearly. The Executive Council may be convened at the call of the president or two members of the Executive Council. Four members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

VI. FINANCES

The Executive Council shall be responsible for the funds of the Society, establishing appropriate procedures for accounting and auditing of such funds. An annual financial report shall be rendered to the membership by the secretary-treasurer.

VII. RECORDS

The Executive Council shall establish appropriate procedures for the management of the records of the Society.

VIII. BYLAWS

The Executive Council is authorized to adopt such bylaws as are needed to regularize the administrative practices of the Society. An up-to-date copy of the bylaws shall be available to any member

of the Society upon request to the secretary-treasurer. All or any part of the bylaws shall be subject to review by the membership at any annual business meeting of the Society, and may be changed by the majority vote of those attending.

IX. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed in writing by five members and filed with the president. Such amendments will be reviewed by the Executive Council and put before the membership for their approval. Amendments can be voted upon by the membership either by mail referendum or at the annual business meeting. If amendments are to be voted upon by the membership at the annual meeting, the amendments must be presented to the membership at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting. If the amendment carries the endorsement of the Executive Council, a majority of the referendum or annual meeting votes shall constitute passage; otherwise, a two-thirds vote shall be required for passage.

X. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, its property, funds, and other assets shall pass to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

BYLAWS

I. DUTIES

1. President

- a. The president shall direct and coordinate the affairs of the Society. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Council, and shall perform such duties as may be directed by the Council.
- b. The president shall perform those duties customarily associated with the position and as enumerated in the parliamentary authority except when defined otherwise in the bylaws.
- c. The president shall nominate the members and chairpersons of standing and special committees, with said nominations subject to the approval of the Executive Council.
- d. The president shall nominate a member to the position of editor of The Primary Source and said nomination shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Council.
- e. The president shall call at least four (4) meetings of the Executive Council yearly.

- f. The president shall prepare and submit an annual report of his/her activities and the activities and state of the Society during his/her term of office. The report shall be presented to the membership at the annual meeting of the Society.

2. Vice-President

- a. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in case the president is absent or incapacitated, and, in case of a vacancy in the presidency, he/she shall assume that office and hold it for the remainder of the term.
- b. The vice-president shall perform those duties customarily associated with the position and as enumerated in the parliamentary authority except when defined otherwise in these bylaws.
- c. The vice-president shall serve as the program chairperson for the annual meeting of the Society.

3. Secretary-Treasurer

- a. The secretary-treasurer shall keep the minutes of Society and Executive Council meetings.
- b. The secretary-treasurer shall have custody of all monies belonging to the Society; and shall expend Society funds only upon the authority of the Executive Council.
- c. The secretary-treasurer shall keep an accurate, up-to-date accounting of Society revenues and expenditures, and report on the financial condition of the Society at Executive Council meetings.
- d. The secretary-treasurer shall report the yearly financial activities and current condition of the Society finances in a report submitted to the membership at the annual meeting of the Society.

4. Directors

The directors shall serve the Society in the role of legislative representatives and shall assume those duties usually associated with such positions and enumerated in the parliamentary authority except when defined otherwise by these bylaws.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The president shall nominate and the Executive Council shall approve a nominating committee of three members. No more than one member of the committee may be a member of the Executive Council.

2. The committee's recommended nominees for directors and the offices of vice-president and secretary-treasurer shall be mailed to the membership with the notice of the annual meeting.
3. Elections will take place at the annual meeting of the Society.
4. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Society.
5. Officers and directors shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by the membership present at the annual meeting.
6. Officers and directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they were elected.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Society membership year shall begin at the conclusion of the Society's annual business meeting and run through the conclusion of the Society's next annual business meeting.
2. Categories of membership and membership dues shall be:
Regular membership, \$7.50; Institutional membership, \$15.00; Patron, \$25.00 or more; Student, \$3.00.
3. Should an individual or institution enroll as a member at anytime within the term of the Society membership year, they will be entitled to receive any benefits or publications offered within the term of the Society membership year.

IV. COMMITTEES

1. Standing committees of the Society shall be comprised of at least three (3) members, including the chairperson, and shall be nominated by the president and approved by the Executive Council. Standing committees of the Society shall consist of:
 - a. Annual meeting program committee, which is responsible for planning and conducting the Society's annual meeting. The Society's vice-president will serve as the chairperson of the committee.
 - b. Conservation committee, which has responsibility for fostering conservation concerns within the Society and developing the Society's conservation programs.
 - c. Education committee, which is responsible for planning and developing the Society's educational programs.
 - d. Membership committee, which is responsible for retaining membership records, soliciting new members, administering the membership renewal process, and preparing a membership directory.

- e. Nominating committee, which is responsible for selecting and recommending a slate of officers which will be voted upon by the membership at the annual business meeting. Not more than one member of the nominating committee may be a member of the Executive Council.
 - f. Primary Source/publications committee, which has responsibility for developing and coordinating Society publications.
 - g. Ways and means committee, which has responsibility for developing a Society budget and obtaining funds for Society programs.
2. Special committees shall be created by the Executive Council when the need arises. Membership of special committees will be constituted in the same manner as standing committees.
 3. All committees shall report on their activities at least once a year. Reports shall be made to the Executive Council and the membership at the annual business meeting.
 4. Membership of standing and special committees shall be published annually in The Primary Source.

V. PUBLICATIONS

The Society shall prepare and distribute a quarterly publication titled The Primary Source. The responsibility for the preparation and publication of The Primary Source will be vested in a standing committee whose chairperson will function as the editor of the publication.

VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

Robert Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Society, except as otherwise provided for in the constitution, bylaws, and special rules of the Society.

VII. ARCHIVES

The current officers of the Society shall be the custodians of the current year and one previous year's records of the Society. Other official records and archives of the society shall be housed and maintained by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

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Mickey Hennen, co-chair

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Some committee members have also been appointed, but the committee chairs can use additional help. If you are interested in serving on one of the above committees, please contact the committee chair or Linda Overman.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, cont.

changes in the constitution were adopted (see page 16 for amended constitution).

In the absence of Carol West, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ron Tomlin presented the Committee's report which was received by acclamation (see page 22 for new officers).

Linda Overman expressed thanks to the members of this year's Program Committee for their efforts in planning this joint meeting with the Society of Alabama Archivists. She also thanked Lynne Mueller for agreeing to remain as editor of *The Primary Source* and Mickey Hennen for agreeing to remain Chairman of the Membership Committee. She stated that she would appreciate suggestions and help from the membership as well as volunteers to serve on committees in which they are interested.

Acting in behalf of President Bell and the members of SMA, Cynthia Lewis presented plaques to two members in appreciation of their efforts in establishing the Society. H. T. Holmes was recognized for serving as editor of *The Primary Source*, 1979-1983, and Ron Tomlin for serving as Executive Director of the Society, 1978-1982.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Alice Cox
Secretary-Treasurer

Membership Committee Chairman Mickey Hennen would like to enroll you on the SMA membership scroll. Dues are \$7.50 (regular), \$15.00 (institution), and \$25.00 or more (patron). Please make check payable to The Society of Mississippi Archivists and submit to Membership Chairman, Society of Mississippi Archivists, P. O. Box 1151, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

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