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SPRING MEETING TO EXPLORE DOCUMENTATION

With the theme "Documenting Twentieth Century Mississippi," the 1989 annual meeting of the Society of Mississippi Archivists, to be held in Hattiesburg May 14-16, promises to be lively and informative. Session participants will offer insights, strategies, and information valuable to all persons interested in archives and history and responsible for building a comprehensive and balanced record of today's society.

Richard Cox, formerly of the Alabama and New York state archives and now instructor in the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science, will conduct a workshop, Documenting Localities. Cox will discuss the recent documentation strategy project in western New York, review the steps that can be followed to document localities, and discuss cooperative documentation evaluation, essential products that should result from documentation analysis, how to assemble and sustain local advisory groups, and the various tools that can be used for documentation work.

Several non-archivists will also lend their expertise and suggestions concerning documentation strategies and needs, building upon and complementing the theoretical base and practical experience offered by Cox. Cavett Taft, of the Mississippi State Historical Museum, will discuss and illustrate the museum's endeavors and achievements documenting and interpreting the state's history. And five researchers who utilize archival materials in their work on twentieth century topics will discuss research trends and information needs, and suggest records and information that might best meet future research needs. Participating in this panel will be Joan Embree, architectural historian, Starkville; Prof. John Rachal, University of Southern Mississippi; Prof. Arvarh Strickland, University of Missouri; Prof. Martha Swain, Texas Women's University; and Susan Tucker, Newcomb College Center for Women.

Festivities begin with registration and a welcome-to-Hattiesburg party late Sunday afternoon. Monday's events will be held on the USM campus, beginning with registration and tours of the University Archives and Special Collections and Lena Y. deGrummond Collection, all in McCain Library and Archives. Several vendors will be displaying their wares. Monday night supper is planned at Leatha's Barbecue Inn in nearby Foxworth--it's a real Mississippi experience that shouldn't be missed. Many affirm that Leatha's is the best barbecue in the state.

The meeting will conclude with an SMA business meeting and box lunch. Pleasant and economical accommodations have been arranged at the Cabot Lodge, conveniently located near the University of Southern Mississippi campus.

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The deadline for the Summer 1989 issue is June 15.

Thanks to Alexandra Gressitt, Sandra Boyd, Terry Latour and Julia Young for their contributions to this issue, and to Vicki Walch for allowing us to reprint the "Update #1" of the Working Group on Standards for Archival Description.

CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Certification proceeds apace. To its credit, SAA has refined procedures for review and evaluation of certification petitions and has worked with several regionals to help attendees at regional meetings to understand and complete the petition form. Paul Chestnut reports these activities in the March SAA Newsletter. Attendees at the May SARC meeting have been invited to participate in workshops aimed at drafting and evaluating examination questions. Two other such workshops will also be held at other regional meetings.

In a related development, an anonymous donor has given \$1000 toward subsidization of payment for eight candidates whose petitions are approved. Applicants for the subsidy of \$125 must submit petitions between April 1 and May 31 along with a brief statement of financial need.

INSTITUTIONAL SPOTLIGHTS

Meridian Public Library

The Meridian Public Library was founded in 1876.

Address: Meridian Public Library
2517 Seventh Street
Meridian, MS 39301

Phone: (601) 693-6771

Hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 6:00

Contact Person: Martin Helo, Director

Services Provided: Photocopying; interlibrary loan; mail library service; public programs and story hours; research assistance; public meeting rooms. Patrons using the Mississippi Room Collection should be at least 18 years of age.

Holdings: The Meridian Public Library Mississippi Room Collection includes old city directories, maps and out-of-print books.

Casey Jones Museum

Casey Jones Museum was founded in April 1981.

Address: Casey Jones Museum
P. O. Box 605
Vaughan, MS 39179

Phone: (601) 673-9864

Hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday 1:00-5:00

Contact Person: Janis Warren or Hettie Moore

Holdings: Special collections at the Casey Jones Museum include old tools; railroad memorabilia; items on the train April 30, 1900, the night of Casey Jones' wreck; songs; miniature trains; and history of railroading.

SPRING MEETING (Continued from Page 1)

So, come on Sunday, or come on Monday, or even just come for Tuesday morning --- but COME TO HATTIESBURG --- IN MAY --- FOR SMA! It will be stimulating & fun.

For more information, contact Julia Young (266-4231), or or Alexandra Gressitt (266-4348) or Sandra Boyd (266-4348).

WORKING GROUP DISCUSSES STANDARDS

The Working Group on Standards for Archival Description, a project funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and sponsored by Harvard University, held its first meeting December 3-4, 1988 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Several concerned archivists initiated the project when they recognized an increasing desire in the archival community for standardized descriptive practices, and a growing frustration over the absence of any systematic procedures for developing such standards. The rapidly growing number of archival institutions which are developing internal information systems or participating in networks has only increased the intensity of interest in and the need for clarification of standards-related issues.

During its December meeting, the group discussed the nature of archival description and how its processes and products might be affected, both positively and negatively, by the development, formal adoption, and widespread use of standards. It acknowledged that standards are not ends in themselves but means to improve professional practice. While standards could be pursued in many areas, some might be too expensive or cumbersome to implement, or consensus among affected individuals and institutions might be impossible to achieve.

For the purpose of discussion, the group began to sort out previously identified "standards" in several ways. They might be internal standards, those developed specifically by and for archivists, or external standards, those developed by other bodies that are useful for or have an impact on archival descriptive practices or on archival records themselves.

Standards also come in different "strengths." Technical standards are the most exacting and rigid; if properly followed they lead to consistent results. Conventions are rules that will produce similar but not identical results. Guidelines offer suggested practice.

Standards specific to archival description can also be developed at four hierarchical levels. Information systems standards, the broadest, might define the components of a repository's total descriptive program. Data structure standards establish what elements of information are included in a particular type of descriptive product, such as a MARC record or repository guide. Data content standards specify what rules apply to the language used in any given element. The narrowest, data value standards, are lists of standard terms to be used within a specific element (e.g. authority lists.)

The working group also developed a list of ten criteria against which to measure the need for or desirability of formally adopting existing standards, creating new ones, or influencing their development outside the archival profession. The criteria include considerations such as cost-effectiveness, immediacy of the need or effect, and breadth of applicability.

Members of the working group are now preparing background or informational papers on several topics raised during this first meeting before the group reconvenes in June 1989. The issues addressed in these papers will include, among others, the potential for developing guidelines or conventions for archival information systems, the impact of format integration on archival uses of the MARC format, and the relationship between description standards activities in the U.S. and Canada. When the group reconvenes, it will also consider the mechanisms necessary for evaluating, developing, adopting, or promoting use of standards by archivists.

The working group expects to present a report with recommendations during a session at the SAA annual meeting in St. Louis and will also hold an open house to encourage a full exchange of ideas among the large number of interested parties.

To receive further information contact the project coordinator, Victoria Walch, 65 N. Westminster St., Iowa City, IA 52245 or call (319) 338-6650.

--Victoria Irons Walch

CONFERENCE REPORT:SOUNDS OF THE SOUTH

On April 6-8 I attended the "Sounds of the South" conference at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The conference celebrated the opening of the John Edwards Memorial Collection at the Southern Folklife Collection, housed in the Manuscripts Department of the University's Wilson Library. It brought together record collectors, folklorists, representatives of funding agencies, musicians and archivists to discuss the collecting and archiving of Southern folk music, in the past, present and future.

Speakers covered topics from the uniqueness of the Southern viewpoint and the changes it has undergone and is undergoing, to current reports from the field, to the concerns of independent record labels. Reports from the major national repositories were also presented. An interesting perspective was brought by keynote speaker Bess Lomax Hawes of the National Endowment for the Arts, who stressed the importance of returning folklore to the communities that created it, through concerts, programs, school curricula and similar means.

The most interesting session from a professional viewpoint concerned "Current Goals of Collectors and Archivists." The concerns which came out in the session were thought-provoking: archives were perceived by the collectors and musicians on the panel as stuffy and inhospitable places with inaccessible materials. The panelists strongly preferred the loose and friendly collector's networks, which provide expert information and easy access to copies. When considering whether to donate collections to archives, collectors favored placing only unique materials in research collections, while returning other items to the marketplace where other collectors could purchase them (and where poorly-funded archival collections would be priced out of the market altogether.) The sole archivist on the panel, Dorothy Sara Lee of the Archives of Traditional Music at Indiana University responded intelligently to these concerns, pointing out that attitudes in archives have changed, and that we are not the forbidding and exclusive places people think we are. We try our best to make collections as accessible as our resources permit. Lee also pointed out that archives, unlike collectors, must observe copyright and restrictions placed by donors. The session gave an unparalleled view of archives as our constituencies see us, and the view was not entirely positive.

A special invitational session for archivists allowed us to discuss the ideas and concerns raised by the panel and to begin discussion of cooperative collecting, information sharing and development of common professional practice in areas such as access and copying. The discussion was intended only as a beginning. Repositories with significant collections in Southern music are invited to contact Tim Rice or Michael Casey, Manuscript Department, CB# 3926, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3926, for copies of the surveys used for the session.

--Suzanne Steel

NATIONAL NEWS

US SIGNS BERNE CONVENTION

Effective March 1, the United States becomes the 77th signatory to the world's preeminent copyright treaty, the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Work. President Reagan signed the bill proposing the action October 31, 1988, which provides multilateral copyright relationships with an additional 24 countries. This action signaled the end of a century-long effort to bring the U.S. into the agreement originally ratified in 1886 by ten European nations. The act and amendments to the U.S. copyright law are under the authority of the Department of State's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. U.S. authors, publishers, and government officials now can be afforded greater copyright protection - particularly for motion pictures, television, sound recordings, music, computer programs, and books - but the abilities to reproduce works published after March 1 may cause problems for museums and historical societies. The U.S. requirement of mandatory notice of copyright for all works was repealed in order to adhere to the Berne Convention. Therefore, special attention must be given to the absence of copyright symbol or notice when works, both foreign and domestic, are reproduced. (History News Dispatch, March 1989)

NARA HOLDS CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

The National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the National Endowment for the Humanities co-sponsored on March 1-3 a national invitational conference on the development of statewide preservation programs.

The Archivist of the United States Don W. Wilson, the Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, and the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities Lynne V. Cheney addressed the conference. Other key participants include President of Brown University and former President of the New York Public Library, Vartan Gregorian; Director of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, Ann Russell; and Executive Director of the American Association for State and Local History, Larry Tise. H. T. Holmes of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and Jean Major of the University of Mississippi attended from Mississippi.

The purpose of the conference was to alert participants to the benefits of coordinated statewide programs and to provide information and assistance needed to move forward. Preservation challenges confronting states were highlighted and the kinds of materials at risk and the options for their preservation were reviewed. Three panel discussions focused on building public awareness, legislative efforts, and funding preservation programs. (News From the Archives, Winter 1989)

NHPRC GRANT AWARDED TO RLG FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS PROJECT

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has awarded \$386,697 to the Research Libraries Group (RLG) to enable six state and two municipal archives to participate in a two-year, on-line government records project. The grant is the single largest NHPRC award.

RLG is a nonprofit enterprise of major universities and research institutions in the United States. Its members collaborate in operating a

set of programs and developing new initiatives to enhance access to research information.

The eight archives - all of whom have been accepted for special membership in RLG - are the state archives of Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Virginia plus the District of Columbia archives, and the Georgia Historical Society (the official archives of the city of Savannah). They will add to the RLIN data base a total of some 30,000 entries--principally descriptions of government and other organizational records.

Dr. Don W. Wilson, Archivist of the United States, called the plan "an ambitious expansion of the exciting work begun by the NHPRC-funded Seven States Project." This earlier project, which ended in the spring of 1988, involved the state archives of Alabama, California, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Wisconsin. They added more than 27,000 records to RLIN. All seven, who are also RLG members, will continue this activity through their participation in the new project.

RLG's automated information system, RLIN, combines data bases and computer systems to support the partnership's cooperative programs. RLIN is a nationwide network, serving the materials processing and public services requirements of RLG's 96 members and many non-member institutions. RLIN is available to any library or individual who subscribes through a public service broker, the Cooperative Library Agency for Systems and Services (1415 Koll Circle, Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95112-4698) (News From the Archives, Winter 1989)

NARA ANNOUNCES INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECORDS PROJECT

The Archivist of the United States, Don W. Wilson, has announced the establishment of an Intergovernmental Records Project (IRP) to gather and exchange descriptive and appraisal information about selected categories of records created at all levels of government and retained in both public and private repositories. This project, which will be conducted in cooperation with state and local archival officials, will address common archival problems from a national perspective.

Dr. Wilson called the project a major part of the National Archives' initiative to develop a national collection policy. In a recent statement, he said, "We are seeking the help of the archival community in identifying these records and sharing the findings. The purpose of the project is to facilitate research in these widely dispersed categories of records, not to question or challenge current custodial arrangements."

The IRP will identify and share information about records relating to governmental functions that are deliberately or accidentally divided between various public and private institutions; that are duplicated in more than one archival institution; or that were created by administratively-related, shared, or parallel functions of governments. Specific categories include: Federal records in non-Federal custody; State and local government records in Federal or private repository custody; Federal non-population censuses; New Deal relief agencies' records (such as those of the WPA); Territorial records; Colonial records, especially those in the pre-Federal 1774-1789 period; and Naturalization records. The principal collection effort of this project will be coordinated by the 11 regional archives of the National Archives which will solicit data from repositories in their regions. If your repository has in its custody records in any of the above categories and is not contacted by a regional archives, we would appreciate your sending a copy of a published description of these materials, if available,

to Thomas F. Soapes, Intergovernmental Records Project (NI), National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408. (News From the Archives, Winter 1989)

NCC REPORT ISSUED

The National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History (NCC) recently issued a report entitled "Developing a Premier National Institution: A Report from the User Community to the National Archives." The report, which was based on interviews with users and archivists, recommended four major goals for the National Archives. The first goal is to "adopt short-and long-term strategies for meeting needs in quality and accessibility of holdings, stimulation of intellectual exchange, and capable personnel support" and to establish a peer review committee. The other goals are to "devote increased attention to users and their needs, encourage and maximize the staff's knowledge of the records, and document the resources needed for developing the National Archives as a premier institution for research." Single copies are available free from Dr. Page P. Miller, NCC, 400 A Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003. (News From the Archives, Winter 1989)

REPORT RELEASED ON EFFECTS OF ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING

The National Archives and the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) have just published "Effects of Electronic Recordkeeping on the Historical Record of the U.S. Government", the final report of an Academy panel established in 1988 under contract to the National Archives. The 15-member panel reviewed the results of more than 100 interviews and more than 365 questionnaires in developing its understanding of the use of electronic technology in the Federal government and its effect on recordkeeping practices.

The panel concluded that, although electronic technology is widely used in Federal offices, very few records have been lost to date. They recommend that steps should be taken now to ensure that losses will not occur as more and more offices create electronic records. The report offers 17 recommendations to take advantage of this transition period to develop an effective strategy and implementation program for the handling of electronic records in the future. Among these are:

- *The National Archives must take the lead in developing a systematic, long-range plan for electronic records, arrived at in collaboration with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the General Services Administration, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards.

- *The National Archives should sponsor, monitor, and document prototypes of electronic recordkeeping projects in Federal agencies. These "demonstration laboratories" could yield information on a wide variety of issues, including standards for document interchange, storage and preservation of media, and system compatibility.

- *Working with OMB and Congressional committees, the National Archives should seek strengthened regulatory authority relating to the permanent records of government on all media and should seek both restoration of its authority to inspect Federal agency records and repeal of the technical amendments that exempt agencies from this authority.

To order a copy send check or money order to National Technical Information Service (NTIS), for \$15.95 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

When ordering use publication number PB89152219. Send order to NTIS, 5258 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. (News From the Archives, Winter 1988)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ESTABLISHES OFFICE OF THE HISTORIAN

On January 3 the House adopted rules changes that established the Office of the Historian. In 1982 the House passed a resolution that created an Office for the Bicentennial of the House of Representatives which was headed by a historian. Since that legislation focused solely on the bicentennial and would expire on September 30, 1989, the House has voted to establish a permanent Office of the Historian. The permanent office will ensure that the history and development of the House is given proper attention, and that House historical information is readily available. Representative Lindy Boggs (D-LA) and Representative Martin Frost (D-TX) played key roles in securing passage of the rule to establish a permanent historical office.

During the last five years, the Office of the Bicentennial, now the Office of the Historian, has conducted a national survey to locate the historical papers of former members of the House and has just published their findings in A Guide to Research Collections of Former Members of the House. This extremely useful research guide is available in the Federal Depository Libraries. If you wish to obtain a copy, contact: Office of the Historian, U.S. House of Representatives, Cannon House Office Building, Room 138, Washington, DC 20515. (Perspectives, February 1989)

HOUSE ADOPTS THIRTY-YEAR ACCESS LIMIT

The package of rules changes adopted by the House of Representatives on January 3 included not only the establishment of the Office of the Historian but also included provisions for access to House records. The House voted to make available thirty-year old House records, thus replacing the fifty-year policy. Records of closed sessions, personnel files, and sensitive investigative files relating to individuals will continue to be subject to the fifty-year limit. The Senate has operated under a twenty-year rule, with specified exceptions, for almost a decade with no cases of the release of sensitive information. While many historians had hoped for a twenty-year rule, the thirty-year rule will be a definite improvement over fifty years. (Perspectives, February 1989)

CONFERENCE ON FORGED DOCUMENTS PLANNED

The recent discovery of alleged forgeries among early Texas printed documents is a matter of serious concern. The University of Houston Libraries are pursuing an active role in assisting further investigations, according to library director Robin N. Downes.

Austin printer and rare book dealer W. Thomas Taylor has questioned the authenticity of certain copies of thirteen printed documents relating to the history of Texas. Taylor has identified printing irregularities in copies whose provenance cannot be established before 1972. These suspected forgeries are owned by thirteen institutions and a number of private collectors. Pat Bozeman, head of special collections, has stated that four such documents are owned by the University of Houston (numbers 7, 165, 1082, and 112.1, as listed in Thomas W. Streeter's Bibliography of Texas, 1795-1845).

Issues relating to forged documents will be the focus of a conference sponsored by the University of Houston. Topics will include forgery detection, scholarly considerations, institutional responsibilities, tax and legal implications, and dealer/donor/institutional relations. This two-day conference will be held in late October 1989. For further information, contact Pat Bozeman, Head of Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries, Houston, TX 77204-2091. (College and Research Libraries News, February 1989)

LIST OF QUESTIONED IMPRINTS AVAILABLE

The Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA) has been increasingly concerned with the growing number of questioned imprints that have been recently reported by a variety of recognized experts. An imprint is any printed item, which is a reprint, facsimile, or fabrication, that might be mistaken for a genuine original.

A list of questioned imprints to date is available from ABAA. Contact ABAA, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020, (212) 757-9395. (SAA Newsletter, March 1989)

NOTABLE ACCESSIONS

Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, has acquired the largest private collection in the world of books and manuscripts by author William Faulkner, valued at \$3.5 million. The collection was donated by Louis Daniel "L. D." Brodsky, a St. Louis poet who collected the material and who will serve as curator, and his father, Saul L. Brodsky, a St. Louis businessman. Most notable among the 10,000 items in the collection are Warner Bros. files and screenplays from Faulkner's stints as a Hollywood screenwriter in the 1940s, more than 120 books inscribed by Faulkner, three one-of-a-kind "books" typed and bound by Faulkner, and the 606-page carbon typescript of "The Hamlet," the only Faulkner novel manuscript not held by an institution. The Collection also includes an assortment of personal letters to, from, and about Faulkner, including unpublished letters by his wife Estelle, his early mentor Phil Stone, and his Random House editor and confidante Saxe Commins. (College and Research Libraries News, February 1989)

The University of Arizona Library, Tucson, has received a major donation of Tennessee Williams materials from an anonymous alumnus. The collection consists of 51 items, including a rare presentation edition of Kingdom of Earth With Hard Candy, a signed and illustrated broadside, a holograph manuscript poem dated 1931, and a variety of signed first editions. (College and Research Libraries News, October 1988)

RENEW MEMBERSHIPS NOW

Members are reminded that membership dues are due at the annual meeting. Membership categories are: Student: \$3.00; Individual: \$7.50; Institutional: \$15.00; Patron: \$25.00 up. Send checks to: Membership Chairman, Society of Mississippi Archivists, P.O. Box 1151, Jackson, MS 39205.

PUBLICATIONS NOTED

The Ohio Historical Society Newspaper Microfilm Catalog (4 microfiche sheets, 1988) is a city-by-city list of Ohio newspapers held on reader copy film by the Society. Copies may be ordered for \$6.00 from Stephen Gutgesell, Ohio Historical Center, 1985 Velma Ave., Columbus, OH 43211.

A Selective Guide to the Collections (108 pages, 1988) is a catalogue of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's archival and manuscript collections that document the founding and growth of MIT. Copies may be ordered for \$7.50 from the Institute Archives and Special Collections, Room 14N-118, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139.

A Survey of Sources for the Study of the History of Child Studies at the Rockefeller Archive Center, compiled by Melissa A. Smith (86 pages, 1988). A free copy may be obtained from the Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Ave., Pocantico Hills, North Tarrytown, NY 10591-1598.

The Society of Indiana Archivists announces the publication of a new pamphlet, Public Accountability and Our Documentary Heritage: The Indiana Access to Public Records Law, by J. Thomas Brown. The pamphlet describes Indiana's Open Records Law, its implications for public archives and other historical records repositories, and a case study of one institution's program to comply with the Law. Copies are available to SIA members for \$2; nonmembers, \$4. Contact Thomas Krasean, SIA, c/o Indiana Historical Society, 315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Managing Archives and Archival Institutions, edited by James Gregory Bradsher and published by the University of Chicago Press, draws on the expertise of nineteen practicing archivists to establish general principles useful to all archivists. Available from SAA: \$40 to members, \$45 to nonmembers.

The Black Experience: A Guide to Afro-American Resources in the Florida State Archives is available from the Bureau of Archives and Management, Florida Department of State, Tallahassee.

ACRL has published two new thesauri for use in cataloging special collections. Binding Terms (\$10) describes the physical properties of a book's binding; Provenance Evidence (\$9) provides terms to describe previous ownership. Both were prepared by the Rare Books and Manuscript Section's Standards Committee. Order from ALA Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Strengthening New York's Historical Records Programs: A Self Study Guide is the latest manual published by the New York State Archives and Records Administration as part of its Historical Records Program Development Project. Contact: SARA, Cultural Education center, Room 10A75, Albany, NY 12230.

CONSERVATION NEWS

PERMANENT-PAPER RESOLUTION REINTRODUCED

On February 8, Senator Claiborne Pell (D-RI) introduced a resolution to establish a national policy to promote the printing of books and other important publications on permanent, alkaline paper. The measure, S. J. Res. 57, is essentially the same as one introduced by Senator Pell late in the last Congress. Senator Pell has previously noted that ALA "has provided substantial support and encouragement in the genesis of this resolution." The Washington office encourages librarians to write their senators in support of the measure and urge them to sign on as cosponsors. (American Libraries, March, 1989)

CONSERVATION CENTER FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM FUNDED BY NEH

The Office of Preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a grant totaling \$400,000 to the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), Andover, Massachusetts. The money will be used to continue NEDCC's field service program which endeavors to educate institutions on the need for the preservation of research collections. The field service programs include on-site surveys of preservation needs, workshops and seminars, courses and lectures at library schools, informal consultation, distribution of technical information, and disaster assistance. A typical survey consists of a day-long visit by the field service team to examine the building and the conditions of storage and handling of the collections. A report follows containing their observations and the steps recommended for the proper maintenance of the collection. For further information, contact NEDCC at Abbott Hall, 24 School St., Andover, MA 01810. NEDCC is a nonprofit regional conservation center specializing in the treatment of paper and related materials. (Library Journal, March 1, 1989)

LC SCHEDULES SYMPOSIUM ON SERIALS

The Library of Congress will host a Preservation Symposium May 22-24, 1989, titled "Addressing the Problem of Deterioration of Serial Publications." The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) with the support of the Council on Library Resources is sponsoring an international symposium, hosted by the Library of Congress, to consider information needs and decision-making for serials preservation and to provide an opportunity for discussion of possible approaches for cooperative international serials preservation. The title of the event is "Managing the Preservation of Serial Literature: An International Symposium." The symposium will address the problem that serial literature is deteriorating in the same way as other materials in library collections.

The registration fee is \$150.00 and covers registration, coffee breaks, a catered lunch, an evening reception, and instructional materials. Participants are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. For registration and program information, write to: IFLA Serials Preservation Symposium, IFLA Core Programme on Preservation and Conservation, c/o Library of Congress, Room LM-G07, Washington, DC 20540.

BOOK REVIEW

Hendricks, Klaus B. and Anne Whitehurst, compilers. Conservation of Photographic Materials. Ottawa: National Archives of Canada, 1988.

Originally compiled for students and interns at the Photographic Conservation Laboratory of the National Archives of Canada, this bibliography provides an excellent introduction to literature on the history and technology of photography and the conservation and organization of photographic materials. The bibliography is arranged in 11 sections, each relating to a specific subject such as history, conservation, duplication and copying, and color photographic materials. The main emphasis of the bibliography is on still photographic images (silver-halide processes), although references to the stability of non-silver photographic materials, and preservation of microfilms and motion picture films are also included.

--Alexandra S. Gressitt
University of Southern Mississippi)

CONSERVATION PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES

Preserving Knowledge: The Case for Alkaline Paper, ARL Briefing Package no. 3 (December 1988), was developed by the Association of Research Libraries and produced with the support of the Commission on Preservation and Access and the National Humanities Alliance. The package highlights recent developments in the availability and use of alkaline paper and suggests that academic and research libraries employ such strategies as: support congressional adoption of a National Policy on Permanent Paper; urge state governments to adopt a similar policy; and encourage local faculty to require that publishers of their articles and books use permanent paper. The briefing package is available for \$7.00 from ARL, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Archival Survival is a private microfilming company based in Brooklyn. According to a brochure supplied by Marc Zeitschik, President, "all work conforms to LC, RLG and ANSI/AIIM standards. Film processing is regularly tested by Kodak and archival certification is included with all completed work." Mr. Zeitschik is willing to provide institutional references on request. Contact him at: Archival survival, Inc., 505 President Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (718) 858-0890.

REGIONAL NEWS

SARC TO MEET IN MONTGOMERY

The 1989 annual meeting of SARC will be held May 2 through 5 at the Holiday Inn East in Montgomery, Alabama. A few of the sixteen sessions scheduled include Photographic Appraisal, Archival Education in the South, Developing and Implementing General Records Schedules, New Frontiers in Outreach, Archival Interest in Oral History, and a panel discussion of Archivists' Pet Peeves. Two preconference workshops will be held on May 2.

The conference registration fee is \$65.00 and includes a ticket for an evening performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Theater. For more information, please contact Tracey Berezansky, Alabama Department of Archives and History, (205) 261-4361. (Access, Fall/Winter 1988-89)

TENNESSEE ARCHIVISTS HONOR VANDERBILT

At the fall meeting of the Tennessee Archivists in Gatlinburg last November, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Vanderbilt University Archives and Special Collections, in recognition of exemplary service and active leadership in promoting the cause of the archival profession. (SAA Newsletter, March 1989)

NEWS FROM MISSISSIPPI REPOSITORIES

NHPRC FUNDS LAUDERDALE COUNTY PROGRAM

The Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History has received a grant of \$76,240 from NHPRC to establish an archives and records management program for county records and the records of the City of Meridian.

KEATS MATERIALS ACQUIRED BY DE GRUMMOND COLLECTION

The de Grummond Children's Literature Research Collection of the University of Southern Mississippi is pleased to announce the acquisition of original materials for thirty-six books written and/or illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats (1916-1983). Keats, a prominent children's author/illustrator, was awarded the prestigious Caldecott Medal in 1963 for The Snowy Day.

Materials include sketches, drafts, final art work, manuscripts, and related ephemera. Included are all materials used in the publication of titles such as Apt. 3, Dreams, Goggles!, Jennie's Hat, John Henry, Louie, Maggie and the Pirates, Peter's Chair, Skates, The Snowy Day, The Trip, and Whistle for Willie.

This new acquisition supplements the collection of personal and professional papers, unpublished autobiography, correspondence, memorabilia, photographs, and fan mail donated to the de Grummond Collection in 1985. Although all Keats materials are now available to scholars for research at the Collection, organization of the materials is not complete. Future plans call for full archival processing of these materials, as well as entry into the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts Collections (NUCMC) and the Archives and Manuscripts format of OCLC.

--Dee Jones

University of Southern Mississippi
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Michael B. Ballard presented a program at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society entitled "Lost Cause and Reunion: The Reburial of Jefferson Davis in 1893."

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- May 2-5 Southeastern Archives and Records Conference (SARC). Montgomery, Alabama, at Holiday Inn East. Hosted by the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Contact Tracey Berezansky, ADAH, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36130 or (205) 261-4361.
- May 15-17 International Council on Archives Symposium on Current Records, Ottawa, Canada. The theme of the symposium is "Converging Disciplines in the Management of Recorded Information." Registration: \$300. Contact: Winston A. Gomes, Symposium on Current Records, ICA, P. O. Box 3162 Station "D", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 6H7.
- June 18-22 The 1989 American Association of Museums annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information, contact Tom Livesay at the Museum of New Mexico.
- June 22-23 ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Preconference, Dallas, Texas. Theme: "Local history, Global Village." \$85 members, \$110 non-members. Contact: RBMS Preconference, ACRL/ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2795.
- June 24-29 American Library Association annual meeting, Dallas, Texas. For more information, call 1-800-545-2433.
- June 26-29 NAGARA annual meeting, Seattle, Washington. For more information, please contact Jeff Jagnow or Mary Alice Sosby at the Council of State Governments (601) 252-2291; Jim Moore at the Washington State Archives, Regional Center, Bellingham (206) 676-3125; or Sid McAlpin at the Washington State Archives, Olympia (206) 753-5485.
- July 3-28 Rare Book School, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York, NY. The program offers a series of five-day non-credit courses. Tuition for each course is \$435. Contact: Rare Book School, School of Library Service, 516 Butler Library, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. (212) 854-4734.
- July 13-15 Workshop on Microcomputer Applications in Visual Resource Collections, University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Tuition: \$325. Send \$75 deposit to Fine Arts Continuing Education, Fine Arts Building 2.4, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712. (512) 471-8862.
- August 21-31 Paper & Book Intensive, Ghost Ranch, Albiquiu, NM. Sponsored by the University of Iowa Center for the Book. Described as "a concentrated working session for specialists in the book arts." for information contact Tim Barrett, PBI '89, University of Iowa Center for the Book, Art Building, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52240.
- October 23-29 Society of American Archivists annual meeting, St. Louis, Missouri. Numerous preconference workshops are scheduled. For more information, contact SAA at 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605 or (312) 922-0140.

ACCESSIONS

Mississippi Department of Archives and History - Manuscript Collection

Golding, John Reid. Letter. 1869. (.10 c.f.)

Letter dated February 15, 1869, written by John Reid Golding, a Confederate soldier, minister, and United States presidential candidate in 1868. The letter is important for the documentation it provides about Mississippi social history during Reconstruction. Presented by Lillian E. Golding Lucius, Jackson.

Haddon, C.B., Sr. Memoir. 1921-1922. (.10 c.f.)

Typescript memoir of C. B. Haddon, Sr., a Confederate soldier who served in the Twentieth Mississippi Infantry. The memoir was written during 1921 and 1922 and primarily recounts Haddon's Confederate service. It also contains antebellum and Reconstruction social history and information on the genealogy of the Haddon family. Presented by Mary Grace McNair, Jackson.

Heidelberg Family Papers. Accretion. 1925; 1935. (.10 c.f.)

Letter dated June 23, 1925, written by Mrs. William Mead Campbell, Chicago, Illinois, to Mrs. John Oscar Heidelberg, Laurel, Mississippi, contrasting medical practices at tuberculosis sanatoriums in Mississippi and Michigan; letter dated April 14, 1935, written by John Oscar Heidelberg, Greenwood, Mississippi, to Mrs. John Oscar Heidelberg, Laurel, Mississippi, that mentions a sensational Delta trial in which Sarah Ruth Dean was sentenced to life in the penitentiary for poisoning Dr. Kennedy. Presented by Roger Heidelberg, Memphis, Tennessee.

Holt, David Eldred. Papers. 1920; 1923; n.d. (.33 c.f.)

Typescript of an undated memoir of David Eldred Holt, a former Confederate private who served in Company K, Sixteenth Mississippi Infantry. The memoir is entitled "The Bringing Up of a Johnnie Reb." Also included in the collection are a letter written by Holt dated April 6, 1920, and a photograph of Holt dated October 7, 1923. The memoir is restricted for a period of five years. Presented by Laurie A. Crowson, Hattiesburg.

Metcalfe, Frederick Augustus. Papers. 1849; 1855-1862; 1870; 1873-1883; 1885; undated. (1 c.f.)

Includes plantation diaries and journals, correspondence, and other records of Frederick Augustus Metcalfe, owner of Newstead Plantation in Washington County, Mississippi. The collection is rich in the documentation it provides about agriculture, plantation management, and slavery in the Mississippi Delta. Made available for microfilming by Jane Metcalfe Weathers, Metcalfe.

New Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. Records. ca. 1870s-1930s; n.d. (.33 c.f.)

Minutes and other records of the New Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, Pulaski, Scott County, Mississippi. Presented by Erma M. Brooks, Jackson.

- Pioneer Club, Jackson, Miss. Records. Accretion. 1972. (.10 c.f.)
 Accretion to the Pioneer Club (Jackson, Miss.) Records pertaining to the sesquicentennial of Jackson, Mississippi, 1972. Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wallace, Ridgeland.
- Riddell, Katherine C. Collection. ca. 1800s-1980s; undated. (.33 c.f.)
 Open-ended collection of research materials assembled by Katherine C. Riddell pertaining to various members of the Wailles and allied families, many of whom settled in the Mississippi Territory in the early nineteenth century. Presented by Katherine C. Riddell, Jackson.
- Riley, Franklin L. Sr. Letter. February 13, 1863. 1 item.
 Letter written by Franklin L. Riley, Sr., Gordonsville, Virginia, to his wife, Mrs. B. I. Riley, [s.l.]. Riley served in Company B of the Sixteenth Mississippi Infantry during the Civil War. He was the father of historian Franklin L. Riley. Purchased from Theme Prints, Ltd., Bayside, New York.
- Sargent, Winthrop. Letter. 1783. (.10 c.f.)
 Letter of acknowledgement dated August 31, 1783, written by Winthrop Sargent, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Jacob Reed, Princeton, New Jersey, concerning Sargent's attention to various business matters that had evidently been undertaken in Philadelphia on behalf of Reed. The letter also mentions General Howe. Purchased from Walter R. Benjamin Autographs, Inc., Hunter, New York.
- Scott, Fred Norman. Poetry Manuscripts. Undated. (1 c.f.)
 Poetry manuscripts of Fred Norman Scott, an aspiring poet from Poplarville, Mississippi, also known as the "Mississippi Nightingale," whose untimely death cut short his promising career. Presented by Henrietta Scott Wood, Jackson.
- Sykes, Eugene O. Papers. 1927-1928; 1932-1934; 1936-1937; 1939; undated. (.33 c.f.)
 Correspondence and transcripts of radio broadcasts and speeches of Eugene O. Sykes, first chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Presented by Malvina Sykes Cunningham, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- Wilson, R. Baxter. Papers. ca. 1950s-1970s. (2 c.f.)
 Business and personal correspondence, legal papers, speeches, and other records of R. Baxter Wilson, a former president of the Mississippi Power and Light Company. Presented by R. Baxter Wilson, Jackson.
- Wunder, Lewis H. Mexican War Letter. 1847. (.10 c.f.)
 Mexican War letter dated February 23, 1847, written by First Sergeant Lewis H. Wunder, Company A, Second Pennsylvania Infantry, Camp Winfield, Lobos Island, to George F. Spayer, [s.l.], providing a very detailed description of camp life on the island, especially regarding adverse medical conditions for the sick and wounded. Wunder also discusses in detail the activities of a number of northern and southern regiments including some from Mississippi. He also mentions General Winfield Scott's plan to attack Vera Cruz, Mexico. Purchased from John L. Heflin, Brentwood, Tennessee.

Graphic Records Collection

Jackson, Mississippi. ca. 1937. 11 items.

Ten 2"x3" black and white photographs and one panoramic view of Jackson, Mississippi. Presented by Patti Carr Black, Jackson.

Mississippi [River] Flood near Vicksburg. 1890. 1 item.

One 5"x8" black and white photograph of the 1890 Mississippi River flood near Vicksburg. Presented by Florida Dept. of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Natchez and Vicksburgh. ca. 1854-55. 1 item.

One 9"x12" leaf featuring two 4"x6" black and white steel engravings by Charles Fenn from sketches by Frederick Piercy. Purchased from Old Maps & Prints & Books, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Scott, Charles Jr. Photograph. ca. 1884. 1 item.

One 7"x9" black and white photograph of Charles Scott, Jr. dressed in the uniform of a Civil War general. Presented by Kate F. Sykes, Del Ray Beach, Florida.

Spanish-American War Soldiers. 1988. 1 item.

One 8"x10" black and white copy print of a circa 1898 photograph of Spanish American War soldiers, including William Alexander Montgomery, William Jennings Bryan, and Theodore Roosevelt. Presented by Dave Montgomery, Bolton.

Cartographic Records Collection

631.47/C55 Soil map, Mississippi : Clarke County sheet / U. S. Department of Agriculture. 1914. 1 item.

Transferred from the MDAH Library.

Map of Georgia & Alabama : exhibiting the post offices, post roads, canals, rail roads, &c / David H. Burr. 1839. 1 item.

From Burr's American Atlas. Purchased from High Ridge Books, Inc., Rye, New York.

Mississippi / David Burr. 1831-36. 1 item.

This map depicts various land routes, topographical features, and the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian regions. Purchased from Murray Hudson - Antiquarian Books and Maps, Halls, Tennessee.

Sardis Lake / Corps of Engineers. 1977. 1 item.

Transferred from the MDAH Library.

Mississippi State University - Manuscripts Division

Montgomery, G.V. "Sonny." Collection. Accretion. 1985-86, 1988. 40 cu. ft.

Deposited by G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery. Collection is closed.

Archives Division

Mid-South Education Research Association. Addition. 1980-1988. 6 cu. ft.
Papers read at meetings. Deposited by Vernon Gifford. Collection is open.

Office of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Addition. 1985-1986. 22 cu. ft.
Deposited by the Provost. Collection is closed pending processing.

Student Life Division of Student Affairs. Addition. 2 cu. ft.
Files on student organizations. Deposited by Student Life Office. Collection is open.

University of Mississippi - Archives and Special Collections

Davis, Varina Howell. Letter. July 5, 1880. 1 item.
Letter to Colonel Lucius B. Northrop re the unauthorized publication of Jefferson Davis letters.

Faulkner, William. Letter. March 5, 1932. 1 item.
To the editor of The Saturday Evening Post concerning his short story "Turnabout." With holograph note signed "Bill."

Faulkner, William. Typescript. 1 page.
Typewritten manuscript for short story "Mr. Acarius."

Grant, W. Parks. Collection. 1928-1988. 9.5 l. ft.
Parks Grant, a composer, was a faculty member at the University of Mississippi from 1953-1974. The collection consists of manuscript scores and compositional sketches, lectures, programs, diaries, miscellaneous brochures. Donated by Mrs. W. Parks Grant.

Ingraham, Joseph Wolt. Letter. January 11, 1842. 1 item.
Letter to George Roberts, publisher of Ingraham's The Dancing Feather.

Mitchell, Margaret (Marsh). Letter. July 13, 1940. 1 item.
Letter from Mitchell, author of Gone with the Wind, to Stark Young, author of So Red the Rose.

The Progressive Farmer Collection. 1950s - 1970s. 2 l. ft.
Typescript and autograph manuscript short story submissions to The Progressive Farmer. Collection includes material concerning editorial decisions and correspondence. The most notable author included is Jesse Stuart, who is represented by several short stories and collateral correspondence. Donated by Ewart Autry.

Russel, Irwin. Letter. April 21, 1878. 1 item.
Concerning a poetry publication.

Young, Stark. Accretion. 110 items.
Letters to Pauline and Mary Goldmann.

Graphic record

Seutter, E.V. Printed photograph of the Mississippi Legislature. 1882.
Printed and combined by Seutter, "The Jeweler and Artist of Jackson, Miss."

University of Southern Mississippi - McCain Library and Archives

Dahmer, Vernon F. Collection. 1966, 1968-1969, 1986. .25 cu. ft.

Copies of newspaper articles reporting the 1966 fire bombing of the home of Hattiesburg civil rights activist Vernon Dahmer, his death, and the 1968-1969 trial of Ku Klux Klan members for his murder. The clippings were collected by Dahmer's daughter Bettye who was ten at the time of her father's death. Collection is open.

Locke, Andrew J. Letter. 1862. 1 item.

A letter written by A. J. Locke, Provost Marshall at Grenada, Mississippi, to Mrs. Jennie A. Darsuns (?), informing her that she is free to travel behind Confederate military lines. Locke was with Company K, 30th Mississippi Volunteers. Collection is open.

Lovell, Mansfield Letters. 1861, 1863. 2 items.

Two letters written by Mansfield Lovell to his wife and son during his Civil War Service in Kentucky and Virginia. Collection is open.

Natchez Trace Research Collection. 1700-1965. 8 cu. ft.

Copies of research notes, reports, and correspondence collected and prepared by historians and administrators of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Included in the collection is information on historic sites along the Trace in Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi; Natchez, its history and antebellum homes; Indian tribes; Spanish affairs in Mississippi; early settlers/travelers along the Trace such as John Gordon, Andrew Jackson, James Bisland, and Meriwether Lewis, and a bibliography on early Mississippi and Natchez Trace history. Collection is open.

Wilcox, William E. Letters. 1854-1889. .25 cu. ft.

Letters and miscellaneous documents of William E. "Billy" Wilcox, a private in Company K, 4th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers as a nine month volunteer in 1862-1863. During his service, Wilcox's unit was first assigned to Camp Hooker, Lakeville, Massachusetts, and then moved by ship to Louisiana where he fought at Port Hudson and Brashear City, Louisiana. Collection is open.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 1989

Slate of nominations for 1989 - 1991

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MDAH

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Membership Chair
Society of Mississippi Archivists
P.O. Box 1151
Jackson, MS 39205

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