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MISSISSIPPI NEWSPAPER PROJECT: THE FINAL CHAPTER by Joseph E. Brent

The Mississippi Newspaper Project began its third and final phase, the microfilming segment of the project, on September 1, 1989. This phase is scheduled for completion on August 31, 1990. The project goal of filming all the state's unfiled newspapers is expected to reach completion by the August deadline.

We originally estimated filming some 932,400 pages; to date we have filmed 542,081 pages. The process of prepping, filming, and returning papers to donors has been completed for 48 of Mississippi's 82 counties and is well under way for twelve more. The count: so far we have created 602 master negatives. The hard copy used by the project came to us from over 100 repositories.

One of the greatest benefits of the newspaper project has been to facilitate interagency cooperation and to see that cooperation at work. Not only did we work closely with the state's chancery clerks, but we also worked with museums and libraries. The Lauren Rogers Museum in Laurel, the Old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg, and the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc. in Meridian have been very generous with their collections. Their willingness to share their holdings has added greatly to the success of our project. Needless to say, other institutions were equally as generous, but these three contributed the largest volume of material from outside the courthouses of the state. We have also had invaluable assistance from the state's universities as well as from repositories outside the state. (continued on page 3)

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Another benefit of this project has been the discovery of two sources of newspapers that were in private hands. Modest donations and loans by individuals have been quite common, but two individuals contributed papers that have added over 13,000 pages to the newspaper project. This sort of find makes the job very exciting.

Mr. Bruce Gurner of Water Valley is a railroad enthusiast and is very knowledgeable on the history of Yalobusha County. Mr. Gurner's collection of Water Valley newspapers includes the July 10, 1869, issue of The Southern Eagle which is the oldest extant issue of any Water Valley newspaper. Other titles that we borrowed from his collection include: The City Itemizer, Progress-Itemizer, Yalobusha Democrat, and The North Mississippi Herald. These papers dated from 1898 to the late 1930's. The addition of his collection turned several one issue titles into sizeable runs. Mrs. Alma Carpenter of The Elms in Natchez also made a very large and important contribution to the newspaper project. In her attic was literally a treasure trove of newspapers from Natchez and Vicksburg. The titles she donated include: The Vicksburg Herald, Daily Commercial Herald, Weekly Chronicle, Vicksburg Democrat, Vicksburg American, Vicksburg Dispatch, and from Natchez, Daily Democrat, Natchez Evening Banner, Weekly Democrat, Saturday Evening Banner, The Evening News, The Crusader, and The Tri-Weekly New Era. The Elms collection dated from the 1880's to the early 1900's. Together Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. Gurner added 10 rolls of rare and otherwise unavailable microfilm to the newspaper inventory.

In addition to our overriding goal of microfilming newspapers, the members of the newspaper project offer to our colleagues a list of local restaurants that we have found enjoyable. May we suggest: The Early Bird Restaurant in Water Valley, good burgers for cheap; The Angel Biscuit in Louisville, sandwiches and salads and their stuff isn't fried; The Red Dragon in Picayune, chinese with a good lunch buffet; and The Mendenhall Hotel—it's everything that you've heard. In Natchez we recommend several places: Natchez Landing, The Magnolia Cafe, both under the hill, and the Carriage House at Stanton Hall. Ruben's, mexican, in Vicksburg is good, and we also liked the Rocket City Diner in Hattiesburg; it was loud and garish but the food was good.

Finally, let me say that the time I have spent in Mississippi has been fun, rewarding and most gratifying. I hope that what we have wrought will prove useful to Mississippians; but at any rate as they say "its been real."

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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 WINTER ISSUE DECEMBER 1
 SPRING ISSUE APRIL 1

TO: SMA MEMBERS

FROM: CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE
ALEXANDRA S. GRESSITT, CHAIR

Following The Society of Mississippi Archivist's (SMA) annual meeting, May 1989, new elected president, Julia M. Young, appointed a Constitutional Revision Committee composed of H.T. Holmes, Suzanne Steel, and Alexandra Gressitt, Chair. The Committee was officially charged with simplifying the Constitution and Bylaws, reviewing the society's governmental structure, and considering constitutional changes with regard to the Southern Archives Conference (SAC). During committee deliberations, careful consideration was given to suggestions submitted by membership, to the organization structure of this, a small state professional society, in relation to other state and regional societies, and to the effectiveness of the structure. At this time constitutional changes were deemed necessary relative to SMA's involvement with SA

A revised constitution and bylaws was prepared by the Constitutional Revision Committee and presented to Council at its September 1989 meeting. Council accepted the Committee report and Lynn Mueller and Forrest Galey agreed to join with committee members proposing the revised constitution and bylaws to membership. The proposed revised constitution is reproduced below (revisions underlined) for membership review. The revision to be voted on at the annual meeting May 25, 1990. If approved, the revised constitution shall take effect immediately.

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 effective communication among individuals and institutions concerned with the documentation of human experience; to promote preservation and appreciation of archival resources in the State; to promote adoption of sound principles and standards by a public and private agencies that have responsibility for 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 our 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 receipt of the first payment of dues.
3. Categories of membership, schedule of membership dues, and membership year shall be determined by Executive Council and submitted for approval by a majority of the membership, present and voting at the annual business meeting.

IV. OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT

1. The officers of the Society shall be president, vice-president, and 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 serve as president-elect of the Society and shall automatically become president of the Society at the end of the vice-presidential term. All terms of office shall begin at the end of the annual business meeting and run through the next annual business meeting.

2. The government of the Society shall be vested in an Executive Council composed of three officers and four directors. Directors shall serve a term of two years or until their successors are elected and shall not be eligible for reelection until at least one term shall have expired. All officers and directors must be members in good standing.

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 his or her own complete term as president.

4. Any officer or director failing to fulfill the duties of their respective offices as provided in the constitution and bylaws may be removed by two-thirds vote of the membership of the Executive Council or by a majority of members present and voting at the annual business meeting.

V. MEETINGS

1. The membership of the Society shall hold at least one business meeting each 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 transaction of business.

2. The Executive Council shall meet a minimum of 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 expenditures, 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 needed for administration of the Society. A current 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 membership at any annual business meeting of the Society. Requests for changes in the bylaws must be submitted in writing to any

member of the Executive Council in time to be placed on the agenda of the annual business meeting. Bylaws may be changed by majority vote of those present and voting.

IX. AMENDMENTS

Amendments shall be voted on at the annual business meeting by the membership. Amendments to the constitution shall be proposed in writing by five members filed with the president at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the annual business meeting. Such amendments will be reviewed by Executive Council and before the membership for approval. Amendments shall be adopted by a majority vote.

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 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 members and chairpersons of standing and special committees, with said nominations subject to approval by Executive Council.
- d. The president shall nominate a member to the position of editor of *Primary Source* and said nomination shall be subject to approval by Executive Council.
- e. The president shall call a minimum of 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 business 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 Chair of the Education Committee.

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 authority of the Executive Council.

c. The secretary-treasurer shall keep an accurate 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 business meeting of the Society.

4. Directors

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

b. Failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the Executive Council may result in removal by Council.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The president shall nominate and 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 business meeting or published in the issue of *The Primary Source* immediately preceding the annual business meeting.

3. Elections will take place at the annual business 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 and voting at the annual business meeting.

6. Officers and directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the annual business 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.

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 membership rolls thirty (30) days after being notified of their delinquent status.

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. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, which is responsible for planning and conducting the Society's education programs and annual meetings. The Society's vice-president will serve as chairperson of the committee.
 - b. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, which is responsible for retaining membership records, soliciting new members, administering the membership renewal process, and preparing a membership directory.
 - c. NOMINATING COMMITTEE, which is responsible for selecting and recommending a slate of officers which will be voted upon by membership at the annual business meeting. Not more than one member of the nominating committee may be a member of the Executive Council.
 - d. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, which has responsibility for developing and publishing Society publications.
 - e. FINANCE COMMITTEE, which has responsibility for recommending a budget and coordinating fund raising activities for the Society.
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 Executive Council and 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 entitled *The Primary Source*. Responsibility for preparation of *The Primary Source* will be vested in an editor appointed by the President of the Society. The editor shall be a member of the Publications committee.

VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

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

VII. ARCHIVES

Current officers of the Society shall be 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.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Alexandra S. Gressitt, Joseph E. Brent, Thomas Verich, Terry S. Latour, Irma Wolfe, Forrest Galey, Mickey Hennen, and Jim Dawson for their contribution to this issue. SMA members and other readers are asked to read and respond to each issue and to send contributions for future issues. Send them to: Sandra E. Boyd, McCain Library and Archives, Southern Station box 5148, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5148.

Joseph E. Brent would like to hear from anyone interested in reviewing a book for the Book Review column. Contact him at the Department of Archives and History.

MISSISSIPPI NEWS

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHERN JEWISH EXPERIENCE OPENS

On October 15, 1989, the newly built Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience opened on the grounds of Henry S. Jacobs Camp for Living Judaism near Utica. The museum contains a sanctuary, galleries, museum storage, and office space devoted to detailing the history and culture of Southern Jews. Among the items housed in the museum are Torahs, breastplates, stained glass, and religious volumes. An ark and chandeliers from abandoned synagogues decorate the sanctuary.

An exhibit of photographs and memorabilia tell the story of Southern Jews, many of whom were original settlers to such towns as Marx, Mississippi, and Kaplan, Louisiana, as well as New Orleans and Memphis. The museum will also be active in developing programs and traveling exhibits, sponsoring speakers, and serving as a site for many educational programs. For more information about the museum, contact Macy B. Hart, Director, Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, P.O. Box 16528, Jackson, MS 39236, 601-362-6357. (Mississippi History Newsletter, October 1989)

LAUDERDALE COUNTY ARCHIVES UPDATE

The Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc. (LCDAH) continues to set the pace for growth and development. It now occupies a completely renovated space including a conference room and a break room, and has acquired used metal shelving for the vault and central records storage center.

With advice and cooperation from Elbert Hilliard and H.T. Holmes of the Department of Archives and History in Jackson, LCDAH sought a modification of the present state statute on records management. Legislation was introduced by Representative Rick Fortenberry, passed by the House and the Senate, and signed by the governor in March. The new legislation will take effect July 1, 1990.

LCDAH has been nominated for the achievement award of the National Association of Counties and for the "Look Around Mississippi" award through the Greater Meridian Chamber of Commerce. Sales of publications continue to go very well with a new publication on the history of Why Not available later this year.

NEWS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Junior Historical Society, composed of junior and senior high school students, invites schools to join this state wide group. The society stimulates students to approach history from a lively, innovative, and informal perspective. Each organization determines its own agenda and programs, sets up dues, and makes its own (continued on page 26)

INSTITUTIONAL SPOTLIGHTS

JUDGE GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG LIBRARY

The Judge George W. Armstrong Library was founded in 1890.

Address: Corner of Commerce & Washington Streets
Natchez, MS 39120

Phone: 601-445-8862

Hours: Monday- Thursday 9:00-6:00
Friday 9:00-5:00
Saturday 9:00-1:00

Contact Person: Elizabeth Roderick

Services Provided: copying, both paper and microfilm; interlibrary loan for local residents.

Holdings: The Judge George W. Armstrong Library has extensive collections of Mississippi history and Natchez/Adams County history and genealogy including the Amanda Geisenberger Collection (WPA Source Material) and the Edith Wyatt Moore Collection (files of local history). The latter collections are indexed.

MANSHIP HOUSE

The Manship House Museum opened in 1980. It is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

Address: 420 East Fortification Street
Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: 601-961-4724

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday - Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Contact Person: V.A. Patterson, Curator

Services Provided: Guided interpretive educational tours; workshops; performing arts programs.

Holdings: The Manship House is a restored home containing household furnishings and decorative objects of the 19th century. A reference collection of works on 19th century customs and the decorative arts is also located in the museum.

INSTITUTIONAL SPOTLIGHTS

MARSHALL COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Marshall County Historical Museum was founded in 1970.

Address: 220 E. College Avenue, P.O. Box 806
Holly Springs, MS 38635

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Contact Person: Lois Swaney

Holdings: The Marshall County Historical Museum has collections of antique clothing, Civil War memorabilia, toys, art work, and Indian relics as well as books from Kate Clark's library.

SOUTHERN ARCHIVISTS' CONFERENCE BIENNIAL MEETING

The biennial meeting of the Southern Archivists' Conference (SAC) will be held at Guntersville Lake, one hour south of Huntsville, Alabama, May 23-25, 1990.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Our Shared Heritage and Common Challenges."

Two workshops will be offered on Wednesday afternoon prior to the SAC meeting.

"Preservation Management" will be led by Lee Sturma of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and "Manuscript Appraisal for Tax Purposes" will be led by Barry Scott of Auburn University. The cost of each workshop is \$15.00, and a minimum of fifteen participants are required for each workshop.

The session "Regional Archival Organizations: A Comparison of SAC, MAC, and SSA" will open the meeting on Thursday morning and feature commentary from representatives of several state and regional organizations. A box lunch and the SAC business meeting will follow this session. "Photographic Heritage" - a session of audiovisual presentations, "Local Government Records" and "Philanthropy and Higher Education in the South" - concurrent sessions, and working groups on conservation, film preservation, preservation microfilming, and statewide guides will be offered during the afternoon.

State organizations will have the opportunity to meet Thursday evening, after a bar-b-que dinner, or Friday morning prior to a session entitled "Access, Restrictions, and Litigation." The meeting will close by 1:00 p.m. with the session Southern Archivists and Southern History."

Information will be mailed to member of state organizations by April 1, 1990; however, you may find the following information useful if you do not receive a SAC mailout. The meeting pre-registration cost is \$40, and the deadline is May 4, 1990; thereafter, registration will be \$45. Please make your check or money order to the Society of Alabama Archivists, and mail to SAC Meeting, Auburn University Library, 7300 University Dr., Montgomery, Alabama, 36117-3596 (205-244-3213). Lodging is available at Guntersville Lake, Star Route 63, Box 232, Guntersville, AL, 35976 (205-582-2061), and registration must be received by April 20, 1990.

SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
PROPOSED NOMINATIONS FOR 1990-1991 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Vice-President and President Elect -- Alexandra S. Gressitt, University of Southern Mississippi
Secretary-Treasurer -- Alice Cox, Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission
Director (1990-1992) -- Cynthia Lewis, Jackson State University
Director (1990-1992) -- Irmel Wolfe, University of Southern Mississippi
Nominations Committee Members: Virginia Brocks-Shedd, Carol West, and Michael Hennen, Chair

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The upcoming meeting of the Southern Archivists Conference provides each of us the opportunity to consider the comparative worth and goals of regional and state professional organizations. Naturally, archivists and archival institutions in Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi have their own states of interests and problems; but as the conference title highlights, we can learn a lot from each other and we share many goals and needs.

As now structured, SAC is a driverless, wobbly, unpredictable vehicle for biannual meetings. Certainly no one wants SAC to grow at SMA's expense, but the two organizations need not be viewed as competitors. Rather, a strengthened SAC could concentrate on those needs that know no state boundaries, allowing each state organization to concentrate its efforts on fulfilling its own particular demands. Regional and state organizations could complement and enhance one another.

SMA has accomplished a lot in its thirteen years. Let's each take time to consider how SMA can accomplish more. Perhaps the challenge of the 90's is strengthening both SAC and SMA. --Julia Marks Young, President.

COUNCIL REPORT

At the March 1st meeting, Council
--discussed plans for the SAC meeting at Guntersville, Alabama, May 23-25, 1990.
--heard a report from the subcommittee working on the state-wide guide and approved postage expenses needed to complete the survey.
--received a complete membership list which is now on computer at the Mississippi College Law Library and discussed membership solicitation plans.
--discussed the status of the Mississippi Women's Project, specifically the guide to Women's History Sources in the state, and SMA's support of the guide.
--accepted the report of the nominating committee (published elsewhere in The Primary Source)
--noted the need for more members on the statewide disaster committee.

* SMA QUESTIONNAIRE *
In March, Mississippi archives, libraries, museums and historical societies received from the Publications Committee a questionnaire for data to be compiled into a guide to state repositories holding historical materials.
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If you have not yet returned your questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible. Call Sandra Boyd or Julia Young if you have questions.

CONSERVATION NEWS

POST-IT NOTES

American Institute of Conservation has issued a warning about Post-It notes. Dirt will adhere to adhesive left when they are removed from a document and damage could result. The Institute cautions users to think of the long range consequences before using such notes on any object, photograph, or document.

NEDCC TO RELOCATE

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) has announced its plans to relocate from its present headquarters in Abbot Hall on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover, Massachusetts. NEDCC will move to Brickstone Square, a restored textile mill in Andover, sometime in the spring. Besides doubling its current space, the new locale will provide better means of climate control and a more professional image. As always, NEDCC will continue to provide paper conservation services to museums, historical organizations, and libraries that do not have their own facilities. (Library Journal, February 1, 1990)

UNION CARBIDE BUYS WEI T'O PROCESS

Exclusive rights to the Wei T'o paper preservation technology have been purchased by Union Carbide Chemicals and Plastics Company, Inc. The Wei T'o process, which neutralizes acids with the use of a non-toxic magnesium carbonate complex, will be marketed to libraries and museums with Union Carbide's parylene technology for strengthening embrittled paper.

The process, developed by librarian Richard Smith, has been used to preserve the Declaration of Independence, Emancipation Proclamation, and the U.S. Constitution. Union Carbide believes the Wei T'o process may extend the life of paper by several hundred years.

Union Carbide's Specialty Chemicals Division is assessing marketing and facility options worldwide. Smith expects to use part of his royalty income to fund graduate research on preservation. (American Libraries, Dec. 1989)

GAMMA RAYS STRENGTHEN PAPER WHILE DEACIDIFYING

Once the weapon of choice for Flash Gordon's nemesis, Ning the Merciless, gamma rays are now being used in book preservation efforts at the British Library, according to a Dec. 27, 1989 New York Times report.

The BL process, developed by Surry University scientists, places books in a small steel chamber and coats them with monomers, a simple form of a chemical compound. The books are then irradiated with gamma rays which change the monomers into polymers, a plastic-like material that strengthens the paper while protecting against further acidification. Paper strengthening, according to conservation expert George Cunha, will be the byproduct which makes other deacidification processes obsolete (American Libraries, September 1989)

The process allows bulk treatment at \$4.50-\$8 per book. The Times report cited Marie Jackson, BL preservation officer, as the source for cost estimates for other preservation techniques, including up to \$480 per book and \$48 for microfilming a 300 page book.

CONSERVATION NEWS

In recently completed lab trials, the BL process, known as graft polymerization, made paper up to 10 times stronger, left bindings and inks unaffected, and fattened books only slightly. The library holds a patent on the process and is currently seeking \$1.5-\$3 million to set up a pilot plant in England. A prospectus for potential investors will be available shortly. (American Libraries, February 1990)

LIBRARIAN RESCUES CULTURAL HERITAGES

To help foreign institutions protect their nations' cultural heritages, Sally Buchanan, director for Preservation Services and Conservation at the University of Pittsburgh Library System, has traveled to points as far away as Venezuela and Leningrad. Sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Buchanan has been working with the National Library of Venezuela to formulate disaster preparedness guidelines and training for libraries and archives in Latin America.

The three-year effort came to a head in September 1989 at an invitational seminar sponsored by the Organization of American States and the Society of American Archivists. Held at the University of Texas, Buchanan and a dozen participants from Latin America huddled for two weeks to discuss the problems they faced and to develop possible solutions.

Buchanan has compiled her knowledge into a book for UNESCO titled Disaster Planning: Preparedness and Recovery for Libraries and Archives. She has also developed a disaster educational program for training preservation staff. Buchanan lent a hand to the Los Angeles Central Library after its two fires, and was one of only three American preservation experts sent to the Academy of Sciences Library in Leningrad where fire had damaged a large portion of the collection. She is returning to Leningrad in April to evaluate the progress of the restoration and further educate the Soviets in disaster preparedness. (Library Journal, March 1, 1990)

MYLAR PROBLEMS

Accept no Substitutes, Beware of Imitations: Thomas Tucker notes in a recent issue of the Abbey Newsletter that "a form of Mylar called M-30 has been offered to museums on the retail market. This product is coated on both sides with a thin layer of polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC, an example of which is Saran). This coating was added to serve the food packaging industry which needed barrier properties and the ability to run the film on high speed packaging machines. The PVDC did both jobs well. In food packaging it is not necessary to guard against non-archival ingredients in packaging materials. And PVDC is not archival. Given the right combination of time and temperature, it can break down and give off something akin to hydrochloric acid."

Let the old principle of "caveat emptor" govern when ordering from catalogs. In many cases, a product will be identified simply as "Mylar". Unfortunately, there are over 100 varieties of non-archival Mylar on the market. So when ordering a Dupont product, specify Mylar D; an ICI product, specify Melinex 516. If you are in any doubt, contact the company before ordering to be sure that you will receive the correct grade of Mylar. (SGA Newsletter, Winter 1990)

CONSERVATION NEWS

ARCHIVISTS TO IMPLEMENT PRESERVATION PLAN

Plans are underway to implement preservation recommendations emerging from a September conference sponsored by the Society of American Archivists (SAA) at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Library Science. The conference developed a seven-pronged plan for a nationwide strategy to improve archival preservation.

According to Paul Conway, preservation program officer for SAA, the group will distribute the plan widely for comment. The Society has established a seven member Task Force on Preservation to coordinate the review and implementation of the national strategy. Task force co-chairs are Christine Ward of the New York State Archives and Howard Lowell, archivist of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. The third and perhaps the biggest effort will be initiating a three-year program of workshops to educate and train archivists in preservation management.

For copies of the plan, see the January SAA Newsletter or write to SAA, 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605.

FAX PERMANENCE

The permanence of telefacsimile (fax) papers is beginning to receive research attention. Studies are underway in the Australian and U.S. National Archives. Informal research by Ellen McCrady, editor of The Abbey Newsletter, has indicated that fax papers discolor and darken with exposure to light (especially sunlight), and that images fade when they are under mending tapes (such as Scotch tape). The fax papers also fade when exposed to certain plastics, such as the common polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Most fax machines use thermal paper, printing the image on the paper through exposure to heat. All indications are that this fax paper is an unstable and impermanent medium. To preserve the information in fax documents, photocopy them onto acid-free, alkaline-buffered papers. If the fax documents themselves must also be preserved, photocopy them for security, and store them away from plastics and in file cabinets separate from other paper documents. (C & RL News, March 1990 and CIMA Newsletter, January 1990)

HISTORICAL CORPORATE FILMS PRESERVED ON VIDEOCASSETTE

Thanks to the video revolution, thousands of corporate and educational films are being restored, transferred to videocassette, and put back into mainstream circulation. The original film may warp, making it impossible to run through a projector, and it also fades, changing the tints and colors of the pictures. During the video transfer process, however, colors can be restored, and once inside a cassette, the tape never warps.

Chrysler Motors, which has over 500 historical films in its archives, transferred all of its films to 3/4" videocassette. Now requests for archival footage take minutes to answer. Other corporate film libraries, notably Anheuser-Busch, are also transferring their collections to videotape and videodisc. (Library Journal, December 1989)

ARCHIVES: THE INSIDE STORY

An informative video in VHS format introducing archives, their value and how to use them. The video is designed for high school, undergraduate and general audiences.

Available for \$45 U.S. (includes postage) from the Association of Manitoba Archivists, Box 27007, One Lombard Place, Winnipeg, Canada R3B 3K1.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS MANUAL

The SAA Editorial Board is cooperating with the Committee on Public Information to develop a manual on public relations. The goal is a publication of 15,000 - 20,000 words, plus illustrations and an annotated bibliography.

A prospective author should submit proposal, resume, and writing sample to Susan Grigg, Chair, SAA Editorial Board, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01062, by April 20, 1990.

The proposal of 2-5 pp. should contain outline and exposition. A \$1500 stipend is available.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES SPONSORS FIRE TESTS ON MOBILE SHELVING

Underwriters' Laboratories in Northbrook, Illinois, recently completed a series of fire tests on compact, movable shelving units proposed for use in a new National Archives facility to be constructed in College Park, Maryland (often referred to as Archives II). The tests indicate that an up-to-date system of smoke detectors and quick-response sprinklers is probably capable of detecting and putting out fires in movable shelving units.

Four findings emerge from the tests. First, the test results show that movable shelving should be designed to leave several inches of space between the shelving units even when the units are closed. These spaces serve as flue space between mobile shelving units during a fire emergency. The greater the flue space, the sooner the fire breaks out into the open, the sooner and more effectively the sprinklers go into operation, and the sooner the fire can be put out with a correspondingly smaller amount of damage.

The tests also demonstrated the need for "quick-response" sprinklers. These are sprinkler heads rated at 165 degrees Fahrenheit, a lower temperature than traditional sprinkler systems. In the tests, these sprinklers responded in time to rescue a sizable portion of the burning records. Quick response sprinklers are particularly important when storing highly combustible computer tapes.

Thirdly, the tests demonstrated that when the shelving units are closely-packed, smoke provides an earlier indication of the existence of a fire than the fire itself, and therefore, the installation of smoke detectors is essential to safeguarding records storage areas.

Finally, the tests demonstrated that, provided the sprinkler system operates, a fire in mobile shelving, though more challenging to extinguish than a fire in static shelving, can probably be contained within a single storage area.

The findings of these tests are contained in a report issued by Underwriter Laboratories and are available through the National Archives at the following address: The National Archives and Record Administration (NAA), Pennsylvania Avenue and 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20408 (National Archives News Release, March 15, 1990)

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NEW GEORGIA STATE RECORDS CENTER NEARS COMPLETION

The new State Records Center for the state of Georgia is nearing completion. Shelving, worth almost a million dollars, has been ordered and installation should be completed, records moved, and the building full-operational by April. The center will feature state-of-the-art materials handling, inventory controls, micrographics, lighting, and ventilation. The passive-solar building, with its storage capacity for more than 180,000 cubic feet of records, will almost double the state's present capacity for semi-current records. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1989)

NEW ARCHIVES CREATED

Texas Tech University Library recently announced the creation of its Vietnam Archive "to collect, house and preserve information related to the American experience in Vietnam."

Tiananmen Archives: To document last spring's struggle for democracy in China, The New York Public Library Oriental Division created a Tiananmen Archive to collect materials related to the student uprising and killings by government troops. The library has gathered several thousand pieces, including copies of declarations, slogans, public letters and underground newspapers from pro-democracy Chinese groups. The archive will also document the Communist government's reaction along with government reactions from throughout the world. (Library Journal, Feb. 1, 1990)

MANUSCRIPT RECORDS IN RLIN

LC's National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) is now accessible through the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN). LC staff have begun entering records directly into RLIN in concert with RLIN participants in the Archives, Manuscripts, and Special Collections Program to build the fast-growing file. Complete records will be used to prepare a printed NUCMC catalog and index.

NUCMC editor Harriet Ostroff said the cooperative arrangement "makes information about the country's manuscript collections available to more people, more quickly" and that RLIN allows more efficient record entry, searching, updating, and indexing. The first printed catalog generated from RLIN records is expected to be available through LC's Cataloging Distribution Service early next year. (American Libraries, December 1989)

RLG EXPANDS RIPD DATABASE HOLDINGS

The Research Libraries Group is allying itself with the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW) and the Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on Women in America at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., in an operation to secure information on work in progress by and about women. The information is being added to RLG's Research-in-Progress Database (RIPD), and includes citations and abstracts for articles, conference working papers, book chapters, monographs, encyclopedia entries, dissertations, surveys, performances, and film series. (Library Journal, January 1990)

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HOUSTON CONFERENCE ON FORGED DOCUMENTS

The discovery of a number of forgeries of important documents from Texas history prompted the University of Houston libraries to sponsor the Houston Conference on Forged Documents, held Nov. 2-4, 1989. The conference drew more than 200 librarians, dealers, collectors, and scholars.

W. Thomas Taylor, a printer and dealer from Austin who uncovered more than 50 forgeries in Texas libraries and museums, including the Texas Declaration of Independence and William Travis' letter from the Alamo, identified a pattern to the forgeries:

- An item which had been very rare suddenly becomes less rare;
- direct evidence of the document's early provenance is lacking;
- and the first locatable owners are a small number of dealers.

Taylor stated his belief that many of the forgeries were copied from documents stolen from the Texas State Library in the 1960's.

Conference keynote speaker and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Larry McMurtry expressed his concern that segments of the rare book community were "flirting with disgrace," because of a reluctance to treat forgery as a serious crime.

Nicholas Barker of the British Library discussed forensic analysis of documents and his work in detecting forgeries, including the "Oath of a Freeman." This document, printed in 1639, with no known extant copies, was forged by Mark Hoffman of Salt Lake City, according to Barker.

Legal aspects of the problem were addressed including legal remedies available to institutions possessing forgeries; institutional responsibility for protecting against acquiring forgeries; and laws governing tax deductions and appraisals for documents donated. For more information on conference proceedings, contact Pat Bozeman, Head of Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries, Houston, TX 77204-2091. (American Libraries, January 1990)

FBI RECOVERS RARE BOOKS STOLEN FROM PENN

An edition of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," worth between \$500,000 and \$1 million, and more than 100 other rare books that were stolen from the University of Pennsylvania library have been recovered by the FBI. University officials estimated the total value of the books at nearly \$2 million.

Kathleen Wilkerson, a part-time employee of the University's Van Pelt Library since 1982, was charged with the thefts, which occurred over an undetermined period of time.

Several books were first spotted in Bauman Rare Book Store in Philadelphia by a book dealer who suspected they might have been stolen and alerted the FBI. Investigators discovered 19 stolen books at the store and 100 more at Ms. Wilkerson's apartment. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, March 21, 1990)

FIRST NHPRC AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE HONORS ARTHUR LINK

On November 2nd, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the Association for Documentary Editing, and the State Historical Records Coordinators held a reception for state coordinators and documentary editors in the Rotunda of the

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National Archives at which time the presentation of the first annual NHPRC Award for Distinguished Service was made. The award, to be given yearly, honors those who have demonstrated "exemplary contributions in the fields of archival preservation or documentary publication."

The first recipient was Arthur S. Link, Distinguished Professor of History at Princeton University. In presenting the award to him, Dr. Wilson cited many accomplishments and contributions, including his role as one of the founding fathers of the Association for Documentary Editing and its first president, and member of the NHPRC shortly after the inception of its grant program in 1965, when he helped develop policies and plans for the Commission as it established its national publications program. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1989)

DECLASSIFIED HISTORICAL DOCUMENT PRESENTED

On Tuesday, November 14, Judge William H. Webster, CIA director, presented Don W. Wilson, Archivist of the US, with the first Central Intelligence document to be declassified and transferred to the National Archives for release to the public under the agency's historical review program.

The declassified version of the CIA history entitled, "The Central Intelligence Agency: An Instrument of Government, to 1950," was presented during a ceremony. The 100-page document was written in 1951-1953 by Arthur B. Darling, the CIA's first chief historian.

This program is the result of the passage by Congress of the CIA Information Act of 1984. At the request of Congress, and with earlier declassification of Office of Strategic Services (OSS) records as a precedent, the CIA agreed to undertake new efforts to declassify and transfer CIA records to the National Archives. (History News Dispatch, January 1990)

SAA COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

Society of American Archivists President John Fleckner recently appointed a new standing Committee on Institutional Evaluation and Development, created by Council to succeed the Task Force on Institutional Evaluation. The committee's responsibilities include:

- publicizing and encouraging the use of existing tools for institutional self-evaluation;
- evaluating and improving existing tools for self evaluation and peer assessment;
- developing and monitoring such data-gathering mechanisms as the Census of Archival Institutions;
- assessing the needs of archival repositories and recommending means of meeting them;
- developing standards and formalized assessment processes, including a multi-year study of institutional accreditation;
- advising appropriate SAA bodies and individuals on ways to improve and strengthen archival institutions; and
- publicizing and encouraging the use of SAA standards and assessment tools.

Committee members include: Barbara Cain, North Carolina Division of Archives and History; Richard Cameron, National Historical Publications and Records Commission; Richard Cox, University of Pittsburgh; Mary Janzen, Chicago Historical Society; Claire McCurdy, New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency; Charles Palm, Hoover Institution; and Thomas Wilsted (chair), Salvation Army Archives.

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The committee held its first meeting in St. Louis and its second on February 22-23. The committee would welcome suggestions as it begins its work. Of particular interest are comments from persons or institutions who have used the Archives Assessment and Planning Workbook, edited by Paul H. McCarthy, or have carried out institutional assessments or evaluations. These should be directed to Tom Wilsted or any other member of the committee. (SAA Newsletter, January 1990)

OPENING THE 1920 CENSUS

On Monday, March 2, 1992, the Archivist of the United States, Don Wilson, and the directors of the National Archives and Records Administration's eleven regional archives from coast to coast will unlock microfilm cabinets housing the 1920 census microfilm. This simple act will be the culmination of four years of work by more than forty staff members at a cost, not including salaries, of over \$1 million. In preparation for the opening of the 1920 census, the National Archives will have produced seventeen complete duplicate sets of the material--more than 3,400 miles of film, roughly the distance from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco. (SAA Newsletter, March 1990)

PRESIDENT BUSH SUBMITS BUDGET FOR FY '91

On January 29 President Bush submitted to Congress a \$1.23 trillion FY'91 budget. For the historical community one of the most significant aspects of this budget is that it marks the first time in ten years that the Administration has included funds for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) and the Historic Preservation Fund, which includes money for state historic preservation programs and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Although the amount included for NHPRC is \$4 million, \$1 below the current level, the budget does recognize that this is an ongoing and viable program. For most of the history-related programs, the President's budget recommends slight increases above current levels.

The amount slated for the National Archives is \$128 million, which includes \$4 million for NHPRC, and is a small increase over the FY'90 level of \$124.84 million. Part of the increase is earmarked for electronic records projects, preparation for the release of the 1920 census, and repairs at the Roosevelt Presidential Library.

Many serious problems such as an enormous backlog of inadequately described records and insufficient staff for administering its reference program and working with agencies on appraisal and disposition of records will not be addressed.

The President has requested \$165 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, \$8 million more than it received in FY'90. The increases would be used to assist libraries in preserving books, to aid scholars in gathering and editing works of noted Americans, and to "encourage schools, colleges and universities to develop programs that will pass on the words and wisdom of those who have shaped this nation to the next generation." With this budget the President has continued the gradual trend of closing the gap between the higher NEA budget and the lower NEH budget. (Perspectives, March 1990)

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WOMEN'S HISTORY LANDMARK PROJECT

The National Park Service, the Organization of American Historians, and the National Coordinating Committee signed in 1989 a cooperative agreement to work on a women's history landmark project. The project is now completing its first year of work and is developing plans for a second year. Considerable progress has been made on the dual goals of preparing a comprehensive theme study of women's history sites and completing nomination forms for the designation of specific sites.

The women's landmark project commissioned seven scholars with expertise in the specific areas to prepare sub-theme essays on broad themes in women's history, such as women and education and women and politics. These essays incorporate both the most recent scholarship in women's history and knowledge of historic sites associated with women's experiences and contributions. The thematic essays provide a knowledge base and benchmarks for evaluating historic properties and sites for their possible nomination to landmark status. Work is currently underway to prepare the essays for publication.

Those interested in learning more about the women's history landmark project and those who may have specific sites to recommend for landmark status are encouraged to contact the NCC, 400 A St., SE, Washington, DC 20003. (*Perspectives*, March 1990)

EDMUND S. MUSKIE PAPERS OPEN FOR RESEARCH

Major portions of the papers of Edmund S. Muskie, housed at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, are now open for research by students and scholars, announced college officials. Bates acquired most of the materials in 1980, shortly after Muskie, a 1936 Bates graduate, was appointed U.S. secretary of state. The college established the Edmund S. Muskie Archives in 1985, and since then archivists have been meticulously engaged in a conservation and preservation project in processing the extensive collection, explained Christopher M. Beam, director of the archives.

Made available to the public for the first time are Muskie's Senate office records and those of his offices in Maine, files on his service as a member of the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission (which he helped establish and over which he presided when the U.S. held the chair), records on his activities since leaving public office, and a series of photographs. "The remainder of the collection will be opened at a later date," Beam added. (Bates College News Release, March 28, 1990)

ROBERT BAHMER, FOURTH ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES, DIES AT 86

Robert H. Bahmer, long-time resident of the Washington area and fourth Archivist of the United States, died on March 14 in Las Vegas, Nevada, after an extended illness.

Dr. Bahmer joined the staff of the National Archives in 1936. He was appointed Archivist on January 16, 1966. As the fourth Archivist, he oversaw the operations of the National Archives and Records Service which included preserving permanently valuable Federal records, coordinating government-wide records management, publishing the daily Federal Register, developing the modern Presidential Libraries system, and establishing a public outreach program. As Archivist he also served as chairman of the National Historical Publications Commission, the grant-making body of the National Archives. He retired in March of 1968. Dr. Bahmer was a native of North Dakota but had lived in Las Vegas after retirement. (National Archives Press Release, March 15, 1990)

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WISCONSIN STATE ARCHIVIST RETIRES

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin's newsletter Columns called F. Gerald Ham's retirement the "end of an era." Although Ham prefers not to think that his stepping down as State Archivist last November marks an end to his career, the occasion is significant because of the impact that Ham has had on the archival profession both regionally and nationally.

In Wisconsin, Ham oversaw a period of expansion in the system of Area Research Centers, the nation's oldest statewide archival network. He launched the University of Wisconsin's graduate archival education program, which has produced many of those now working in archives throughout the country.

Ham served the Society of American Archivists in many capacities. An SAA Fellow since 1968, he served terms on Council and as Secretary and he participated in the hiring of the Society's first fulltime executive director. It was under Ham's leadership that SAA's Task Force on Goals and Priorities produced in 1986 Planning for the Archival Profession.

In 1973 Ham became SAA president. His presidential address, "The Archival Edge," given at the 1974 annual meeting in Toronto, heralded a wave of new thinking about how archivists document society. In addition, his other essays, "Archival Strategies for the Post-Custodial Era" in 1981, and "Archival Choices: Managing the Historical Record in an Age of Abundance" in 1984, are still among the most widely read and frequently quoted articles from The American Archivist. Regarding his retirement, Ham says that he plans to stay "as busy as I want to be." (SAA Newsletter, January 1990)

PROLOGUE ANNOUNCES NEW GENEALOGY FEATURE

For over 20 years, Prologue, the quarterly publication of the National Archives, has brought the programs and holdings of the National Archives, its regional archives, and the Presidential libraries to national attention. A new regular feature entitled "Genealogy Notes" now offers practical advice on how to use the rich resources of the National Archives for research in genealogy and local history.

The National Archives has custody of billions of records that relate to individuals who have had dealings with the Federal government. The volume of these records, and the ways in which they are organized, can often make research difficult. The first column in this new series, featured in the summer 1989 issue, describes policies and procedures at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. An introduction to National Archives finding aids appeared in the Fall 1989 issue and included a discussion of guides, catalogs of select microfilm publications, and descriptive pamphlets useful for genealogical research.

Other scheduled topics include genealogical research in the regional archives (Winter 1989), St. Albans manifests for Canadian crossings (Spring 1990), and the preservation of family documents (Summer 1990). Future articles in "Genealogy Notes" will describe specific series of records and how to gain access to them. Copies of documents will illustrate each article. Many of the records that will be discussed have been microfilmed and are available for sale or for research use at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and in the 11 regional archives.

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Prologue is available by subscription at the following rates: \$12.00 for one year, \$22.00 for two years, or \$32.00 for three years. Write to Prologue, National Archives, NEPS, Dept. 810, Washington, D.C. 20408. (News from the Archives, Fall 1989)

FIRST MEETING OF US/USSR GENEALOGICAL ADVISORY BOARD AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives sponsored on October 16 the first meeting of the US/USSR Genealogical Exchange Advisory Board, a group of 11 representatives from national genealogical organizations and the National Archives of Canada. The Board was recently formed to advise the National Archives' volunteers on developing a system to take advantage of the new opportunities for access to genealogical documentation in the USSR.

A four-member delegation of U.S. archivists and genealogists will go to Moscow in 1990. During their visit to the Soviet archives, they will study the types of records held there and consult about the type of system needed in the United States to facilitate processing of requests by Soviet archives.

Following their trip, a delegation of Soviet archivists will visit the United States in early summer of 1990 to study reference procedures in genealogical research. Both sides hope to have an operating system for sharing genealogical information within one to two years. (News from the Archives, Fall 1989)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION

The Archivist of the United States Don W. Wilson has announced planning for a series of events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II. The commemoration will have a national focus, involving not only the National Archives in Washington, D.C., but the 11 Regional Archives and eight Presidential Libraries located in 15 states. The celebration will span the commemorative period of U.S. involvement in the War, from 1991 through 1995.

Events planned will include three major exhibitions, two of which will travel nationwide, educational teaching materials and workshops, film festivals, and symposia and conferences. Highlights of the commemoration include a major exhibition which will travel to major metropolitan areas where millions of Americans over the four-year period will have the opportunity to view the highly visual exhibition drawn from National Archives holdings of photographs, documentary films, audio recordings, three-dimensional objects, and landmark documents relating to the war.

In addition to the major traveling exhibition, the Presidential libraries are planning a two-part exhibition on the "Fighting Man" and "War Leaders" which will be displayed in all eight libraries. The National Archives in Washington, D.C. will be the site of a third World War II exhibition opening in February 1994.

Symposia on a wide variety of subjects of general interest will also be held throughout the commemorative period. Among topics under consideration are: "The Life and Place of Women in the War," "The Wonders of Medicine," "The War Leaders," "The Influence of Weather on the Implementation of War Strategy," and "Literary Heritage of the World Wars."

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Film series will concentrate on historical films drawn from National Archives holdings, fiction films relating to the war, and contemporary documentaries. The National Archives has the largest collection of non-fiction films in the world.

For further information concerning these and other activities relating to World War II, call Dr. Susan Cooper of the Public Affairs Office at the National Archives, 202-523-3099. (News from the Archives, Fall 1989)

USER STUDY AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

During the next twelve months the National Archives will be conducting a study of reference service and reference use in its Washington area facilities. The growth and increasing diversity of Archives clientele suggests that the staff needs to learn more about those they serve. Who uses the records? What are they looking for? Is staff assistance satisfactory? Are finding aids adequate?

Interviews will be the primary means of answering these and other questions and in constructing user profiles. This is the most opportune time to undertake this survey, for the results will influence the design and development of the new research complex in Archives II and the Archival Information System (AIS), a nationwide automated system now in development.

The researcher-reference study will be directed by Paul Conway, formerly SAA's preservation program officer. (SAA Newsletter, March 1990)

DONATIONS SOLICITED FOR ROMANIAN LIBRARIES

The Society for Romanian Studies (Barbara Jelavich, President) is urgently requesting academics in all fields to donate books for rebuilding the University Library in Bucharest, whose 300,000-volume collection was completely destroyed in the revolution of December 1989.

Anyone willing to donate duplicates, desk copies, or books no longer needed is asked to send them to ROMANIAN LIBRARY, 200 EAST 38TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016. Mark your packages in bold letters "FOR DONATION TO BUCHAREST LIBRARY." There is no time limit.

Academic books of any kind, in any field, will be welcome. If more than one copy of a book is received, extras will be sent to other university libraries in Romania.

This initiative has the support of the Romanian Foreign Ministry and the Romanian Embassy in Washington.

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SAA PRECONFERENCE
WORKSHOPS

The Society will offer the following workshops in conjunction with our annual meeting, August 31-September 3, 1990 in Seattle, Washington:

*"Digging Out: Organizing and Establishing Photographic Archives,"

*"The Media is the Message: Public Relations for Archivists"

*"Finding the Where-withal: Grant Writing and Administration"

*"Understanding the USMARC Format for Archival & Manuscripts

*"Library Standards for Archival Description"

*"Records Management for Archivists"

*"Archival Fundamentals Reference"

*"Wax, Wire, and Tape: Sound Recordings in Archives"

*"Management for Archivists"

*"Archives: An Introduction"

If you have any questions concerning the workshops, please contact Nancy VanWieren at the SAA office 312-922-0140.

University of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, has been awarded a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) of \$42,242 for the Ringling Museum of Art Foundation to develop an archives and records management program for the museum's records. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1989)

University of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, has received a grant of \$22,654 from NHPRC to preserve, arrange, and describe over 350 cubic feet of records and 400 microfilm reels related to the university's agricultural program at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and its predecessors. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1989)

Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, has received a grant of \$77,995 from NHPRC. The grant will be used to conduct a statewide survey of organizational and business records, and personal papers of twentieth century African-American Mississippians. (NHPRC Press Release, February, 1990)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, has been awarded a grant of \$40,336 from NHPRC to develop an effective university archives program by evaluating current procedures and practices, surveying and appraising university records, accessioning and processing archival records, and transferring university records of enduring value. (NHPRC Press Release, February 1990)

Radcliffe College's Schlesinger Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has received a grant of \$50,000 from the Ford Foundation. The grant will fund a two-year project to create a guide to all unpublished holdings of the Library and the Radcliffe College Archives that include information on Black history. The Grant also funds the processing of several manuscript collections important for the study of the history of Black women in the United States.

 * The NHPRC Commission recently issued updated guide-*
 * lines and application forms for the Records and *
 * Publications Programs. These changes were necessi-*
 * tated by new regulations for all federal grant pro-*
 * grams effective July 1. The new guidelines/forms *
 * must be used beginning June 1, 1990. *
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 * Request applications from NHPRC, National Archives *
 * Building, Washington, D.C. 20408. Call 202-523- *
 * 5386 or 523-3092 for program materials. *

BOOK REVIEWS

Olson, David J. Are We Losing Our Past? Records Preservation in the North Carolina State Archive. Raleigh, NC: The Friends of the Archives, Inc., 1989.

Archivists, because of their profession, feel a sense of urgency concerning preservation of the past. While the need for adequate preservation is quite clear, any plan for maintaining these vital records is certainly not without dilemmas. David J. Olson, North Carolina State Archivist, has written a booklet which addresses many of the problems involved in this massive undertaking. Olson lists the findings from a study of his state's archives. He discusses the strengths, as well as areas where improvements are needed.

Professionals from almost any archival institution can relate to the problems listed. Recommendations offered at the end of the booklet, while written specifically for the preservation concerns at the North Carolina State Archives, may be adapted almost anywhere.

For example, Olson suggests that the state employ a preservation officer "whose sole responsibility would be to monitor the preservation situation and to design and implement appropriate strategies." (p. 13) In addition, he recommends that a committee be created to "work with the preservation officer and the state archivist in the development of a holdings - maintenance program." (p. 13) These and the other suggestions can serve as a basic plan to establish a working system for the management of large volumes of records.

It is encouraging to see that leaders in the archival field, such as Olson, are involved in the ongoing search for more effective methods to ensure that the records of our past survive not only today but for generations to come.

--Kay James
Mississippi Newspaper Project

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procedures. The state organization furnishes membership cards, certificates, and direction in projects and meetings. This year's statewide meeting will be held on April 21, 1990, at Belhaven College in Jackson.

The state organization will participate in National History Day this year. Students choose topics associated with the national theme, conduct research, and demonstrate their findings in historical papers, performances, and media presentations. State winners receive prizes ranging from \$25 to \$125 and go to the national competition at the University of Maryland. For more information, contact Junior Historical Society sponsor Martha Wilkins at 359-6850 at the Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205. (Mississippi History Newsletter, January 1990)

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Graham, Joe S., Comp. Hispanic American Material Culture: An Annotated Directory of Collections, Sites, Archives, and Festivals in the United States. New York: Greenwood Press, 1989.

The author, a professor of folklore and cultural anthropology at Texas A&I University, is a specialist in Texas-Mexican traditional culture. In this book he presents four avenues to the study of Hispanic and Hispanic American folklore and material culture in the United States and Puerto Rico, offering in consecutive chapters directories to collections, to National Register sites, to folklore archives, and to festivals.

The first directory consists of an annotated description of 181 museum collections of historical artifacts, with collections that are confined to archaeological materials or the fine arts excluded. Although the older collections concentrate on articles used and valued by the elites, Graham notes a growing interest in working class life and a corresponding recognition of folk objects. Of the collections listed, 132 are in the Southwest, representing Mexican influence, 30 are in Puerto Rico and the industrial Northeast, 13 are in the Southeast of early explorers and recent Cuban immigration, and the remaining 6 are scattered through other states. The foremost place for the study of Hispanic material culture as a whole is the Museum of New Mexico. The author admonishes Texas, California, Arizona, and Colorado to follow the New Mexican model of research and publication, whose development he examines in detail.

The second directory lists 301 Hispanic sites and historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places as of 1987. There are 70 artifacts of the built environment in California, 65 in New Mexico, 45 in Texas, 28 in Florida, and 21 each in Arizona and Puerto Rico. Two-fifths of them are presidios or missions. The directory of folklore archives identifies mainly the collections of photographs, films, and audio recordings, those of strictly oral history being omitted for reasons unexplained. The final directory lists ethnic festivals which offer traditional music and the verbal arts, foods, objects of material culture, and contacts with artists and craftsmen. The fact that a fourth of these are in Texas reveals the author's familiarity with the "invisible" Texas-Mexican culture and suggests that his directory of festivals may not be as comprehensive as the others.

The book concludes with a selective bibliography of 250 items drawn from an annotated bibliography of 1,500 entries to be published separately. Second in the Greenwood Press series of directories on material culture and ethnicity, the Hispanic American volume follows one on German American culture in the United States and Canada and will be followed by a similar one on Irish Americans.

--Amy Turner Bushnell
University of South Alabama

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Conservation Committee of SMA is working to form a state-wide disaster recovery team and is looking for volunteers who would be willing to answer questions and give advice or referrals in case of a disaster. Expertise is welcome, but not indispensable; willingness to read some of the literature on disaster recovery would make up for any lack of experience! Contact Irmi Wolfe, Cook Library, Southern Station Box 5053, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5053, 601-266-4246 or 268-3134.

SOUTHERN ARCHIVES
CONFERENCE

BI-ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
MAY 23-25, 1990

LAKE GUNTERSVILLE
STATE PARK

GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

April 20-21, 1990

Museum Archives
Institute.

Sturbridge, MA

Contact: Research
Library, Old Sturbridge
Village, 1 Old Sturbridge
Village Road, Sturbridge,
MA 01566 508-347-3362

May 2-4, 1990

Southeastern Archives and
Records Administration
Conference.

Savannah, GA

Contact: Vivian Ashley at
404-542-1328 or Bob White
at 404-656-2391.

May 9-13, 1990

American Association of
Museums Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

Contact: Meg McCarthy
202-289-1818

May 13-15, 1990

Midwest Archives
Conference Annual Spring
Meeting

Chicago, IL

Contact: Katherine
Hamilton-Smith
708-526-8638

PUBLICATIONS

Administrative Plan. Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History. (1989). Copies may be obtained free of charge from Jim Dawson, Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 5511, Meridian, MS 39302.

Archives and Manuscripts Administration: A Basic Annotated Bibliography (24pp., Item #TR14) by Richard J. Cox. Order from: AASLH Order Department, 172 Second Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37201 or call 615-255-2971. Price: \$6/\$5.40 to AASLH members.

Archives, Personal Papers, and Manuscripts, 2nd ed. (196 pp., 1989) A detailed guide for manuscript and archival description, the 2nd edition attempts to resolve problems between USMARC Archival and Manuscripts Control format and the practices described in the earlier edition. Order from: SAA, 600 S. Federal Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605. Price: \$19 members; \$26 nonmembers.

Directory of Business Archives in the United States and Canada, 4th ed. (96pp., 1990) A directory compiled from a questionnaire circulated to more than 300 businesses with some kind of historical records program. Entries are arranged alphabetically by corporate name providing mailing address, contact person, telephone number, description and hours of service. Indexes by business type, geography, and contact person provide other points of access. Order from: SAA, 600 S. Federal Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605. Price: \$9 members; \$12 nonmembers, plus shipping and handling.

A Guide for the Selection and Development of Local Government Records Storage Facilities (18 pp., 1989) The first in NAGARA's Local Government Records Technical Publications Series, this publication, compiled by A.K. Johnson, Jr., can be a valuable management tool in selecting adequate storage facilities particularly for inactive records. Order from: The Council of State Governments, Iron Works Pike, P.O. Box 11910, Lexington, KY 40578-1910 Attention: Jeff Jagnow. Price: \$15 for individual copies (includes postage); bulk orders lower.

Harmonization of Education and Training Programmes for Library, Information and Archival Personnel, (2 vols., 1989) edited by Ian Johnson, Antoinette F. Correa, Richard Neill, and Terry Neill. Proceedings of an international colloquium held in London as a pre-conference seminar before the 1987 IFLA conference. Each paper is published in the language in which it was presented, although most are in English. Order from: K.G. Saur, 245 W. 17th St., N.Y., NY 10011. Price: \$38.

PUBLICATIONS

The Holocaust, Israel, and the Jews: Motion Pictures in the National Archives (117pp., November 1989). Compiled by Charles Lawrence Gellert, this guide contains an itemized, illustrated list of films in the National Archives that relate to the study of Jewish history in the 20th century. Order from: National Archives, Marketing and Fulfillment Branch, Washington, D.C. 20408. Price: \$17

Historical Materials in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. (121 pp.) A guide to materials in the Johnson library published by the Lyndon B. Johnson Library. Order from: Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River, Austin, TX 78705 (free).

Preservation Microfilming: Planning and Production. (72 pp., 1989) A complement to the more technical Preservation Microfilming: A Guide for Libraries and Archivists by Nancy Gwinn, this work by Myron Chase, is recommended for professionals concerned with preservation. Order from: ALA, 50 West Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. Price: \$12.

State Government Records Programs: A Proposed National Agenda. (November 1989) The second in the NAGARA Government Records Issue Series, this publication "describes the importance of state government records and the need for strong programs to ensure their adequate and systematic management." It is endorsed by the NAGARA Board of Directors. Contact: Bruce W. Dearstyne, NAGARA Executive Secretariat, New York State Archives and Records Administration, 10A46 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230.

Special Collections at the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries: A Guide. (386 pp., December 1989). A guide, edited by Gerald D. Saxon, to more than 500 of UTA's manuscript, archives, and oral history holdings. Order from: Special Collections Division, UTA Libraries, P.O. Box 19497, Arlington, TX 76019. Price: \$21.50.

Special Collections in College and University Libraries (639pp.) A comprehensive, directory of the special collections and rare book holdings of 1,800 college and university libraries. The volume, arranged alphabetically by state, describes the contents; donors' names; authors collected; titles of notable works; and gives information on the institution and its library. A topical and institutional index are included. Order from: Macmillan Publishing, Att: Robert Oppendisano, 866 3rd Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Price: \$100.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16, 1990

Society of Southwest Archivists "Planning: A Foundation for Archival Management". Austin, TX
Contact: Nancy Van Wieren/Jane Kenamore, SAA, 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605. 312-922-0140

May 23-25, 1990

Southern Archives Conference.
Guntersville, AL
Contact: Forrest Galey, MDAH, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571

May 26-29, 1990

18th Annual Convention of the North American Society for Sport History.
Banff, Alberta, Canada
Contact: Robert K. Barney, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 3K7

May 31-June 2, 1990

American Institute for Conservation of (AIC) Annual Meeting.
Richmond, VA
Contact: AIC, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW, Washington, DC 20008
202-364-1036

June 6-9, 1990

National Genealogical Society Conference.
Arlington, VA
Contact: NGS, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399

Calendar of Events

June 11-22, 1990

24th Annual Georgia Archives Institute.
Atlanta, GA
Contact: Dr. Patrice McDermott, School of Library and Information Studies, Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA 30314

June 19-22, 1990

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (ACRL) Conference.
Minneapolis, MN
Contact: Mary Ellen Davis 800-545-2453

July 9-August 3, 1990

Columbia Rare Book School
New York, NY
Contact: Rare Book School, School of Library Service, Columbia University, 516 Butler Library, New York, NY 10027 212-854-4734

July 11-14, 1990

"Microcomputer Applications in Visual Resource Collections".
University of Texas at Austin
Contact: Fine Arts Continuing Education, Fine Arts Building 2.4, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712

July 25-28, 1990

National Association of Government and Records Administrators (NAGARA) Annual Meeting.
Boston, MA
Contact: Martha Clark 617-727-2816

PUBLICATIONS

Vietnam on Film and Television: Documentaries in the Library of Congress. (77 pp., July 1989) Compiled by Victoria E. Johnson, the guide lists more than 400 items, primarily documentaries made by television networks in the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's are listed alphabetically by title. Cross references are made from episode titles to series titles. Each entry includes titles, collection, production company, year of release, minimal production credits, telecast date, copyright information, physical description, shelf location number, and a brief summary. Order from: Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Price: Free while supplies last.

SPECIAL TEACHING TOOLS

The Bill of Rights: Evolution of Personal Liberties A supplemental teaching unit consisting of 46 document reproductions, with accompanying teaching suggestions, exercises, and worksheets. Also included is a teacher's guide containing a timeline of events surrounding the documents, and an annotated bibliography for further study. Order from: National Archives Trust Fund, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384.

A Discovery Book about Federal Courts A 35-page student workbook (for 5th and 6th graders) about federal courts and their records. Published as part of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the federal judiciary, the book includes exercises, games, vocabulary match-ups, a glossary, and six sample cases. Order from: National Archives Trust Fund, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384. Cost: \$2.95 each or \$2.36 for 20+.

Teaching with Documents from the National Archives, a teacher's guide to using historical documents in the classroom with activities designed for grades 7-12 (adaptable for upper elementary and community college programs). Order from: National Archives Trust Fund, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384. Cost: \$15 plus \$3 shipping and handling.

ACCESSIONS

Mississippi Department of Archives and History - Special Collections Section

Manuscript Collection

ALABAMA AND VICKSBURG RAILWAY COMPANY RECORDS. 1907-1921; 1923-1924; 1937-1952. (4.90 c.f.) Includes various financial records of the Alabama and Vicksburg Railway Company. Presented by the Urbana Free Library, Urbana, Illinois.

ANDERSON (WALTER INGLIS) COLLECTION. 1940s-1965. (3.33 c.f.) Includes log books (diaries), essays, art history notes, and other records of artist Walter Inglis Anderson of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Of particular interest is the series of log books that document Anderson's frequent trips to Horn Island in the Mississippi Sound. Numerous pen-and-ink illustrations are present in the margins of the log books. Presented by Mary Anderson Pickard, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, for the estate of Walter Inglis Anderson.

BAYON (PHILIP) HORTICULTURAL JOURNAL. 1940s-1980s. 1 item. (.33 c.f.) Journal documenting the propagation and cultivation of a variety of plants, shrubs, and trees by horticulturalist Philip J. Bayon of Natchez, Mississippi. Presented by Philip J. Bayon, Natchez, Mississippi.

BLUE LAKE HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB RECORDS. 1910s-1930s. (.40 c.f.) Minutes and other records of the Blue Lake Hunting and Fishing Club, a gentlemen's sporting club that included a number of prominent men from the greater Jackson, Mississippi, area. Presented by Kathleen Martin, Florence, Mississippi.

CHOCTAW INDIAN LAND CLAIM LIST. [ca. 1842]. 1 item. (.10 c.f.) List of Choctaw Indian claimants determined to be entitled to lands by the Board of Choctaw Commissioners in accordance with the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek and an act of Congress dated August 23, 1842. Purchased from Stanley Butcher, Andover, Massachusetts.

DAVIS (CHARLES M.) MEDICAL LEDGER. 1920s-1940s. (.40 c.f.) Accounting ledger from the medical practice of Dr. Charles M. Davis of Laurel, Mississippi. Presented by Patrick Harrison, Canton, Mississippi.

GULFPORT AND MISSISSIPPI COAST TRACTION COMPANY RECORDS. 1905-1924. 53 16mm film negative rolls. (1 c.f.) 16mm negative microfilm of various financial records of the Gulfport and Mississippi Coast Traction Company, an electric utility that formerly served the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. Presented by Mississippi Power, Gulfport, Mississippi.

HAGAMAN (ABRAHAM) MEMOIR. 1873. 1 item. (.10 c.f.). Manuscript copy of a memoir and genealogical record written by Abraham Hagaman who tutored the children of Francis Surget of Natchez, Mississippi, between 1829 and 1830 prior to his ordination as a Presbyterian minister in 1830. Presented by R. L. Hagaman, Jr., and Anna Hagaman Ware, Jackson, Mississippi.

HATTIESBURG TRACTION COMPANY RECORDS. 1907-1925. 62 16mm film negative rolls (1 c.f.) 16mm negative microfilm of various financial records of the Hattiesburg Traction Company, an electric utility that formerly served the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, area. Presented by Mississippi Power, Gulfport, Mississippi.

ACCESSIONS

HELMS (KALAR LUCKETT) COLLECTION. 1856; 1858-1859; n.d. (.40 c.f.)
Includes a list of Masonic subscribers to the Carthage Female Academy, 1856; a mercantile ledger from the firm of Eads and Treadwell of Carthage, Mississippi, 1858-1859; and a roster of Confederate soldiers serving from Leake County, Mississippi, undated. Presented by Kalar Lockett Helms, Luling, Texas.

LELAND SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY RECORDS. 1906-1922. (.40 c.f.)
Includes various financial records of the Leland Southwestern Railroad Company. Presented by the Urbana Free Library, Urbana, Illinois.

MINTER CITY SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILROAD RECORDS. 1904-1933. (.40 c.f.)
Includes various financial records of the Minter City Southern and Western Railroad. Presented by the Urbana Free Library, Urbana, Illinois.

MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION ACCRETION. 1880-1883. 2 items. (.10 c.f.)
Letter and financial statement submitted by attorneys John Paris and William T. Rush to John A. Henderson on behalf of the heirs of the estate of John M. Henderson, each of whom were entitled to a fractional share of the rent from lands owned by the late John M. Henderson of Mississippi. Presented by Joy Clemmer, Jackson, Mississippi.

PERLINSKY'S MERCANTILE RECORDS. 1905-1939. (7.66 c.f.)
Includes accounting ledgers, financial statements, and other records of Perlinsky's, a Canton, Mississippi, clothing store that was founded by Jewish merchant Joseph Perlinsky in 1867. Presented by Mitchell B. Wells, Canton, Mississippi.

PITTMAN (CHARLES) COLLECTION. 1979; 1982. (.33 c.f.)
Includes a newspaper article from the August 9, 1979, issue of The Sun-Sentinel concerning Charles Pittman's election to the Mississippi Senate in 1979; a letter dated June 4, 1982, written by incumbent Senator John C. Stennis to Pittman who ran against Stennis in the 1982 United States Senate race; and a three-quarter inch videotape of Pittman's statewide address during his 1982 senatorial campaign. Presented by Charles Pittman, Jackson, Mississippi.

RAMBERG (CHARLES) COLLECTION. 1960s-1970s. (2 c.f.)
Includes correspondence, printed matter, and other records of attorney and civil rights activist Charles Ramberg of Jackson, Mississippi. Of particular interest are Ramberg's files documenting the 1971 gubernatorial campaign of former Fayette, Mississippi, Mayor Charles Evers. Presented by Mary Ramberg, Jackson, Mississippi.

SHAW (HENRY) CIVIL WAR LETTER. 1862. 1 item. (.10 c.f.)
Letter written by Henry Shaw, a Union soldier stationed near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during Admiral David G. Farragut's bombardment of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in July 1862. Presented by Dudley M. Schroen, Jackson, Mississippi.

SMITH (J. A.) DIARIES. 1885-1891. (.33 c.f.)
Two diaries of J. A. Smith, a planter who lived at Erin, Madison County, Mississippi. The diaries primarily document the agricultural enterprises of Smith. Presented anonymously.

VICKSBURG, SHREVEPORT, AND PACIFIC RAILWAY RECORDS. 1912-1926. (1 c.f.).
Includes various financial records of the Vicksburg, Shreveport, and Pacific Railway. Presented by the Urbana Free Library, Urbana, Illinois.

ACCESSIONS

WATSON (WILLIAM CLAIBORNE GUNTER) COLLECTION. 1940s. 1 f.f. (.10 c.f.)

Includes letters written by William Claiborne Gunter Watson, a first lieutenant stationed in Italy during World War II, to various members of his family. Watson served as a supply officer in the 350th Regiment, Eighty-Eighth Division, U. S. Army. He was killed in battle on December 9, 1944, and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star. Watson was a native of Columbus, Mississippi. Presented by John Dudley Watson, Jackson, Mississippi.

WHITE (JESSE L. JR.) COLLECTION. 1960s-1980s. (15 c.f.)

Included are correspondence, memoranda, reports, printed matter, research notes, and other records of Jesse L. White, Jr., executive director of the Southern Growth Policies Board. White is the son of Jesse L. White, Sr., former State Insurance Commissioner, and has served as a political science instructor at the University of Mississippi, secretary of the Mississippi Senate, manager of Senator John C. Stennis' 1976 reelection campaign, a member of Senator Stennis' staff, manager of William F. Winter's gubernatorial campaign, and head of the higher education policy office of the U.S. Department of Education. Presented by Jesse L. White, Jr., Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

WHITE (JESSE L. SR.) COLLECTION. 1940s-1950s. (1 c.f.)

Includes correspondence, photographs, broadsides, and other records of Jesse L. White, Sr., former Mississippi Commissioner of Insurance. Presented by Jesse L. White, Jr., Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

YAZOO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY RECORDS. 1924; 1930. (1.33 c.f.)

Includes various financial records of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company. Presented by the Urbana Free Library, Urbana, Illinois.

ZALBEN (STEVEN) COLLECTION. 1904; 1911; 1914; 1935; n.d. (.10 c.f.)

Included is a letter dated August 24, 1914, written by Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives Hillrie M. Quin to Judge J. F. McCool of Kosciusko, Mississippi, consoling McCool who recently lost the election for Attala County Chancery Court judge. Also included is a description of the ruins of Richard Henry Stokes' plantation in Grenada County, Mississippi. Presented by Steven Zalben, Sands Point, New York.

Graphic Records Collection

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. ca. 1927-1952. 6 items. (1.5 l.i.)

Three 8"x10" black and white photographs of Mississippi's portable electric chair, ca. 1940; one 5"x9" black and white photograph of Hugh White, ca. 1952; one 5"x7" black and white photograph of Ouida Keeton, ca. 1938; one 5"x7" black and white photograph of George M. Neville, ca. 1927. Presented by the Colorado Historical Society, Denver, Colorado.

PAYTON (WALTER) COLLECTION. 3 items. ca. 1986. (.75 l.i.)

Three black and white photographic prints of Walter Payton, running back for the Chicago Bears, professional football team. Acquired as a gift from the Chicago Bears Public Information Office, Chicago, Illinois.

ACCESSIONS

"PLANTATION OF THO.'S L. JAMES" and "CAMP ON LOW COPPERAS BAYOU" PHOTOGRAPHS. 2 items. 1900. (.25 l.i.) One 4"x11" black and white photograph of "Plantation of Tho.'s L. James, Dec. 25th 1900, Sharkey, Miss." and one 4"x11" black and white photograph of "Camp on Low Copperas Bayou, Tallahatchie Co. - Miss. Dec. 26 - 1900" mounted on one leaf. Purchased from Cather & Brown Books, Birmingham, Alabama.

RATCLIFFE (BETTY) PHOTOGRAPHS. 6 items. ca. 1928-1931. (1.50 l.i.) Six black and white photographs; one 16"x20" photographic print of the September 1, 1931, New York Kiwanis Club Banquet which includes Gov. Dennis Murphree and other Mississippians, two 8"x28" panoramas of the Second National Farm Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club in Washington, D.C., two 10"x30" panoramas of the "Know Mississippi Better Train" in Washington, D.C., and in Spokane, Washington, and one 6"x21" panoramic birds-eye view of Payne Field, West Point.

University of Mississippi - Special Collections

MARGARET MITCHELL (MARSH) LETTER. July 26, 1936. 1 item. Mitchell to Herschel Brickell.

UNRECORDED MISSISSIPPI CONFEDERATE BROADSIDES. 1862. 2 items. Both broadsides (May 2, issued by Provost Marshall A.K. Farrar at Natchez, and May 17, issued by Commandant C.G. Dahlgren at Pine Ridge) order civilians to destroy cotton stores in anticipation of Union occupation.

WILLIAM FAULKNER PAPERS. Accretion. n.d., 1923, and 1952. 181 items. Holograph working drafts for screenplay "Wooden Crosses," later produced as "Road to Glory," only known example of holograph Faulkner screen material. Correspondence (February 27, 1922-September 27, 1923) between University of Mississippi Postmaster Faulkner and University Chancellor J.M. Powers. Typescript Performance Rights Agreement for Light in August (June 15, 1952) signed by Faulkner, Ruth Ford, and Zachary Scott. Last item gift of Howard Rayfiel.

BARRY HANNAH PAPERS. Accretion. n.d. 1.5 linear ft. Approximately 900 pages of holograph and typescript drafts for the novel Boomerang and correspondence from the editor and publisher.

HARWOOD PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM. ca. late 1800's - early 1900's. 1 volume. Contains tintypes, positive prints, and photographs of an unidentified black family from North Mississippi and Memphis. Gift of Jewel Harwood.

SETTLE FAMILY LETTERS. 1860-1863. 12 items. Mainly deals with the Civil War (e.g., The Corinth Rifles and The Jefferson Davis Rifles). Gift of Mr. John Baker.