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FIRST STATE-WIDE GUIDE PUBLISHED

The Society of Mississippi Archivists (SMA) has published the first of a projected series of guides to Mississippi's historical resources. This guide, now available directly from SMA or through the Old Capitol Sales Shop in Jackson, is a directory of state libraries, archives, and organizations which have local history and documentary materials in their collections. Included in the volume are general descriptions of the holding of 103 institutions and organizations within Mississippi.

Entitled Mississippi's Historical Heritage: A Directory of Libraries, Archives, and Organizations, this publication is the first effort to provide holdings information at a state-wide level. A concerted effort was made to include at least one institution from each of Mississippi's 82 counties. However, only 60 of the counties are represented in the guide. Provided on each entry in the directory are mailing address, hours, and telephone number, as well as a paragraph with details about such materials as manuscript collections, local history materials, photographs, census records, and county records.

Information in this guide will allow researchers to become generally familiar with the holdings of a library or archives before actually visiting the institution. The volume will be particularly useful to individuals from outside Mississippi as well as to those who find it difficult to travel within the state. Ordering information is available later in this issue.

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MISSISSIPPI NEWS

MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 8

The 15th annual meeting of the Mississippi Museums Association will be held at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel on Friday, February 8. Registration with continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues through the lunch/business meeting. Following lunch there will be a tour of the Lauren Rogers facility. For more information, contact Rebecca DuBey, University Museums, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

MHS ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society will be held at the Howard Johnson's Inn in Meridian on February 28-March 2. The program will feature papers on the historiography of the Hernando DeSoto Expedition and will represent the Society's contribution to the commemoration of the 450th anniversary of the Expedition. Distinguished presenters will include Juan Bautista Avalle-Archi, professor of Spanish, University of California at Santa Barbara; Charles Hudson, professor of anthropology at the University of Georgia; and Ivana and Martin Elbl, professors of history at Trent University, Ontario, Canada. The public is invited to attend. Individual room reservations should be made by February 21. Call 601-483-8281.

MISSISSIPPI NEWSPAPER PROJECT AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

The Mississippi Newspaper Project completed its third and final phase on December 31, 1990. This third phase resulted in the microfilming of 507 titles of newspapers, some of them not previously available at all on microfilm. Filming of these newspapers required the preparation of 829,035 pages which resulted in 488,777 frames and 850 master negatives. For specific dates filmed and ordering information, contact the Archives and Library Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0571.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S LITERATURE ASSOCIATION (CHLA) TO BE HELD IN HATTIESBURG

The de Grummond Children's Literature Research Collection, McCain Library and Archives, University of Southern Mississippi, is hosting the 18th Annual Conference of the CHLA from May 30 - June 2, 1991. Speakers include Richard Peck, Margaret Hodges, Scott Cook, Anita Moss, and Nancy Hands. There will be a special de Grummond Collection exhibit, two children's theatre productions by noted composer Luigi Zaninelli, and many other special activities. Contact Dee Jones, de Grummond Collection, Southern Station Box 5148, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5148 or call 601-266-4349.

NEH GRANT PERSONNEL IN PLACE AT USM

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant to process de Grummond Children's Literature Research Collection materials relating to 85 children's authors and illustrators began January 14. Julia Marks Young, on leave from the School of Library Service, is overseeing processing activities for the grant with assistance of two manuscript processing technicians, Suzanne Elkins and Sharon Miller. For information about grant activities, contact McCain Library and Archives, Southern Station Box 5148, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5148 or call 601-266-4350.

HISTORICAL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

"Mississippi's Historical Heritage: A Directory of Libraries, Archives, and Organizations," is available at \$8.50 from SMA. Send checks made payable to the Society of Mississippi Archivists to: Julia Marks Young, Southern Station Box 5148, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5148.

NEW MDAH SEARCH ROOM HOURS

New Saturday hours for the Department's Search Room have been shortened from 8:30-4:00 to 8:00-1:00. The regular hours of 8:00-5:00 remain in effect for Monday-Friday.

NEWS NOTES

REPORT ON THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ROUND TABLE SESSION, MLA CONFERENCE, 1990

On November 8, 1990, the MLA Special Collections Round Table held its first annual MLA conference session since the Round Table was organized in 1989. Although former governor J.P. Coleman of Ackerman had been scheduled to speak on the topic "Local History and Local History Collections," Coleman cancelled his appearance at the last minute. Instead, the group of approximately 75 attendees heard "The Private Collector as a Friend of Libraries," a stimulating talk by Jack Walsdorf, Vice-president of Sales for Blackwell North America.

In addition to having worked at Milwaukee Public Library and the Lending Library in Oxford, England, Walsdorf is the author of *William Morris in Private Press and Limited Editions: A Bibliography* (Oryx Press, 1983) and the editor of *Printers on Morris* (Beaverdam Press, 1987) and *Men of Printing* (Pennyroyal Press, 1979). Walsdorf's varied collecting interests include William Morris and the Kelmscott Press, Willie Morris, Ann Tyler, August Derleth, Julian Symons, Charles Dickens and *The Christmas Carol*, and T.J. Wise and T.J. Cobden-Sanderson and the Doves Press. Walsdorf's talk was both entertaining and useful, offering insights into the art of book collecting. Suggestions given by Mr. Walsdorf for how to befriend the private collector included: 1) Plan exhibits of their collections and invite them to speak in the library; 2) Plan special exhibits aimed at the private collector; 3) Offer collectors help with research, bibliographies, and interlibrary loan services; 4) Sponsor talks aimed at the private collector by authors, publishers, and others.

During the second session of the Round Table program, Lynne Mueller led a working group on the preparation and maintenance of vertical files. Approximately 15 attendees at this session primarily represented public and school libraries. Lynne covered the basics of vertical files for the group, suggesting that two essential items for successful vertical file preparation are: 1) a written collecting policy which specifies the purpose of the files, who the users are, and what formats and subject areas will be collected; 2) a subject heading list geared to the needs of the user, and an authority file which serves as an index to the files. Group discussion centered around the special needs of branch public and school library users and how vertical files should be prepared for these audiences.

A concurrent working session on microfilm collections led by Kay James was attended by about eight librarians. Kay's presentation focused first on what type of microforms are best suited for library use, comparing roll film and microfiche. In reality, most libraries will find it necessary to collect both formats. The remainder of the session focused on the importance of proper storage conditions for microforms. Factors to consider include the ambient conditions in the storage room, vault or reading room including temperature, humidity, and chemical factors. Proper housing in non-harmful boxes or envelopes and in cabinets or drawers with a baked enamel finish is important for the survival of microforms. Finally, an inspection program that includes an initial assessment of condition and correction of any problems, and ongoing regular inspection of microform collections can prevent the untimely loss of microforms.

Tom Henderson will chair the Round Table for 1991. SMA members may participate in the Round Table by paying \$3.00 in Round Table dues when renewing MLA memberships for 1991.

--Mattie Sink

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Council Activities at its December 14 meeting:

- Approved minutes and treasurer's report.
- Heard report of membership chairman on current membership at 110.
- Accepted the VP's Education Committee's proposal of the date of April 18-19 for the SMA annual meeting.
- Discussed proposed program topics and schedule for SMA annual meeting.
- Heard reports of publishing projects: Repository guide will be printed soon -- 200 copies approved; Women's history guide will need further work and will be discussed at next council meeting.

- Approved 1991 budget which follows.
- Discussed the Special Collections Round Table and its recent program at the MLA annual meeting.

Society of Mississippi Archivists 1991 Budget

Program/Education Committee.....	\$ 500.00
Contingency Fund.....	75.00
Publications Committee.....	500.00
Membership Committee.....	35.00
TOTAL.....	\$1110.00

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NHPRC SELECTS H.G. JONES AS RECIPIENT OF 1990 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) recently announced H.G. Jones, Curator of the North Carolina Collection, University of North Carolina, as the recipient of its Distinguished Service Award for 1990. Dr. Jones received his award at a special ceremony at the National Archives in Washington, DC, on October 16. In presenting the award Don Wilson, Archivist of the United States, praised Dr. Jones' exemplary work as archivist, teacher, and author, and his leadership while a member of the NHPRC as among the many reasons for his selection.

The Distinguished Service Award, inaugurated in 1989, honors those individuals who have made exemplary contributions in the fields of archival preservation and documentary publication, the fields touched by the Commission's work. Specifically, the award honors those individuals whose careers have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and achievement toward accomplishing the mission of the NHPRC. (National Archives Press Release, November 14, 1990)

NHPRC FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Applications for three fellowships in archival administration sponsored by the Records Program of the NHPRC now are being accepted. Jointly funded by the Commission and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, these fellowships provide advanced administrative training in archives. For the 1991-1992 fellowship year, the stipend has been increased to \$35,000, plus up to \$7,000 in fringe benefits, for a nine to twelve month period beginning between August and October 1991. Applications must be completed and received by March 1, 1991.

Fellowships provide a series of administrative and decision making experiences. Included in past fellowships have been such areas as appraisal, budget preparation, personnel administration, publications, plant operation, long-range planning, disaster planning, collection policy development, and committee activities. In addition, the fellow is expected to complete a technical project, often in the form of a draft of an institutional policy.

The host institutions for the 1991-1992 fellowships are the Oregon Office of the Secretary of State, Archives Division (Salem); the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles, Film and Television Archive; and the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Archives and Records Management (Dover). For descriptions of the programs and application forms, contact the NHPRC, National Archives Building, Washington, DC 20408. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

FEDERAL AGENCY BUDGETS ESTABLISHED FOR FY'91

The National Archives budget for FY'91 is \$138.219 million. This includes \$8 million for renovations and improvements to the Kennedy Presidential Library. There is no new money in this budget for basic archival functions but there is a slight increase for cost of living raises for the staff. Due to budget constraints this past year the National Archives was unable to employ a new entry-level class of archivists, and the outlook for FY'91 is not good.

The FY'91 budget for the National Archives includes \$5.25 million for the grants program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a \$1.25 million increase over the \$4 million proposed in the President's budget, and \$250,000 more than the current level.

The FY'91 budget of the Library of Congress includes a 12.2 percent increase, which is a \$32.3 million net increase. A few days before Congress adjourned, Senator Timothy Wirth (D-CO) successfully pleaded the case for exemption of the Library's appropriation from a 5 percent across-the-board cut for all legislative branch agencies. The added resources for the Library may mean creation of as many as twenty-seven positions in the Manuscript Division. (Perspectives, December 1990)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES REVISES ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING REGULATIONS

A comprehensive revision of National Archives Electronic Records Management Regulations was issued as a final rule in the Federal Register of May 8, 1990. The revisions affect 35 CFR, Part 1234 and 41 CFR, part 201-45. The regulations provide basic guidance in the management of information created or maintained on computers.

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The regulations cover agency program requirements, creation and use of text document and data files, judicial use of electronic records, security, selection of storage media, retention, and destruction. For a copy, contact the Records Administration Information Center, NIA, National Archives, Washington, DC 20408, 202-501-6025. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

PERMANENT PAPER POLICY ESTABLISHED

On October 12, 1990, President Bush signed the Joint Resolution to "Establish a National Policy on Permanent Papers." Public Law 101-423 establishes a national policy on the use of acid free permanent paper for Federal records, books, and publications of enduring value. The measure recommends that American publishers and state and local governments voluntarily use acid free paper for significant publications and instructs the Secretary of State, the Librarian of Congress, and the Archivist of the United States to inform foreign governments and international agencies of this national policy. The Archivist, the Librarian, and the Public Printer are also charged with monitoring the Federal government's progress in implementing the policy and with reporting to Congress periodically.

Archivist Don Wilson said, "this legislation marks a victory for all Americans committed to preserving their documentary heritage. I regard PL 101-423 as official recognition by the Congress and the President of the importance of using acid free permanent paper. The implementation of this act will ultimately save millions of dollars in conservation costs. I look forward to working with my colleagues in encouraging the private and public sectors to join us in this effort." (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

TESTING ROBOTS

The Atlanta Federal Records Center's new employee takes no lunch hour or breaks, is always at work on time, and never complains. "Bleeper," as the new employee has been named, is an automatic guided vehicle made by Apogee Robotics in Fort Collins, Colorado. "Bleeper" is undergoing testing in Atlanta to determine the benefits of using robots at 13 other Federal Records Centers in the National Archives system. He tows records to different areas of the seven-acre building and is used for accessioning of new records, disposal of old records, and rewarehousing for efficient use of available space. Preliminary estimates indicate that "Bleeper" will free at least one person on the Federal Records Center staff for other duties. (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

"FAIR USE" RULING ON QUOTES BY MARGARET WALKER ALEXANDER

Judge John Walker, a general judge in the U.S. District Court of Manhattan, has ruled that Margaret Walker Alexander, author of Richard Wright, Daemonic Genius (Warner, 1988), did not violate "fair use" standards of copyright law when she quoted and paraphrased from Wright's unpublished materials, the copyrights of which are held by Wright's widow. "In no way can Walker's minimal quotations from Wright's brilliant novels and autobiographic works serve as a substitute for the books themselves," said Walker in his decision.

This latest ruling runs slightly contrary to the overall judicial trend that has made it legally difficult for authors and researchers to quote even limited amounts of unpublished materials without obtaining authorization or consent from copyright holders. Library groups have expressed concern over the more stringent "fair use" considerations, believing they could lead to more demands on libraries to research permission sources and could create problems with libraries' own unpublished materials collections. The American Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries have joined other groups in asking for further clarification in the proposed "fair use" amendments currently under consideration by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Administration of Justice and the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks. Even the Walker "fair use" question is not over. Wright's widow has announced her intention to appeal the ruling. (Library Journal, November 1, 1990)

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE BLOCKS NEWEST COPYRIGHT BILL

A bill that would have amended existing copyright law to state that the so-called "fair use" doctrine applies to unpublished as well as published material was headed for consideration by the Senate subcommittee with jurisdiction over copyright law. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) blocked it from being included on the subcommittee's agenda, effectively killing the legislation.

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The "fair use" provision in current copyright law allows the quotation, without special permission, of small excerpts of documents for research, teaching, or news reporting. Two federal court rulings in recent years, however, restricted "fair use" almost solely to published documents. Scholars, writers, and publishing companies lobbied extensively for the bill, saying it would make it easier for authors to use primary documents considered essential to historical and biographical work. Many computer software companies, however, lobbied against the bill, saying it would make it easier for people to make unauthorized copies of valuable computer programs. An aide to Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) who sponsored the bill, said last minute negotiations involving representatives of the publishing and computer industries had eventually produced a compromise. The agreement would have allowed the use of unpublished material strictly for "history, biography, fiction, news and general interest reporting, or social, political, or moral commentary." Senator Simon's aide said the legislation probably would be introduced again next year. (*Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 24, 1990)

OCLC HELPS THE FBI TRACK STOLEN BOOKS

Four OCLC retrospective conversion staffers along with 40 volunteer librarians, have lent a helping hand to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI recovered 30,000 rare books in Ottumwa, Iowa, that had been stolen from libraries throughout the United States and Europe.

Before the catalogers and librarians became involved, the FBI felt it would take two years to find the books' owners, but after seeing a demonstration of an online union catalog search they altered their estimate to one month. The volunteers worked 600 hours, sorting through and inventorying 19 tons of books and papers on ten OCLC workstations. The hit rate for finding a book or manuscript's rightful owner was from 93-95 percent. (*Library Journal*, October 15, 1990)

FRANKLIN BOOK THIEF SENTENCED

A Philadelphia judge has sentenced William March Witherell to one year's imprisonment for his 1989 theft of two books published by Benjamin Franklin from the University of Pennsylvania library in 1989. Arrested last January 17, Witherell underwent a court ordered psychiatric evaluation before standing a one-day, nonjury trial. In 1977 a California court had deemed the defendant not guilty by reason of insanity for taking history objects from a San Gabriel mission church.

Some 300 library books were found at the home of Witherell's parents, who knew nothing of their origin. Many came from Los Angeles Public Library, Ruggere told *American Libraries*, while others seem to belong to such geographically widespread institutions as the Universities of Wisconsin/Madison, Minnesota, Delaware, Kentucky, and Maine. Ruggere said the FBI will contact libraries as it confirms ownership of works. (*American Libraries*, January 1991)

STOLEN DOCUMENTS RECOVERED

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History recently recovered some of the public records that have been stolen from the Abbeville, Newberry, Laurens, and Union county courthouses over the past few years. A genealogist spotted the records while browsing at a flea market in Atlanta and contacted the Georgia Archives, which through law enforcement agencies, contacted the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation recovered the records and located the thief who confessed and was placed in a pre-trial intervention program. The thefts prompted the strengthening of the South Carolina Public Records Act and stiffer penalties for theft or mutilation of public records. (*SAA Newsletter*, November 1990)

"INSIDE" THIEF PLEADS NO CONTEST

Kathleen Wilkerson pled no contest on November 2 to charges she stole rare books and documents worth some \$1.8 million from the University of Pennsylvania's Van Pelt Library over a five-year period. Wilkerson, a former part-time assistant at the library, covered up the thefts by altering library records. Her ultimate downfall was that she often sold the works to rare book dealers. Last February a Baltimore dealer grew suspicious over a rare edition of *Henry V* he saw at a Philadelphia shop—one of six books worth \$1.3 million that Wilkerson had brought to the shop for evaluation. Wilkerson's lawyer explained at her trial that she has been under treatment for a multiple personality disorder for years. She remains free on bail while awaiting sentencing expected early this year. (*American Libraries*, January 1991)

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COMPACT SHELVING MISHAP TRAPS HARVARD LIBRARY PATRON

Quick thinking officials at the Harvard Yenching Library orchestrated the rescue of Tufts University graduate student Yuan Shu from an automatic compact shelving unit that partially closed around him October 24. Shu was not injured in the incident. Library director Eugene Wu characterized the accident as a fluke. Wu explained that the carriage began to shut with Shu inside it only because someone inadvertently pressed the close button. Shu protected himself by bracing the aisle open with extended arms. Minutes later, firefighters arrived to extricate him.

Floor sensors had been set to lock the system open when sensing weight on the floor of 75 pounds or more. But Shu had been leaning against the shelving with one leg off the floor at the time of the incident. Systematics, the manufacturer, subsequently took the extra precaution of recalibrating the minimum weight trigger to approximately 50 pounds.

Wu said Yenching staffers have since framed all the emergency shutoff kickplates with reflector tape as an additional safeguard. The library will continue to keep warning posters from the shelving manufacturer displayed throughout the stacks. Systematics' advice to libraries with automatic shelving systems: to ensure proper system weighing, never remove empty shelves. (*American Libraries*, January 1991)

UPDATE ON COURT CASE ON NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC RECORDS

On November 8, three appellate Court judges--Chief Judge Patricia Wald and Judges Douglas Ginsberg and Raymond Randolph--heard arguments of the government's appeal of the September 15, 1989, ruling in the lawsuit that would prevent the destruction of the Professional Office System (PROFS) of electronic messages used by the National Security Council staff. During the last week of the Reagan Administration, some researchers brought a lawsuit against the administration to prevent the destruction of PROFS computer tapes. Since nationally significant events such as the Tower Commission report and the Congressional hearings on the Iran-Contra affair both relied on information from the PROFS, plaintiffs in the case, which include the American Historical Association and the American Library Association, have argued that the PROFS computer tapes may include historically valuable records, which should not be destroyed. In September 1989, Judge Charles Richey denied the government's motion to dismiss the case and ruled that the case should go forward into discovery, a fact finding process that would allow the plaintiffs to examine the electronic records at issue to determine whether these federal records are of historical value and should be preserved and whether any historically significant computer records had been printed and preserved in paper format.

The case was appealed and on November 8, 1990, a panel of judges heard arguments and questioned attorneys with a half an hour allotted for each side. The major line of questioning for the Justice Department lawyer was whether there should be judicial review under the Administrative Procedures Act of the recordkeeping practices of federal agencies, that is should the agencies' creation and preservation of records be insulated from an individual citizens' ability to request judicial review. The questions for the plaintiff's lawyer centered on whether this was a procedural issue that could be solved without examination of specific PROFS entries. This was followed by some discussion of whether the National Archives had issued sufficient guidelines for electronic records and whether the National Security Council complied with the guidelines. It may be some months before the panel issued a decision.

This case is of special interest to historians because it raises crucial questions about the preservation of electronic records and the authority of the U.S. Archivist to determine what constitutes a record of enduring value and to inspect the records management programs of federal agencies. (*Perspectives*, January 1991)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES BEGINS STUDY OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S AUTOMATED DATA BASES

The National Archives has begun a study of the retention and accessibility of valuable information that could support future historical research. In the first phase of the 18-month study, researchers will identify and catalog data bases developed by and used to support principal programs in the federal government. The catalog information will be kept in the National Archives. In the second phase, representative data bases will be evaluated to determine whether they should be transferred to the National Archives to insure preservation and access. The study will be completed by December 1991. (*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, December 5, 1990)

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TAX BREAK ON DONATIONS PASSES

A proposal recently passed in the Senate Finance Committee offers the rich a tax break on their charitable donations of art and manuscripts and could prove a boon to libraries and art museums, which rely on such donations. In 1986, changes to the tax code had required high income donors to take into account the increase in the value of gifts from the time of purchase to the time they were donated when figuring tax liability. This unfavorable tax measure discouraged many donors; Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) dramatized the situation by noting that "the Library of Congress had not had a serious manuscript given to it in five years." The new provision, valid only for 1991, will return to pre-1986 measures that allowed wealthy taxpayers to calculate their tax liability based on the initial value of the item. (Library Journal, November 15, 1990)

GEORGIA RECORDS DESCRIPTIONS PROJECT MEETS RLIN GOAL

The Georgia Department of Archives and History staff have completed 2,183 records series descriptions for the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN), 33 more than the goal. The series described include agency histories, county records on microfilm, records schedules and series from the State Examining Boards, and other state agencies. The Archives also is helping produce the project's newsletter, The GRP Standard. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

CONSORTIUM OF POPULAR CULTURE COLLECTIONS IN THE MIDWEST IS ESTABLISHED

The Consortium of Popular Culture Collections in the Midwest (CPCCM) has been established for special collections libraries at Bowling Green State University, Michigan State University, and Ohio State University. Because the founding libraries of the consortium share a collecting focus on subject areas related to the popular arts and the mass media, their geographic proximity offers practical and cost effective opportunities for collaboration and resource sharing. The formation of this consortium grew from informal relationships among member libraries dating from the 1970s. For more information contact Lucy Caswell, CPCCM, c/o Popular Culture Library, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403, 6140292-0538. (C & RL News, November 1990)

PENN STATE ARCHIVES CLOSING

Pennsylvania State Archives has been closed since August 1 and will remain closed for approximately six to twelve months for asbestos abatement and plaza repairs. Access to archival records is severely limited. On-site research is not possible and those persons having business with the archives will have to schedule an appointment. Limited mail reference will be available during this period of closure. For further information, contact the Pennsylvania State Archives, Box 1026, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108-1026, 717-783-3281. (SAA Newsletter, November 1990)

RAILROAD RECORDS PROJECT COMPLETED

The Georgia Historical Society has completed a multi-year project to arrange and describe the records of the Central of Georgia Railroad. The collection includes more than 40,000 architectural drawings, track surveys, and deed files, and is an extensive source of genealogical and property information. Using a combination of private and public grants, including \$88,000 from the NHPRC, the \$344,000 project provided for the description, conservation, and proper storage of the collection at the Georgia Historical Society Library in Savannah. The descriptions also have been entered into the RLIN database. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LOUISIANA ARCHIVES

The Louisiana State Archives, through two legislative acts, has been given new responsibilities in two areas. One act transferred administration of the Old State Capitol from the Louisiana State Museum to the State Archives. An accompanying appropriation of \$6.2 million will accomplish, by 1992, a complete restoration to enable the old statehouse to serve as an historical and political archives for the state. The other legislative act provided for the annual transfer of birth certificates 100 or more years old and death and marriage certificates 50 or more years old from the Bureau of Vital Statistics into permanent storage at the Archives. The transfer for 1990 is completed and the new Vital Records Program is now fulfilling public requests. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

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NEW VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARIAN APPOINTED

Governor L. Douglas Wilder has named Dr. John C. Tyson as the State Librarian of the Virginia State Library and Archives. He had been the university librarian at the University of Richmond for four years. Dr. Tyson has a doctorate in library administration, master's degrees in public administration and library science, and a bachelor's degree in education. He is currently the chairman of the Governor's Statewide Networking Users Advisory Board. As the State Librarian, Tyson will oversee the library's operation as well as coordinate activities with the local and regional libraries in the Commonwealth. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

RADCLIFFE COLLEGE GIVEN THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Radcliffe College's Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has received the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of American Archivists. The citation was awarded for Radcliffe's forward-looking decision in 1943 to begin collecting women's history materials, for its timely and effective use of current professional methods to provide excellent access to its holdings, and for being a focal point of campus community life, with numerous public events held at the library or in conjunction with it. (C & RL News, December 1990)

KANSAS CITY CONSIDERS SALE OF RARE BOOKS

Kansas City Public Library Director Dan Bradbury would like to sell some 2,500 rare, non-circulating items to "purchase in perpetuity new books and materials for the community's use." Some members of the community and library trustees, however, are giving the idea mixed reviews. The library board requested a "scope and content report" in order to make a decision on the proposal, so the library staff is presently creating a listing of all the titles grouped into general LC subject classifications. Rare book and subject specialists will then review the list and identify items of particular significance. Bradbury thinks the process could take as long as four months.

To Bradbury, converting the non-circulating books, pamphlets, and manuscripts into the library's endowment fund represents "good stewardship of publicly owned property" consistent with the library's mission. He believes the collection could bring in \$300,000-400,000 if put up for public auction. "Many libraries that have been around for a while like we have may find themselves in the same position," he said. (American Libraries, December 1990)

BOOK REVIEW

Thompson, Julius E. The Black Press in Mississippi, 1865-1985: A Directory. West Cornwall, Connecticut: Locust Hill Press, 1988. 144 p.

Mr. Julius E. Thompson, a professor of history at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida, has written a directory on the Afro-American press in Mississippi. This book is proving to be a valuable resource for researchers, archivists, students, and others, by providing a guide to the wide variety of publications printed in Mississippi from 1865 to 1985. The types of publications which can be found in this book include newspapers, magazines, and newsletters. The work done by Mr. Thompson represents the first comprehensive directory of the Afro-American press in the state of Mississippi.

The directory contains descriptive listings for each press, including price, publisher, editor, and type of publication (i.e. daily, weekly, monthly). Also, the source is listed to show how the information was obtained. Overall, the directory is very good. Only one small problem with a date on The Echo from Meridian was noted. Mr. Thompson stated that The Echo was issued from 1934 to 1946 (to 1950?), but what he missed, possibly because he went to press before the Mississippi Newspaper Project was completed, was that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History had microfilmed issues of The Echo dating from 1923 to 1931. It would be almost impossible to provide exact dates on all the publications and I feel that Mr. Thompson has compiled a very reliable book dealing with Afro-American publications in Mississippi. For the serious researcher dealing with the Afro-American press in Mississippi, this book is a must.

--Victor Bailey

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CONSERVATION NEWS

NC PRESERVATION PLANNING GROUP RECEIVES GRANT

The recently founded NC Preservation Consortium, Inc. received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a statewide preservation plan. To gather information on needs and wants from archivists, librarians, records managers, administrators, conservators, and others interested in the project, four public forums will be held in different parts of the state. Each will feature speakers and will solicit suggestions and information from those attending. The Consortium will poll others through the mail and at various professional conferences. In April 1991, these findings will be presented at a preservation symposium, where a final agenda of ranked goals and priorities will be developed. Topics to be featured include emergency preparedness, reprography, education, conservation, and finance. For information on the program, contact Harlan Greene, NCPC Preservation Coordinator, c/o NC Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones St., Room 303, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807, 919-733-7305. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

HALON SYSTEM INSTALLED

Installation of a halon fire suppressant system, including a test firing was completed at the California State Archives in April. The system was introduced only in the vault due to the nature of its contents, including the definitive copy of the original state laws, both 1849 and 1879 state constitutions, and the Spanish land grants. "Concern over potential water damage from sprinkler systems made halon the most appropriate agent," said Preservation Archivist Genevieve Troka.

Halon is stored under pressure in liquid form which turns to gas when released from the tank. Unlike water and carbon dioxide, a low concentration is needed to extinguish a fire. It also leaves no foam, powder, or residue to clean up. Halon has no harmful effects when properly used. Since the 1940s halon has been used to put out aircraft engine fires. Halon later proved to be indispensable to the telecommunications and electronics industries in protecting computer equipment and the data they contained. Archivists and librarians have also found halon applicable to their special collections.

Questions have been raised whether halon is environmentally safe. Uncertainty exists about its role in ozone depletion. Being halogenated hydrocarbons, halons are like chlorofluorocarbons, except they contain bromine, chlorine or fluorine atoms which makes them very effective fire extinguishants.

A worldwide agreement to protect the ozone layer, called the Montreal Protocol, went into effect on January 1, 1989. It accorded special treatment to halon for its unique fire extinguishing and life safety properties. The Environmental Protection Agency recognizes the essential value of halon, but recommends an orderly phase-out. In compliance to the Montreal Protocol, annual production of halons in the U.S. after January 1, 1992, will be maintained at the 1986 levels. Research is underway among halon agent manufacturers to develop halon-type alternate products that are environmentally acceptable. The technology to reclaim and re-use refrigerants from automotive air conditioners may be adapted to halon applications.

Other uses of halon as a fire suppressant can be found at the National Archives protecting such irreplaceable items of our heritage as the U.S. Bill of Rights. Halon also safeguards many of the national defense installations, the Alaskan pipeline pumping stations, and the U.S. Navy fleet engine rooms. (California Originals, Vol. 5, #3, 1990)

"WATERPROOF" WASHINGTON LIBRARY LOSES 1,000 VOLUMES IN FLOOD

Last June the town of Sumas, Washington, located on a flood plain near the Canadian border, got a new library--specially situated on a "pad" or mound of earth to enable it to resist flooding. On November 10, the Sumas Library lost over 1,000 volumes, valued at \$20,000, to 10-inch flood waters that swept through the building and made it inaccessible for four days.

"By November 11, the flood began receding, but the library was still surrounded by two feet of water," Robin Barker, assistant director, said. "We couldn't get in until the 13th.

At that time, she and other staffers loaded the mud-soaked books into cartons borrowed from a local dairy and hauled them to the dump. Because so much time had elapsed before anyone could enter the building, only 35 of the damaged volumes were salvageable, one of them an album of historic photos that a volunteer took home to hand dry. (American Libraries, January 1991)

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ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURING DEVICES

Pearl Halford of the Virginia State Library compiled the following list of equipment and prices for monitoring heat and humidity within an area where library and archives materials are stored. Prices noted were obtained from the University Products (UP) and Light Impressions (LI) catalogs. Halford recommends comparison shopping with suppliers of scientific instruments such as Cole Parmer to obtain better prices.

Thermometer - measures temperature in Fahrenheit or Centigrade scales which use 32 degrees and 0 degrees, respectively, to mark the freezing point.

Hydrograph - measures and records relative humidity (\$465 UP).

Hygrometer - measures temperature and humidity to give relative humidity reading (\$118 LI).

Sling psychrometer - thermometer unit with wet wick is attached to base and twirled to calculate relative humidity (\$88 UP).

Humidity indicator cards and strips - humidity sensitive paper which will change color to indicate level of humidity (not a precise measuring device).

Recording thermo-hygrometer/Hygrothermograph - measures and records temperature and humidity, usually over a one-day or seven-day span. Good for establishing a record of the measurements over a period of time, with a minimum of human intervention and for periods when no one is present to take readings (\$735 approx.).

Digital thermo-hygrometer - gives instant LED readout of temperature (C & F) and relative humidity (\$500 UP). (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Fall 1990)

OCLC TO ACQUIRE MAPS

A letter of intent that is expected to lead to the acquisition of Mid-Atlantic Preservation Service (MAPS) by OCLC has been signed by both parties. MAPS is located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and was founded in 1986 by several large Northeastern research libraries to perform quality preservation microfilming for archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums. OCLC has recently developed some strong initiatives in the area of library preservation, supporting its continuing systems work in library cataloging, acquisitions, bibliography, and interlibrary loan. A mutually satisfactory agreement is expected some time this fall. (*Library Journal*, October 1, 1990)

NEH AWARDS THREE YEAR GRANT FOR PAPER CONSERVATION CATALOG

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Book and Paper Specialty Group of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic Artistic works a three-year grant in the amount of \$72,559 to continue development of the highly successful *Paper Conservation Catalog*. The funds will be used to prepare three new editions (numbers 8, 9, and 10) of the catalog which will cover topics such as fiber identification, mold and foxing treatments, dry cleaning, hinge tape and adhesive removal, inpainting, and encapsulation, as well as solvent, enzyme, and suction table treatments. For further information, contact the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, 1400 16th St. NW, Suite 340, Washington, DC 20036, 202-232-6636. (*History News Dispatch*, December 1990)

GUIDELINES FOR RECORDING PRESERVATION DATA DEVELOPED BY DUBLIN, OHIO OCLC

OCLC, Inc. in Dublin, Ohio, has developed guidelines for recording preservation data in either the Cataloging or Union List Subsystems of the OCLC Online Union Catalog. The guidelines are based on recommendations of the OCLC Preservation Task Force, a group of ten preservation officers and librarians from member libraries of both OCLC and the Research Libraries Group. Because many preservation projects are funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, whose rules stipulate that librarians should communicate information about items planned for preservation to avoid duplication of effort, the database provides an efficient way to communicate such information.

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OCLC users can record preservation data in three ways: 1) by including it in the OCLC Union List Subsystem local data record; 2) by creating a bibliographic record in the Cataloging Subsystem containing preservation data, either through prospective cataloging or announcing a commitment to film; or 3) by contributing bibliographic preservation records on tape. (*C & RL News*, October 1990)

"TURNING TO DUST" PROGRAM AVAILABLE FROM CBC

"Turning to Dust," a program about the preservation of brittle books which aired March 14, 1990, as part of the series "The Nature of Things", is now available from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). The program is 60 minutes long and comes in VHS format. For ordering information, contact CBC Enterprises, Education Sales, Box 500, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5W 1E6, 416-975-3505. (*C & RL News*, October 1990)

"ACID-FREE PAPER" SEGMENT AIRED ON NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

A seven minute segment entitled "Acid-Free Paper," aired March 1, 1990 on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," featured an interview with author Barbara Goldsmith. For ordering information contact National Public Radio, Custom Tape Service, Audience Services, 2025 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20036, 202-822-2323. (*C & RL News*, October 1990)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SIXTH PRESERVATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MARCH 19, 1991

The National Archives will hold its annual preservation conference on March 19, 1991. This conference will focus on the preservation of electronic records and the problems they pose.

The conference, "Archival Issues in the Preservation of Electronic Records," will address two basic issues: the successful practices currently in use at different archival institutions and the challenges posed by the newer forms of electronic records. The one-day program will be followed by a conference on March 20 entitled "Technology Forecast". This conference, also held in the National Archives Theater, will address issues and concerns arising from new technologies.

The fee for each conference is \$40 (\$70 for both). For more information, contact: Conference Coordinator (NSZ), National Archives, Washington, DC 20408 or call 202-501-5540. (*News from the Archives*, Fall 1990)

PRESERVATION MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE DATES SET FOR JULY 1991

The date and place for the week-long Preservation Management Institute developed by the Association of College and Research Libraries College Libraries Committee in cooperation with the staff of the SOLINET Preservation Program are not fixed yet, but it will occur during July 1991. Application information available from SOLINET, Preservation Program, 1201 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, GA. (*C & RL News*, December 1990)

DOCUMENTARY EDITING INSTITUTE

The 20th annual Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents is scheduled for June 16-27, 1991, in Madison, Wisconsin. Jointly sponsored by the NHPRC, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the University of Wisconsin, the Institute will provide detailed theoretical and practical instruction in documentary editing. Further information and application forms are available from the NHPRC, Suite 300, National Archives, Washington, DC 20408, 202-501-5605. Application deadline is March 15, 1991. (*News from the Archives*, Fall 1990)

MODERN ARCHIVES INSTITUTE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

The 69th Modern Archives Institute will be held in Washington June 3-14, 1991. The 2-week training course is intended for those who work with archives, or archives and manuscripts, or who are preparing to enter the field. It includes lectures, discussions, workshops, and visits to the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress and various units of the National Archives. For further information, contact John Vernon or Walter Hill, Office of Public Programs, Exhibits and Educational Programs Division, Washington, DC 20408, 202-501-5212. (*News from the Archives*, Fall 1990)

GRANTS RECEIVED/AWARDED

Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, Tallahassee, has been given a grant of \$150,000 (\$50,000 matching) for a two-year regrant project focusing on archival and manuscript materials related to the history of Florida and its local communities. The project will provide funds to develop archival and records management programs, plan archival facilities, prepare plans for preservation and disaster preparedness, process collections, prepare finding aids, conduct preservation microfilming, hire consultants, and develop databases of holdings. (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

Louisiana Department of State, Division of Archives, Records Management, and History, Baton Rouge, has received a grant of \$107,060 to establish a local government records program by surveying the records in the parish clerks of court offices, developing retention schedules and records manuals, disseminating these products in conjunction with regional workshops for clerks and their personnel, and transferring to the State Archives archival records that are in immediate danger of loss. (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

Louisiana Local Government Records Management Program received a \$100,000 grant from NHPRC. It will be at least matched by the Office of the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Newberry Library, Chicago, has received a grant of up to \$85,000 to establish an archives program for the library's records. (Annotation, August 1990)

Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, has been awarded a grant of up to \$42,855, contingent upon the availability of fiscal 1990 funds, to preserve and make available historical records and papers from northwest Georgia. (Annotation, August 1990)

SOLINET, Atlanta, has been awarded a NEH grant of \$1.26 million to support a "cooperative preservation microfilming project." The two-year endeavor will find 12 members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) filming 17,000 volumes via a centralized service at SOLINET. The dozen libraries will select the titles, which will be turned over to SOLINET's Preservation Microfilm Service that films them, catalogs the microfilm, manages the contracts with the filming agencies, and inspects the final product for quality control. The books will then be returned to the libraries with a printing master and service copy of the microfilm.

Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, has been awarded a grant of \$39,350 to initiate a statewide assessment and reporting project to examine historical records conditions and needs in four areas: state government records, local government records, historical records repositories, and statewide functions and services. (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

University of Missouri, St. Louis, has been given a grant of up to \$58,000 (up to \$30,000 matching), contingent upon the availability of fiscal 1990 funds, to duplicate, print, and catalog approximately 5,000 nitrate negatives dating from the mid-1930s to 1941. These negatives are part of the Art Witman collection. (Annotation, August 1990)

RAISING MONEY

Wrapping gifts in paper designed by a University of North Carolina graduate may mean dollars for the library at Chapel Hill. Dana Borden Lacy—who co-owns WhimZdoodle Limited, a wrapping paper design company has created tissue paper that features such popular campus symbols as the Old Well, the Tar Heel, the university's seal, and the ram. Ms. Lacy, a 1961 graduate, is donating profits from the sale to the Walter R. Davis Library. A portion of the proceeds will also be added to a university scholarship fund. If all of the paper sells, the university could receive up to \$9,000.

Ms. Lacy designed the paper to call attention to the "huge" financial crunch facing the library, which has been dealing with shrinking budgets and escalating costs in recent years, she says. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, November 21, 1990)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 21-22, 1991

USMARC Format for
Archival and Manuscripts
Control Workshop.
Houston, TX
Registration: \$235 by
February 1.
Contact: Jane Kenamore 312-
922-0140.

February 28-March 1, 1991

"Preservation of Library and
Archival Materials".
Washington, DC
Co-sponsored by Commission
on Preservation Access & the
Association of Physical Plant
Administrators of Universities
and Colleges.
Contact: Kathy Smith,
Director of Educational
Programs, APPAUC, 1446
Duke St., Alexandria, VA
22314-3492.

March 2, 1991

SAA Arrangement and
Description Workshop.
Tempe, AZ
Co-sponsored by the
Coordinating Committee for
the History of Arizona.

April 17-18, 1991

SAA Management for
Archivists Workshop.
Miami, FL
Co-sponsored by the Society
of Florida Archivists.

April 18-19, 1991

SMA Annual Meeting.
Jackson, MS
Contact: Mattie Sink,
Mississippi State University.

April 23-24, 1991

SAA Archives: An
Introduction Workshop.
New Orleans, LA
Co-sponsored by the Division
of Continuing Education of
the University of Nevada,
Reno, for the Society of
American Archaeology.

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Archives and You: The Benefits of Historical Records, a 12-page booklet published by the New York State Archives and Records Administration, helps explain the fundamentals of historical records to a general audience. The booklet could serve as an appropriate handout at presentations or as part of a bibliographic instruction program. Order from: Terri Sewell, State Archives and Records Administration, 10A46 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230. Price: Free.

The Carnegie Branch Library for Local History's Procedures Manual, by Todd Ellison, Jo Ann Corruccini, and Lois Anderson. Order from: Boulder Public Library, Carnegie Branch, P.O. Drawer H, Boulder, CO 80306. Price: \$5 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling.

A Catalogue of Manuscripts from the Collections of the Boston Athenaeum, by Stephen Z. Nonack, is an 88-page introduction to 218 of the library's significant manuscript collections. The Athenaeum collections consist primarily of personal and family papers, business and organization records, court records, log books and ship's papers, and sermons chiefly relating to Massachusetts and New England. Order from: Library of the Boston Athenaeum, 10½ Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108-3777; ISBN 0-934552-55-X. Price: \$10.

A Directory of Sources for Air and Space History: Primary Historical Resources in United States Repositories: A Preliminary Edition has been published by the Smithsonian Institution. Included are activities of individual and institutions associated with air and space history, encompassing social, political, economic, scientific, and technological aspects of the two fields. Only primary source materials in U.S. repositories are described. Represented in the volume are a wide range of material types and formats including manuscripts, photographs, negatives, blueprints, technical manuals, pilots' logbooks, charts, diaries, and many others. Order from: Martin J. Collins, Co-Director, Glennan-Wess-Seamans Project for Research in Space History, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institute, Room 3554, Washington, DC 20560 202-357-2828. Price: Free if written request includes the requester's address label.

Ethics and the Archival Profession, by Mary Ann G. Cutter, is one of two publications to appear in the Society of Colorado Archivists' series of Occasional papers, Cutter discusses moral decision making in the archival profession. Order from: Rutherford W. Witthum, 2054 Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80205. Price: \$2.50.

Final Report, issued by the Wisconsin Task Force on Court and Local Government Records, outlines the conditions of these records and offers a set of recommendation for future action. Order from: Michael E. Stevens, State Historical society of Wisconsin, 816 State St., Madison, WI 53706, 608-262-6893. Price: Free.

Forged Documents: Proceedings of the 1989 Houston Conference, edited by Pat Bozeman. Thirteen papers by specialists in the field, librarians, and lawyers and four floor discussions covering all aspects of forgery and its impact on collectors, librarians, and booksellers. Order from: Oak Knoll Books, 414 Delaware St., New Castle, Delaware 19720, 302-328-7232, FAX 302-328-7274. Price: \$25.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2, 1991

SAA Arrangement and Description Workshop and Donor Agreements Workshop.
Wilmington, DE
Co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC)

May 2-4, 1991

MARAC spring meeting.
Theme: "Ethics, Security, and the Law".
Wilmington, DE
Contact: Max Yela, Special Collections, University of Delaware Library, Newark, DE 19717-5367

May 3-5, 1991

National Council on Public History 13th Annual Conference.
Toledo, OH
Contact: Diane F. Britton, Department of History, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH 43606

May 8-10, 1991

Southeastern Archives and Records Conference.
Sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

May 23, 1991

SAA Advanced Appraisal Workshop.
Tempe, AZ
Co-sponsored by the Society of Southwest Archivists and the Council of Inter-Mountain Archivists.

May 30-June 2, 1991

18th Annual Conference of the International Children's Literature Association.
Hattiesburg, MS
Contact: Dee Jones, University of Southern Mississippi, S.S. Box 5148.

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Guide to the Archival Collection, Devereaux Library, by South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Order from: Archivist, Devereaux Library, 501 East St. Joseph Street, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, SD 57701. Price: free.

A Guide to the Community Archives of the Arlington County Public Library by the Arlington County Public Library. Order from: Sara Collins, Virginia Room, Arlington County Public Library, Columbia Pike Branch, 816 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA 22204. Price: \$5.

Guide to the Library Binding Institute Standard for Library Binding, by Jan Merrill-Oldham and Paul Parisi, supplements the Institute's binding standard (8th ed., 1986) by clarifying its technical language and describing procedures in greater detail. Order from: ALA Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; ISBN 0-8389-3391-2. Price: \$17.50.

Paper Terms: A Thesaurus for Rare Book and Special Collections Cataloguing, by the Bibliographic Standards Committee. Order from: ACRL, Attn: Order Services/Publications, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, 800-545-2433. Price: \$7.95 (\$6.50 ACRL members).

Photographic Enclosures: Buffered or Non-Buffered?, by J. Todd Ellison, is one of two publications to appear in the Society of Colorado Archivists' series of Occasional papers, Ellison presents the issue of alkaline buffering for photographic enclosures. Order from: Rutherford W. Witthum, 2054 Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80205. Price: \$2.50.

Photographs in the Special Collections Department, Bailey/Howe Library, University of Vermont, produced by the University of Vermont. Order from: Jeffrey Marshall, Special Collections, Bailey/Howe Library, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. Price: free.

Preliminary Guide to Manuscripts and Archives in the University Archives is a 96-page description of more than 400 manuscript and records groups in the SUNY-Albany Department of Special Collections and Archives. The materials are grouped into four areas: Archives of Public Affairs and Policy; German Intellectual Emigre Collection; manuscript collections; and university archives. Order from: Special Collections and Archives, University Library, University at Albany, State University of New York, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222. Price: \$12.50 postpaid (payable to the University at Albany Fund).

Preservation Education Directory, published by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. Sixty-one library schools and other programs supplied information about their preservation programs, including address and phone number of the program, a brief description of each preservation course, listings for other courses that have a preservation component, and the frequency with which each course is offered. Order from: ALA Order Dept., 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; ISBN 0-8389-7422-8. Price: \$5.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1-2, 1991

SAA Management for
Archivists Workshop.
Toronto, Ontario
Co-sponsored by the Ontario
Association of Archivists.

June 10-21, 1991

25th Annual Georgia Archives
Institute.
Atlanta, GA
Contact: Dr. Don Oehlerts,
School of Library and
Information Studies, Clarke
Atlanta University, Atlanta,
GA 30314.

June 16-27, 1991

20th Annual Institute for the
Editing of Historical
Documents.
Madison, WI
Contact: NHPRC, Suite 300,
National Archives,
Washington, DC 20408.
202-501-5605
Application deadline: March
15, 1991.

June 25-28, 1991

ACRL/RBMS Preconference.
UNC-Chapel Hill & Duke
University.

"Keeping the Facts in
Artifacts: Conserving the
Physical Evidence of Special
Collections Material and its
Impact on Research."

June 29-July 4, 1991

ALA Annual Conference.
Atlanta, GA
Contact: ALA, 50 E. Huron
St., Chicago, IL 60611.

July 8-August 2, 1991

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

PUBLICATIONS

Preserving Knowledge: The Case for Alkaline Paper has been issued as a revision of the Association of Research Libraries Briefing Package number 3. Published by ARL in collaboration with ALA, the Commission on Preservation and Access, and National Humanities Alliance, this collection of papers, documents, and standards promotes the use of alkaline paper in order to ensure the longevity of research materials. Order from: ARL, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036; ISBN 0-918006-18-X. Price: \$18 postpaid (ARL members \$9).

Preserving Library Resources: A Guide for Staff is an introduction to preservation for staff who may not otherwise receive specific training in preservation. Order from: Oakland Library Consortium, Hunt Library, Room 302, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890. Price: 1-10 copies \$9 each; 11-30 \$8.10 each; 31 or more, \$7.65 each.

Preserving Organization and Staffing, by Jutta Reed-Scott, has been published as SPEC Kit #160 by the ARL Office of Management Studies. The kit offers data from the 1987-88 and 1988-89 ARL Preservation Statistics survey and examines the changes in organization and staffing of preservation programs. Order from: SPEC ARL/OMS, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Price: \$30 (\$20 ARL members).

Proceedings, published by the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States, edited by Judith Koucky of the Archival Publications staff, are the published proceedings of the European conference on Archives held at the University of Michigan in May 1989. Distributed with the publication is a microfiche containing the archival profiles of 21 countries. Order from: Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2113, or International Council on Archives, 60 Rue des Francs-Bourgeois, 75003 Paris France.

The Role of Archives in the Communities They Serve, a new publication from the State Archives of Michigan, is a compilation of presentations given at the symposium to celebrate the grand opening of the State Archives of Michigan in the Michigan Library & Historical Center. Essays by H.G. Jones, Edward Weldon and Archivist of the United States Don W. Wilson are included, as well as a feature on the history of the State Archives by Dr. Martha M. Bigelow. Order from: Publications Section, Bureau of History, 717 West Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918. Price: \$5.00 (soft-cover), \$10.00 (hard-cover). Checks should be made out to the State of Michigan.

Seismic Safety Standards for Library Shelving: Manual of Recommended Practice, by the California State Library Foundation, is a 45-page manual describing the practices to be followed to install or modify library shelving to meet California state building codes. Order from: California State Library Foundation, POB 942837, Sacramento, CA 94237-0001. Price: \$10 + \$2 shipping/handling 50¢ for each additional book.

Type Evidence: A Thesaurus for Rare Books and Special Collections Cataloguing, by the Bibliographic Standards Committee. Order from: ACRL, Attn: Order Services/Publications, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, 800-545-2433. Price: \$7.95 (\$6.50 ACRL members).

PUBLICATIONS

"Special Reports from the Commission on Preservation and Access"

The following reports can be ordered from are available from: The Commission on Preservation and Access, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20036.

Copyright and Preservation: A Serious Problem in Need of a Thoughtful Solution, by Robert L. Oakley, addresses the specific concerns and issues of copyright compliance arising from the unprecedented massive reformatting of deteriorating books and journals printed on acid paper. Price: \$15 prepaid.

Image Formats for Preservation and Access, a 10-page report from the Technology Assessment Advisory Committee compares digital and microfilm imagery and concludes that making either kind of copy is preferable to leaving acidic paper to decay. Complimentary copies of the report are available from the Commission while supplies last.

Preservation and Access Technology. The Relationship between Digital and Other Media Conversion Processes: A Structured Glossary was developed by the Commission's Technology Assessment Advisory Committee in an effort to contribute to a common understanding of how preservation and access needs can be addressed by new technologies. Price: \$5 prepaid.

Preservation Education Institute Final Report, by the Task Force on Preservation Education, is a summary of presentations and discussion sessions held at the Institute on August 2-4, 1990. Library administrators, educators, archivists, network staff, and preservation specialists explored the possibilities of placing preservation in a more central position in library school curricula. Complimentary copies have been mailed to the Commission's mailing list.

Project Report on AFR Technology, a two page report containing conclusions about the scanning and automation format recognition (AFR) technology, indicates that at this time the AFR technology cannot be considered as a viable mechanism for converting printed bibliographic records into machine-readable MARC format. Copies of the two-page project report are available from Trish Cece, Communication Assistant, Commission on Preservation and Access.

"New Teaching Packages Available"

"The United States Expands West: 1785-1842", the 11th in a series of learning packages, has been produced by the Education Branch of the Office of Public Programs. The package, designed for use in classrooms from the upper elementary to college levels, contains reproductions of 45 documents and 22 slides in the National Archives and a teacher's guide. Order from: SIRS, Inc., P.O. Box 2348, Boca Raton, FL 33427-2348, or 1-800-232-SIRS. Price: \$40. (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

"From the Ashes, 1872-1900: A Selection of Documents from the Proceedings Files of the Chicago City Council," is the third teaching package on Chicago history available from the Illinois State Archives. It consists of a teacher's manual and fifty photographic reproductions of documents from Chicago City Council files. A copy of the package was made available to the social studies chairman at each of the 668 public high schools in Illinois. Order from: Information Services Section, Illinois State Archives, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756. Price: \$10 for non-Illinois residents.

"Albany County in the Constitutional Era 1783-1815: Who Were the People? What Was It Like?." The Albany County Hall of Records has published this teaching packet focusing on the towns' and City of Albany's history approximately 200 years ago and how the U.S. Constitution affected them.

Funding for this teaching packet came from the second grant received from the New York State Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The first grant from this commission funded the record survey, World Our Fathers Made, the findings of which were the basis for this teaching aid.

The contextual organization is such that the students (fourth grade and up) will have a heightened understanding of the people and the daily occurrences of the times. The folder contains 17 visuals and a teacher's manual.

ACQUISITIONS AND EXPANSIONS

DAVID DALLAS JONES PAPERS ADDED TO AMISTAD RESEARCH CENTER

The Amistad Research Center at Tulane University has recently acquired the David Dallas Jones Papers. Jones was a Christian leader and noted educator. He was president of Bennett College in North Carolina. This new collection complements the Robert Elijah Jones Papers from David Jones' brother, who was an ordained minister and bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This collection documents Jones' career as a student, beginning teacher, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, deacon, bishop of the New Orleans area, husband and father. (Amistad Reports, December 1990)

CARNEGIE CORPORATION DONATES ITS ARCHIVES

The Carnegie Corporation, founded in 1911 by Andrew Carnegie, has donated its archives to Columbia University's rare-book and manuscript library. The collection's 750,000 items include grant files, committee minutes, annual reports, and correspondence. The donation also includes the archives of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching along with a \$470,000 endowment to support an archivist for the Carnegie papers. The Carnegie Corporation is the last and largest of the trusts established by Mr. Carnegie. With assets now exceeding \$900 million, it is the nation's 14th largest foundation. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, December 5, 1990)

HOOVER MUSEUM EXPANDS

Plans for an ambitious \$6,500,000 remodeling and expansion of the Hoover Library and Museum were unveiled in August at a press conference in West Branch, Iowa. Funded in part through a \$5,000,000 Federal appropriation, the remaining amount is being raised by the Hoover Library Association. The project will add 12,000 square feet to the existing 32,000 square foot building. The project will increase the museum gallery space by 3,000 square feet from 7,000 to 10,000 square feet. The remaining space will be devoted to archival storage, office areas, and exhibition preparation areas.

Library Director Richard Norton Smith said the plan to expand gallery areas is a response to a 100 percent increase in attendance in recent years. Work on this building project is expected to begin later this year, with completion scheduled for August 10, 1992, the 30th anniversary of the formal dedication of the original building by Presidents Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman on Hoover's 88th birthday in 1962. (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

SCHLESINGER LIBRARY OF RADCLIFFE EXPANDS COOKBOOK COLLECTION

The Schlesinger Library of Radcliffe College has significantly expanded its collection of cookbooks, thanks to a gift from Julia Child. Ms. Child, the chef known for her books and distinctive television show, donated 2,000 cookbooks from her private collection to the library, which has one of the country's largest collections related to the culinary arts. Ms. Child said she had been amassing cookbooks for 40 years and her collection was reaching "gridlock." She said she had given the library the books she rarely used. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, November 14, 1990)

EXTENSION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY BUILDING TO OPEN IN EARLY 1991

Construction of a 22,000 square foot extension of the John F. Kennedy Library will be complete in early 1991. Designed by I.M. Pei, architect of the original building, the addition is on the Library's west side overlooking the waters of Old Harbor. The extension includes 5,000 square feet of storage space, which will permit the Library to gather its collections under one roof for the first time and to provide for continued collection growth. New meeting rooms will significantly increase the Library's capacity and flexibility in its role as an educational center and community resource.

A large hall will accommodate up to 400 people for conferences, lectures, and other educational presentations. A second meeting room, seating up to 75, is equipped with audio-visual equipment and will serve as a classroom for the library's active school visit program, and a small conference room will accommodate 30 visitors. The library will make these facilities available to government and public agencies and to educational, civic, and charitable organizations for programs, ceremonies, and community events. The construction also includes installation of a new water chiller designed to advance the Library's climate control system and hence its preservation efforts and a cafe to provide light refreshment for museum visitors. (News from the Archives, Fall 1990)

ACQUISITIONS AND EXPANSIONS

\$8 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR KENNEDY LIBRARY CAUSES UPSET

Historians and other scholars who depend on archival material are upset by a special \$8 million appropriation approved by Congress last month for the John F. Kennedy Library. The appropriation was attached to a bill to provide funds for the National Archives and Records Administration which manages the Presidential libraries. The historians are bothered because the library plans to use a portion of the funds for museum exhibits. There have also been reports that the library would use some of the money to build a boat dock.

Page Putnam Miller, director of the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, criticized the appropriation, saying the limited amount of federal money available should be used for archival work. She said the Archives and Presidential libraries "don't have the money to do the basic work." A spokesman for the Kennedy Library said no federal funds would be used to construct the dock, but he acknowledged that some of the federal money would pay for museum exhibits. He declined to comment on whether the use of the money was appropriate. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, November 7, 1990)

USC AND LOS ANGELES PL VIE FOR NEWSPAPER "MORGUE"

Librarians at both the University of Southern California and Los Angeles Public Library hope to obtain the Los Angeles Herald Examiner Newspaper Morgue. According to an October 1 story in the Los Angeles Times, the Herald Examiner's chief operating executive John J. McCabe has said only that officials plan to give "a nonprofit institution" the irreplaceable collection of 2.1 million photographs, 2.6 million clippings, 43,080 negatives, plus thousands more reference books and microfilm reels. Though the paper's farewell edition bears a November 2, 1989, dateline, the Hearst Corporation's New York Office reports a recipient has not yet been chosen.

Los Angeles Public Library's History and Genealogy Department, hopes to use the clippings morgue to create a computer-based index to the Herald Examiner. There is no index for any major L.A. newspaper between 1945 and 1972. The University of Southern California Department of Special Collections holds the Los Angeles Examiner collection of 1.2 million photos and 2 million clippings, which went to USC in 1978, years after the Hearst Morning paper had merged with the Herald-Express. (American Libraries, December 1990)

LSU ACQUIRES MATHEWS AND BUTLER FAMILY MANUSCRIPTS

Louisiana State University's Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, Baton Rouge, have acquired an extensive group of manuscripts documenting several generations of the Mathews and Butler families. Consisting of more than 4,500 items, spanning the years 1811 to 1945, the manuscripts detail the accounts and affairs of sharecroppers and tenants from at least six different plantations. Subjects documented vary from black labor and history, ecclesiastical history, engineering and agricultural projects, to natural history and bird watching. The papers were acquired with the support of the LSU Friends of the Libraries. (C & RL News, November 1990)

HANDBOOK ON DESCRIPTION STANDARDS TO BE PUBLISHED

Based on activities of the Working Group on Standards for Archival Description, the Handbook on Description Standards will be published later this year as a final product of the Working Group project. The Handbook will contain more detailed information on the content and application of some 120 technical standards, conventions, and guidelines that are currently in use for archival description.

The text will focus on how and by whom these standards are developed and reviewed so that archivists can be better prepared to participate in the process. Bibliographic citations accompanying the abstract for each standard will provide guidance on locating additional information or commentary.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Vicki Walch, Project Coordinator, 65 N. Westminster St., Iowa City, IA 52245, 319-338-6650. (The Working Group on Standards for Archival Description, Update #4, November 1990)

ACCESSIONS

Mississippi State University - Special Collections Department - Manuscripts Division

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION (STARKVILLE) ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS. 1910, 1953, 1974. .08 cu. ft.

24 blueprint sheets of working drawings of the original church building, designed by A.D. Paine of Jackson in 1910, and dedicated in 1913, and of later additions designed by Thomas H. Johnston Jr. and Thomas Shelton Jones of Starkville in 1953, and by Wakeman and Martin of Starkville in 1974. Gift of the Church.

FIELDS (NORMA) PAPERS. Accretion. 1989-1990. .04 cu. ft.

Speeches by Norma Fields during MSU Homecoming 1989 and Women's Week 1990 and photographs of Fields and others. Gift of Norma Fields.

MCWILLIAMS (LEON CLAYTON) COLLECTION. Accretion. 1989-1990. .12 cu. ft.

Publications, memorabilia, and posters concerning the 8th Air Force and activities at Mississippi State University. Gift of Leon Clayton McWilliams.

MINOR (WILSON F. "BILL") PAPERS. Accretion. 1970-1990. 2 cu. ft.

Notes, interviews, speeches, photographs, pamphlets, reports, clippings, play, and other materials concerning Mississippi politics, national politics, civil rights in Mississippi, and newspaper journalism. Gift of Bill Minor.

MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY ASSOCIATION RECORDS. Accretion. ca. 1940-1990. 8 cu. ft.

Correspondence, oral history transcripts and questionnaires, publications, histories, photographs, audiotapes, videocassette, and other materials. Included are files of John W. Thompson from the 1940s-1950s, which primarily concern 16th section lands and forest land ownership and taxation laws; files of James W. Craig during his MFA presidency, 1963; files of the Forest History Committee (1980s-1990) as well as the historical materials collected by committee members and the oral history materials from the project carried out by Bobbie Jean Dickinson. Gift of the Mississippi Forestry Association.

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS. Accretion. 1987-1989. .03 cu. ft.

Financial records, membership lists, correspondence, reports, photographs, and other materials documenting Loblolly Chapter business. Gift of the Loblolly Chapter of the Society.

PERKINS (GWEN KIRTLEY AND CARROLL J.) PAPERS. 1884-1990. 12 cu. ft.

Papers documenting the education, careers, family history, personal affairs, and avocational activities of Mississippi State alumna Gwen Kirtley Perkins (1918-), botanist, writer, and wildlife photographer; and of alumnus Carroll J. Perkins, wildlife biologist and professor in the MSU Wildlife and Fisheries Department from 1977 to 1983. Included are correspondence; visual materials, including photographic prints, negatives, slides, mounted prints, and 16mm film; sound recordings; scrapbooks; diaries; publications, including articles, clippings, thesis and dissertation; and genealogical materials.

STARKVILLE CIVIC CLUB COLLECTION. Accretion. 1946-1948. .12 cu. ft.

Yearbook, annual reports, and awards list of the Starkville Civic League. Gift of Esther Cooper.

RICE (NANNIE HERNDON) FAMILY PAPERS. Accretion. 1865-1940. .5 cu. ft.

Letter (1867); list of members of Salem Church, 1865; dairy herd registers, 1925-1933; cotton farm receipts, 1940; letter of John Sharpe Williams to A.H. Rice concerning the University of the South, 1919; genealogical and biographical information; photocopies of letters and other materials; transcripts of collection materials. Gift of Mrs. Frances Windham.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Manuscript Collection

DAVIS (ALEXANDER) AND FAMILY PAPERS. 1900s-1980s. .33 cu. ft.

Included are photographs and extensive genealogical records pertaining to Alexander and Della Watkins Davis, a black couple who lived in both Mississippi and Oklahoma, and their descendants. After the death of his wife, Alexander Davis emigrated to the Gold Coast [Ghana], Africa, circa 1920 and died there circa 1923. Presented by Mark A. Phillips, Houston, Texas.

ACCESSIONS

EVERETT (FRANK E., JR.) PAPERS, Accretion. ca. 1950s-1980s. 1 cu. ft.

Included are Frank E. Everett, Jr.'s., manuscript version of *Brierfield: Plantation Home of Jefferson Davis* (Hattiesburg: University and College Press of Mississippi, 1971); a view of Brierfield published in the September 15, 1866, issue of *Harper's Weekly*; and copies of speeches delivered by Everett covering a variety of topics. Presented by Clyde Bryant Everett, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

HOUGH (JOHN H., JR.) PAPERS. 1900s-1980s. 5 cu. ft.

Included are correspondence, legal records, photographs, printed material, and other papers of Indianola, Mississippi, businessman, civic leader, and philanthropist John H. Hough, Jr. Presented by Martha L. Hough, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

JEFFERSON MILITARY COLLEGE RECORDS, Accretion. ca. 1900s-1940s. 3 cu. ft.

Included are minutes, correspondence, and financial and legal records of Jefferson Military College, Washington, Mississippi. Presented by Britton and Koontz First National Bank, Natchez.

PYLE (WILLIAM A.) PAPERS. 1986. .33 cu. ft.

Included are correspondence, photographs, and other papers of William A. Pyle, a Jackson, Mississippi, attorney, who coordinated the October 27, 1986, press conference for Mississippi 2001, an organization formed for the purpose of garnering support for amending the 1890 Mississippi Constitution to allow for the succession of the governor and treasurer. The collection also contains the statements of a number of important Mississippi political leaders who advocated gubernatorial and treasury succession. Presented by William A. Pyle, Jackson, Mississippi.

ROSS (FREDERICK A., SR.) PAPERS. 1936; 1944; 1950; 1964; 1966; 1973; 1982; 1987; n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Included are papers and photographs of Meridian, Mississippi, attorney Frederick A. Ross, Sr., who was formerly a sheriff and state senator from Lauderdale County; United States Commissioner of Lauderdale County; and member of the Mississippi Board of Public Welfare. Of additional interest is a photograph of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Presented by Fred A. Ross, Jr., Jackson, Mississippi.

SIMMONS (W. W.) PAPERS. 1930s-1950s. 1 cu. ft.

Included are correspondence and other papers of Cleveland, Mississippi, attorney W. W. Simmons primarily concerning the genealogy of the Varnado family. Presented by Sarah Simmons East, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Nan Simmons Muir, Boyle, Mississippi.

SMITH (BENJAMIN LAFAYETTE) LETTER BOOK. 1856-1861; n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Letter book (photocopy) of Benjamin Lafayette Smith (1842-1933) who served in the Agency Rifles of the Fourteenth Mississippi Infantry. The letter book also contains an account of his Confederate service. Made available for photocopying by Martha L. Hough, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

SUMRALL (ADA) PAPERS. 1970s-1980s. 1 cu. ft.

Included are correspondence, printed material, and other papers of Ada Sumrall of Clinton, Mississippi, who was active in the Mississippi District of the Young Women's Christian Organization. Presented by Ada Sumrall, Clinton, Mississippi.

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (JACKSON) RECORDS. 1960s-1980s. 45 cu. ft.

Included are extensive subject files, photographs, and negatives removed from the office of the recently-closed Jackson affiliate of United Press International documenting athletics, civil rights, crime, disasters, education, finance, government, industry, medicine, politics, religion, and a host of other Mississippi-related topics. Presented by Billy G. James, Jackson, Mississippi, agent, United Press International.

Graphic Records Collection

ITAWAMBA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. ca. 1900-1959. 61 items. 6.00 l.f.
Sixty-one black-and-white photographs of white tenant farmers in northeast Mississippi. Presented by the Itawamba County Historical Society, Fulton, Mississippi.

ACCESSIONS

PAYTON (WALTER) COLLECTION. 3 items. ca. 1986. .75 li.

Three black-and-white photographic prints of Walter Payton, running back for the Chicago Bears, professional football team. Presented by the Chicago Bears Public Information Office, Chicago, Illinois.

"PLANTATION OF THO.'S L. JAMES" and "CAMP ON LOW COPPERAS BAYOU" PHOTOGRAPHS. 2 items. 1900. .25 li.

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 and Brown Books, Birmingham, Alabama.

SMA ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 18-19, 1991

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the SMA Annual Meeting in Jackson, Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19, 1991. Preliminary program plans are to present a workshop on Thursday, April 18 on the topic "Managing the Historical Information Agency in Lean Times: Rethinking Priorities and Coping with Budget Cuts". Friday's session will include a session on archival automation. Registration packets will be in your mailboxes by March 1.

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