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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Twenty-four archivists and librarians representing eleven Mississippi repositories attended the Society of Mississippi Archivists' (SMA) 1991 annual meeting in Jackson. Although we had hoped that more of our members could meet to share ideas on coping with the current worsening fiscal crisis in Mississippi historical information agencies, we certainly understood that many may have been unable to attend because of those very budget problems. From the comments I heard, those who attended found the sessions useful and inspiring. One suggestion is that in the future we write up case studies from our own repositories for discussion at a future meeting.

Several tasks and goals have already been identified for SMA for the coming year:

- 1) To complete the publication of the women's resources guide, which will be the second in the new SMA series, Mississippi's Historical Heritage.
- 2) To serve as an effective advocate on archival issues in the state, and to support Mississippi archival repositories that face funding or other crises. At the first executive council meeting, we will consider whether SMA should have a separate Archival Advocacy Committee, which could take measures to support archival repositories such as the Tougaloo College Special Collections Department. Will Henson will also speak to the Council about the need for SMA to support local government records management efforts.
- 3) To share information, and to combine our resources toward the goal of providing online bibliographic access to the varied and rich resources which constitute the archival collections of our state. One suggestion is that the eight state institutions form a UNIX users group; we may also have the beginnings of a MARC-AMC users group.
- 4) To continue to participate in and assist in shaping the future of the Southern Archivists Conference (SAC). Vice-President Lynne Mueller and I will serve as representatives to the SAC Coordinating Committee and will meet with that group in late May or early June.
- 5) To sponsor a records management workshop for university and college archivists in the fall.

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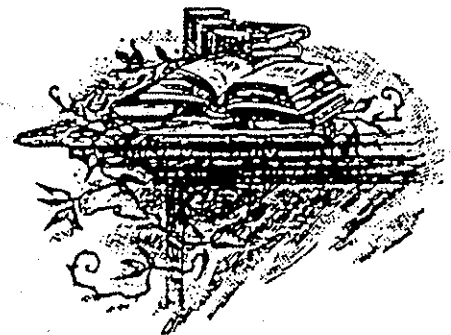
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Council Meeting: 10:30 a.m., June 13, 1991, at MDAH.

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One of my personal goals for SMA in the coming year is to achieve wider member participation in SMA leadership and activities. If you haven't already received and returned an Activities Preference Form, I hope you will copy the one provided on the last page of this issue, fill it out, and return it to me as soon as possible, so that committees can be formed before the first Executive Council meeting, June 13 at 10:30 AM. Please feel free to use the form to comment on any matters I have mentioned and any other matters of concern to you as members. I look forward to working with all of you!

--Mattie Sink, President

SMA NEWS

Annual Business Meeting, April 19, 1991:

- Approved minutes of business meeting of May 1990.
- Heard Forrest Galey's president's report.
- Accepted treasurer's report of 1990 fiscal year. (See report page 3).
- Heard Carol West's membership committee report - total membership of 125.
- Heard report of publications committee chair on The Primary Source and other publications. Directory of Repositories has been well received; only 30+ copies remain and costs have been covered. Women's Guide is in editing stage and should be out in the late summer.
- Accepted slate of nominating committee and approved by acclamation the following officers: Secretary--Alice Cox; Council (1991-1993)--Terry Latour, Hank Holmes; and Vice President--Lynne Mueller.
- Heard remarks and concerns of incoming President Mattie Sink. (see report and goals on page 1)
- Heard an update on plans for the Southern Archivists Conference (SAC) in Nashville, TN and expressed a preference for the dates of May 13-15, 1992.
- Discussed requests by Cynthia Lewis to form an advocacy committee for Mississippi archival institutions and from Hank Holmes to look into the formation of an Archival Unix Users Committee. Decided to continue discussion at next Council meeting and form a committee at discretion of the President.

Financial Report, January 1, 1990-December 31, 1990

Income.....	\$2183.66
Disbursements:	
SAC Meeting.....	297.55
Continuing Fund.....	76.28
Publications Committee.....	749.44
Membership Committee.....	17.99
TOTAL.....	1141.26

Excess of income over disbursements.....1042.40

Council Meeting
March 28, 1991

- Approved minutes and treasurer's report.
- Heard a report on the final plans for the annual meeting. Estimated cost of the meeting will be \$1100.
- Decided to wait until next Council for further discussion of reprinting Repository Guide.
- Formed an ad hoc committee to edit the Women's Guide - Julia Young, Forest Galey, and Sandra Boyd.
- Approved sending SMA membership list to SAA.
- Received nominating committee report for the following slate of officers: Lynne Mueller, Vice President; H. T. Holmes and Terry Latour, Council members, 1991-1993; and Alice Cox, Secretary/Treasurer.
- Heard a report of SAC planning to date.

SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS SESSION REPORTS

"Time Management"

Dr. Savan Wilson, director of the Teaching Learning Resource Center of the University of Southern Mississippi, provided meeting participants with a comprehensive strategy for increasing productivity in the workplace as well as increasing leisure time through effective time management. She emphasized the importance of identifying long- and short-term goals; setting and ranking priorities; the value of creating, ranking, and updating a list of important and not-so-important projects on a daily basis; and the value of always doing the most important tasks first despite the inclination to procrastinate. Accompanying Dr. Wilson's presentation was a videotape based on the writings of time management expert Alan Lakein.

--Michael Hennen
Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

"Automation Update: Toward a Plan for Archival Bibliographic Networking in Mississippi"

This session provided an overview of how Mississippi repositories are utilizing automation in their effort to provide improved public access to archival materials.

Mattie Sink from Special Collections at Mississippi State University reported on the status of automation and on-line cataloging for archival collections in the state. Sink briefly discussed the advantages and disadvantages of two on-line systems, OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) and RLIN (Research Libraries Information Network). Mississippi has two institutions, Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi, which use the OCLC database via SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network) to input archival records. At this time no Mississippi repositories use the RLIN database to input archival records. Sink also reported on the advantages and disadvantages of such stand-alone systems as MicroMarc, which supports the MARC (Machine-Readable Cataloging) integrated format for small archival repositories.

H. T. Holmes, director of the Archives and Library Division of the Department of Archives and History, reviewed the current use of automation in the division. Of special interest was the Department's continuing efforts to automate the cataloging process and to provide a union catalog of all materials to patrons. In 1989 the Department requested the staff at the Mississippi Library Commission to advise them on cataloging procedures for archival materials. The result was an LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act) grant from the Mississippi Library Commission which allowed the Department to hire Michael J. Fox, an archival program administrator with experience in the AMC (Archives and Manuscripts Control) format, to make recommendations on union cataloging procedures. As part of this grant, the Department also received the hardware and software for SuperCat, a PC-based system which would allow them to share bibliographic and holdings information with other Mississippi libraries. The Mississippi Library Commission has recently installed Dynix, an automated library system, and plans are being made for the state archives to go on-line in September 1991. This system will allow the Department to exchange bibliographic and holdings information with fifteen other state agencies and to distribute their holdings via the Mississippi Union Catalog. The Department has applied to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for a grant which would allow the state archives to begin development of an on-line union catalog; if funded, this grant would also begin in September 1991. Holmes spoke briefly about other computer applications including the use of relational databases and word-processing programs to provide access and generate finding aids.

Sandra Boyd, assistant archivist, and Irmi Wolfe, cataloger, from the University of Southern Mississippi, reported on current automation activities at their institution. Boyd spoke about the development of procedures for cataloging archival materials on OCLC and the establishment of local authority records. She also provided the group with excellent examples of work forms, authority records and information on work flow. Irmi Wolfe discussed the implementation of CLSI (Computer Library Services, Inc.), the automated library system used by eight Mississippi universities. Wolfe stressed the importance of considering all formats of material in the crucial decisions about indexing, the need for test databases, and the importance of authority control for information retrieval.

Mattie Sink ended the session with an expression of hope that SMA would assume a leadership role in designing a plan for bibliographic networking among Mississippi archival repositories.

--Elaine Owens
Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

"Information Agency Funding in Mississippi: Present and Future"

Charmin Smith, Mississippi Library Commission, addressed the group on the subject of "Information Agency Funding in Mississippi: Present and Future" in the absence of David Woodburn. Speaking from her experience in a state agency that dealt with a 5% budget cut last October, Smith emphasized that the past position or attitude, that of libraries and archives having inherent value and thereby deserving of funding, will not position those institutions well for the future. She said that libraries and information agencies must increase their perceived value and become essential to the infrastructure of the state.

Smith described the program reductions that took place at the Library Commission in order to meet the 5% budget cut in October. Some of the areas affected were the 16mm film service, service to state penal and mental institutions, and supplemental funds for public libraries. The Commission is facing another budget cut of \$100,000 in 1992.

Smith recommended that libraries go beyond being "fixtures," follow practices of the business community, and develop new marketing techniques and clientele. Businesses have been planning for many years, but information agencies have never looked at themselves as businesses and have not used this technique. Planning should include "worst-case scenarios" as well as realistic goals. She suggested that libraries and archives need to provide more than traditional services, to put their "product" out for the public to see, thereby make it easier for elected officials to fund information agencies.

In her concluding remarks, Smith gave what amounted to a challenge to those attending her session. She said that we must rethink what we are and what we do; if we do not, our agencies will either be stagnant or they will be extinct.

-- Sandra E. Boyd
University of Southern Mississippi

"Maintain a Sharp Axe, but Keep Your Head Away from the Chopping Block"

Thomas Wilsted, of the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center, presented two related sessions on Friday, April 19. The first, entitled "Maintain a Sharp Axe, but Keep Your Head Away from the Chopping Block," dealt with management of archives in hard times. Throughout, he used examples drawn from his experiences both at the American Heritage Center and at the Salvation Army Archives and Records Center in New York where he worked previously.

Mr. Wilsted began by describing the work of the Society of American Archivists' Committee on Institutional Evaluation, of which he is a member. This committee encourages self-assessment by archives as a managerial tool. Presently, the committee is gathering data on archives and their practices in an effort to set standards which may eventually lead to accreditation of archival institutions. Mr. Wilsted presented several examples of self-assessment tools which may be used now. Self-assessment should include a clear understanding at all levels of the institution's mission; recruitment of good staff and continuing training for staff; clear and consistent operating procedures and policies; definition of the institution's prime user constituency and a service orientation in dealing with those users; and the development of specific goals and objectives for the program. Mr. Wilsted also encouraged such self-assessment as a means of defending a program in a time of economic cutbacks.

Mr. Wilsted went on to talk specifically about economic problems facing archives. He recommended that archives take advantage of times when money is available to grow and to develop new programs. During these good times, the archives manager should work with the strengths defined by self-assessment to become essential to the funding body. This might include something integral to the funding body's work, such as records management, or it might be the creation of highly visible outreach programs which the benefactor perceives as necessary. Sometimes publicizing negative results of possible cuts may be of benefit by arousing constituency support. Another strategy involves developing a voice in controlling budgetary cuts. When cuts become necessary, they should be taken in the weakest areas identified by self-assessment so that the strongest areas will be saved and possibly enhanced.

During the afternoon session, Mr. Wilsted led a group discussion of a series of case studies involving assessment, planning, and management in crises. The first case study involved ethics in collecting and making collections available to researchers. Beginning with a simple situation of the apparent withholding of materials, Mr. Wilsted proceeded to add layers of complications which made the group consider diverse areas such as uncontrolled collecting at the expense of other archival functions, the development of a constituency to support the work of an archival body, and the responsibilities of archival managers within larger institutions. The second case study dealt with the impact of budget cuts on an archival institution. Again, the group was led through a series of complicating factors to consider the need for

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political support within the funding body and among users, the keeping of statistics to support claims of the institution's usefulness, and the role of both middle and upper management in maintaining and developing programs. The discussion of the case studies reinforced the points made during the morning session.

--Lynne Mueller
Mississippi State University

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SAA

Anne P. Diffendal, a longtime member of the Society of American Archivists, has been selected as the new executive director of SAA. Diffendal replaces Donn C. Neal who left last October to take a position with the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C.

Diffendal earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in history, a bachelor's degree from Barry College in Miami, Florida, a Master's degree from Emory University in Atlanta, and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She currently resides in Lincoln, Nebraska, and is a consultant in research, program planning, grant writing, and exhibit planning and coordination. From 1974-1987 she was the manuscripts curator at the Nebraska State Historical Society. She has written about women's history and about 19th century Nebraska and its cultural institutions. She also worked at the Georgia Department of Archives and History as an archivist; taught American History at St. Dominic College in St. Charles, Illinois, at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, and at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and directed the National Museum of Roller Skating in Lincoln.

She began her term as SAA executive director on the first of April with an extensive background in the operation of the Society. An SAA member since 1965, she was selected to the Nominating Committee in 1984, and to a term as SAA treasurer in 1985. Diffendal was awarded the honor of SAA Fellow in 1988. Over the years she served on many different committees, including the Committee on Goals and Priorities (CGAP), the Joint Committee of the American Library Association and the Society of American Archivists, and the Professional Standards Committee. Diffendal also served as SAA's representative to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). (SAA Newsletter, March 1991)

SAC UPDATE

Where can you find a full size replica of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece? Where is the Country Music Hall of Fame? What Tennessee city was originally named Nashborough? The answer to these questions is Nashville, the site of the 1992 Southern Archivists Conference (SAC).

SAC was formed by representatives of Mississippi and Alabama archival organizations in 1987 with the purpose of fostering closer cooperation among archivists in the region and advancing the interests of the archival profession.

To begin planning for the 1992 SAC meeting, SMA vice president Mattie Sink and representatives from Alabama and Tennessee organizations held preliminary discussions in March. The possible dates for the meeting in Nashville are May 13-15, May 20-22, or June 10-12. At the business meeting in April, SMA expressed a preference for the May 13-15 date. Mattie and Lynne, the new SMA vice president, will meet May 20 in Birmingham to continue the planning process, and later news will be included in the next issue.

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HOST INSTITUTIONS SOUGHT FOR NHPRC FELLOWSHIPS

For the 1992-93 year, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is offering two fellowships in archival administration, one at a college and university archives or special collections unit, the other at a state archives. The two positions will provide active, hands-on experience in administration and management. The Commission is now accepting applications from state archives and college and university archives and special collections units interested in serving as host institutions for the two fellows to be selected. The application receipt deadline is September 1, 1991.

Funded jointly by the Commission and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the fellowship program, now in its sixth year, is an opportunity for the professional archivist with two to five years' work experience to gain new or additional experience with administrative procedures and problems. Institutions interested in applying to serve as one of the two host institutions should be able to expose the fellow to a wide variety of archival administrative experiences during the nine to twelve months that the fellow will be working with the host's archival staff. The two host institutions will be chosen by December 1, 1991.

The Commission strongly encourages any interested state archives or college and university archives or special collections unit to contact the Commission to discuss their application. Commission staff will work with prospective applicants to assure their applications include the range of administrative opportunities desired by the Commission. Prospective institutions should request guidelines and applications forms from the NHPRC-NPR, National Archives Building, Washington, DC 20408. Host applications must be received no later than September 1, 1991. For further information, contact Laurie A. Baty of the Commission staff at (202) 501-5610. (Press Release, National Archives, Spring 1991)

WAR BABES LAWSUIT SETTLED

War Babes, a British non-profit organization founded to assist overseas children of World War II American servicemen, the Department of Defense (DOD), and NARA agreed to a formal stipulation on November 15 settling War Babes v. Wilson. This lawsuit was filed in 1988 under the Freedom of Information, Privacy, and Administrative Procedures Acts, challenging the Government's refusal, on privacy grounds, to disclose the last known home addresses of World War II-era American servicemen believed to be the fathers of War Babes members. The suit also challenged the adequacy of searches done by the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), in accordance with DOD regulations, in response to FOIA requests filed by War Babes.

Under the settlement, the DOD agreed to disclose, in addition to certain other information already available for military personnel and other records, the city and state of residence and the date of the address last recorded (most from the mid-to-late 1940's). The DOD also agreed to disclose complete home addresses from the records of veterans known to be deceased. Under other provisions of the settlement, the DOD and the NPRC agreed to forward letters from the plaintiffs, and other overseas children of World War II servicemen, to those veterans whose records can be located. NPRC will handle the forwarding process and will notify the senders of any response received either from the veteran or the post office. (News from the Archives, Winter 1991)

APPEALS COURT RULES ON ELECTRONIC RECORDS CASE

On January 25, 1991, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit affirmed the right of citizens to sue to compel oversight mandated by the Federal Records Act to prevent unilateral government destruction of agency records. In Armstrong v. Bush, the American Library Association and the American Historical Association are co-plaintiffs in a coalition of individuals and organizations, who during the last week of the Reagan Administration, sought an injunction to prevent the imminent destruction of National Security Council computer tapes containing messages on the electronic mail "PROFS" system. PROFS messages deleted by Oliver North and others, but preserved on back-up tapes like those that are the subject of this suit, were central to the Iran-Contra investigations.

The Appeals Court denied the government's petition that the case be dismissed and ruled that it return to the District Court with the mandate to "determine whether the National Security Council's guidelines and directives are 'arbitrary, capricious, and abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law,' (5 U.S.C. 706(a)(2)), because they permit the destruction of record material that should be maintained." The Appeals Court also instructed the District Court "to ensure that these records are destroyed only pursuant to disposal schedules approved by the Archivist."

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Although the Appeals Court's decision did decline to allow judicial review under the Presidential Records Act, the lawyers for the plaintiffs considered the decision a victory on a number of counts. First, the computer tapes at issue continue to be preserved while the litigation proceeds. Second, the Court upheld the right of citizens to file a lawsuit to force court review of an agency's recordkeeping practices. Third, the case strengthens the authority of the U.S. Archivist in issuing guidelines and approving agency disposal schedules. And fourth, the decision moves the case forward for further investigation and review.

RESEARCHER BULLETIN TO BEGIN PUBLICATION THIS SPRING

The Office of the National Archives will publish a quarterly "Researcher Bulletin" to inform the public of developments relating to the move of records to the new Archives II facility in College Park, MD. The bulletin will also include information about the division of record groups between the downtown Washington building and Archives II, regionalization of records, and other news for researchers planning to work in the records of the National Archives. The first issue will be published this spring. For free copies, contact the Textual Reference Division (NNR), National Archives, Washington, DC 20408. (News Release, February 21, 1991)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES DESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS COMMITTEE LAUNCHES PROJECT

The Archivist of the United States, Don W. Wilson, has authorized an Organizational Units Name Authority Project to be conducted under the auspices of the Deputies Committee on Descriptive Standards. The Committee comprises the deputy assistant archivists of the seven National Archives offices and the Executive Staff Director. The Committee is assisted in its mandate by a working group of knowledgeable National Archives staff members who are designated by the office heads.

The Organizational Unit Name Authority Project will assess the feasibility of a common vocabulary, or authority list, for agency wide-use. The project will conduct a survey of current National Archives practices in identifying and forming the organizational unit names of record creators. It will also analyze relevant literature on organizational names and name authorities. Patrice McDermott of the Office of Management and Administration will chair the six-month project which will describe its findings and make recommendations in a final report. For more information about the project, contact Patrice McDermott at (202) 501-5115. (News Release, February 25, 1991)

HOUSE COMMITTEE RELEASES REPORT ON COMPUTER RECORDS

The House of Representatives Committee on Government Operations has released a report entitled "Taking a Byte Out of History: The Archival Preservation of Federal Computer Records," addressing the problems of long-term preservation of Federal records created and maintained on computer files. In its findings, the Committee concluded that an increasing number of Government records will exist only in electronic formats. The committee also found that attention must be focused on the standardization of computer hardware and software so records that are created today can be read in the future. Specifically, the Committee recommended that the National Archives undertake a thorough review of its role in the long-term preservation of computer records.

The National Archives has already begun to address many of these issues through a variety of publications and studies. These include Technical Information Paper No. 8, entitled "A National Archives Strategy for the Development and Implementation of Standards for the Creation, Transfer, Access, and Long-Term Storage of Electronic Records of the Federal government"; a contract with the National Academy of Public Administration to study Federal agency program-related databases; updated regulations on recordkeeping requirements published in the "Federal Register" on July 2; and a handbook on "Managing Electronic Records." The National Archives will report to the Committee by July 1 on its review of current efforts and future needs. (News from the Archives, Winter 1991)

ALA ASKS DONATION HALT

The American Library Association (ALA), upset over Columbia University's decision to close its School of Library Science, is asking the Carnegie Corporation of New York to reconsider the donation of its archives to the university. In a letter to Carnegie's president, ALA's president Richard M. Dougherty called the gift "misplaced and ill-timed." He asked Carnegie to choose another university with a clear commitment to libraries.

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Columbia decided last year to close its library school, the nation's oldest program of its type. Mr. Dougherty wrote that the university's decision "reflects a lack of commitment not just to the profession of librarianship but also the intensified needs of an 'Information Society.'" The Carnegie Corporation plans to respond this month to the ALA. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, January 16, 1991)

FEE SCHEDULE FOR COPIES REVISED AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

On March 1, 1991, a new fee schedule for reproduction of archival records went into effect at the National Archives. Paper-to-paper copies, up to 11 inches by 17 inches, remain \$.10 if the researcher makes the copy on a self-service copier. If the National Archives makes the copy, the fee has been reduced from \$.35 to \$.25. There has been an increase from \$5 to \$10, however, for use of order forms for passenger arrival lists more than 75 years old and for 75 years or older military service and pension files. The federal census requests on order forms, which were previously \$5, are now \$6. (Perspectives, April 1991)

COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF MANUSCRIPTS

John B. Friedman, a professor of English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, says he hopes eventually to write a software program that can help others identify any kind of medieval manuscript, either written or printed. Right now, he says, "I've got a personal interest." Friedman's technique involves converting individual letters in a manuscript into a form a computer can understand. The computer evaluates the letters and determines if they could have been made by the same hand. Friedman notes that he can do the same thing himself using a microscope or a magnifying glass, but the computer helps speed things up tremendously.

Friedman and others at the university are also working on a program that will decide exactly how the letters themselves were drawn, examining upstrokes and the like, and develop a memory of different scribes' work. When the bugs are ironed out, he says, the program should allow scholars to track the movements of scribes during their lifetimes. For instance, Friedman says, he has already traced William Du Stiphel from Brittany to Paris, where he may have been a scribe for King Charles V, and then to Durham, England, a move he apparently made during the Hundred Years War. (The Chronicle of Higher Education, April 17, 1991)

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IN KENTUCKY

Staff from Kentucky's Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) are working with staff of the Kentucky Department of Information Systems and other state agencies to develop an information locator system for state government. The system, known as the Commonwealth of Kentucky Information Retrieval System (CKIRS), will provide state workers and the public with online information about government organization and services, and will include agency contacts. Eventually it will serve as a front-end to agency maintained databases. In the near term, the system will provide job opening and personnel classification data, access to various publications of the Kentucky General Assembly, and directory information about a variety of governmental services. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Winter 1991)

PHILADELPHIA AREA CONSORTIUM BEGINS CATALOGING PROJECT

"Initiative for the 1990's," a cataloging project being conducted by the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries, will provide libraries around the world access to special collections items in the Philadelphia institutions.

Through a \$2.77 million grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, a national philanthropic organization headquartered in Philadelphia, and \$1.38 million from other private and public sources, 16 libraries will, over the next five years, provide computerized descriptions of the consortium's 2.5 million volumes, 50 million manuscripts, and 20 million historical photographs, prints, maps, drawings. These descriptions will be fed into the electronic cataloging networks of OCLC and Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN).

"We see this project not only as a significant opportunity to increase awareness of access to the riches of Philadelphia libraries, but also as a model for interinstitutional cooperation which other cities may wish to replicate," said Marian A. Godfrey, Pew Trusts' program director of culture. "Thinking collectively--instead of competitively--these institutions are able to approach challenges of developing and preserving collections more efficiently." (Library Journal, March 1, 1991)

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LIBRARY THIEF FOUND GUILTY

On January 31, 1991, the federal court of Des Moines, Iowa found Stephen C. Blumberg guilty on four felony counts, one of which was for possession of 21,000 rare books, worth approximately \$20 million, stolen from libraries and museums throughout the United States and Canada. Blumberg, 42, had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, claiming he lived in a time warp and was "driven" to steal the rare tomes. He was to be sentenced in April.

Oberlin College Library Director William A. Moffett calls the verdict a victory for libraries everywhere. Moffett sees this case as an important one because it was the first large-scale test of the guidelines for dealing with library theft developed by the security division of ACRL/ALA's Rare Books and Manuscript (RBMS) division, which is the only group that deals with that area. The Blumberg case tested the mettle of the RBMS security framework of communication among libraries where thefts occur. (Library Journal, March 1, 1991)

THREE SENTENCED IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES THEFTS

Kathleen Wilkerson, William Witherell, and Charlton J. Matovsky have been sentenced for stealing books from University libraries. Kathleen Wilkerson was sentenced to seven years' psychiatric probation for the theft of some \$1.8 million in rare books and documents from the University of Pennsylvania's Van Pelt Library. Wilkerson, a former part-time assistant at the library, was also instructed to pay \$45,860 in restitution and to cooperate with authorities in locating any other rare books found to be missing from Penn's collection.

Witherell was sentenced in federal court in California to one year and one day in prison for stealing rare books from the University of Pennsylvania. Arrested a year ago, he was convicted in August of stealing two books valued at \$60,000 from the University's Van Pelt Library. The books, which were written and printed by Benjamin Franklin, were recovered from Witherell's parents' home in San Gabriel, California.

Charlton J. Matovsky, a former graduate student at Florida State University (FSU), was sentenced in federal court in Louisiana to eight months in prison and fined \$10,000 for stealing nearly 400 books from the University library. He was also ordered to pay \$4,480 in restitution to Florida State. Matovsky stole the books during the 1988-89 academic year, while he was a history student at FSU. Both Witherell and Matovsky were charged following investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In both cases, FBI agents recovered books from other universities in the United States and Canada. (American Libraries, April 1991, and The Chronicle of Higher Education, January 23, 1991)

MISSING RAILROAD MAPS BACK ON TRACK

Over 380 Pennsylvania Railroad maps dating from 1881 to 1937 were returned to three Pennsylvania libraries after police discovered them in the home of a local man late in January. According to a story in the January 26 Philadelphia Enquirer, staff at the Balle Cynwyd, Gladwyne, and Ludington Public Libraries in Lower Merion Township and the Lower Merion Historical Society discovered that the maps had been sliced from copies of Pennsylvania Railroad atlases over a period of weeks.

Police were tipped off about the accused map thief by a local map dealer and his wife who remembered the man coming into their shop around Christmas wanting to trade antique railroad maps. They became suspicious of the man when they got a call from the Lower Merion library asking if anyone had tried to sell them railroad maps. When the couple spotted the same man again in late January, they alerted the police. Police believe they have retrieved all the stolen maps and stated that they were in good condition. The suspect was ordered February 7 to stand trial. No trial date was set. (American Libraries, March 1991)

ARCHIVES SERVICE IN ACTION AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

A photograph in an archive at Columbia University's Low Library was paramount in positively identifying the remains of Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853), an ex-slave and now a candidate for sainthood who, if canonized, will be the first Black American saint in the Roman Catholic Church. The positive identification was required before Toussaint's remains could be interred beneath the high altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for veneration.

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After location of a skull identified as that of an elderly black man in an area unusual for black burials, a search was conducted for a photograph against which to match the skull. One was located in the Columbiana collection. A reproduction of the photo was fed into a computer so a three-dimensional video image of the skull could be projected into it. After several hour's worth of adjusting and readjusting the skull's image to coincide exactly with the angle of the head and tilt of the face, etc., in the photo, the team knew they had a perfect match. Turkel said, "The face fit like a mask on the skull. There were exact points on concordance of various landmarks of the skull with correlated features on the face....This really couldn't have been done without Columbia and the Columbiana Collection." (Library Journal, February 15, 1991)

BIRMINGHAM IMPROVES ACCESS TO PHOTOGRAPHS

The Archives Department of the Birmingham Public Library has over 225,000 images in its photograph collection. In order to both protect and improve access to these photographs, which had previously been located through the traditional card catalog, the library received a grant from the Robert R. Meyer Foundation. The grant provided support for a CD STAR optical imaging system by which photographic images are scanned, entered, and stored on computer. An index allows an image to be retrieved in a matter of seconds. Patrons make their selections by viewing the image on a screen before having it printed out. The system saves both staff time and relieves the stress on the original images, some of which date back as far as 1875. (Library Journal, March 15, 1991)

SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBIT FOCUS ON HATFIELD-McCOY FEUD

The annual Public Archives Symposium, sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., in cooperation with the Public Records Division, featured a new examination of the legendary Hatfield-McCoy feud, whose author drew heavily from previously little-used public records in her research. Dr. Altina L. Waller, professor of history at the State University of New York-Plattsburgh and author of Feud: Hatfields, McCoys and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1890, contends that the feud was not an outgrowth of an inherently violent mountain culture, but rather one manifestation of a contest for social and economic control between local people and outside industrial capitalists. Commenting on Waller's thesis and research was Ron Eller, director of the University of Kentucky's Appalachian Center. To further explore the Symposium theme, an exhibit at the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives of Archives records and early state publications was prepared by staff member Suzanne Durham. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Winter 1991)

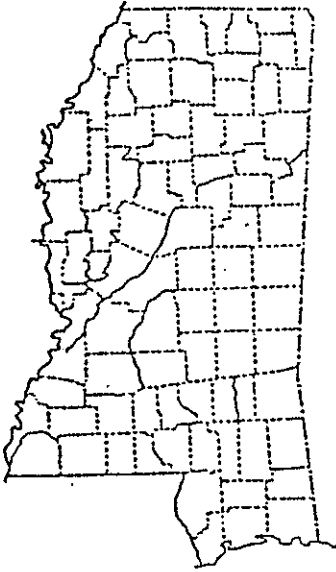
FLORIDA BUREAU RECEIVES AWARD

For the second year in a row, the Florida Bureau of Archives and Records Management has received two Davis Productivity Awards. The Davis Productivity Award Program is sponsored by Florida TaxWatch Inc., an organization that recognizes agencies that have worked to reduce and/or eliminate waste in state government. The Technical Services Section of the Bureau received an award in recognition of its Computer Output Microfilm and Source Document Unit's work which resulted in a cost of avoidance of nearly \$2.5 million. The Public Services Section of the Bureau received an award recognizing the employees' efforts in increasing productivity and providing better services to the people of Florida. The Section increased its research assistance output by 43% and generated a 32% increase in revenue to the Bureau's trust fund during fiscal year 1989-90. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Winter 1991)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN FLORIDA

The Florida Bureau of Archives and Records Management will participate in a educational program called "Class Encounters of the Best Kind," sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the Community Classroom Consortium. The program will present information about teaching methods used in archives and museums for area teachers and school administrators. Also included in "Class encounters..." will be a resource fair of educational materials and other publications available for use by teachers and a methods class illustrating use of archival materials in the classroom. For information about the program, contact Gerard J. Clark, Florida State Archives, R. A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Winter 1991)

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MISSISSIPPI HISTORY DAY AT USM

Over two hundred students attended the 1991 Mississippi History Day at the University of Southern Mississippi on April 6. This state competition, held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Mississippi Junior Historical Society, is a preliminary of the National History Day event which takes place in College Park, Maryland, June 9-13, 1991. Over eighty-five junior high school and senior high school students competed for cash awards in a variety of competitions: an essay contest, individual and group projects, individual and group performances, media presentations and the Mississippi History Quiz Bowl. The theme of this year's contest was "Rights in History." The National History Day theme for 1991 will be "Discovery, Encounter, Exchange in History: The Seeds of Change."

The Raleigh Junior Historical Society's entry in the senior group project category won top honors, and they will be sponsored by the Mississippi Junior Historical Society attend National History Day in June. For further information about the Mississippi Junior Historical Society or National History Day, contact Dr. Charles Bolton at the Mississippi Oral History Program, Southern Station Box 5175, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5175 or 266-4575.

LEGISLATION FOR MISSISSIPPI LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS

Another step toward addressing the archival needs of Mississippi local government records was taken during the recent 1991 legislative session with the introduction of H. B. 1409 by Representative Fortenberry of Meridian. This bill was the result of the experiences gained by the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History in working to establish record retention schedules for the county of Lauderdale and city of Meridian. The bill proposed to eliminate statutory references to record retention requirements and to substitute development of local government record schedules that would be approved by the State Records Committee, in a manner similar to the process now used to schedule state government records. Additionally, the bill would have eliminated archaic provisions that certain records be maintained in "well-bound books."

No action was taken on the bill for two reasons. Because of the local nature of the bill, it was felt that there was not sufficient time to for the legislators to receive indications of support from local records officers. The bill also would have required some additional staffing for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to implement its new responsibilities under the legislation. The Mississippi and Lauderdale County departments agreed that the bill should be re-introduced at the next session, and that plans for a public committee hearing on the bill should be made. Such hearings would give local records officers and their state associations the opportunity to testify in support of the measure.

EZRA JACK KEATS FOUNDATION GRANTS ASSIST PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Grants from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation came in handy for two Mississippi public libraries which used the funds to sponsor a touring ballet of Alice in Wonderland at one end of the state and for the purchase of rhythm band instruments for public libraries in the middle. Ezra Jack Keats, who was a world famous writer and illustrator of children's books, won many national and international awards, including the Caldecott Medal and the Horn Book.

Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System in McComb and Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System in Kosciusko each received a \$500 mini-grant from the foundation which generously funds projects each year that relate to youth services. For Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System, the grant helped youngsters escape to a fairytale wonderland by hearing about Alice's adventures and seeing their favorite characters come to life. The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System used the grant to provide children who live in the thirteen counties that are part of this system with the opportunity to tinker with rhythm band instruments. (The Packet, March/April 1991)

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OBRECHT VISITS BLUES ARCHIVE

Visiting at the University of Mississippi, Jas Obrecht, associate editor for Guitar Player magazine since 1978 spoke of the wealth of information that he found in the Library's Blues Archive. "I go to the stacks and I look around and realize I have it made." He said the Archive gave him "the deep blues every day." Responding to an invitation from Bill Ferris, director of The Center for the Study of Southern Culture, Obrecht took a six-week leave from life in Cupertino, California, to do extensive research at the Blues Archive for his next book.

During his stay in Oxford, Obrecht was involved with University life. Aside from long hours spent in the Archive, Obrecht was also the guest speaker for two classes and guest lecturer at a brown bag luncheon. His topic for the lecture at the luncheon was "Interviewing Blues Musicians: Preparation and Protocol." He also sat in on several publications meetings. However, not all of his time was spent in Oxford. He made several trips to the Delta, Holly Springs, and other surrounding towns, in search of information for his book. (The Southern Register, Winter 1991)

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INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PLANNED FOR MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES

The Research Libraries Group (RLG) plans to develop a microcomputer-based management system designed specially for archives, museums, and related institutions. RLG began work on the system, Archives and Museum Information System (AMIS), in 1988 with input from six RLG member institutions and three nonmembers. AMIS will provide institutions with sophisticated local control of their collections and daily operations while integrating valuable research information into RLIN (Research Libraries Information Network). With these new resources in the RLIN database, RLG will broaden the range of information about primary source materials available to the research community.

AMIS will allow a wide variety of repositories to manage their collections, events, constituencies, and facilities locally in one integrated system. Everything from descriptions of items in a collection, records of the registrar, conservation history, schedules of events, and lists of members to floor plans of exhibit space, inventories of display cases, and more will be available online to staff, including access to the RLIN database, which will allow for inter-institutional sharing of many kinds of information. Repositories will be able to tailor AMIS to fit their individual needs, and future enhancements to the system will further extend its capabilities. (SAA Newsletter, March 1991)

ARCHIVES LAW IN CHINA OPENS UP MORE FILES

New archives rules in China allow foreigners access to most pre-1960 files and records kept in China's 3500 archives, according to an article in the China Daily (November 27, 1991). Last November, the State Archives Bureau implemented the three-year-old Archives Law, saying the enactment of the rules could better preserve and make full use of the 90 million volumes of data on China's history. According to the regulations, if foreigners have the proper credentials from Chinese authorities such as the Ministry of Culture, the State Education Commission, or the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences--and if an archives approves the visit, foreigners may read, copy, and excerpt from most historical documents and files prior to 1960. The new archives regulations also stipulate that the time limit for records dealing with State security and other top-secret matters may be extended from 30 to 50 years, or longer. (SAA Newsletter, March 1991)

The Fulbright Commission in London has announced the availability of an award for a practicing librarian/archivist to research and develop the Memorial Library, 2nd Air Division (8th Air Force), Norwich, Norfolk, England. The award is for twelve months, October 1992-October 1993, though there is some flexibility for a 9-12 month appointment. Deadline: August 1, 1991. For an application please call 202-686-6245 or write CIES, 3007 Tilden St., NW, Ste. 5M, Washington, DC 20008-3009.

Textual reference branches of the Office of the National Archives in the Washington area now accept appointments from researchers to discuss their projects with archivists. Appointments are recommended for first time researchers and those wanting extensive guidance from archivists. Researchers should call the pertinent branch to make an appointment. Civil Reference Branch: 202-501-5395 & 501-5425; Military Reference Branch: 202-510-5385 & 501-5390; Suitland Reference Branch: 301-763-7410.

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ALKALINE PAPER REPORT ISSUED

In response to House Joint Resolution 36 of the 1990 Virginia General Assembly, the report of the State Librarian on the feasibility of printing state publications and public records on alkaline paper has been issued. The report found there is no significant cost difference between alkaline paper and acidic paper. It also found that the use of permanent alkaline paper for records of enduring value will significantly reduce the cost of conservation in the future. The report encourages the adoption of a policy of using alkaline permanent paper and supports a state-wide preservation plan. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Winter 1991)

REPORT PRODUCED ON HOUSING OF PAPER RECORDS

A draft preliminary report was produced by the chemists at the National Institute for Standards and Technology (formerly National Bureau of Standards), and discussed at the April 5-6 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Preservation. The report found that housing for paper records is important and can protect the records from pollutant gases -- derived from inside the box as well as outside the box -- and from fluctuations in environmental conditions. A final report will be issued in the next few years at the conclusion of further chemical experiments. (SGA Newsletter, Fall 1990)

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BEGINS PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

The University of Kentucky Libraries created a Preservation Department in September 1989. Typical of many institutions, a librarian already on staff with an interest in preservation was named to head the new department. In just one year, the new department has made an important impact on the library system and involved dozens of staff members in preservation activities. The new Preservation Department continued the activities of the Bindery Unit, although it was moved administratively from the Technical Services to the Public Services Division of the library system. Ongoing activities include responsibility for commercial binding, in-house binding, book repair, and labeling, stamping, and applying pockets to new library materials. The department is staffed by the Preservation Librarian, one library technician, and 1.32 FTE student assistants. The Preservation Librarian also chairs the Preservation Committee and the Binding Committee, which is composed of all staff system-wide who are involved with commercial binding.

First-year Preservation Department activities included a review of book repair and in-house supplies, the rewriting and rebinding of the commercial binding contract, the implementation of an automated binding system, and the rearrangement of the department to improve work flow. The major preservation activity of 1990, however, was the implementation in March of a Preservation Planning Program (PPP), NEH funded and administered by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Office of Management Services. This assisted self-study of the UK Libraries concluded with the development of a long range preservation implementation plan in December. (SOLINEWS, Winter 1991)

SOUTHEASTERN STATES CONTINUE PRESERVATION EFFORTS

Several states in the Southeast are addressing preservation problems through statewide planning projects. North Carolina is one of three states in the nation that received a grant from NEH through a new award category that supports development of statewide preservation plans. In Florida, an investigation of the preservation needs of academic and public libraries was completed in September 1990 and in Virginia, results of a study of archives and manuscript repositories were announced in October. Members of the Palmetto Archives, Libraries and Museums Council on Preservation (PALMCOOP) in South Carolina are implementing the action plan that resulted from a study completed in 1989. SOLINET's preservation staff has provided consultation and/or training in each of these projects, and SOLINET is committed to helping other southeastern states develop cooperative projects. For information or assistance, call the Preservation Program at 1-800-999-8558. (SOLINEWS, Winter 1991)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

University of California Preservation Program has received a precedent setting grant from NEH for the training of preservation technicians on a systemwide basis. The training will focus on repair techniques for the circulating collections. Three different groups of five persons each will attend a three session training program at UC Berkeley from October 1990 through May 1991. Each session lasts one week. (C&RL News, January 1991)

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MICROGRAPHICS QUESTION: "DIAZO OR NOT TO DIAZO"

Over the years I have received numerous calls from the records management community about the archival qualities of diazo versus silver film duplicates. Much has been published on the subject, and most have concluded that there is no guarantee to the time period either will last. There are many factors that influence the overall film quality, and much depends on how the film was manufactured, processed and stored as well as how much the duplicate is used and stored.

Diazo film has many important advantages. It can be dry processed in line with the exposing light; it is less expensive than silver film and has a higher resolution than silver film; thus, more exact duplicates can be made. There is only a 4% loss of image with diazo compared to 20% loss with silver halide film. Diazo images are nearly grainless, and have stronger backings than silver. As a result, they can withstand more handling without damage to the image. Finally, diazo film, when properly stored and processed, is usually more stable than silver halide and will last for more than 50 years, which is longer than most retention schedules set by the State of Florida...

Different tests can be used to insure that film has been properly processed and is suitable for archival storage, these tests still cannot predict how long the image will last. How long exactly will diazo film last? No one knows. The City of Orlando has building plans that were duplicated on to diazo film over 10 years ago, which are stored in a normal office environment and can be verified as being fully intact and usable. Diazo microfilms were put into use more than 30 years ago and most are reported to be in excellent condition.

In conclusion, diazo films have many advantages over silver halide. Supplies are less expensive; processing is less costly; the image quality, in some cases, is enhanced; and, under most conditions, diazo may not have the same degree of permanence as silver halide, but can be usable for at least 50 years or more. (Donald F. Price, *The Florida Archivist*, Fall 1990)

WINTERTHUR MUSEUM RECEIVES \$130,000 FROM PEW TRUSTS

The Winterthur Museum, Delaware has received \$130,000 from the Pew Charitable Trusts to establish a library conservation laboratory and expand the museum's art conservation program to include library and archives preservation. The 3-year grant enables Winterthur to establish a hands-on training facility where students and interns can acquire the skills and training needed for a career in library conservation. The training will be incorporated into the Winterthur-University of Delaware Art Conservation Program, a 3-year course of study leading to an M.S. In addition, internships will be available for individuals outside the program who want to pursue a career in library and archives conservation. (*C&RL News*, January 1991)

NEW PLANNING GRANTS AVAILABLE

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has established a new category of grants to be administered through its Office of Preservation. This category supports the development of long-range plans for cooperative statewide efforts. The North Carolina Preservation Consortium, Inc., the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and the Nebraska Library Commission were the first recipients of grants in this category.

Proposals may be submitted by an institution, consortium, or nonprofit organization on behalf of the state, but the project's plan of work must clearly reflect the full range of library and archival resources important for the state's history and culture. The anticipated outcome of such grants is an action agenda for preservation activities within the state. Guidelines for the preparation of grant proposals are available from the Office of Preservation, and potential applicants are encouraged to discuss ideas with the NEH staff at 202-786-0570. Deadlines for proposals are June 1 and December 1. (*SOLINEWS*, Winter 1991)

GRANTS RECEIVED/AWARDED

North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Archives and Records Section, Raleigh, has been awarded a \$2,158 grant from NHPRC, to hire a consultant to study the compatibility of the North Carolina State Archives automated Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) with the USMARC format.

City of Fayetteville, Fayetteville, North Carolina, has been awarded a \$4,000 NHPRC grant for a consultant to provide advice on the development of an archives program and the further development of the city's records management program.

Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, has been awarded a grant of up to \$5,070 by NHPRC for two consultants to assist in the initiation of an archival program for the college's records.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been awarded a \$100,071 grant (\$40,000 matching) from NHPRC to survey current records, develop retention and disposition schedules for those records, and transfer and begin to process those records of archival value.

North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, has been awarded an NEH grant of \$588,163 over a three-year period to support the NC Newspaper Project's cataloging and microfilming of state newspapers. This project is a joint effort of the NC State Library and Division of Archives and History.

Tennessee State Library and Archives has been awarded a one-year NHPRC grant of \$39,350 on behalf of the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board. The grant provides funding that, together with state cost sharing funds of \$31,915, will enable the Board to conduct an assessment of historical records in the state. The final report for the project will provide a statewide plan for the management and preservation needs of records held by state and local government and in historical records repositories.

University of South Carolina, Columbia, has received \$31,000 for establishing a South Carolina Post Card Collection which the University's South Caroliniana Library will house and service. The grant from the South Carolina Humanities Council will be used to organize and catalog the collection. Records for 15,000 post cards will be entered into the university's systemwide, NOTIS based, online catalog (USCAN) using the MARC format for archival visual materials.

AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc., is using a \$160,000 grant from NEH to develop a preservation service that will provide information, training and consultation to libraries and archives in Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. AMIGOS' new preservation service is expected to serve as a catalyst to subregional and state based preservation planning initiatives in the southwest.

Duke University Library must match on a three-to-one basis a challenge grant of \$100,000 from the J. Walter Thompson Company to create an endowment for the J. Walter Thompson Company Archives. In 1987, the advertising agency gave Duke the corporate archives and \$100,000 to support initial processing.

Southeastern Library Network, Inc. received over \$1.25 million from NEH to microfilm more than 18,000 brittle books and serials held by 12 institutions in six southeastern states.

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, has been awarded \$100,000 to be shared by the University Library Services' Special Collections and Archives Department and the Center for Education Development and Resources at VCU. The Ford Foundation grant funds a two year project to identify, acquire, and use archival materials that support the study of cultural diversity. A Multicultural Resources Database, comprised of brief information about persons and organizations in central Virginia, will be developed and made available to researchers.

The College of William and Mary's Earl Gregg Swem Library, Williamsburg, Virginia, has received a \$42,116 grant from the U.S. Department of Education under its Strengthening Research Library Resources program. The yearlong grant is for cataloging the college's manuscript collections. Access to more than 1,000 manuscript collections will become available in both the library's online public access catalog and OCLC.

Regional Modern Archives Institute Guidelines

The Modern Archives Institute has developed procedures for offering sessions of the Institute outside the Washington, DC area. The procedures provide detailed information on developing a formal proposal for co-sponsorship and covers such areas as potential co-sponsors, location, site selection, course content, instruction, finances, publicity, and other responsibilities. Copies available from: Modern Archives Institute, Office of Public Programs (NEE), NARA, Washington, DC

BOOK REVIEWS



Coles, Laura M. Archival Gold: Managing and Preserving Publishers' Records, Vancouver, B.C.: Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing, 1989.

Every so often manuscript/archive repositories are called upon to respond to enquiries on large collections of business materials. Such collections often include unique assortments of records. Publishers' records -- whether they be for university sponsored periodicals or commercial productions with their rich variety of unpublished manuscripts, correspondence with notable people, photographs, etc., are one such example. Archival Gold offers to the uninitiated an excellent introduction to the significant publishers records.

Divided into five parts, the book by Laura M. Coles begins by addressing the value of publishers' records in understanding the history or development of the industry -- from book trade to communications, its association with the business world, and education, political and social thought, and entertainment. Because the publishing industry represents big business with far reaching impact on civil, social, and spiritual life, the need for establishing a records management program is of paramount importance to the identification of permanent records. The author devotes one section to records management, what it is, and its relevance to the publishing industry. The most important and practical section of the book identifies types of records likely to be found in a publishing house, indicates relative value of each, and concludes with a sample records schedule. One chapter addresses concerns publishers should have about their records and issues, both contractual and conservational they should address when selecting a permanent repository. While all publishing houses create their own unique aura by what they produce -- education, science, political action -- all share common practices. In the final chapter, records issues common throughout the industry, such as microfilming of records, are addressed.

Although the book has been written for a Canadian audience, and sources for additional information and legal references will have limited value to U.S. readers, it provides a nuts and bolts approach to understanding and practicing archival and records management of publishers records. It is a compact volume worthy of attention by any undertaking assessment of publishers records for archival retention.

--Alexandra S. Gressitt
Indiana Historical Society

Luey, Beth, compiler. Editing Documents and Texts: An Annotated Bibliography. Madison: Madison House, 1990.

This volume, compiled for the Association for Documentary Editing, contains 900 entries, drawn from almost 200 English-language journals and books, that explain the theories and techniques of scholarly editing. Compiler Beth Luey, who directs the Historical Editing and Publishing Program at Arizona State University, effectively bridges the traditional gap between historical and literary editing, surveying relevant scholarship in all editorial fields.

Arranged alphabetically by author, each entry provides complete bibliographic information, a brief annotation, and key words indicating significant topics discussed and items indexed. The thorough index covers the process of editing (e.g., search, dating, authenticity, and transcription), problems and issues confronted by editors (e.g., objectivity, privacy, and funding), the kinds of material edited (e.g., correspondence, drama, and poetry), and persons and subjects whose materials are being edited (from Herbert Baxter Adams to Emil Zola and from the American Revolution to women's history).

In addition, Luey provides a helpful chapter titled "Suggestions for Teaching," in which she explains readings and methods for incorporating editing into traditional history and literature courses and suggests readings on specific editing procedures.

Concise, thorough, and readable, this book is a valuable tool for persons interested in the editing of documents and texts.

--Julia Marks Young
McCain Library and Archives

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 29-June 1, 1991

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

June 3-4, 1991

Natural Disaster Mitigation
Workshop
Albuquerque, NM
American Institute for
Conservation of Historic and
Artistic Works, 19th Annual
Meeting Pre-Conference
Contact: AIC, 202-232-6636.

June 3-14, 1991

69th Modern Archives
Institute sponsored by NARA
and Library of Congress
Washington, DC
Contact: Modern Archives
Institute, 212-501-5212.

June 7-8, 1991

2nd Southern Conference on
Women's History.
Duke-UNC-Chapel Hill
Center for Research on
Women, UNC Campus.
Sponsored by Southern
Association for Women
Historians.
Contact: Janey Coryell, 205-
844-6672 for information,
Betty Kompst, 919-962-3000
for registration materials.

June 8-13, 1991

Special Libraries Association
82nd Annual Conference
San Antonio, TX
"Masterminding Tomorrow's
Information; Creative
Strategies for the '90s"
Contact: 202-234-4700.

June 9-13, 1991

National History Day
Activities
College Park, MD.

PUBLICATIONS

American Indian Resource Materials in the Western History Collections, University of Oklahoma, edited by Donald L. DeWitt, the 272-page book details the University of Oklahoma's 60-odd year old collection focusing on Native American culture and history which includes primary documents, photographs, oral histories, newspapers, periodicals, and microforms. Order from: University of Oklahoma Press, 1005 Asp Ave., Norman, OK 73019. Price: \$32.95.

Archives Accessions Annual, a 129-page volume containing an alphabetical, annotated listing of 1988 acquisitions from more than 227 archival repositories, ranging from small local historical societies and libraries to state archival agencies, university archives, and presidential libraries. Four indexes: subject, title, geographical, and institutional, provide access to entries. Order from: Meckler Corp., 11 Ferry Lane W., Westport, CT 06880. Price: \$79.

Arts and Access: Management Issues for Performing Arts Collections, edited by Barbara Naomi Cohen-Stratynier, a published volume 15 of the Theatre Library Association's Performing Arts Resources series. Featured are articles on creating, managing, and interpreting collections in university and performing arts company settings. Order from: Theatre Library Association, 111 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10023. Price: \$25 which includes institutional membership to the Association.

Black Votes Count: Political Empowerment in Mississippi After 1965, by Frank R. Parker, describes black Mississippians' battle for voting rights, from the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to 1986, when Mike Espy was elected as Mississippi's first black member of Congress in this century. Order from: University Press of Mississippi. Price: \$29.95 hardcover; \$12.95 paper.

Choosing and Working with a Conservator, by Jan Paris, a new pamphlet providing clear, direct guidance to help choose and identify conservators, check references, evaluate conservators, negotiate the treatment plan, and work successfully with the conservator. Order from: SOLINET, 800-999-8558. Price: \$10 ea. for 1-4 copies, \$7 ea. for 5-24 copies; \$6 ea. for 25 or more copies. Make checks payable to SOLINET.

Disaster Planning and Recovery. Order from: Special Libraries Association, Washington, DC 20036. Price: \$15. ISBN: 0-8711-348-1.

Guide to Historical Materials in the Gerald R. Ford Library, a 100-page guide permitting easy access to collections on a variety of topics including the Arab oil embargo, the energy crisis of the 1970s, and women's rights issues. The guide offers scope notes for all open collections and cites all unprocessed collections. Order from: David Horrocks, Gerald R. Ford Library, 1000 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Price: Free.

Guide to the Holdings of the Still Picture Branch, compiled by Barbara Lewis Burger, a 176-page guide providing summary information on nearly 6 million photographic prints, negatives, transparencies, posters, and other visual images that are now in the National Archives Still Picture Branch. These images, created mostly by the Federal Government document the military, political, economic, social, and cultural history of the United States. Order from: National Archives. Price: \$25.

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June 9-21, 1991

Annual Western Archives
Institute, University of
California at Berkeley.
Contact: Laren Metzger, 916-
445-4294.

June 10, 1991

Southern Spring Program-
"Outreach and Inreach"
Society of California
Archivists, Redlands, CA
Contact: Sue Hodson, 818-
405-2205.

June 10-21, 1991

21st German Script Seminar,
Moravian Archives
Bethlehem, PA
Contact: Vernon H. Nelson,
The Moravian Archives, 41 W.
Locust Street, Bethlehem, PA
18018, 215-866-3255.

June 16-21, 1991

Institute of Genealogy and
Historical Research, Sanford
University
Birmingham, AL
Contact: Marilyn Miller
Morton, Executive Director,
IGHR, 800 Lakeshore Drive,
Birmingham, AL 35208.

June 29-July 4, 1991

American Library Association
Annual Meeting
Atlanta, GA
Contact: ALA, Conference
Registration, 50 East Huron
Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

August 21-24, 1991

American Association for
State and Local History
Dearborn, MI.

September 25-29, 1991

Society of American
Archivists' Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA
Preregistration \$115,
members; \$150 nonmembers
Contact: Catherine Mason
312-922-0140.

PUBLICATIONS

Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., by Robert Benedetto, with the assistance of Betty K. Walker, is an introduction to the documentary heritage and tradition of the third largest group of protestants in the South. It locates and describes unpublished papers of PCUS ministers, as well as selected materials from the antebellum period and from other Presbyterian denominations. Order from: Presbyterian Church (USA), Dept. of History, P.O. Box 849, Montreat, NC 28757. Price: \$45 + \$4 shipping/handling.

Guide to the Papers of Senator John J. Williams of Delaware, by Rebecca Johnson, documents the senate career of John Williams, 1947-1970, whose papers were opened for research on October 1, 1990. Order from: Office of the Director, University of Delaware Library, Newark, DE 19717-5267, 302-451-2231. Price: Free.

Guide to the Women's History Sources in the Oberlin College Archives, 136 p. Order from: Oberlin College Archives, 420 Mudd Center, Oberlin, OH 44074. Price: \$20 soft-cover.

Manuscript Sources for Civil War History: A Descriptive List of Holding in the Special Collections Department, compiled by the Special Collections Department, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, is a 49-page guide containing entries for 243 collections with significant holdings relating to the Civil War. Each entry in the guide includes collection name, span dates, physical extent, finding aids available, and a brief description of the scope and content of the collection. Order from: Special Collections Department, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Price: Free.

Manuscript Sources for Methodist History: A Descriptive List of holdings in the Special Collections Department, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, 17 p. Order from: Special Collections, Woodruff Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Price: Free.

Mass Deacidification Systems: Planning and Managerial Decision Making, by Karen Turko, a 24-page report providing brief, non-technical descriptions of five mass deacidification technologies currently available or under development. The report also identifies evaluation issues, management issues relating to selection of material, collection management, and financial considerations. Order from: ARL, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Price: \$15 (nonmembers) \$8 (members) prepaid.

Preliminary Guide to Manuscripts and Archives in the University Libraries, a 96-page indexed repository guide including descriptions of more than 400 manuscript and record groups in Special Collections and Archives at the State University of New York (SUNY). The materials are grouped in four areas: archives of public affairs and policy, German intellectual emigre collection, manuscript collections, and university archives. Order from: Special Collections & Archives, University Library, University at Albany, SUNY, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222. Price: \$12.50.

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ACQUISITIONS & EXPANSIONS

NEW ACQUISITIONS AT BOWLING GREEN

The papers of the 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, including the official papers of the regiment and correspondence following the war on the subject of the unit's participation in the Battle of Chickamauga, have been acquired by the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State University. The popular culture library at Bowling Green has also received a series of major additions to the Steve Allen Collection and more than 400 linear feet of original scripts from television soap operas, production documentation, and commercial materials from the Proctor and Gamble Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. (Ohio Archivist, Spring 1991 and MAC Newsletter, March 1991)

SAM RAYBURN ARCHIVE PART OF UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

The library of Sam Rayburn, the notable U.S. congressman who served as Speaker of the House longer than any other person, has become part of the University of Texas at Austin under an agreement made between the university's Board of Regents and the Sam Rayburn Library Foundation. The books, papers, and memorabilia from Rayburn's 48 years in Congress will remain in his hometown of Bonham, Texas, about 80 miles northeast of Dallas, but will be administered by the university's Barker Texas History Center, in Austin. The Rayburn Library was founded in Bonham in 1957 and has since then been directed by H.G. Dulaney, Rayburn's secretary, who will continue as director of the library. Under the agreement, the Rayburn foundation will also transfer to U.T.-Austin an endowment of about \$2.5 million for operation of the library.

"This collection is an invaluable resource for the study of the history of the House of Representatives," said Don E. Carleton, director of the Barker Texas History Center. "Much of the legislation passed during Rayburn's speakership is documented in these papers." In addition to the extensive collection of papers in the archive--including letters from Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy--there are artifacts of Rayburn's life such as gavels he used as Speaker, many photographs, and his favorite hat. The library also houses a replica of Rayburn's office while he was Speaker, including the original furnishings and other items.

Sam Rayburn's career in public service began in 1906, when he was elected to the first of three terms in the Texas state legislature. He attended law school at U.T.-Austin in between legislative sessions and was admitted to the bar in 1908. In 1912 Rayburn won election to the U.S. Congress from Texas' 4th congressional district and took office in April 1913, beginning a 48-year tenure that spanned the administrations of eight presidents. A Democrat, he was named House Majority Leader in 1937 and Speaker in 1949. Except for two brief periods when Republicans controlled the House--1947-49 and 1953-55--Rayburn continued as Speaker until his death in 1961. (AB Bookman's Weekly, January 28, 1991)

COLUMBIA GIVEN THE ARCHIVES OF VANGUARD PRESS

Columbia University has been given the archives of Vanguard Press, which launched the careers of James T. Farrell, Nelson Algren, Saul Bellow, Joyce Carol Oates, Marshall McLuhan, Dr. Seuss, and many other writers who helped shape American attitudes. The gift, by Random House, Inc., includes more than 100,000 letters, manuscripts, and publishing documents from the press's founding in 1926 to its sale 62 years later. In celebration, the library mounted a major exhibit of first editions, autograph letters, manuscripts, proofs, editorial records, photographs, and other materials which were on view at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library. (C&RL News, February 1991)

U.S. SENATOR HOWARD H. BAKER'S PAPERS HOUSED AT UT-KNOXVILLE

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville Library has received the congressional papers of former U.S. Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., including more than 2,000 of his own photographs of world leaders and four "doodle" cartoons drawn by President Ronald Reagan. Baker said it was "a trauma of sorts" to give up the papers. The university plans to do an oral history of the Baker years, including his service at the White House. Friends of the former senator have donated \$120,000 for the project. (C&RL News, February 1991)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 3-14 -- 69TH MODERN ARCHIVES INSTITUTE AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The 69th Modern Archives Institute, sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and Library of Congress (LC), is designed to introduce participants to archival theory and practice and the responsibilities of archival work. The program will benefit persons who work with archives or manuscripts, or those preparing to enter these fields. Participants usually have little archival experience and represent a wide variety of archival repositories.

The two-week program, held at the National Archives in Washington, DC, provides an introduction to archival principles and techniques, acquisition of archival material, appraisal and disposition, arrangement and description, preservation, reference service, public programs, administration of special records, and issues concerning automation, funding, law, and ethics. The instructors include staff members of NARA and LC, as well as outside instructors. Tuition is \$450 and includes a selection of archival publications and reprints. For an application, contact the Modern Archives Institute, Office of Public Programs (NEE), NARA Washington, DC 20408, or 212-501-5212. (SAA Newsletter, March 1991)

JUNE 9-21 -- WESTERN ARCHIVES INSTITUTE

The annual Western Archives Institute will be held at the Clark Kerr Conference Center at the University of California, Berkeley. Co-sponsored by the Society of California Archivists, the California State Archives, and the School of Library and Information Studies at UCB, the institute is an introduction to the basic principles and techniques of the archives profession. Subjects will include the history and development of the profession, arrangement and description, appraisal, reference and access, legal and ethical issues, automation, outreach, and a session on records management. (SAA Newsletter, March 1991)

JUNE 10-21 -- GEORGIA ARCHIVES INSTITUTE

The 25th Annual Georgia Archives Institute presents "An Introduction to Archival Administration." Designed for beginning archivists, librarians and manuscript curators, the Institute will offer general instruction in basic concepts and practices of archival administration and management of traditional and modern documentary materials. The two week program will feature lectures and demonstrations, a supervised practicum, and field trips to local archives. Topics will include records appraisal, arrangement and description of official and private papers, conservation, legal issues and reference service. David B. Gracy II, Governor Bill Daniel professor in Archival Enterprise at the University of Texas at Austin, will be the principal instructor. (SGA Newsletter, Winter 1991)

JULY 8-26 -- WAYNE STATE SUMMER COURSE ON CONSERVATION

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, is offering a course in the fundamentals of library and archives conservation, essential for the effective management of programs of preventive and restorative preservation procedures for books, documents, maps, broadsides, audiovisual materials, computer-generated records and works of art on paper. The course will be taught by Professor George M. Cunha, University of Kentucky, former director, Northeast Documentation Center, on the Wayne State campus. For further information, contact Kathleen Schmeling, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, 5401 Cass Ave., Detroit, MI 48202, 313-577-4024. (MAC Newsletter, March 1991)

JULY 11-12 -- NATIONAL ARCHIVES SPONSORS OSS CONFERENCE

The National Archives will sponsor in July the first major scholarly conference on the role of the World War II intelligence agency, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). This Conference is part of the National Archives nationwide commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the American participation of WWII. It was on July 11, 1941, that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt appointed New York attorney William J. Donovan as the Coordinator of Information. This office became the OSS in 1942.

This two-day meeting held at the National Archives in Washington, DC will feature presentations given by prominent historians, OSS members, and students of military and intelligence policy. In conjunction with the Conference, the National Archives will feature a film series on intelligence and a small exhibition on the OSS.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Advance registration for the conference is required. Registration fees are \$150 for the two-day conference, \$100 for one-day attendance, and a special student rate of \$50. Registration opened April 1, 1991. For further registration information, contact Paty El-Ashry at 202-501-5521. (National Archives News Release, February 25, 1991)

JULY 20-27 -- PRESERVATION MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AT WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY

A one-week preservation management seminar developed by the College Libraries Committee of the Commission on Preservation and Access and SOLINET for college librarians with part-time preservation responsibility will be offered for the first time on the Washington and Lee University Campus. (C&RL News, January 1991)

JULY 26 AND SEPTEMBER 20 -- RUTGERS PRESERVATION SERIES MINI-COURSES

Rutgers University's School of Communication, Information and Library Studies is offering two mini-course, as part of its Preservation Series. One, entitled "Preservation Management: Planning for Preservation," is focused for librarians, archivists, curators, and others from public and private institutions responsible for the preservation and conservation of collections. Information on concepts and principles of preservation and conservation; proper care, storage and handling of materials; environmental concerns; options for preservation and conservation; and management of a preservation program will be given. A second course, "How to Assess Library/Archival Facilities from a Preservation Perspective," is intended for administrators responsible for the environmental facets of collections. (Professional Development Studies, School of Communication, Information and Library Studies Brochure)

PUBLICATIONS

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Preservation: A Common Ground, by GraceAnne and Robert DeCandido, published by ALA's Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, is a useful tip sheet for librarians in all types of libraries. Order from: ALA Graphics, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Price: \$2.

Selected Mississippi Library Laws, a 144-page book covering topics from library purchasing guidelines to a public library's organizational structure. Order from: Mississippi Library Commission, 601-359-1036.

Sharing Information on Intergovernmental Records, a paper by Marie B. Allen, is the third in NAGARA's "Government Records Issues" series. Allen describes the background, purposes, progress, findings, and recommendations of the Intergovernmental Records Project to date. Order from: NAGARA, Office at the Council of State Governments, Iron Works Pike, P.O. Box 11910, Lexington, KY 40578-1910.

Women in Missions, produced by the Archives of the Billy Graham Center, is a photobook of over three dozen pictures of scenes from the 1890s to the present related to women in missions. Order from: Archives of the Billy Graham Center, Photobook: "Women in Missions", Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL 60187, 708-260-5910. Price: \$3 Make checks payable to the Archives of the Billy Graham Center.

NEW VIDEO RELEASED BY COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Shedding Light on the Case, a 15 minute video tape on the techniques of exhibition installation, has just been released by Columbia University Libraries. Produced by the Preservation Division of the Libraries and funded by the New York State Coordinated Preservation Projects Program, the video uses professional actors playing the roles of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson to demonstrate the proper techniques for installing books and other archival materials. The video tape, with its accompanying explanatory pamphlet, is intended for individuals in small institutions, or for those with small budgets, who are responsible for planning and mounting temporary exhibitions. Order from: Gifts & Exchange, Columbia University Libraries, 535 W. 114th St., Room 104, New York, NY 10027. Price: \$35 ea. prepaid.

ACA UPDATE

The Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA), founded at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists (SAA), is an independent non-profit organization for certifying professional archivists. Its members have qualified for certification by meeting a series of defined professional standards. They have either successfully passed an examination or been approved by a board of certification. Members are certified for an eight year period.

The Academy participates vigorously in the definition and advancement of professional archival education, concepts, and issues. It strives to identify and promote understanding of archival goals, ethics, and standards. Working with SAA and other archival organizations, it seeks to strengthen and advance the levels of available archival expertise.

At the second annual meeting of the Academy on August 30 in Seattle, results of the election for 1990-1991 officers were announced and officer reports for 1989-90 and preliminary plans for the coming year were given. Newly elected officers and their terms of service are: President (2 years) Maygene Daniels, National Gallery of Art; Vice President (2 years) Deborah S. Skaggs, Alabama Department of Archives and History; Secretary (1 year) Karen D. Paul, U.S. Senate Historical Office; Treasurer (1 year) Karen M. Benedict, Archival Consultant.

Serving three-year terms as ACA Regents are David B. Gracy II, University of Texas and Mary Jo Pugh, Consulting Archivist. Elected for two-year terms are Anne P. Diffendal, Consulting Historian/Archivist and Patrick M. Quinn, Northwestern University. Chosen to serve one-year terms as Regents are Linda Evans, Chicago Historical Society and Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, Northeast Document Conservation Center.

The ACA Nominating Committee will be chaired by Anne R. Kenney, Cornell University. The two other members are Scott Cline, Seattle Municipal Archives and Florence Borders, Center for African and African American Studies, Southern University at New Orleans.

Incoming President Maygene Daniels outlined exam development, administration, certification and graduate education, membership development, and the development of a code of ethics as areas of emphasis for the coming year. She also stressed the need to work with the larger archival profession to improve the level of all archivists.

ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED ARCHIVISTS EXAMINATION FACT SHEET

ELIGIBILITY: A candidate must have one or more of the following: a Master's Degree with a minimum of nine semester hours of graduate study in archives administration and a minimum of one year of qualifying professional archival experience; any Master's Degree with two years of qualifying professional archival experience; a Bachelor's Degree and three years of qualifying professional archival experience.

EXAMINATION SITES: The 1991 examination will be given in conjunction with the 1991 SAA meeting in Philadelphia and in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and Los Angeles.

EXAMINATION DATE: The examination will be given during the fourth week of September 1991, at all examination sites.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: To register for the 1991 examination, the following nonrefundable application and fee schedule applies. Applications and fees of \$50 must be postmarked by midnight, August 2, 1991. Between August 3 and August 12 the application fee plus a late fee (\$75) must be submitted. Applications postmarked after August 12, 1991, will not be processed.

CERTIFICATION FEES: The \$50 application fee is applied toward the \$275 certification fee. Successful candidates must pay the remaining \$225 within 30 days of notification of results. The late fee is not applied toward certification fee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The ACA Candidate Handbook and an application form are available from the ACA Secretariat C/O SAA, 500 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605. (MAC, Winter 1991)

ACCESSIONS

Mississippi State University - Special Collections Department - Manuscripts Division

ALABAMA - MISSISSIPPI SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION RECORDS. Accretion. 1989-1991. .20 cu. ft.
Minutes, correspondence, newsletters, programs, photograph, 5" diskette, and other records documenting organizational activities 1989-1991. Gift of Andrew Wesley Baird.

STARKVILLE EXCHANGE CLUB RECORDS. Accretion. 1987-1990. .18 cu. ft.
Scrapbook concerning the activities of the Club 1987-1990, documenting award winners and local citizens. Gift of Harry Cole.

WIER (ROBERT AND SADYE) PAPERS. Accretion. 1991. 2 items.
VHS videotape of Sadye Wier's 72 minute talk to the Dietary Department at Clay County Medical Center in West Point on November 14, 1990 and 3 page summary of Wier's talk. Gift of Joanne Gordon.

WOODRUFF (NAN) COLLECTION. 1930-1931, 1980-1985. 1.8 cu. ft.
Photocopies of correspondence, field reports, newspaper clippings, legal materials, statistical reports, research notes, and other materials collected by Woodruff for her dissertation, later published under the title As Rare as Rain: Federal Relief in the Great Southern Drought of 1930-31. Collection documents the drought of 1930-31 in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, West Virginia, and Kentucky, and the efforts of the American Red Cross, the Herbert Hoover Administration, and local citizens to cope with the situation. Researchers must cite the original location of collected documents. Gift of Nan Woodruff.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

ALEXANDER-WHITFIELD FAMILY PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1880s-1950s. 8.66 cu. ft.
Included are correspondence and photographs of the family of Jackson attorney and legislator Harvey Chalmers Alexander and the family of his wife Marina Whitfield Alexander, daughter of Albert Hall Whitfield, Sr., chief justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court. Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum, Valley Stream, New York.

BROWN (CALVIN S.) PAPERS. 1910s-1920s; n.d. 0.33 cu. ft.
Photocopies of Dr. Calvin S. Brown's descriptive catalogs of artifacts that were either excavated at various archaeological sites in Mississippi (and elsewhere), or otherwise collected from individuals, that were once part of the archaeological collection of the Mississippi Geological Survey, formerly located at the University of Mississippi. Of interest is a list of George Ohr pottery that Dr. Brown acquired in 1925 from Josephine Ohr, widow of the eccentric Biloxi, Mississippi, art potter. Made available for photocopying by Janet Ford, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi.

DAVIS (JEFFERSON) LETTER. 1871. .10 cu. ft.
Letter (photocopy) written by Jefferson Davis, Carolina Life Insurance Company, Memphis, Tennessee, to William L. Davis, New York, dated June 12, 1871. Presented by Mary H. Davis, San Antonio, Texas.

HALBERT (JOEL JOSHUA) PAPERS. 1890s-1970s. 0.33 cu. ft.
Included are correspondence, photographs, awards, printed material, and newspaper clippings of Joel Joshua "Josh" Halbert and various members of his family. Halbert was chief engineer and director of public works for the city of Jackson, Mississippi, for many years. The formal gardens in front of Jackson's antebellum city hall were named in Halbert's honor. Presented by William A. Hays, Jackson.

HARRIS (F. J.) ACCOUNT BOOK. 1870s-1880s. 0.33 cu. ft.
Account book of F. J. Harris of Tippah County, Mississippi, recording the names of and wages paid to various sharecroppers and/or day laborers in Tippah County during the 1870s and 1880s. It also records any charges levied against or any supplies advanced to these individuals by F. J. Harris. Purchased from Cather and Brown Books, Birmingham, Alabama.

ACCESSIONS

HOLCOMB (WILLIAM E.) PAPERS. 1930s-1970s. 0.33 cu. ft.

Correspondence, photographs, and other papers of William E. Holcomb, president of Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg; administrative assistant to Governor Paul B. Johnson, Sr.; director of the Office of Price Administration for Mississippi; director of the War Assets Administration for Mississippi; unsuccessful candidate for Auditor of Public Accounts (1951); commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare; and finance officer of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, a division of the Department of Public Welfare. Of additional interest is a file of correspondence pertaining to Paul B. Johnson, Sr. Presented by Ada Sumrall, Clinton.

KEEN (ANNA M.) PAPERS. 1868; 1869. 0.10 cu. ft.

Letter dated August 10, 1868, written by Frank Strong, a former Confederate soldier from Brookhaven, Mississippi, to Anna M. Keen of Fulton, Wisconsin; and a letter dated September 10, 1869, written by former black student Olive Woodard of Brookhaven, Mississippi, to Anna M. Keen of Fulton, Wisconsin. Anna M. Keen was evidently a teacher at one of the first schools for black children in Brookhaven. She was married to John Ogilvie Stevenson who also taught at the school. Presented by Elizabeth Stevenson Beach, Santa Barbara, California.

RADOSKY (MARK) LETTER. 1986. 0.10 cu. ft.

Letter written by Private Mark Radosky, a medic in Company F, Twelfth Military Police Battalion, Fort McClellan, Alabama, to George L. Brock, Jackson, Mississippi, describing in detail his experiences as an enlisted man. Presented by George L. Brock, Jackson.

VICK-PHELPS-CASELLI PAPERS. 1890s-1950s. 0.33 cu. ft.

Included are correspondence, photographs, genealogical materials, and other records of various members of the Vick, Phelps, and Caselli families associated with Nitta Yuma Plantation, Nitta Yuma, Mississippi. Of additional interest is a typewritten excerpt from the diary of Ellen Phelps Crump dating between August 11, 1893, and August 6, 1894. Crump was state chairman of the Mississippi division of the National Woman's Party. Presented by Mrs. R. P. Caselli, Nitta Yuma.

WAILES (B. L. C.) DIARY TYPESCRIPT INDEX. n.d. 0.33 cu. ft.

Photocopy of a typewritten index to the typescripts of B. L. C. Wailes' thirty-six-volume original diary. The diary typescripts and the accompanying index were prepared by Nellie Wailes Brandon. Volumes one through four and ten through thirteen of the original diary are in the manuscript collection of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and volumes five through nine and fourteen through thirty-six of the original diary are in the manuscript collection of Duke University. The typescripts of Wailes' thirty-six-volume diary are also in the manuscript collection of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Made available for photocopying by Mrs. C. S. Wailes, Jackson.

WELTY (EUDORA) COLLECTION, ACCRETION. 1944-1946; 1948-1970; 1972-1973; n.d. 2 cu. ft.

Incoming and outgoing correspondence of Eudora Welty, primarily with her literary agent Diarmuid Russell of Russell and Volkening, Inc., New York City. Presented by Eudora Welty, Jackson.

Graphic Records Collection

GULF PARK COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPH. 1 item. ca. 1940. .10 li.

One 2.5"x7.5" color photograph of Gulf Park College, a private junior college for women on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in operation from 1917 to 1971. Presented by Michael Hennen, Jackson.

LOGGING CAMP PHOTOGRAPHS. 2 items. ca. 1900-1907. .25 li.

One 3.25"x 5.5" black-and-white postcard of the Pearl River Lumber Company's logging camp, Brookhaven, Mississippi, ca. 1907 and one 6.5"x 8.5" photograph of a logging camp at Norfield, Mississippi, ca. 1900. Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bowman, Warner Robins, Georgia.

MASONIC INITIATION PHOTOGRAPH. 1 item. 1922. .10 li.

One 5"x7" black-and-white photograph of six identified Masons at an initiation in Oxford, Mississippi, in 1922. Presented by Patti Carr Black, Jackson.

ACCESSIONS

ROBERTS (EDNA R.) PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. 11 items. ca. 1936. 1.10 li.
Eleven black-and-white photographs of clients receiving public health care services in Sunflower County, Mississippi. The photographs were taken by Caroline H. Benoist, public health nurse. Presented by Edna R. Roberts, Clinton.

Cartographic Records Collection

CALDWELL MAP COLLECTION. 1935-1941. 21 items in 26 parts. 5.25 li.
Four city plat maps and seven county plat maps drawn by W. L. Caldwell between 1938 and 1941; ten quadrangle maps published between 1935 and 1937. Presented by Mrs. N. D. Caldwell, Sr., Vaiden.

Audio-Visual Records Collection

CASELLI (MRS. RENATO P., JR.) ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW.
Oral history interview of November 9, 1990, with Mrs. Renato P. Caselli, Jr., at her home in Nitta Yuma, Mississippi, describing how her husband, the son of Italian nobleman Count Renato P. Caselli, Sr., came to own Nitta Yuma Plantation. The interview was conducted by Elbert R. Hilliard, director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

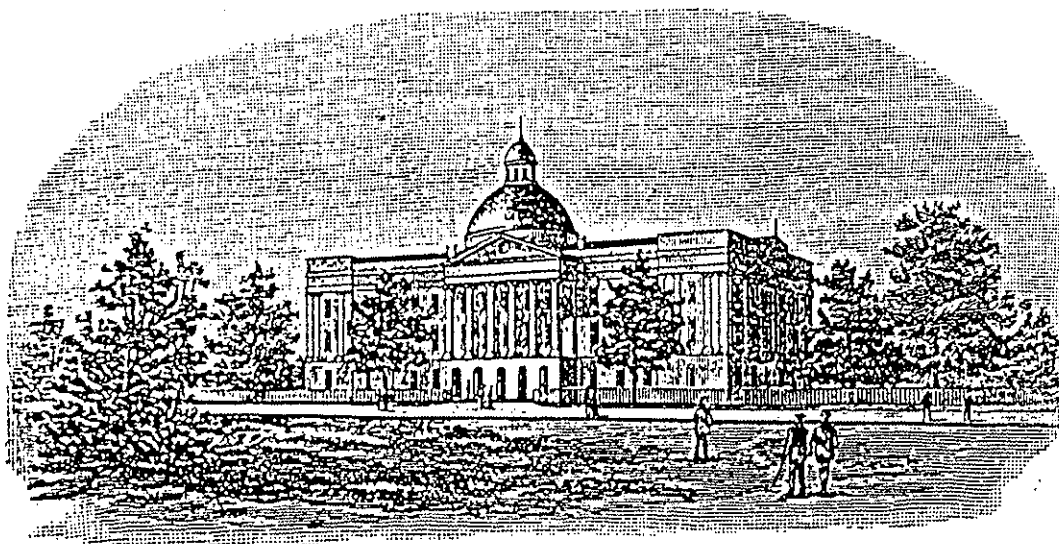
University of Southern Mississippi -- Historical Manuscripts

BROWN (KATE B.) PAPERS. 1926-1938. .5 cu. ft.
Letters, publications, a journal of Browns' trip to Europe, and newspaper clippings relating to her career in education and her tenure as chair of the Department of History at Mississippi Normal College.

FOOTE (SHELBY) PROOF OF RED RIVER TO APPOMATTOX. 1974. .40 cu. ft.
Uncorrected first proof of this final volume of The Civil War, A Narrative, which was sent to Dr. Bell I. Wiley for his review. Some of Dr. Wiley's comments are written on the frontispiece.

PRENSHAW (MAUDE LEET) PAPERS. ca. 1944-1975. 2 cu. ft.
Poetry and correspondence of "Leet" Prenshaw, Poet Laureate of Mississippi, along with books and journals in which her poems were published and materials relating to the Mississippi Poetry Society.

STRONG (H.M.) LETTER. 1916. 1 item.
One letter written by H.M. Strong of Texas City, Texas, to the Secretary of War in Washington, DC, asking for verification of the Civil War service of his grandfather, James H. Greene, in the 8th Wisconsin Infantry.



STATE HOUSE AT JACKSON.

ACTIVITIES PREFERENCE FORM
Society of Mississippi Archivists

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PLEASE return to: Society of Mississippi Archivists, c/o Mattie Sink, 307 Apache Drive, Starkville, MS 39759

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