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MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVES WEEK

Next month the very first MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVES WEEK will be held in the state. The week's activities, to be held between October 4 and October 11, are intended to focus attention on the value of archives, the work of their staff, and the support that all citizens can provide for archives. Programs and exhibits are planned throughout the state. Be sure to check the list of activities below and join in the celebration. Contact your local library or archives for more details about each program. Watch for publicity in your local newspaper.

<u>Place/Sponsor</u>	<u>Event/Speaker</u>	<u>Date</u>
Aberdeen/Evans Library	Conservation exhibit	Entire week
Biloxi Public Library	Workshop on Conservation by Terry Latour	October 8
Brookhaven/Lincoln County Library	"Research at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History" by Anne Lipscomb	October 8
Canton/Madison Public Library	"Little Rebel: Memoir of a Confederate Soldier" by Drs. Michael Ballard and Tom Cockrell	October 6

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Clarksdale/Carnegie Public Library	"Family History: How to Preserve It" by Dr. Lynne Mueller	October 7
Cleveland/Bolivar County Library	Conservation exhibit	Entire month
Clinton/Mississippi College	Special exhibit on holdings	Entire week
Columbus/Lowndes County Library	Opening of new archival facility	October 20
Corinth Public Library	"Researching Architectural History: M. A. Miller's Sketch of Corinth, Miss." by Todd Sanders	October 5
Hattiesburg Area Historical Society	Talk by Marcia Cohen from The Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience	October 4
Holly Springs/Rust College	Exhibit on Rust College History	Entire week
Jackson/Old Capitol	"Publishing and Preserving the News:" The Community Newspaper as an Historical Source" (Panel Discussion)	October 8
Jackson/Smith-Robertson Museum	Anniversary celebration	Entire week
Macon/Noxubee County Public Library	"Family History: How to Preserve It" by Mattie Sink and exhibit	October 6
Meridian/Lauderdale County Archives	Open House/Tour	October 9
Natchez Public Library	Conservation exhibit	Entire week
Pascagoula/Jackson County Historical Society and Jackson County Genealogical Society	"Preservation of the Old Spanish Fort"	October 10
Starkville/Mississippi State University campus	"The deGrummond Children's Literature Research Collection: A Special Resource" by Dee Jones with conservation tips by Irmi Wolfe	October 5
Tougaloo/Tougaloo College	"Oral History Project: Black Educators and the Civil Rights Movement" by Drs. Robert Jenkins and William Person	October 6

"DOCUMENTING SOUTHERN RELIGION:
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MISSISSIPPI"

by Gerry Reiff
Archivist, Millsaps College

(The following paper was delivered at the Southern Archivists Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 14, 1992. For those of our readers interested in Mississippi church archives, we thought you would like to read the text of Mrs. Reiff's paper.)

When John Wesley sent his first lay preacher to this country in 1766 to begin preaching in New York, it was not his intention to found a new church. Wesley was an ordained priest of the Church of England. He had started societies there to reach the unchurched - those who felt unwelcome among the high church, liturgical Anglicans. Wesley expected his followers to go to his Mother Church for the sacraments, and he hoped that one day the Church would embrace these people and his methods of reaching out to them. He planted this same dream in America and in 1771 sent Francis Asbury to oversee the organizing of his societies in America.

When the Revolution severed our ties with England, John Wesley finally gave in to demands and ordained men to send to America to "superintend" the societies and ordain new preachers. At the Christmas Conference of 1784, sixty preachers gathered in Baltimore where Superintendent Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, and others organized the Methodist Episcopal Church.

This bit of church history is an attempt to impress upon you how quickly Methodism spread to our part of the fledgling nation. From 1773 to the present, we have annual recorded minutes - the foundation of our documentation. The Minutes of that 1784 Christmas Conference show that preachers were already in Richmond, Roanoke, and Holston. After that year, the record becomes "Minutes Taken at the Several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Four years later the record shows preachers stationed in South Carolina and Georgia, and in 1789 there were over 400 members "in Society" in the Cumberland area of Tennessee.

At the South Carolina Annual Conference meeting of 1799, the Rev. Mr. Tobias Gibson was chosen to be the first Methodist missionary to "the Natchez Country," an area recently acquired by the U.S. government. He saddled his horse and set off on a trip full of hazards almost beyond our imagination. Within 34 years of that first lay preaching in New York, this Methodist Episcopal circuit rider was organizing societies in the Natchez, Mississippi, area. The rapid growth of Methodism in the late 18th century continued into the 19th, spreading over Mississippi and into Louisiana. By 1837 the Mississippi Conference was sending missionaries to the new Republic of Texas.

Along with growth, the nineteenth century of the Methodist Episcopal Church is marked by three separations. The first came in 1828 when some members from across many of the conferences, including the two in Mississippi, split away because they disagreed with the form of church governance that included bishops. The Methodist Protestant Church was born. In 1844 an even larger division occurred, brought to a head over the revelation that the wife of a southern bishop owned slaves. The brewing discord and seemingly insolvable differences resulted in the southern church severing its ties and becoming the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Then late in the century, an organizational change made official the separation of Black and White Methodists and the then named "Colored Conferences" came into being. Now there were two Black and two all-White conferences in the state, very separate from each other.

A word more about church governance because it plays a big role in archives for us. Ours is a connectional church with a representative form of government. My local church is in the East Jackson District which is in the Mississippi Conference which is in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, which is one of the jurisdictions across the country that makes up the General Conference - the overall governing body. My church elects lay representatives who are sent, along with the ministers, to the annual meeting of the Mississippi Conference - the Annual Conference. General Conference meets every four years and each Annual Conference elects lay and clergy delegates to it. Right now several of my friends are in Louisville where our General Conference is meeting. You may have read about the voting on resolutions concerning the church's stand on homosexuality, but you will read little in your newspapers about the bulk of the work going on there.

After every General Conference, a new Book of Discipline is published which reflects the work of that Conference. This is the book of the organization and regulations for the United Methodist Church. The collection of these books adds documentation to our history. I was interested to find, as I looked back through our Disciplines, that the word "archives"

does not appear in the index until the 1940 edition. Prior to that, the preservation of our history evidently was not given much thought. The only instruction I found was to the secretary of the Annual Conference to preserve the minutes of those meetings. Record books were available to local churches for keeping their records, and one of the responsibilities of the District Conference was the examination of these records. I found no instructions for preserving these books. Many churches did, of course, but even today I hear stories of a committee or church official who got zealous about house cleaning and threw out those old dusty books that no one used any more! Documentation lost . . .

Another problem for us is that in many small churches it was safer for the church secretary to keep the records at home. Sometimes a deep sense of ownership developed and the records were jealously guarded and stowed away. Years, maybe generations, later these were unthinkingly discarded along with the other junk in grandma's attic, and another part of our history was lost. Or family members may still treasure and guard the records for the family information in them, records often unknown to those who should have them. For these and other reasons, many little churches that no longer exist are lost to us. It may be that only tradition tells us a church ever existed in a certain community. Our Annual Conference Minutes often do not help us because not until 1944 do these Minutes include the names of the little churches that made up a circuit -only the name of the circuit is recorded. These are some of the problems in documenting our United Methodist history.

Growth and separation marked our history into the present century, and then in 1939 we began a period of uniting when the three churches that began as one decided to reunite and they became The Methodist Church. The modifiers "Episcopal" and "Protestant" were retired. It was in the first Discipline published after this uniting that the word "archives" finally appeared in the index. Every Annual Conference was told to have an Historical Society which was to:

"preserve the records of the Conference, gather all data referring to its organization, its past history, its former members, and to collect all data of interest from the memories of elderly persons, and to preserve these for future generations, together with a record of current items of importance, and to keep before the minds of our people the glorious deeds of the heroes of the past."

Thirty years later another uniting took place, this one between the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren, and the United Methodist Church was born. At this same time the decision was made to do away with the organization that separated us into Black and White districts and conferences and to merge these into one organization. After that General Conference, there was a new Discipline and a change in the directives about archives. This 1968 Discipline called for the formation in each annual conference of a Commission on Archives and History which shall collect the records of the church, with a special emphasis on the history of the ethnic churches, encourage the writing of the histories of the local churches and of the annual conference, and maintain a firesafe archive repository.

There are two archives repositories other than Millsaps College that document some of the history of the United Methodist Church in Mississippi. The General Conference Commission on Archives and History maintains a General Archives located at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History maintains one at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Called the Heritage Center, it has a museum, archives and small library and is run by a part-time director assisted by a secretary and volunteers.

The Commission on Archives and History in the Mississippi Conference has yet to come up with an organized, published schedule for collecting records and other archival material, but we will work together to do that. It has come up with a repository - Millsaps College in Jackson.

Sometime in the 1940's a Millsaps College professor, who was an active Methodist layman, secured a room in the Millsaps College Library for his growing collection of Methodist material. In the 1960's this Methodist Room was turned over to a retired Methodist clergyman, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Cain, who had been named Mississippi Conference Historian. Aided by members of the Conference Historical Society, he rapidly expanded the collection. There was not a lot of organization to his method of collecting or storing the material, but he had an amazing gift for talking folks into giving him old records and manuscripts. He found diaries and correspondence that document our early Mississippi Methodist history with colorful detail and valuable information. The Historical Societies in both conferences urged the writing of local church histories and these were collected. Historians were found to write the conference histories.

In the early 1980's, interest in an official repository began to stir in both conferences and at the college. Rev. Cain was ready for full retirement. The college was ready to renovate the administration building where many records and other archival materials were stored in the attic. So a committee was formed including the head librarian, representatives of the alumni association and of the Commissions on Archives and History of both conferences. The result of their work,

with the approval of the bishop and the college's president, was that the college attics were cleaned out and the relevant material deposited in the library, the North Mississippi records and archival materials were deposited there, an archivist was hired, and the J. B. Cain Archives of Mississippi Methodism and Millsaps College was established.

I still shake my head in wonder over the order that the first archivist, Marie Gallop, was able to bring out of that conglomeration of stuff! Today the collections are housed in two adjoining rooms in the college library. One room is arranged for research use and has books and other bound volumes (Annual Conference Minutes, church and college newspapers, college yearbooks, catalogs, honors papers, etc.) on open shelves. Partons are allowed to use this room whether or not the archivist is present. Others on the library staff are gracious about giving help in this room. The second room houses the manuscript collection and is the workroom for the part-time archivist and the student assistant. The material in this room is used only under the supervision of the archivist. Across the hall is a third room, kept locked, where college administrative records and some sensitive materials are kept. We also spill over into another room for some storage. Plans for our dreamed-of new library include a beautiful main floor archives.

Genealogy is not a strong focus of our collection. We are usually able to help those looking for information on Methodist preachers who were members of our conference. The Annual Conference Minutes include memoirs of the preachers who died that year and the conference newspaper prints an obituary. We have little pocket diaries of some preachers, and in these we may find notes on membership, marriages, baptisms. When we come across such details, we note in our index that this kind of information is available in the diaries.

Many of the letters I receive begin "My great-grandfather was a preacher in Mississippi in the late 1800's. Can you give me any information on him?" There are presently two such letters on my desk that came just before I left town for this meeting. I took time to do some quick checking and know that I will be able to make one writer happy with a copy of a very informative memoir. The other writer will be disappointed. My guess is that her ancestor was a lay preacher rather than an ordained member of the annual conference. Records on our early lay preachers are scarce. It's rewarding when I can find something like the hand-written journal of a mid-18th century circuit rider whose great-grandson wrote to us seeking information. The ink was faded and the pages so fragile I didn't dare put the journal on the copy machine, but the delighted Associated Press writer flew down from New York and spent three days transcribing his great-grandfather's words. He has printed the journal and has written a story about it that appeared in newspapers all over the country. We've received clippings from as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska.

One day the telephone rang, and it was Will Campbell looking for background material for a book he was writing. He asked if we had anything about Alexander Talley, a Methodist missionary to the Choctaw Indians around 1830. I checked and found that we had several letters Talley had written on the very subject Will was interested in - the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek and the removal of the Choctaws to Oklahoma. Talley had strong opinions about President Jackson and his representatives to the Indians. When the time came, Talley went to Oklahoma with the Choctaws until his poor health forced him to come back home. Again, the condition of the paper and ink made copying a problem, so Will Campbell was our guest for a couple of days.

The manuscript collection I am processing now is the lifetime accumulation of a professor who literally lived his long life at our college and never threw anything away. Our most recent acquisition, waiting for me in the library basement, is three very large, VERY dusty file boxes stuffed with early 20th century records from the Vicksburg District. Included are District Superintendent's records on churches and clergy, so I expect to find many faded, brittle jewels when I get into this.

These two collections are prime examples of the focus of the J. B. Cain Archives - the history of the college which houses it and the history of the United Methodist Church and its antecedents in Mississippi since 1799.

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SAA OFFICERS SELECTED

The Society of American Archivists elected Edie Hedlin as the Society's vice president for 1992-93. She will assume the vice presidential position following the 1992 annual meeting in Montreal and will serve until the end of the 1993 annual meeting in New Orleans, when she will assume the presidency of SAA. Hedlin holds a Ph.D. from Duke University and is currently a consultant with the Winthrop Group. Her archival experience includes 12 years with the National Archives and Records Administration, corporate archivist with the Wells Fargo Bank and service with the Ohio Historical Society. Also elected to positions on the Society's Council were Luciana Duranti, Margaret L. Hedstrom, and Elizabeth Yakel, who will serve three year terms beginning after the 1992 annual meeting. (*SAA Newsletter*, May 1992)

PRESERVE LINK NETWORK AVAILABLE

A new network computer link called PRESERVE LINK now provides a wealth of preservation information to individuals across the nation. PRESERVE LINK will operate as a "wing" in the LEX network, an information system created by the National League of Cities. It will provide resources on current issues of interest to the preservation community and will link subscribers to local officials nationwide. To participate in the new network, there is an annual subscription fee of \$60 and monthly use charges of a minimum of \$20. Subscribers need a computer, an asynchronous modem, and compatible software. For more information, call (800) 944-NTHP, ex. 4067. (*Historic Preservation News*, July/August 1992)

POSSIBLE LC USE FEES CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS

Legislation was introduced in the Senate by Claiborne Pell authorizing the Library of Congress to provide fee-based information products and services. The original proposal for such fees was modified after consultation with ALA and several other library groups. The new legislation defines three types of products and services: core (no cost), national (distribution cost only), and specialized (full-cost recovery). Problem areas have been identified in the legislation, and hearings on the bill are scheduled for mid-July. (*American Libraries*, July/August 1992)

The July hearing on legislation to allow fee-based services at the Library of Congress received mixed support from those testifying. American Library Association past-president, Pat Schuman, pointed out the lack of a clear definition of core services and a concern for the level of fees to be levied along with several other problems identified by ALA. Representatives of the Information Industry Association and the Association of American Publishers opposed the bill, while the president of the Council on Library Resources supported the bill with reservations. Some private citizens and staff members from libraries which currently charge fees testified in favor of the bill. (*Library Journal*, September 1, 1992)

LC OPENS HIGH-TECH LAB

This spring the Library of Congress opened the National Demonstration Laboratory for Interactive Information Technologies (NDL), a demonstration center for multimedia information and educational technologies. Housed originally in the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, the lab holds more than 200 examples of the latest innovations in interactive video, computer learning, and presentation systems. The Library hopes that by matching information about its collections with the newest in technology, it will see increased use of its holdings. The laboratory will also give librarians the opportunity to test state-of-the-art multimedia equipment to see if it may be compatible with their institution's needs. (*Library Journal*, May 1, 1992)

LC STAFF OPPOSES RESTRICTIVE SECURITY MEASURES

As a result of the implementation of tighter security measures at the Library of Congress, employee labor unions have filed unfair labor practice charges and have asked that LC management cease enforcement of the restrictions until negotiations with the union membership have taken place. Many employees claim that the new policies will limit their access to library stacks when that access is needed for research to complete coursework or for advancement within their field. There is also a resentment that the label of thief may be applied to library staffers. Librarian of Congress

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Billington answered some of the complaints by saying that the staff cannot exempt themselves from the kinds of restrictions imposed on patrons. (Library Journal, July 1992)

MOVING IMAGE ARCHIVISTS OFFER CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

Film and television archivists from the United States and Canada have formed the ASSOCIATION OF MOVING IMAGE ARCHIVISTS (AMIA), a new professional organization dedicated to ensuring the survival of our moving image heritage. Charter memberships in AMIA are being offered in 1992, and all interested professionals are invited to join with the community of supporters involved in moving image preservation. For information on the 1992 AMIA conference, membership, or the association newsletter, contact the AMIA Secretariat at the following address: Association of Moving Image Archivists, c/o National Center for Film and Video Preservation, The American Film Institute, P. O. Box 27999, 2021 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90027 or call 213-856-7637. (Mid-Atlantic Archivist, Summer 1992)

FLORIDA STATE ARCHIVES BEGINS PUBLIC ACCESS TO ONLINE CATALOG

In mid-July the Florida State Archives began providing public access to its new online catalog, the Archives Integrated Information Management System (AIIMS). On this system, patrons can search archives and manuscript collections using subject terms, personal names, corporate names, geographic locations, dates, and box or folder listings. The system uses both USMARC records following the AMC format as well as container lists to provide access to department holdings. AIIMS was developed and implemented through funding from Library Services and Construction Act Grants and the Bureau of Archives and Records Management. (The Florida Archivist, Summer 1992)

NEWS FROM ARCHIVES II

Work is progressing on or ahead of schedule in every area of the Archives II construction project. The exterior of the building is nearly complete, and interior partition construction has begun in some areas. National Archives employees will begin to move to Archives II in November 1993. Archival records will be moved between December 1993 and January 1996. More detailed dates for moving specific record groups will be available in later newsletters and news releases. State archivists and other observers attended the first official meeting in Archives II on July 15th, the annual meeting of the Archivist of the United States with archivists of the states. When the meeting agenda was completed, the group donned hardhats and enjoyed an hour-long tour of the construction site. (News from the Archives, Summer 1992)

NHPRC FELLOWS SELECTED

Two Fellows in Archival Administration have been selected by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) for the 1992-92 program year. Kris A. White, currently at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland, will work at the American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, in the areas of personnel supervision, budgeting, planning, and fund raising. Anne Marie Baker, currently curator of the Adams Museum in Deadwood, South Dakota, will assume administrative duties and work in strategic planning at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in Madison. (SAA Newsletter, July 1992)

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION SYSTEM BEING DEVELOPED

The National Archives is developing a computerized Archival Information System (AIS), a system of integrated modules intended to streamline the descriptive process and to facilitate reference. The system will contain data about records in the custody of the National Archives, the federal records centers, and other federal agencies. Through the use of artificial intelligence, the new system will serve as the primary information source for researchers. (Archives II Researcher Bulletin, Winter 1992)

NEW FACILITIES READIED IN NEVADA AND MINNESOTA

The Nevada State Library and Archives will move to its new facility beginning September 8. During the months of September and October, regular operations of the library will be very limited. The new facility is scheduled to open in November. The Minnesota Historical Society has moved this spring to its new History Center. The new address is: 345 Kellogg Blvd. West, St. Paul, MN 55102-1906. (MAC Newsletter, June 1992)

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WPA RECORDS DISCOVERED IN KANSAS

Not all states are as fortunate as Mississippi in having preserved a large body of records from the work of the Works Progress Administration and other early 20th century agencies. In Kansas, Dan Fitzgerald, Local Records Archivist, recently discovered such rare records while cleaning out courthouse vaults in Hodgeman County. The records were stored in wooden prune boxes, and they are believed to be the only ones of their kind still in existence in Kansas. (MAC Newsletter, June 1992)

NEWSLETTER FOR MUSEUM EDUCATORS BEGINS

Program Trends in Museum Education, a new newsletter for museum educators published by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), has recently begun publication. The monthly newsletter will contain information on children's programming, programming for adults, trends in museum education, and new museum programs being offered around the country. In addition, the newsletter offers practical, how-to columns on program evaluation, surveys, formats, pricing, designing brochures, and promotion and publicity. For information, call Kathy Shaneyfelt at 1-800-678-5376 or write LERN, 1550 Hayes Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502. (Artifacts, Summer 1992)

NEW COPYRIGHT RULING AFFECTS CORPORATE ACCESS TO PUBLISHED MATERIALS

A U. S. District Judge in the Southern District of New York ruled recently in a suit brought against Texaco that employees of profit-making corporations may not photocopy journal articles under the "fair use" provision of the U.S. copyright law. This ruling is expected to lead to a rapid expansion of corporate licenses at the Copyright Clearance Center, established in 1978 as a way to grant blanket permission to reproduce copyrighted material. At the Center, corporations pay varying fees to copy materials, depending on the number of their employees and the nature of their work force. About 2,500 companies have now taken out licenses which range from hundreds of dollars to six figures. (Chronicle of Higher Education, August 5, 1992)

JFK ASSASSINATION MATERIALS DISCLOSURE ACT

On July 22, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs reported out S. 3006, the Assassination Materials Disclosure Act of 1992. The Committee report (S. Rept. 102-328), said, "The legislation is designed and retitled to achieve the single most important purpose of the Act: public access to the assassination records." The Committee report stated further that the records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are the most publicly sought-after, unreleased records of our government. The legislation would establish the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration, and would authorize an appropriation of \$4.5 million a year in 1993, 94 and 95 for the expedited review and public disclosure of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Committee report also states that "it is intended that the Kennedy autopsy records contained in the HSCA records should be restored to the original collection," and will be treated as Kennedy autopsy records "which are exempt from disclosure under the Act." (ALA Washington Office Newsletter, August 5, 1992)

LOAN OF MANUSCRIPT COPIES WORKS AT HARRY RANSOM CENTER

At the Harry Ransom Humanities Center, the staff make photocopies of manuscript collections available on a loan basis. The procedure operates in the following way. Patrons agree to return the copies by their signature on their reader application form. Manuscript collections are copied onto paper which has a pre-printed text stating that the copy is the property of the Center and stipulating procedure for quoting, copying or reproduction in any form. Cost of the copies is \$0.25 per page plus \$4.00 handling and postage, which covers preparation cost but does not convey ownership.

The Center adopted this policy so that scholars wishing to use copies of collections which they house will contact the Center rather than getting copies from a colleague's copies. The policy is also attractive to donors and sellers who prefer that a limited number of copies of their documents be made. Staff at the Center feel the policy is prudent for their collections which contain such a large percentage of literary manuscripts with commercial potential reduced by the proliferation of copies. (Bitnet, August 3, 1992)

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LOWNDES COUNTY RECORDS TO BE AVAILABLE IN LIBRARY

The Lowndes County Circuit Clerk and the Columbus Lowndes County Public Library have begun a cooperative program to preserve the historical circuit court records of Lowndes County. According to Circuit Clerk, Mrs. Mahala Salazar, court records from before 1920 are being transferred to the library for permanent storage. Wills, deeds, and marriage records will remain in the county courthouse. An inventory of the records to be transferred is currently being compiled. When this is completed, groups of records will be moved to the recently renovated archival facility in Columbus, where they will then be open to the public. The major problem in using these records is the fact that so few of them are indexed.

HISTORY DAY WINNERS REPORTED

Mississippi enjoyed a strong showing at the National History Day competition held this summer at the University of Maryland. Junior Historical Society director, Charles Bolton, of the University of Southern Mississippi, reported that Landon Thompson and Angela Kersh from Raleigh Middle School won for their presentation, in a talk show format, of an interview with Christopher Columbus. This project followed the theme of the year's competition which was related to the Columbus Quincentenary. Other participants from Mississippi included students from Coleman Junior High School of Greenville, Long Beach Middle School, and Lawrence County High School. For information about next year's History Day competition, contact Charles Bolton at (601) 266-4574.

MISSISSIPPI'S 175th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PLANNED

The week of December 5-13, 1992, will be celebrated across the state of Mississippi as the 175th birthday of Mississippi statehood. Exhibits and observances celebrating the state's ethnic and agrarian heritage, artists, writers, and educators will take place during the week, along with special tributes to Mississippians, a Homecoming Dinner/Concert, and a Downhome Picnic. For a schedule of events or to make a contribution by purchasing a Mississippi Homecoming shirt, contact MISSISSIPPI HOMECOMING, 3825 Ridgewood Rd., Box 16, Jackson, MS 39211.

PATTI CARR BLACK RETIRES SEPTEMBER 30

Patti Carr Black, a staff member in various sections of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for all but a short period of time since 1957, will retire at the end of the month. Patti has been a cataloger, special projects officer, curator of exhibits, director of the Archives and Library Division, and since 1976 has guided the programs and exhibits at the State Historical Museum in the Old Capitol. She is also the author of several books on Mississippi, including Made By Hand, and Mules and Mississippi.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY ARCHIVES CONTINUES TO MAKE NEWS

Jim Dawson, Director of the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History was the subject of a feature article in the July 5, 1992 issue of The Meridian Star. The article described the history of the Archives, and included comments by Elbert Hilliad and others concerning the remarkable progress made at the Archives since it was established as an all-volunteer agency in 1984. According to Dr. Bill Scaggs, President of Meridian Community College, "The archives are remarkable...a monument to Jim's persistence and commitment. It's one of the most remarkable volunteer efforts. In a world where the people say 'we don't have...so we can't do'-those words are not in Jim's vocabulary". Most recently, Jim and Will Henson have begun to share their expertise with local records with other city and county officials in Mississippi by giving tours and workshops, and by visiting other cities that need help in setting up a local archives. Will and Jim have also been continuing to work with the Department of Archives and History to influence the passage of local records legislation by the Mississippi State Legislature. As we reported in the last issue, Jim Dawson was invited to be a panelist for the July 15-18 annual meeting of the National Association of Archives and Records Administrators in Washington, D.C. Jim reports that he learned much from talking to others at the meeting and has received follow-up calls requesting more information. Don't miss Jim's human interest story in an upcoming issue of Mississippi Magic.

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UPDATE ON BENTLEY LIBRARY ELECTRONIC CONFERENCING APPRAISAL PROJECT

Preliminary results of the one-year project at the Bentley Library, University of Michigan, indicate that at least half of the 75 university's electronic conferences identified and appraised by project archivists have considerable archival value. These conferences offer a rich and unique documentary perspective of contemporary student life and the university environment in general. Project archivists Anne Gilliland-Swetland and Greg Kinney are also investigating accessing and storage options and have begun to "archive" selected conferences using transfer agreements they have developed for public and course-related conferences. A part of the project's final report will be specific guidelines for the appraisal, accessioning, and storage of electronic conferences by non-technical archivists. For a copy of the Six-Month Report on this NHPR[^]C project, contact Anne Gilliland-Swetland or Greg Kinney, Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 (313) 764-3482.

NEW RESEARCH REGULATIONS AT LC

On May 16, the Library of Congress began closing the Manuscript Reading Room on Saturdays. This has been a hardship for both out-of-town scholars and Washington residents. Historians have proposed that LC follow the procedures of the National Archives, in which records used on Saturday must be ordered during the preceding work week. Another change which has affected scholars is that of allowing researchers to examine only four boxes of documents at one time instead of the previous eight boxes. This restriction may slow the process of research considerably.

Many scholars, in an attempt to voice their concerns about these changes and the tighter security measures at the Library, have written to the Librarian requesting that the Library weigh its choices in favor of maintaining access to its holdings. To send your comments, write to Dr. James Billington, The Librarian of Congress, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. (*Perspectives*, September 1992)

WEINGERGER PAPERS REKINDLE DEBATE

The papers of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger took on unusual significance when a relative handful (1,700) of the 370,000 items in the collection apparently formed the basis for a portion of the criminal indictment charging Weinberger with perjury, obstruction, and making false statements to Congress in the Iran-Contra affair. This is thought to be the first time that any of the 62 million documents held by the Library of Congress had been put to such a use.

The Weinberger affair has rekindled debate among librarians as well as Congress over who should be considered to own, and who should be allowed to have access to, documents created on government time at government expense by government officials. The controversy has also left some Library officials worried that the turn of events might cause other public officials to shy away from keeping a candid documentary record of their tenure or perhaps choose to deposit their papers elsewhere. (*LC Information Bulletin*, July 27, 1992)

HR 4412--"FAIR USE" OF COPYRIGHTED UNPUBLISHED WORKS

On August 11, HR 4412, "fair use" of copyrighted unpublished works passed the House. In his remarks on the bill, Rep. Hughes (D-NJ), explained that the legislation grew out of "two decisions in the second circuit which suggested that the circuit was reading into the doctrine a degree of rigidity never intended by the Congress." He stated that the purpose of the bill is to restore the desired flexibility to fair use. Rep. Moorhead (R-CA), said that at the hearings on the bill it was suggested that the second circuit in *Salinger v. Random House, Inc.*, and the *New Era Publications, International ApS v. Henry Holt and Co.*, had not absolutely barred the fair use defense in the unpublished works context. He said that this "misses the point, which is whether or not the courts language has had a chilling effect on the production and publication of the works of historians, biographers, and journalists." The legislation adds a sentence at the end of section 107 of title 17, U.S. Code, "The fact that a work is unpublished shall not itself bar a finding of fair use if such finding is made upon consideration of all the above factors."

Moorhead quoted report language (H. Rep. 102-836), which makes clear that "The purpose of HR 4412 is to clarify the intent of Congress that there be no per se rule barring claims of fair use of unpublished works." (*Congressional Record*, August 11, 1992, pp. 7991-92). A similar bill passed the Senate in 1991 (S. 1035), but the "fair use of unpublished works provision was dropped in Committee in the House bill. (ALA Washington Office Newline, August 20, 1992)

CONSERVATION NEWS

CONWAY SELECTED TO HEAD PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT AT YALE

Paul Conway, archives specialist on the Archival Research and Evaluation Staff of the National Archives and Records Administration, has been selected to head the Preservation Department at Yale University Library. The program at Yale is one of the oldest in the country, having been started in 1971, and it has played a major leadership role in the preservation field. Conway will provide leadership in preservation for the entire Yale Library system, administer and expand the comprehensive preservation program now in place, train interns in preservation administration, and explore new ways to take advantage of emerging technologies for the preservation of library and archival materials. (*The Florida Archivist*, Summer 1992)

NEW PRESERVATION OFFICER AT SOLINET

Julie Arnott, Associate Preservation Librarian at the University of Michigan, has been named the Preservation Education Officer for SOLINET, the Southeastern Library Network. She will design and conduct workshops, provide consulting services, and provide reference and referral services. SOLINET's Preservation Program, one of the most active in the nation, provides services ranging from training and publication to disaster assistance and reference services. (SOLINET Press Release)

SAA ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NOW IN PLACE

The Society of American Archivists Preservation Management Training Program, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, is structured to build a core of comprehensive preservation programs throughout the United States, staffed by archivists who are willing and able to lead the profession, teach others how to build programs, increase awareness of continuing needs, and provide information through formal and informal networks.

Forty to sixty institutions will have the opportunity to participate in this program. Ten to fifteen applicants will be selected to participate in each of the four series of six-day workshops to be offered throughout the country during the next two years. Participants will be required to do background reading before the workshops, undertake assignments between each workshop series, and begin to draft five-year preservation plans for implementation within their institution.

The Southeastern series of workshops will begin in February 1994 and will continue in June and October of that year. The fee for the three workshop sequence is \$750 and will cover tuition, instructional materials, room, breakfasts and lunches. Transportation costs must be supported by the sponsoring institution.

For information about the training program and an application, contact Evelyn Frangakis, Preservation Program Director, The Society of American Archivists, 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605 (312) 922-0140.

MAGNETIC BOOK ENDS USEFUL

Those archivists that also have responsibility for rare or special book collections may wish to consider use of magnetic book ends. They are available in wide profile styles and do not have the "tongue" that often is the source of damage to the tail edges of rare books. One supplier of this type of book end is, Magnetic Aids, Inc. 133 north 10th Street, Paterson, NJ 07522 (201-790-1400). (*Conservation DistList*, July 23, 1992)

FINAL REPORT ON PRESERVING THE ILLUSTRATED TEXT NOW AVAILABLE

The Joint Task Force on Text and Image of the Commission on Preservation and Access has published their final report, *Preserving the Illustrated Text*. It examines the complex issues involved across a broad spectrum of disciplines in preserving materials with both text and graphic images. The group examined the attributes and distribution of images in endangered books and periodicals, explored the characteristics of the uses and users of these materials in different disciplines, and assessed the current and potential capabilities of both analog and digital technologies to provide convenient, continuing access consonant with disciplinary requirements. The report is available for \$10.00 (prepayment required) from Trish Cece, Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th Street, N.W., Suite 740, Washington, D.C. 20036-2217. (*College and Research Libraries News*, July/August 1992)

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RLG FORMS TASK FORCE ON PHOTO PRESERVATION

The Research Libraries Group (RLG) has formed a six-member task force to address issues inherent in preserving large photograph collections. The group's charge is 1) to evaluate available needs-assessment and planning tools used in managing large photograph collections; 2) to design a project to investigate and demonstrate the use of electronic technologies -- such as CD-ROMs -- in re-formatting large, endangered photo collections; and 3) to suggest other ways institutions could work together to preserve and improve access to photographic research collections.

Serving on the task force are Jeffrey Horrell, librarian of the Fine Arts Library at Harvard's Fogg Art Museum; Jackie Dooley, head of collections cataloging at the Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities; Anne Kenney, associate director of the Department of Preservation at Cornell University; Debbie Hess Norris, assistant director of the Art Conservation Program at the Winterthur Museum/University of Delaware; and James Reilly, director of the Image Permanence Institute at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Patricia McClung, RLG's associate director for programs, staffs the task force.

The task force is an outgrowth of a 1990 RLG symposium that focused on the problems repositories have in managing and preserving large photographic collections, with special emphasis on finding collaborative solutions. The committee is expected to complete its work by September 1, 1993.

For more information, please contact Patricia McClung at RLG, phone 415/691-2236; e-mail BL.PAM@RLG.BITNET or BL.PAM@RLG.STANFORD.EDU. (RLG News Release, August 1992.)

RESCUBE AVAILABLE

There is a new product on the market--the "Rescube." It's a corrugated high-density polyethylene collapsible box designed specifically for salvaging wet library materials. The boxes are lightweight, stable from -60 degrees to 160 degrees F., and durable even when filled with water-soaked books. They have been tested by American Freeze-Dry. Loaded and stacked 7 high, some full, and some half-full, they neither bowed nor failed in any other way. Boxes are approximately 12 x 15 x 10", accommodate both books and files, and are well designed and reusable.

They were developed by Linda Nainis (former preservation librarian, Georgetown University Law Library), working with librarians, conservators, and box designers. Her number at Protext: 301-718-1659. Prices range from \$4.40 to \$6.30 per box depending on quantity (\$5.60 each for an order of between 100 and 499). (Conservation DistList, August 15, 1992)

CIC PUBLISHES REPORT ON MASS DEACIDIFICATION

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) announces the availability of Mass Deacidification: A Report to the Library Directors, a study completed in April 1992 by the CIC Task Force on Mass Deacidification. The Task Force, chaired by Richard Frieder of Northwestern University Libraries, was charged in 1989 by the directors of the CIC libraries to help position their units for action on mass deacidification. The one hundred seventy-five page document describes the Task Force's investigation of organizational and operational issues such as selection, in-library processing costs, treatment records, quality control, and contracting for mass deacidification, and chemistry issues such as process effectiveness, treatment side effects, and toxicological risks. Much of the Task Force work was based on a series of test runs performed with two vendors of mass deacidification services: Akzo Chemicals, Inc., and the FMC Corporation.

Although the report is intended for the use of the CIC libraries and is not meant to suggest a course of action to other institutions, it contains much information that will be of interest to any library, archives, or historical society considering its mass deacidification needs. Copies of the report are available for \$12 plus \$3 postage and handling from: CIC, 302 East John Street, Suite 1705, Champaign, IL 61820; telephone (217) 333-8475.

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REPORT ON RESEARCH PROJECT EVALUATING USE OF COLOR MICROFILM

The project "Permanence of Color Microforms for Library Preservation" was a two-year study to explore the comparative dye stabilities of chromogenic and silver dye bleach (SDB) microforms. In addition to dye fading, the physical properties of the gelatin emulsions and film supports were also studied. The permanence of color microforms is a concern in the library community because a large segment of embrittled library material cannot be adequately preserved by simple black-and-white microfilming. For any original book, map, art reproduction or manuscript in which color is an integral part of the information content, there must be a way to preserve the color component of the image.

Material tested by the Image Permanence Institute (IPI) and MAPS (The Micrographic Preservation Service, Inc.) proved to be surprisingly stable. Although the basic requirements of the project were met, data collection on the project will continue for several years. The major results of testing are listed below.

1. Color microfilming is a viable preservation method. Even at room temperature, it is possible to preserve master color microform images as long as 100 years.
2. Overall, at room temperature and moderate RH conditions, Cibachrome SDB films exhibit superior permanence to chromogenic microfilms.
3. In the accelerated aging studies, films sealed in bags had a shorter life than films free-hung in the changers. This is likely due to harmful degradation byproducts being trapped in the sealed bags and accelerating deterioration. Unfortunately, the bagged film tends to reflect more closely how film is stored in real life than open, free-hung film does.
4. Insufficient data is available to make predictions regarding the dark stability of Cibachrome dyes. However, one could reasonably expect two to three centuries to pass before significant dye fading occurs under room temperature and moderate RH storage conditions.
5. The dark stability of Cibachrome dyes is far superior to chromogenic dyes.
6. While the polyester support of Cibachrome films may not be as stable as some other polyester bases, it is still at least as stable as triacetate.
7. Predictions for the future physical properties of Cibachrome film gelatin emulsions were notably shorter than for chromogenic film emulsions. However, Cibachrome emulsions can be expected to remain in usable condition for at least 200 years at room temperature and moderate RH conditions. (The Commission on Preservation and Access Newsletter, September 1992)

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Care of Indiana Public School Records: A Record Creator's Guide, originally published for one school district, has now been approved for general use across the state. For a copy of the guide or its update, contact Ralph Egloff, Business Manager, Clay Community School Corporation, Box 101, Knightsville, IN 47857 or Stephen Towne, Indiana State Archives, Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Disaster Recovery Yellow Pages, 2nd. ed. by the Systems Audit Group, Inc., is a 200 page listing of crucial but hard-to-find recovery services throughout the United States. It contains more than 1,600 vendors who provide services in more than 800 categories such as drying and dehumidification of paper records and emergency rental of equipment. Order from: The Systems Audit Group, Inc., 67 Chester Street, Newton, MA 02161 Price: \$98 plus \$3 shipping and handling.

Discovering RLIN is a 52 page illustrated booklet intended to introduce reference librarians and scholars to the contents of the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN) database. The booklet contains sections on each of the types of materials in the 52-million record database, including archival materials, journals, and rare books. Order from: Distribution Services Center, The Research Libraries Group, Inc., 1200 Villa Street, Mountain View, CA 34041-1100 Price: \$10.

Guide to Record Retention Requirements in the CFR, revised edition, is designed to assist the user with Federal record keeping obligations by telling what records must be kept, who must keep them, and how long they must be kept. Order from: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. Price: \$15.00.

Historical materials in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library is a 121-page guide to materials in the Presidential Library in Austin. Order from: Supervisory Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78705.

The Management of College and University Archives, by William J. Maher, is a basic text on the management of academic archives. It contains information on basic operational principles, current conditions in the field, and external professional standards that have relevancy. Order from: SAA. Price: \$45.00.

Managing Institutional Archives: Foundational Principles and Practices, by Richard J. Cox, deals with all considerations of archives operations including acquisition and appraisal, arrangement and description, preservation, reference, fundraising, new technologies, and others. Order from: Greenwood Publishing Company, Westport, CT Price: \$36.00.

The MARC Manual: Understanding and Using MARC by Deborah J. Byrne is a conversational guide to the field of cataloging covering the theory and development of MACHine Readable Cataloging (MARC), the structure and major codes along with a glossary and index. Order from: Libraries Unlimited, POB 3988, Englewood, CO 80155 Price: \$29.50.

Nitrate Won't Wait: A History of Film Preservation in the United States, by Anthony Slide, is an historical examination of efforts and processes to

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11-17, 1992

Society of American Archivists
Annual Meeting, Montreal,
Canada. Contact: Debra S.
Mills, SAA Meeting Planner,
at (312) 922-0140.

October 5-7, 1992

"Public Education in the
Twentieth Century South"
Porter L. Fortune, Jr., History
Symposium, The University of
Mississippi. Contact: UM
Dept. of History, University,
MS 38677 (601) 232-7148.

October 19-22, 1992

Association of Records
Managers and Administrators
Annual Conference, Detroit,
Michigan. Contact: ARMA
International Conference,
4200 Somerset Drive, Suite
215, Prairie Village, KS 66208-
5287.

October 15-18, 1992

Oral History Association
Annual Meeting, Cleveland,
Ohio. Contact: Donna M.
DeBlasio, Youngstown
Historical Center of Industry
and Labor, P. O. Box 533,
Youngstown, OH 44501 (216)
743-5943.

October 21-24, 1992

Southeastern Museums
Conference, Columbia, South
Carolina. Contact: SEMC, P.
O. Box 3494, Baton Rouge,
LA (504) 383-5042.

October 24-25, 1992

International Conference on
Disaster Prevention,
Response, and Recovery at
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, Cambridge.
Contact: Susan E. Schur,
Technology & Conservation,
One Emerson Place, Boston,
MA 02114 (617) 277-8581.

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preserve newsreel, television, and commercial film archives, as well as historical sketches of the institutions involved in the work. Order from: McFarland & Company (ISBN 0-89950-694-1). Price: \$37.50.

Preservation and Storage of Sound Recordings, by A. G. Pickett and M. M. Lemcoe, is a reprint of classic Library of Congress investigation focusing on the storage of phonographic discs and magnetic tape. Order reprint from: Association for Recorded Sound Collections, Publications Orders, P.O. Box 10162, Silver Spring, MD 20914. Price: \$20.00.

Providing Reference Services for Archives and Manuscripts, by Mary Jo Pugh, is the fifth title in the new Society of American Archivists Archival Fundamentals Series. It focuses on identification of current and potential users and the development of facilities and public programs to meet their needs. Order from: SAA. Price: \$19.00.

A Selected and Annotated Bibliography on Business Archives and Records Management by Karen M. Benedict, is an update of a 1981 bibliography on the subject and includes an overview of professional literature from 1935-1991. Order from: SAA Publications, 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605 Price: SAA members - \$15; nonmembers - \$20 plus postage and handling. Prepayment required.

To Protect a Priceless Legacy: The Preservation and Use of America's Historical Records. A Plan for the NHPRC, a document that lays plans for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission that will lead the Commission into a more active role in supporting publication and preservation. Order from: NHPRC, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408 Price: Free while supplies last.

Using the Nation's Documentary Heritage: The Report of the Historical Documents Study by Ann D. Gordon, provides information about the use of archives and documentary publications and makes recommendations for the future of NHPRC funding. Order from: NHPRC, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408 Price: Free while supplies last.

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Publications in the Local Government Records Technical Publication Series from The National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators continue. The following titles are available.

- Managing Records on Limited Resources: A Guide for Local Governments
- Using Microfilm: A Guide for Local Governments
- Protecting Records: A Guide for Local Governments
- The Daily Management of Records and Information: A Guide for Local Governments
- Applying Computer Technology to Records Systems: A Guide for Local Governments

Copies of these guides may be purchased in sets or by individual titles. Single sets are available for \$10 per set; individual copies cost \$3. Order from NAGARA Publications, Capitol Hill Management Services, 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207.

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Three new primary source teaching packets are now available for use with college-level students and adults. The packets are entitled Documents from the National Archives: Watergate, Documents from the National Archives: Internment of Japanese Americans, and Documents from the National Archives: Women in Industry World War II. Each packet contains a teacher's booklet with questions and activities for further study and from nine to fourteen documents related to the issue. The price of each packet is \$5.95. Order from: Kendall/Hunt publishing Company, 2460 Kerper Boulevard, P. O. Box 539, Dubuque, IA 52004 1-800-338-5578.

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Manuscript Collection

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI, RECORDS. 1940s-1960s. 1 cu. ft.

Included are correspondence, financial records, memoranda, minutes, printed material, and other records of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Mississippi. Presented by the Canton Public Library, Canton, Mississippi.

BRUNINI, GRANTHAM, GROWER, AND HEWES RECORDS. 1900s-1940s. 50 cu. ft.

Correspondence, financial records, and legal case files of the Brunini law firm which was originally organized by John B. Brunini and J. K. Hirsch in Vicksburg, Mississippi, in 1903. The law firm continues as Brunini, Grantham, Grower, and Hewes with principal offices located in the Trustmark National Bank Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Of particular interest are a series of politically oriented files documenting the involvement of John B. Brunini and Edmund L. Brunini in various federal, state, and local election campaigns. Presented by Edmund L. Brunini, Sr., Jackson, Mississippi.

CHAMBERLAIN (JOHN DARDEN) DIARY. 1878-1880. 0.10 cu. ft.

Photocopy of an original diary documenting the experiences of Jefferson County, Mississippi, farmer John Darden Chamberlain from January 25, 1878, to September 16, 1880. Made available for photocopying by Kathryn C. Ellis, Port Gibson, Mississippi.

FINE ARTS CLUB (JACKSON) RECORDS. 1930s-1960s. 1 cu. ft.

Included are minutes, scrapbooks, and yearbooks of the Fine Arts Club of Jackson, Mississippi. Presented by Evelyn G. Carter, Jackson, Mississippi.

FORDICE (DANIEL KIRKWOOD) INAUGURAL COMMITTEE RECORDS. 1992. 0.66 cu. ft.

Included are invitations to the inauguration and inaugural ball of Republican Governor Daniel Kirkwood Fordice and a poster and program commemorating the inauguration of Governor Fordice. Presented by Michael Hennen, Jackson, Mississippi.

HOWRY FAMILY PAPERS. 1840s-1960s; n.d. 2 cu. ft.

Included are correspondence, financial and legal records, genealogical, literary, and social papers, photographs, and printed material associated with the Charles Bowen Howry family of Oxford, Mississippi. Howry was the law partner of J. W. T. Falkner, grandfather of writer William Faulkner, and associate justice of the United States Court of Claims, Washington, D.C., from 1897 to 1915. Purchased from Carmen D. Valentino, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MCPHAIL (HARTWELL) WORLD WAR II MEMOIR. 1990. 0.33 cu. ft.

Typescript memoir entitled "Anchors Aweigh, 1942-1946" documenting Hartwell McPhail's service as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy during World War II. Presented by Hartwell McPhail, Clinton, Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECORDS, ACCRETION. 1950s-1980s. 0.10 cu. ft.

Included are copies of the charter, constitution, and bylaws of the Mississippi Historical Society and any amendments thereto. Presented by the Mississippi Historical Society, Jackson.

NATCHEZ GARDEN CLUB RECORDS, ACCRETION. 1976-1991. 1 cu. ft.

Correspondence, plans and elevations, reports, and other records documenting the partial restoration of the 1841 William Johnson House by the Preservation Society of Ellicott Hill, a non-profit affiliate of the Natchez Garden Club, after the property was acquired from descendants of William Johnson in 1976. The William Johnson House was later acquired by the National Park Service as a component of the Natchez National Historical Park in 1991. William Johnson was a successful free-black entrepreneur of Natchez who kept an detailed diary of his activities from 1835 until he was murdered in 1851. Johnson's diary was first published by the Louisiana State University Press in 1951. Presented by the Natchez Garden Club, Natchez, Mississippi.

PHILLIPS (TRUMAN) WORLD WAR II DIARY. 1944. 0.10 cu. ft.

Photocopy of an original diary of Truman Phillips, a Mississippian who served in the Eighth Air Force in England during World War II, documenting a series of twenty-five bombing missions in Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, and

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the Netherlands from July 11, 1944, to September 30, 1944. Made available for photocopying by Truman Phillips, Bay Springs, Mississippi.

ROYSTER (W. J.) CIVIL WAR MEMOIR. 1907. 0.10 cu. ft.

Memoir of W. J. Royster, Yazoo City, Mississippi, formerly of Wirt Adams' Regiment, Cavalry, Company K, concerning the sinking of the federal gunboat, the U.S.S. Baron de Kalb, in the Yazoo River in 1863.

Transferred from the library subject file, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (MISSISSIPPI) RECORDS. 1960s-1990s. 0.33 cu. ft.

Included are the constitution and bylaws and scattered correspondence, memoranda, minutes, printed material, reports, and other records of the Mississippi Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Presented by the Mississippi Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Jackson.

Graphic Records Collection

CONNER (MIKE) PHOTOGRAPH. ca. 1911. 1 item. 0.10 l.i.

One 3"x4.5" black-and-white photograph of Mike Conner while attending Yale University.

Presented by Peter Quinn, New York, New York.

COOPER (FORREST LAMAR) POSTCARD COLLECTION. ca. 1900-1963. approx. 4,600 items. 46 l.i.

Approximately 4,600 black-and-white and color postcards of small towns, railroads, mineral springs, and agricultural and forestry activities representing over 200 locations throughout Mississippi, with the exception of Jackson. The majority of cards predate World War I and about 600 are "Realphotos," actual photographs printed on postcards.

Purchased from Forrest Lamar Cooper, Florence, Mississippi.

"GUARD HOUSE, CAMP JACKSON, MISS." PHOTOGRAPH. ca. 1917. 1 item. 0.10 l.i.

One 8"x10" black-and-white photograph of the Guard House at Camp Jackson. Presented by Grady H. Mordecai, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

HEIDELBERG HOTEL ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS. 1938-1960. 27 items. 2.70 l.i.

Twenty-seven sheets of architectural drawings of the Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi; drawings include the 1938 and 1947 alterations and improvements by the firm R. W. Naef and the 1960 addition by James T. Canizaro.

Presented by Britt Maxwell, Jackson, Mississippi.

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE POSTCARDS. ca. 1945. 8 items. 0.80 l.i.

Four color postcards of Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, and four color postcards of Gulfport Field, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Purchased from Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi.

MERCANTILE LUMBER COMPANY PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPH. ca. 1913. 1 item. 0.25 l.i.

One 6"x 33" black-and-white photograph of the Mercantile Lumber Company in Jackson, Mississippi.

Presented by Betty L. Duckworth, Jackson, Mississippi.

Cartographic Records

Historic sites in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. 1990. 1 item. 0.10 l.i.

One 46 cm. x 62 cm. map of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, compiled by the Pontotoc County Historical Society, with twenty-eight historic sites identified and described. Presented by James E. Garrison, Murray, Kentucky.

Mississippi State University

Manuscripts

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION RECORDS. Accretion. 1989-1992. .16 cu. ft.

Annual meeting materials, membership lists, newsletters, and correspondence documenting the activities and interests of the Association. Gift of the Association.

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CARMICHAEL (GILBERT E.) PAPERS. Accretion. .33 cu. ft. 1989-1990.

Correspondence, photographs, speeches, press releases, newspaper clippings, and articles concerned with Carmichael's appointment as Federal Railroad Administrator, and with his goals and plans for the position.

Gift of Gilbert E. Carmichael.

GRAY (ELIZABETH) PAPERS. 1953-1980. 1.34 cu. ft.

Papers of Gray, community activist, historical researcher, and wife of Malcolm S. Gray, former MSU faculty member. Included are materials reflecting Gray's activities in the AAUW Starkville Branch, including correspondence, surveys, yearbooks, reports, clippings, brochures and other printed materials used to produce the Oktibbeha County Mental Health Survey (1963-1965), yearbooks and other club materials, (1962-1978), and articles, a speech and research materials on Oktibbeha County 16th Section School Lands (1974-1975). Other papers document Oktibbeha Historical and Genealogical Society projects (1973-1980), the Oktibbeha County Committee on Education (1953-1954), the 1960 Oktibbeha County census, and various historical subjects. A small amount of material documents Malcolm S. Gray's activities with the Starkville Army Advisory Committee (1954-1956). Papers related to Malcolm S. Gray's faculty activities were transferred to the MSU University Archives as the Malcolm S. Gray Faculty Papers.

Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Gray.

MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY ASSOCIATION RECORDS. ACCRETION. 1915-1992. 1.8 cu. ft.

Forest History Committee files including oral histories, photographs, slides, reminiscences, clippings, correspondence, biographical materials, maps, publications, reports, and other materials documenting the forest industry activities of C.H. Lewis Jr. and the Crosby Lumber Company, C.W. (Wayne) Burrage and the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Robert Keith Cranston Sr. and Jr., and other members of the Cranston family, Hanson E. "Ham Sanders", Dale W. Bowling, Davis Fair, Jr., John W. Thompson, James W. Craig, Albert A. Leggett, Warren A. Hood, M.O. Stark, and the Lindsey Wagon Company. Also contained are general correspondence and other materials documenting the work of Arthur W. Nelson Jr. and the Forest History Committee. Gift of various donors and the Association.

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS RECORDS. Accretion. 1980-1991. 1.75 cu. ft.

Correspondence, memoranda, publications, news releases, resumes, newsletters, articles, financial records and other materials reflecting organizational activities 1980-1991.

NELSON (ARTHUR W. JR.) COLLECTION. Accretion. 1942-1991. 1 cu. ft.

Correspondence, speeches, reports, photographs, publications, clippings, and other materials documenting the career and forestry related activities of Arthur W. Nelson. Subjects documented are Mississippi forest history, Champion Paper Company, Flintkote Company, tree farms in Mississippi, and the MSU School of Forest Resources.

SALTER (SIDNEY L. "SID") PAPERS. 1967-1992 and undated. 6 cu. ft.

Correspondence, photographs, newspapers and clippings, publications, literary manuscripts, memoranda, investigative reports, research files, and other materials documenting Salter's newspaper reporting career and editorship of the Scott County Times. Topics include civil rights, crime, politics, including the 1987-1991 governor's races, Reconstruction in Scott County, and other subjects. Gift of Sid Salter.

SMITH-OAKES PLANTATION RECORDS. Accretion. 1879, 1884-1885. .02 cu. ft.

Plantation journal of John McLaughlin Smith primarily contains weather observations of 1884-1885, but also includes a few observations of events around Starkville and Oktibbeha County. A few entries from 1879 contain comments on a lynching, the exodus to Kansas, and attitudes about black residents. Gift of Beach Carre.

GRANT ACTIVITIES

--Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library, Tampa, FL, was awarded an NHPRC grant of \$58,500 to complete the preservation of the Burgert Brothers Photographic Collection. The grant completes preservation of 18,000 nitrate and acetate photonegatives not currently available to the public and involves duplicating, printing, and cataloging the items.

--Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Meridian, MS, has received a grant of \$15,168 from NHPRC to preserve and microfilm the oldest county, city, and school system records. The grant provides funds for the purchase of archival supplies needed to prepare the documents for microfilming, the cost of microfilm supplies, and development of film.

--North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC, has received a grant of \$50,024 to create Machine Readable Cataloging (MARC) compatible descriptions in its local automated Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) for 232 state agency record groups and 2,200 series; to convert and load the descriptions into two national bibliographic networks, RLIN and OCLC; and to produce a Guide to State Agency Records in both printed and computer disk formats.

--Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA, was awarded a grant of \$40,572 to arrange, describe, microfilm, and develop a guide to the T.T. Perry Collection, 54 linear feet of historical manuscripts and records documenting western Virginia and eastern West Virginia from the 18th to the 20th century.

--Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, received a grant of \$22,244 to create preservation copies of selected, unpublished, non-commercial audio tapes (ca. 1956-1974) relating to the career of Johnny Mercer and audio tapes and unique disc recordings created by radio stations WSB and WGST in Atlanta (ca. 1942-1960s).

--Shorter College, Rome, GA, was awarded a grant of \$7,205 to reproduce the finding aid and make four copies of the microfilm produced by the Northwest Georgia Documents Preservation Project, which selectively microfilmed historical documents in nine northwest Georgia counties.

*****QUESTIONNAIRE*****

The Southern Archivists Conference (SAC), our informally structured regional organization, has discussed the possibility of publishing a newsletter. The idea of a publication raises a number of questions about the structure of SAC, the relationship between the state archival groups and SAC, and possibly about The Primary Source. Your response to the questions below will help in making decisions about such a publication.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

1. Do you think the Southern Archivists Conference should publish a newsletter?
2. Would you be willing to pay slightly higher dues to the Society of Mississippi Archivists to offset the cost of publishing a SAC newsletter?
3. Would you consider a change in the frequency of The Primary Source (two or three issues per year instead of quarterly) to offset the cost of publishing a SAC newsletter?
4. If there were a SAC newsletter, what features would you find useful in it?
5. What should be deleted from The Primary Source if there were a SAC newsletter?

Send responses to Lynne Mueller, SMA President, P. O. Box 5408, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

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