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A Westerner Down South

The first thing I noticed about the State Archives building in Jackson, Mississippi, was the lack of windows. The climate-controlled building allows the staff no visual access to the outside world. This is a pity, because there is a beautiful world outside this big grey modernist block. There is green grass and there are trees. There are bright blue jays and bright red cardinals. There are magnolias in bloom and mockingbirds with their tails stuck up in the air like kittens and their wings held down like soldiers on parade. There are glorious thunderstorms with rivers of rain which pour down for hours at a time. Rain is a rare pleasure in Wyoming, where twenty inches is considered a wet year.

I came to Mississippi for two months of the Summer of 1992 on exchange from my own home base at the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. So far as I know, such an exchange of staff has never been tried before in the Archival profession in the U.S. Getting my life in order so that I could walk away from it for two months was a challenge, but I was excited by the opportunity.

Since I was coming to the heart of the South in June and July I was prepared to be hot. I wasn't. In fact I soon found that my desk was in an eddy of cold air so fierce that on most days I was grateful for a jacket. The hotter it got outside, the colder I got (continued on page 3)

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Inside. So you may picture me in a windowless cubbyhole, shoulders hunched against the air-conditioning, struggling to master such Mississippiana as Oktibbeha (a county) and Pushmataha (a Choctaw Indian leader).

The first question in an exchange such as this is likely to be, how do the two institutions differ? They differ greatly. In the first place, Jackson houses the State Archives with official custody of state records. The University of Wyoming does not. As a practical outgrowth of that, the overwhelming majority of Jackson's clients are genealogists in pursuit of ancestors. Laramie regards the genealogist as a rare breed. Our clients are likely to be academic researchers. Jackson has an abundance of priceless small collections from the 19th century capable of intensive cataloging. Laramie has bulky collections from the 20th century which will never be cataloged to the item level. Obviously our approach to our clients and our material must be different.

How are the two institutions similar? Primarily we are similar in our need to provide efficient service to our clients and in the difficulties we face in achieving that goal. The challenge is cataloging. Jackson badly needs a uniform index. Presently there are separate card catalogs for books, for newspapers, for county records, for photographs and for maps. Alphabetical notebooks hold descriptions of manuscript collections, and state records are organized in notebooks by record group. I was daunted by the mere task of figuring out which index to use. Fortunately, genealogists are not so easily daunted. They seemed to find their way pretty well.

Laramie has much the same difficulty. We, too, have a card catalog, but it does not cover all of our available collections. We have alphabetized notebooks with collection summaries, but it takes a patient researcher to find an appropriate collection in them. We, too, have tenacious clients who seem able to surmount all these difficulties and find what they want anyway.

In both Wyoming and Mississippi we see our future in terms of computer chips. The University of Wyoming is presently loading manuscript collection catalog records on OCLC, hoping to reach potential researchers who might not otherwise think of us. Wyoming is the recipient of an NHRPC grant which will assist us in completing this project. The Mississippi State Archives has its eyes on a possible RLIN linkup. Both institutions also expect to plug into local bibliographic networks: CARL's tape-driven on-line catalog in Wyoming; in Mississippi, the Mississippi Union Catalog on CD.

Mississippi is a step ahead of Wyoming in one mutual dream: they have loaded summary records of manuscript collections in a database with the capacity for an embedded word search. A search on Pushmataha will yield every instance in which his name is mentioned in a biographical or a scope and content note. This database has one or two bugs. The on-screen readout is confusing and the collection name does not appear in it; but the concept is the most exciting idea in computer cataloging that I have seen yet.

Was the exchange program worthwhile? I thought so the first time I set foot in an antebellum mansion in Natchez and admired the fine English antiques. I loved driving up and down on the Natchez Trace Parkway, stopping at every historical, cultural and nature marker. I enjoyed visiting the Choctaw Reservation outside Philadelphia, Mississippi, during the annual fair. I even liked sitting on the reference desk in the State Archives Search Room explaining to visitors from Chicago how to find the names of their grandfather's parents. ("Have you looked at the 1920 census yet? Try 1910 or 1900. I'm sorry, there is no 1890 census. It burned.")

What are the benefits of this knowledge now that I am back in Wyoming? Well, I have learned which of our problems are purely local ones due to local conditions, and which are universal problems that must be addressed by the entire profession. For instance, Laramie's search room is too small, but a larger room will solve that. It will not solve the problem of search room security. Jackson's search room is five times the size of ours and has two to three times more staff in it at all times, but researchers still manage to bring pens into the area with them. They still leave documents in the photocopier and put them away in the wrong files. They succeed in getting more than one file or box on their table at a time. Even the best-intentioned researchers will sometimes mishandle material.

We all seem to have an embarrassing backlog of unprocessed material. We all suffer from lack of money, time, staff and supplies. None of us have ever achieved a level of indexing that will guarantee that every researcher will find every item of pertinent material. We can't seem to solve the problem of the coffee in the break room which keeps running out. These are problems that we all have and changing the local conditions won't do much to solve them. Patience, courtesy and persistence seem to be the only answers. It's good to know that we are not alone in the struggle.

Claudia Thompson, American Heritage Center

Society of Mississippi Archivists
Nominations Committee Report
March 4, 1993

Slate of Nominations:

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Clarence Hunter, Tougaloo College

Respectfully submitted by the Nominations Committee for the consideration and endorsement of the Executive Council:

Michael Hennen, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Chairman
Mattie Sink, Mississippi State University
Chris Cullinane, Reformed Theological Seminary

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Society of Mississippi Archivists 15th Annual Meeting

The 15th annual meeting of the Society of Mississippi Archivists will be held in Meridian Mississippi at the Holiday Inn, Northeast, April 15-16, 1993. Program Chairman Will Henson has planned an excellent program around the theme "Preserving Our Local Heritage in Changing Times". The first day's sessions will center around the preservation of local records. Sessions include "Preserving Local Records: New Developments and the Need for Change", which will address the problems encountered by local officials in creating and preserving their records, and recent developments in the management of local records. "Potential for Use of Optical Imaging in Government Record Keeping" should be a highly practical session which will discuss procedures, standards and guidelines, and will include a demonstration by John Logan of Wang Laboratories. Other first-day sessions include "Disaster Preparedness and Recovery" and a lunchtime presentation on the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History. Later in the day, participants will tour the restored Grand Opera House of Meridian, and the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History. Participants will gather for dinner at the renowned Weldman's Restaurant.

On Friday, April 16, SMA's annual business meeting will be held from 8:00-9:00 AM. Session I on that day will consist of a presentation on the Save Outdoor Sculpture Program in Mississippi. Session II will be a panel discussion and audience participation session "Update on Copyright Laws, Photoduplication Rights and Policy".

By now, all SMA members should have received program and registration information. All Mississippi Circuit and Chancery Clerks have also been invited to attend.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Clarence Hunter, Director of Collections/Bibliographer, L. Zenobia Coleman Library, Tougaloo College, is now also the Archivist in the Lillian Benbow Special Collections Room. Clarence recently attended the Modern Archives Institute. Mary Bess Paluzzi is the Archivist at the Columbus Public Library/Lowndes County Archives. Mary Bess was formerly the Head of Special Collections at the Birmingham Public Library.

OVERSTREET AND OVERSTREET EXHIBIT AND SYMPOSIUM AT MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART

Overstreet and Overstreet: A Legacy in Architecture is the title of an exhibit on view at the Mississippi Museum of Art from March 6-April 15, 1993. The exhibit features the architectural work of N.W. Overstreet (1888-1973), and his son Robert K. Overstreet. The elder Overstreet, who began practicing in Mississippi in Jackson in 1912 and left an architectural legacy of some 900 buildings, is also known for having trained and inspired many of Mississippi's foremost architects. Robert K. Overstreet worked in his father's office during the 1940s and 1950s, but left Mississippi to study at the University of Oklahoma, where he studied and worked under Bruce Goff. In the mid-1950s, R. K. Overstreet began his long-standing architectural practice in northern California.

Featured in the exhibit are architectural drawings and photographs from the N.W. Overstreet Architectural Records Collection at Mississippi State University. The Overstreet Collection consists of more than 500 sets of drawings representing the architectural projects of the Overstreet firm. Also on exhibit were N.W. Overstreet drawings and photographs from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and drawings and photographs from the private collection of Robert K. Overstreet. Dr. Michael Fazio of the Mississippi State University School of Architecture and William

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On March 5, the exhibit opened with an all-day symposium on the work of both Overstreets, with featured speakers Robert K. Overstreet, Dr. Robert Ivy, Dr. Michael Fazlo, and Dr. David Sachs. Symposium participants were architects, archivists, former Overstreet firm employees, family members, and members of the community. An evening reception and exhibit opening was attended by some 250 guests. Invited guests also screened the Mississippi ETV program "Overstreet and Overstreet: A Legacy in Architecture" which will premier on METV on April 7, 7:30 PM. Sunde Smith, an independent film producer based in Memphis, produced the 30 minute documentary.

Also presented at the Museum during the month was a lecture entitled "If These Walls Could Talk: A Legacy of African-American Life in Mississippi", by MSU School of Architecture Professors Patrick Snadon and Rodney Wright. Snadon and Wright's slide/lecture discussed their research and findings on the Oakes Family house and legacy in Yazoo City, Mississippi. The Oakes house is currently undergoing renovation to house an African-American museum.

The Overstreet exhibit and symposium received sponsorship from many Mississippi firms and individuals. Both the Museum and the Mississippi State University School of Architecture hope to secure sponsorship for more architectural exhibits and programs in the future. For an Overstreet and Overstreet exhibit catalog, contact the Mississippi Museum of Art, Educational Department, 200 E. Pascagoula St., Jackson, MS, 39201, (800) 423-4971.

SEYMOUR LAWRENCE LITERARY COLLECTION TO BE HOUSED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Book publisher Seymour Lawrence of Wilton, Connecticut and Oxford, Mississippi, has donated his collection of papers to the University of Mississippi. The collection of some 8,000 letters, photos, literary manuscripts and memorabilia will be housed in "Room of Writers" which will open April 17. The room is a part of the Special Collections Department of the University Library, and is located next to the Willie Faulkner Room. Librarian and University Archivist Thomas M. Verich will curate the collection. Among the authors represented in the collection are Katherine Anne Porter, Kurt Vonnegut, J.P. Donleavy, Jorge Luis Borges, Pablo Neruda, Edwin O'Connor, and Richard Brautigan. The collection was amassed during Lawrence's 40 year career as publisher. Lawrence worked for Atlantic Monthly Press from 1954 to 1964 and published independently from 1965 on. The Seymour Lawrence Imprint was associated successively with Delacorte Press, E.P. Dutton, and Houghton Mifflin Company.

A celebration of the opening of "The Room of Writers" will take place from April 16-17 when 38 writers who have been published by Lawrence will come to the University to participate in readings, seminars, and to "provide interviews that will be videotaped and added to the collection". (The Southern Register, Winter, 1993).

COMPACT SHELVING DEBUTS IN TWO MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVAL REPOSITORIES

When the Columbus Public Library opened its new local history research room and archives in October of 1992, it became the first archival facility in Mississippi to house its archival collections on compact shelving. With the help of architect S. Kaye and advice from consultant Forrest Galey from MDAH and others, a custom-built high density mobile storage shelving system (compact shelving) was designed to fit into relatively small vault space. The vault also has environmental monitoring equipment. Archivists from around Mississippi who attended the opening of the beautiful facility were suitably impressed. In late 1992, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History completed its much larger configuration of compact shelving which had been in the planning stages for some time. Congratulations to both repositories!

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Mississippi Archives Week Activities

The 1993 Mississippi Archives Week Committee has held two planning meetings. Following the February meeting, a survey inviting participation was sent to public libraries in the state. Committee members also began investigating grant opportunities. By the April 2 meeting, many public libraries had indicated a willingness to sponsor a program. The committee began preliminary planning of programs and exhibits for those sites that have already indicated interest. University, college, junior college, and special library program sites will also be sought. Plans were made to sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags with a design promoting Mississippi archives. The committee will redesign the brochure used in 1992 and hopes to create a companion poster. To date, committee members are Sandra Boyd, Elaine Owens, Victor Bailey, Sara Tubb, Beth Koostra, David Taylor, and Mattie Sink. Much help and talent is still needed. To volunteer to help plan Mississippi Archives Week, or to sponsor a program, contact Sandra Boyd, MDAH, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39215-0571, 359-6873.

What Council Did...
Executive Council Meeting
Meridian, March 4, 1993

- Finalized plans for the Society's annual meeting, April 15-16, Meridian, Mississippi.
- Received and approved the report of the Nominating Committee.
- Accepted with regret and thanks, the resignation of Sandra Boyd as Editor of The Primary Source, and approved the appointment of Mattie Sink as new editor.
- Continued to work on plans to publish a "Guide to Women's Resources in Mississippi Repositories".

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual meeting is scheduled for the 15th and 16th in Meridian. Much of the program will focus on local records and should be very informative. This is the first time the Society has met in Meridian, and there will be tours of local landmarks as well. I hope you will be able to attend.

This is also the time of year that renewals of membership are due. If you have not already renewed, please do so soon. You might also consider volunteering for committees. It will help promote archives in the state, and it is a great way to maintain contacts with other members you might see only at the annual meeting. Remember, you get out of a society what you put into it, and the Society of Mississippi Archivists does not exist without its members.

This is my last presidential message, and I want to thank everyone for helping me during the year, especially the Executive Council, the committees and their chairs, and everyone who has contributed to The Primary Source. The Society's biggest accomplishment during the year was the institution of Mississippi Archives Week, something that would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. I hope that Archives Week will continue as a permanent project of the Society.

For four years, Sandra Boyd has been editor of The Primary Source. This has involved many long hours of work, some frustration, and, I hope, much satisfaction at having done an excellent job. The Society owes Sandra a debt of gratitude for everything she has done with The Primary Source. The last issue was a collaborative effort, as Sandra began training Mattie Sink to take over the work, and this issue is Mattie's first as official editor. To Sandra: many thanks! To Mattie: good luck! /Lynne Mueller/

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SOCIETY OF ALABAMA ARCHIVISTS 1993 ANNUAL MEETING

The Society of Alabama Archivists will meet in Montgomery, Alabama April 29-30, 1993. On Thursday, April 29 the topic of the meeting will be "Policy Issues Relating to New Information Technology in State Government". Among the featured speakers for this session are Margaret Hedstrom and David Bearman. On Friday, April 30, Hedstrom and Bearman will present a workshop on archival management issues relating to electronic information systems. Registration for April 29 is free. Registration for the April 30 session is \$10.00. Send registration by April 14 to Deborah Skaggs, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, Alabama, 36130-0100.

SAA SEMINAR ON ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS

The Society of American Archivists will present its one-day seminar "Architectural Records: Identification, Preservation and Access" May 20, 1993 in Houston, Texas, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists. The instructor will be Tawny Ryan Nelb, Consultant and former head of the Architectural Records Project at Yale University. Participants will learn to identify, appraise, preserve, and describe architectural records.

Fee for the one-day course is \$98.00. Registration deadline: April 29. For a registration form, contact Jane Kenamore or Tara J. Shlmandle, Society of American Archivists, 600 South Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, Illinois, 60605; (312) 922-0140; fax (313) 347-1452.

STRATEGIES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

A regional Institute entitled "Preservation Strategies in Collection Management" will be held May 3-4, 1993 at the Conference Center at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. The Institute is sponsored by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association. The Institute is planned for librarians from institutions with little or no formal preservation program who have interest in and/or responsibility for preserving the collection.

The Institute will equip those involved in collection management with the needed skills and perspectives to set preservation priorities, work with available resources and establish plans that are appropriate to the collection(s) at risk within their institutions. Moderated panel discussions will draw together common concerns, while small break-out sessions will provide practical advice. Speakers include Dwight Burlingame, Indiana University Center of Philanthropy, Indianapolis, IN, Kathryn D. Graff, DePaul University Library, Chicago, IL, Don Etherington, Information Conservation Incorporated (ICI), Greensboro, NC, Maureen Gleason of University Libraries of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, Martha Hanson, Syracuse University Library, NY, Jennifer Hehman, Herron Art Library (IUPUI), Indianapolis, IN, Sophia Jordan, University Libraries of Notre Dame, Miriam Kahn, MBK Consulting, Columbus, OH, Robert Miller, University Libraries of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, Carla Montori, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Marta O'Neill, Indiana Commission on Public Records, Indianapolis, IN, Lorraine Olley, Indiana University Libraries, Bloomington, IN, Din Schoomaker, Oberlin College Library, OH, Rebecca Stuhr-Rommerin, Burling Library, Grinnell College, IA.

Fees for the Institute are \$135 for ALCTS members, \$170 for ALA personal members, and

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\$205 for non-members. The registration fee includes instructional materials, refreshment breaks and lunch on Tuesday. To obtain further information, contact Yvonne A. McLean at the ALCTS office of ALA: 800-545-2433, ext. 5032. (ALCTS Network News, February 17, 1993)

THIRTY-FOURTH ALA/ACRL RARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS PRECONFERENCE

"Mainstream or Margin?: How Others View Special Collections" is the theme of the 34th annual ALA Rare Books and Manuscripts Preconference, to be held in New Orleans, June 22-25, 1993. Speakers will include a university president, a vice-chancellor, public and academic library administrators, researchers, and a special collections administrator. Featured speakers will present papers on some aspect of the conference theme. Generous time will be allowed for discussion. Participants will also have a choice of fourteen shorter preconference seminars. Registration: \$150 ACRL members; \$200 non-members; by May 10, 1993. For a registration form, contact RBMS Preconference, ACRL/ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2795; FAX (312) 280-2520.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FEDERATION CONFERENCE

The 1993 conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be held in St. Louis, August 5-7, 1993. Session topics will include all aspects of researching individuals or groups, ethnic and foreign research, archival collections, methodology, historical context, computer applications, resources and many others. Many archivists and librarians will lecture and participate. Pre-conference workshops on August 4, 1993 will focus on aspects of society operation and management.

For a complete program and registration packet, contact Gateway to the Past, Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84411-03385. (MAC Newsletter, December, 1992)

PRESERVATION INTENSIVE INSTITUTE

The Preservation Intensive Institute is a new series of annual workshops supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities as a cooperative effort of five schools of library and information science. The Institute is designed to address the continuing education needs of preservation and conservation professionals. Preservation administrators, faculty of schools of library and information science, curators, archivists, record managers, conservators, and librarians who manage preservation activities are encouraged to attend.

This year's program, scheduled for August 1-6, 1993 and hosted by the University of Pittsburgh, will include the following courses:

Preservation of Electronic Formats: Dr. Michael Spring, Department of Information Science, University of Pittsburgh, will consider the preservation of electronic media, and implications of its selection, use, and management. Preservation challenges, physical formats, ethics, and access will also be discussed.

Bookbinding and the Arts and Crafts Movement: Dr. Marianne Tidcombe, author and distinguished historian of late nineteenth and early twentieth century binders, will address the work of T.J. Cobden-Sanderson, his students, and the Doves Bindery, examining their influence on design and structure of later binderies.

Science Serving Preservation: Dr. Jan Lyall, Acting Director of the Preservation

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Office, National Library of Australia, will offer an in-depth look at recent scientific research affecting preservation and conservation. This course will discuss guidelines for interpreting scientific data.

Tuition for the PI Institute is \$300. Housing is available at a group rate (\$69/night) at a nearby hotel. Inexpensive dormitory rooms are also available (\$26/night single, \$32/night double). Ten Scholarships of \$750 each are available for applicants demonstrating need; five scholarships are reserved for minority candidates.

This opportunity is the result of a cooperative effort among deans from five schools of library and information science, supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Participating institutions and their faculty representatives are:

University of Pittsburgh; Sally Buchanan
 UCLA, Michele Cloonan
 University of Texas, Austin; Carolyn Harris
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Jan Paris
 University of Wisconsin, Madison; Andrea Rolich

For more information and a registration form, contact: Andrew Hart or Kirsten Jensen at Preservation Intensive Institute, 650 LIS Building University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, (412) 624-9447.

ALA PRE-CONFERENCE ON REFORMATTING

"Electronic Technologies: New Options for Preservation" will be held on Thursday, June 24, 1993 as a preconference to the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. This preconference will explore current applications of electronic reformatting technologies to library materials to preserve their informational content and make such material more accessible.

The centerpiece of the day will be a series of presentations about efforts to reformat materials ranging from music scores to text, and architectural drawings to photographs. Featured presentations include the National Geographic Society's project to store active photographic files using analog technology, the Avery AVIADOR project at Columbia University to scan architectural drawings to optical disk, the Yale University project to digitize textual material, the Pennsylvania State University project to scan archival collections including a variety of material, and the University of Tennessee project to scan music scores. The program will also feature presentations on selection and collection management issues, technological options and limitations, standards, intellectual control, and copyright concerns.

Faculty include Ross Atkinson, Cornell University Library, Ithaca, NY, Marilyn Courtot, Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM), Silver Spring, MD, Nand Eikington, Research Libraries Group, Mountain View, CA, Angela Giral, Columbia University, New York, NY, Lydia Suzanne Kellerman, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, Tamara Miller, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Maur Mulvihill, National Geographic Society, Washington, DC, John Stokes, Stokes Imaging, Austin, TX, Don Waters, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Preconference registration fees are \$95 for ALCTS members, \$130 for ALA persons and \$170 for non-ALA members. For information, contact Yvonne A. McLean, ALCTS, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611, 800-545-2433, ext. 5032, E-mail Bltnet U32461@UICVM. (ALCTS Network News, March 9, 1993)

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RIT SEMINAR ON PRESERVATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

A seminar on identifying, handling, and storing photographs for archivists, curators and historians who work in museums, historical societies, archives, and libraries is being cosponsored by the International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House, Rochester Institute of Technology's Image Permanence Institute, and RIT's Technical and Education Center of Graphic Arts. Scheduled for August 14-19, 1993 (and August 13-18, 1994) the seminar will present preservation techniques and technologies in layman's terms, concentrating on how to identify 19th- and 20th-century image-forming processes, color photographs, and how to recognize image deterioration. Selected collection management topics, cataloging, video disk access tools, and archive organization will also be covered. Preservation strategies, response to emergencies, and the storage and display of photograph collections will also be discussed. Topics covered in the practical lectures will be expanded upon in the hands-on workshop sessions. Participants may also submit specific problems they've had in working with their photographic collections for discussion by the instructors and other participants. The program will also include a discussion of the role of the conservator and an overview of photographic conservation. Unique features of this program include access to the latest information on preservation delivered by leading professionals in the field, in an intimate, collegial setting where theory can be seen in practice. Participants will be taken on an exclusive tour of the International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House and will have the unique opportunity to visit the Museum's archival storage area, which is carefully and precisely controlled with respect to temperature, humidity, and external contamination and not open to the general public. Cost of the seminar is \$850. For more information call Val Johnson at 716/475-2736, or write to RIT/T&E Seminar Center, Frank E. Gannett Memorial Building, P.O. Box 9887, Rochester, NY 14623-0887. (Conservation Distlist, March 13, 1993)

UNIVERSITY PRODUCTS INSTALLS 800 FAX NUMBER AND LINK TO NEDCC

University Products, Inc., Holyoke, MA, has announced the installation of a new, toll-free customer fax number which will be available immediately. The new number is 1-800-532-9281.

This new, toll-free fax number was initiated by the company to allow their customers to fax drawings, specifications, catalog requests, questions, comments, and product orders, without incurring unnecessary long distance charges. The service is available in the United States and Canada, and will be especially convenient to customers in western time zones. For those who prefer to communicate verbally, the company maintains its toll-free order line (1-800-628-1919) and toll-free customer service line (1-800-762-1165). In addition, the company has also added a toll free number which puts the customer in touch with the prestigious Northeast Document Conservation Center. This number allows University Products' customers to ask specific questions to experts in several fields of conservation, including paper, photos, books, art-on-paper, etc., five days a week. For more information, call or write, University Products, Inc., P.O. Box 101, 517 Main St., Holyoke, MA 01041, 413-532-3372. (ALCTS Network News, March 9, 1993)

SAA PRESERVATION MEETING REPORTS

AMIGOS Preservation Service is distributing a report on preservation-related sessions at the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, held in September in Montreal. The report covers eight sessions, five of which focus on preservation of electronic, audio, video, or film materials. Free copies of the report are available from Tom Claeson, AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc., 12200 Park Central Dr., Suite 500, Dallas, TX, 75251; (800) 843-8482. (College & Research Libraries News, January 1993)

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

U.S. ARCHIVIST ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

The Archivist of the United States, Don W. Wilson, announced on February 12, 1993 that he is stepping down from his position as head of the National Archives on March 31, 1993, to accept a position at Texas A&M University.

In making the announcement, Dr. Wilson said "It has been a great privilege to hold the position of Archivist of the United States for the past five and a half years and to serve under three Presidents. It has been especially rewarding for me to have had the opportunity to work with employees at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the regional branches, the Presidential Libraries and the records centers. Their dedication to furthering the mission of the National Archives and their professionalism is exemplary."

He continued, "I believe through the efforts of the staff much progress has been made toward making this institution a strong, viable and independent agency providing a leadership role in records management and in serving the three branches of the Federal government, as well as the American public. The new National Archives facility in College Park, MD will enhance the opportunities to carry out the important mission of preserving and making available all the permanently valuable records of the Federal government."

Dr. Wilson, who was appointed by President Reagan and confirmed by the Senate as the first Archivist under the terms of the National Archives Independence legislation of 1985, will become Research Professor of Presidential Studies and Executive Director of the George Bush Center at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Texas A&M is the site of the future George Bush Library and related School of Government and Public Service. "I am fortunate to have the unique opportunity to apply my experience and strong interests in the creation of this exciting new research and educational facility," Dr. Wilson said.

Dr. Wilson leaves the Federal government after 20 years of public service. Prior to being named Archivist of the United States, he was the first Director of the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has also served as the Assistant Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library. (National Archives News Release, February 12, 1992)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson, Assistant Archivist for the Office of the National Archives, has been appointed Deputy Archivist of the United States, effective March 25, 1993. Dr. Peterson will serve as Acting Archivist until a new Archivist of the United States has been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Other appointments announced on March 9 include: Raymond A. Mosley will become Chief of Staff, Claudin J. Weiher will become Assistant Archivist for Special and Regional Archives, and Michael J. Kurtz will serve as Acting Assistant Archivist for the Office of the National Archives.

On March 1, Marianne Smith was appointed as Special Assistant to the Archivist. In addition to other duties, Smith will serve as liaison with the White House on matters regarding the National Archives. Prior to her appointment, Smith worked in the White House Office of Personnel. (NARA Press Release, NARA Staff Bulletin, March 12, 1993)

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JOHN FRANKLIN JAMESON ARCHIVAL ADVOCACY AWARD

The Society of American Archivists annually recognizes an individual, institution, or organization not directly involved in archival work that promotes greater public awareness, appreciation, or support archival activities or programs. The award is named for historian J. Franklin Jameson who labored for over twenty-five years as an advocate for a United States National Archives.

The individual or institutional contribution may be through advocacy, publicity, legislation, financial support, or any other type of contribution which promotes archival activity or raises public consciousness of the importance of archival work. To be eligible for nomination, individuals or organizations may not have any direct connection with an archives or archival program. At least three letters of support must be submitted with each nomination. Nominations shall remain eligible for two years. Additional supporting documentation may be submitted the second year. Previous winners of the award are Senator Thomas F. Eagleton, Senator Mark Hatfield, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, and Assemblyman William Hoyt of New York.

For a Nominations form, contact Philip F. Mooney, Manager, Archives Department, Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia 30301, (404) 676-3399. This year's deadline for nominations is April 10.

NORTHEAST DOCUMENT CONSERVATION CENTER NAMES MICROFILMING MANAGER

Shawnee Diaz Cressman has been named Manager of Microfilming Operation at Northeast Document Conservation Center as of March 1, 1993. As manager of NEDCC's microfilming laboratory, Ms. Cressman will be responsible for quality control, scheduling, production management, and staff training. Speaking of her appointment, Ms. Cressman commented, "My goal is to make NEDCC's microfilming service the best capability in the country for hard-to-film materials. The emphasis should be on performing work of the highest quality and on providing special handling for valuable historical materials". Ms. Cressman comes to NEDCC from MAPS, where she served gained six years of preservation microfilming experience, serving as manager for four years.

In addition to microfilming services, NEDCC also offers paper conservation, bookbinding, and copying of photographic materials services. For information about NEDCC and its services, call (508) 470-1010, or write to NEDCC at 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810. (NEDCC Press Release, March, 1993)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS JOINS THE RESEARCH LIBRARIES GROUP; SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION LIBRARIES, RICE UNIVERSITY, AND CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ALSO JOIN

The Library of Congress (LC) has joined the Research Libraries Group (RLG) as a general member, formalizing a long-standing and mutually rewarding relationship that began in the 1970s. "In RLG, LC will be working with a group of institutions that have demonstrated their commitment to the support of research and scholarship," said Librarian of Congress James Billington. "Together we can collaborate in defining a future environment in which libraries will flourish." RLG president James Michalko also expressed optimism about the new relationship. "Our member institutions have a long and successful history of working with LC, both within the partnership and on their own. And although LC has been an informal participant in a variety of RLG initiatives, formalizing our relationship will open up a number of new possibilities."

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The Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Rice University, and the California Historical Society have joined RLG as special members, bringing total RLG membership to 126. The Smithsonian Institution Libraries serves the needs of some 900 Smithsonian researchers and curators, and numerous interns. Its collections of over 1.1 million volumes and 15,000 current journal titles are particularly strong in natural history, tropical biology horticulture, history of science and technology, astrophysics, astronomy and planetary sciences, aviation history and space flight, American history, American ethnology and culture, fine arts and design, African art, conservation, and museum administration.

Rice University has 2,500 undergraduates, 1,900 graduate students, and 430 faculty members, and offers degrees in humanities, social and natural sciences, engineering, business administration, architecture, and music. Its Fondren Library has some 1.1 million volumes, more than 2 million microforms, and 13,000 current serial titles. The California Historical Society, the state's official historical society, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting information about California and the West for the education, enjoyment, and understanding of present and future generations. Its North Baker Library has 35,000 books and pamphlets; hundreds of thousands of ephemera; 3,700 maps, posters, and broadsides; and 2,500 serials, including periodicals, newspapers, and microfilm. (RLG News Release, February 17, 1993)

ARCHIVISTS ASSIST CLINTON TRANSITION TEAM

Anne R. Kenney, SAA President and Associate Director of the Department of Preservation at Cornell University Library, Brenda Banks, Assistant Director, Georgia Department of Archives and History, and Anne Diffendal, Executive Director, Society of American Archivists were appointed to President Clinton's arts and humanities transition team. The role of the team was to assess the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The team met in Washington, D.C. and observed and interviewed NARA archivists December 17-19, 1992. The team produced a 20 page report for the incoming Clinton administration. (Library Journal, February 1, 1993)

NUCMC THREATENED

Like other federal agencies, the Library of Congress may experience budget cuts. I have learned that NUCMC (the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections) is in jeopardy, and that certain levels of administration at LC are recommending that NUCMC be eliminated.

Those familiar with the program know that NUCMC was a pioneer in the cataloging of manuscript collections. More than 60,000 collections held in 1400 repositories have been described between NUCMC's familiar blue covers since its inception in 1959. For the past several years the catalog records that NUCMC creates have also been appearing on RLIN, so NUCMC has become a conduit by which non-electronic repositories can get catalog entries for their collections into an electronic utility. Federal budget cuts are inevitable and the historical/archival community must accept its fair share of the sacrifice. Certainly we cannot expect the Library of Congress, NHPRC, National Archives, etc. to emerge from the deficit crisis unscathed. I for one, however, think that the elimination of NUCMC in its entirety by the Library of Congress would be a grave disservice to scholarship. Those who value NUCMC may wish to express support for the program, PRONTO, to the Librarian of Congress James Billington, Library of Congress, Washington DC 20540 and to Winston Tabb, Assistant Librarian for Collection Services (same address) as well as to the Congress' Joint Committee on the Library and to one's own Congressman. The editor of NUCMC is Harriet Ostroff, whose phone number is (202) 707-8419 and e-mail address is ostroff@mail.loc.gov. (For disclosure purposes)

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add that I once worked on the staff of NUCMC.--AV) (Alan Virta, Head of Special Collections, Boise State University Library (Boise, Idaho) phone: 208-385-3958 e-mail: allivirta@ldbsu.ldbsu.edu

JURY RULES CATERPILLAR, INC. CORPORATE LIBRARY WILLFULLY DESTROYED DOCUMENTS

A Bakersfield, California jury ruled against Caterpillar Inc. in the personal injury case of Blaine Willard, who was injured while operating a tractor built by Caterpillar. In finding for Willard, the jury cited the company's apparent deliberate destruction of documents tied to the case. Appearing as a paid expert witness for Willard was former Caterpillar technical librarian Leon Decker, who was fired by Caterpillar in 1989. Decker testified that the company ordered employees to destroy documents that could be used in future litigation. Caterpillar contended that the documents were destroyed as the company carried out their document retention policy - the systematic disposal of documents deemed worthless and outdated - several years in advance of Willard's injury. At issue is whether employees may be held liable for carrying out disposal of documents according to an adopted schedule, and what procedures companies are obligated to follow in carrying out records management programs. Special Libraries Association Executive Director David Bender pointed out that employees "would be covered by the operations of the company as long as they conformed to its document retention policy", but that "the federal government has set some recommended and mandatory guidelines for companies to incorporate into document retention policies". (Library Journal, February 1, 1993)

VIETNAMESE ARCHIVES REVEAL FATE OF AMERICAN MIAS

Ted Schweltzer, a former university librarian, has been researching Vietnamese government files and photographs at Hanoi's Central Museum of the People's Army since 1991, and to date has delivered to the United States government more than 5000 photos and thousands of pages of documentation on Americans captured and killed in Vietnam. Schweltzer acted on his own in obtaining permission of the Vietnamese government to research the files, but after several months was supplied by the Pentagon with data scanning equipment to record the documents. Data discovered in the files has enabled the Pentagon to end the MIA status of several servicemen, and may yield more such finds in the future as the Pentagon continues to study the evidence. (Library Journal, February 15, 1993)

ELECTRONIC MAIL IS NOT COVERED BY ANY U.S. PRIVACY LAW

A recent Time magazine article "Who's Reading Your Screen" (January 18, 1993, p. 46) reveals discusses recent findings regarding E-Mail in several court cases. In one such case the right of a company to inspect its employees' E-Mail messages and take appropriate action was upheld by a jury. The article also cites the court's denial of the White House's right to erase private E-mail messages and ruling that such messages are public documents during the Iran-Contra proceedings. Apparently the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 only protects E-Mail from inspection by foreign bodies, but does not prohibit inside inspection. (Library Journal, February 15, 1993).

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS RELEASES STATEMENT ON NARA

The Society of American Archivists on February 7, 1993 released a resolution entitled "SAA Resolution on the National Archives and Records Administration". The resolution cites several factors: NARA's important responsibilities as an information agency; its

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lack of sufficient legislative authority, resources, mechanisms for communication with appropriate agencies; its "lack of decisive leadership and initiative in responding to the current archival challenges"; and its failure to exercise authority, provide leadership, and establish working relationships with its constituencies. The resolution calls for: authorization legislation to "reaffirm NARA's status as an independent federal agency", provide NARA with needed authority and resources, and establish an appropriate oversight structure; legislative hearings to assess NARA's total mission, resources, legislative mandate, and performance; increased support for NARA from the executive branch; and the development by NARA of "structures for enhanced communication and cooperation with constituent and professional groups". The SAA resolution also affirms SAA's willingness to provide testimony and recommendations in the matter, citing SAA's status as the oldest North American archival association with more than 4,600 members. (SAA News Release, February 7, 1993)

TEXACO GRANTED APPEAL IN COPYRIGHT CASE

The U.S. Court of Appeals will hear Texaco's arguments in the case in which scientific publishers of scientific journals brought a joint use against Texaco for violation of the Copyright Act of 1976 by copying eight scientific articles. Texaco contended that the copying was not excessive, but met the criteria of "fair use" as specified in the Act.

NEW CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES BUILDING

In late 1992, ground was broken in Sacramento for a new six story complex which will house the California State Archives and all Secretary of State services. The new building will be on property bounded by 10th, 11th, O, and P Streets, property which includes the site of the former Archives and Annex buildings, both of which were demolished. The California State Archives is temporarily located in a 60,000 square foot facility in Roseville. The Archives 60,000 cubic feet of records were moved from March to June of 1992, during which public service facilities were only closed for two days. The California State Archives was begun in 1851. When the new quarters are occupied in 1995, the contents of the Archives will have been moved about 10 times during its 170 year history. (California Originals, Autumn, 1992)

NHPRC GRANTS

The NHPRC recommended grants totalling \$2,479,527 for FY 1992-1993. Of the total \$1,128,872 was granted for 7 projects for historical records programs at Princeton University, the University of Pittsburgh, the National Governor's Association, the Alabama Department of Archives and History, the Florida State Archives, the New York State Archives and the Virgin Islands State Archives. \$1,350,655 in total grants were awarded for the support of 21 documentary editions of papers. Among the latter receiving support were the Papers of Andrew Johnson and the Papers of Andrew Jackson (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), the Papers of Ulysses S. Grant (Ulysses S. Grant Association), and the Papers of Henry Laurens (South Carolina Historical Society). A special project of interest to Southern repositories is "Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867 [Freedmen and Southern Society Series]" (University of Maryland, \$85,542). (National Archives Press Release, November 19, 1992).

ARCHIVES II TO OPEN IN 1994

Archives II, the National Archives new research facility on the campus of the University of Maryland scheduled to open in 1994, will be "the world's largest, most technically advanced archives" building in the world. The building will augment the main National Archives facility in Washington, D.C.

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"billions of documents and photographs, millions of maps and motion picture footage, thousands of sound recordings, drawings, and computer tapes" and 600 staff members will be moved to Archives II. The move is expected to require two years to complete. Detailed procedures for the move include the preparation of a Master Location Register, "a new automated listing of the location of all records series". Plans have been made also to reorder records into proper, contiguous order to facilitate service to researchers. Record groups (bodies of organizationally related records) will be grouped into records clusters (records groups related to a common subject or program) to further improve access. Clusters will be moved according to the following schedule:

Interior:	January, 1994-September, 1994
Agriculture:	January 1994-October, 1994
Transportation:	January - July 1994
Commerce:	January - October, 1994
Energy:	July - September, 1994
Labor	September, 1994 - April, 1995
State & Foreign Relations:	September 1994 - April, 1995
Watergate S.P.F:	October - December, 1994
Independent Counsel:	October - December, 1994
General Government:	October - April, 1995
Justice:	November, 1994 - May, 1995
Science:	December, 1994 - April, 1995
Treasury:	April - December, 1995
Exec. Office, Presidential Agencies:	April - June, 1995
Health:	April - July, 1995
Modern Army:	April, 1995 - March, 1996
Education:	June, 1995 - September, 1995
Air Force:	July - September, 1995
Housing:	September - October, 1995
Defense:	October, 1995 - March 1996
Cartographic:	December, 1993 - January, 1994
Motion Picture, Sound, Video:	January - February, 1994
Still Photography:	February - March, 1994
Electronic Records:	March, 1994

Entire clusters will not be closed for the duration of their moving period. Rather individual record groups within the clusters will be closed, moved, and reopened to researchers as soon as possible. Larger record groups will be divided into segments, so that total record groups will not remain closed for long periods. While some inconveniences to researchers will result from the massive move of records to Archives II, it is hoped that these scheduling procedures will minimize disruption of service. The new facility will house a more spacious textual research room, a new library, a microfilm research room, a classified records research room, separate rooms for research in special media, meeting/training rooms, and a cafeteria.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY RECEIVES PROGRAMMING GRANT

Auburn University recently received a \$235,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support reading and discussion programs relating to the American experience in World War II. The program is entitled "World War II: A Time Remembered, Warfronts/Homefronts. (College & Research Libraries News, January 1993)

ACCESSIONS

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Manuscript Collections

EAST (CHARLES E.) PAPERS, ACCRETION. ca. 1991. 0.33 cu. ft.

Typescript entitled "The Civil War Diary of Sarah Morgan" which was edited by Charles E. East and published by the University of Georgia Press in 1991. Sarah Morgan was from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Presented by Charles E. East, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

FOX (NATHAN JACKSON) PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1986. 0.33 cu. ft.

Bound transcription of the original journal of Eliza Lavisa Love Fox (1832-1907), wife of a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, the Reverend Nathan Jackson Fox, which was prepared by Fox's great-grandson, Albert H. Spinks, in 1986. Presented by Albert H. Spinks, Burlington, North Carolina.

HILL (REBECCA) PAPERS. RESTRICTED. ca. 1980s. 4 cu. ft.

Included are various handwritten and/or typewritten drafts of Rebecca Hill's novels Blue Rise and Among Birches and Killing Time in St. Cloud which was written in collaboration with Judith Guest, author of the novel, Ordinary People. Rebecca Hill is a native of Soso, Mississippi. Presented by Rebecca Hill, Fort Collins, Colorado.

MELTON (JANE WILLIAMS) PAPERS. ca. 1910s-1950s. 0.33 cu. ft.

Included are compositions and lecture notes of Jane Williams Melton while she was a student at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College/Mississippi State College for Women from 1917 to 1921. Also included are papers documenting Melton's involvement in the American Red Cross, Hinds County Chapter, Gray Lady volunteer program during World War II and a typescript of Melton's January 11, 1958, address to the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society on genealogical and historical sources available at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Presented by Julius Melton, Jr., Davidson, North Carolina.

MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION, ACCRETION. 1890. 0.10 cu. ft.

Letter, dated April 26, 1890, written by Eugene A. Guilbert, M.D., Jackson, Mississippi, to an unidentified doctor, advising that he had been elected board president, United States Examining Surgeons, Vicksburg, Mississippi. The letter is written on the official stationery of the "Blue and Gray" Association which sponsored a "Blue and Gray" reunion in Vicksburg from May 25 to May 30, 1890. Presented by Joseph F. Morris, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RAWLES-SHERARD FAMILY PAPERS. 1901; 1915-1916. 0.33 cu. ft.

Included are June 18, 1901, contract proposals of the Chickasaw Iron Works, Memphis, Tennessee, rendered to J. H. Sherard, Sherard, Mississippi, for cotton-gin and sawmill equipment and a 1915 ledger of E. L. Rawles, M.D., husband of Mattie Sherard Rawles who practiced medicine in Dyersburg, Tennessee, before moving to Sherard. Presented by Van R. Burnham, M.D., Clarksdale, Mississippi.

SIMMONS (MAUDE) PAPERS. 1967-1970. 2 35mm rolls.

Two positive 35mm microfilm rolls containing clippings and typescripts of the social news columns written by Maude Simmons of Drew, Mississippi, which appeared in the Drew Leader, Enterprise-Tocsin, Sunflower Mirror, and Sunflower County News, from 1967 to 1970. Provenance of original material unknown; microfilmed by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in 1978.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 15-16, 1993

Society of Mississippi Archivists Annual Meeting, Meridian, MS. Contact: Will Henson, Lauderdale County Dept. of Archives and History, Inc., Meridian, MS.

April 27-28, 1993

Baptists and the News Media, Nashville, TN Contact: Historical Commission, SBC 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203-3630 (no cancellations after March 31st)

April 29-30, 1993

Society of Alabama Archivists meeting, Montgomery, Alabama. Registration to Deborah Skaggs, ADAH, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, 36130-0100.

April 30, 1993

"Visioning the Future: Planning for Preservation.", Austin, TX Contact: Mrs. Mel Boggins, Director of Placement and Continuing Education, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1276; (512)471-8806.

May 20-22, 1993

Society of Southwest Archivists Conference, Houston, Texas. Deadline to register is April 29. Registration: Members: \$45; Non-members: \$55. Contact Cathleen Huck, Conrad Hilton Archives and Library, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 77204-3902.

May 30, 1993

"Architectural Records: Identification, Preservation and Access", May 20, 1993, Houston, Texas. Contact SAA, 600 South Federal, Chicago, 60605.

June 22-25, 1993

ALA/ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Preconference, New Orleans, June 22-25, 1993. Contact RBMS Preconference, ACRL/ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2795.

June 24, 1993

"Electronic Technologies: New Options for Preservation", ALA Preconference, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact Yvonne McLean, ALA/ALCTS (800) 545-2433,

August 30-September 5, 1993

Society of American Archivists Annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. For program and registration information contact SAA, 600 South Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, Illinois, 60605.

PUBLICATIONS

PRESERVATION PATHFINDERS

Gaylord Brothers has begun publication of Preservation Pathfinders, a series of basic bibliographies on preservation topics. The first number in the series is titled, An Introduction to Preservation and contains 31 annotated citations on environmental control, disaster preparedness and response, preservation of photographs, collections conservation of paper and books, commercial library binding, and preservation in public libraries. Free copies of the leaflet are available from Gaylord Bros., Box 4901, Syracuse, NY 13221-4901; (800) 448-6160. (College & Research Libraries News, January 1993)

Allen Exhibit at Old Capitol

"As Far As He Could See," an exhibit of photographs by Leigh Briscoe Allen, will be on exhibit at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson through May 30. Allen (1882-1967) was a businessman, planter, and amateur photographer, and third-generation resident of Port Gibson. Allen's photographs, which were taken from 1906 to 1915, were loaned for the exhibit by his son, James Upton Allen. The Allen photographs record many aspects of rural and town life. The exhibit is funded in part by the Mississippi Humanities Council. (Mississippi History Newsletter, April, 1993)

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