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Southern Archivists Conference April 10-12, 1996 New Orleans, Louisiana

The Louisiana component of the Southern Archivists Conference rolled out the red carpet for its sister members and welcomed some 100 conference attendees to New Orleans April 10-12, 1996. Sally Reeves and Alfred Lemmon did a wonderful job on local arrangements, providing comfortable facilities and convenient rooms, and a great mix of conference activities such as receptions at local houses and the Historic New Orleans Collection, tours of repositories and an architectural walking tour of the city. Although many of us saw New Orleans when SAA met there several years ago, the SAC Conference provided an opportunity to see places and repositories missed on the last visit and to take advantage of in-depth learning about the myriad resources available in New Orleans. Of course, the opportunity to experience New Orleans's wide choice of menus and night life added much to the conference, especially for those of us who live in small-town Mississippi. A SAA Preconference "Cyberspace for Archivists" led off the conference and the choice of conference sessions was wide including sessions on research methodologies in New Orleans history, the thirtieth anniversary of the Civil Rights struggle in the South, electronic access, legal issues in the archives, collecting policies, southern colonial and territorial resources, conservation of letter press copies, and 20th century military history. Conference program planners Clarence Hunter, Victor Bailey, Ned Harkins, Mark Palmer, Carol Roberts and May Barnes were congratulated by all. Mississippians who participated in conference sessions included Hank Holmes (Legal Issues in Archives, State of the Archives), Clarence Hunter (Thirtieth Anniversary of the Civil Rights Struggle in the South), Dr. Pat Galloway (Collecting Policies and the Shaping of the Past) and Victor Bailey (State of the Archives). Selected conference reports from this excellent meeting begin on page three of this issue.

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Southern Archivists Conference Meeting Reports

"Managing Government Information in the Digital Era". Keynote Speaker Robert S. Martin, Director and Librarian, Texas State Library and Archives. Thursday, April 11, Luncheon address.

Martin began by stating the basic premise that the possibilities raised by networked digital technology will change everything we do in the archival profession and will force us to re-think our basic purposes and methods. The focus on physical formats in the past may have limited our thinking. Digital technology will enable us to move from single control record systems to a system of records filed at random. Other concepts that will be changed include single order, record series, record and provenance. Archivists will benefit by re-thinking the three elements content, context and structure and will need to be even more involved in the creation of records and in the design and implementation of record keeping systems. New emphasis on metadata (data about records) will force us to make decisions about records before they are created, including planning for the automatic creation and destruction of records.

The implications of digital technology and networking for long term storage and access are great. For example having actual custody of paper records is appropriate. This is not necessarily so for electronic records. In thinking about electronic records, archivists will benefit by seeing themselves as responsible for appraisal, survey and control, but not necessarily custody. Online collaboration and electronic creation blurs the publication process also. The boundaries between archival records and publications, and consequently between archivists and librarians are becoming increasingly blurred.

Martin believes that it is essential for archivists to be involved with policy decisions and systems development. Archivists must work closely with systems development professionals and the best way seems to be a collaboration across agency lines. For example, in Texas, archivists are collaborating with state departments on a government information locator system. In summary, Martin said that the changes in technology only effect the "how". These changes will force us to re-evaluate "first principles" but the focus will still remain on creation and maintenance of agency records for the multiple purposes of the agency.

"Conservation of Letter Press Copies". Special focus paper. Speaker: Barbara J. Rhodes, Conservator, Dept. Library Sciences, American Museum of Natural History., Thursday, April 11.

Barbara Rhodes' detailed study of the copy press came through in this very able slide presentation and discussion, a repeat of an SAA program "The Copy Press in America: Historical Overview, Materials and Methods". The copy press began in 1780, with recordings in ink and evolved through such technology as the Manifold Writer. Special inks and papers were used for the early processes. With the development of copy press technology, copies began to be accepted for legal purposes. As correspondence grew, the need for copies grew, and this need drove the search for new technology. In the 1870s, the introduction of the typewriter and the mimeograph for reproduction copies accelerated copy production. Filing systems followed, addressing the need for control of the proliferation of printed records. Filing systems such as filing boxes, the practices of attaching incoming and outgoing letters with straight pins, the invention of vertical filing systems are all examples of technology spawned by the need for records control.

The rotary copy method involved dampening, pressing and cutting of copy paper which came in roll format. Size

EDITOR'S NOTE

This single Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter 1996 issue is one of at least three retrospective issues intended to bring *The Primary Source* to currency in 1998, while providing a continuous record of Mississippi archival activities. Consequently, news selected for these retrospective issues is intended to be more comprehensive in reporting Mississippi archival activities and accessions. National and regional news included is very selective.

-Mattie Sink

SAC Meeting Reports (con't)

of copies varied. This type of tissue copy tended to slump in the file. The degree of dampening also affected the process and dampening methods varied from the simple brush method to a reservoir brush design.

Portable letter presses were marketed for copying family letters and were designed to fit around copying books. Some of the systems for portable copying were the portable pneumatic press, manifold copying (a duplicator with special copying paper), and the Wedgewood Writer, which used a special stylus. Many of these systems produced messy and smeary copies.

Typewriters made the use of carbon viable. Hectographs could make 100 copies from 100 impressions. Linked pens were similar in operation to Thomas Jefferson's polygraph. Other methods were the stencil and the Trypograph.

Copying inks used included iron gall inks which were very slow-drying and also very acidic. Anoline dyes produced inks which were colorful (violet, blue and red were most common) and enabled more copies to be made. Special copy pencils and typewriter ribbons that made green or blue copies were available by 1880. The pneumatic eraser was invented to get around the problem of ink smears. The invention of sized papers helped with the problem of spreading inks. More exotic papers such as Japanese copying papers, some of silk, were also used.

Copying books came into popularity in the 1830s. These were bound in heavy cloth and were often half leather. Titles were stamped on the covers and book number machines were used for marking the spines. The disadvantage of the copying books was the difficulty of not being able to remove the pages. Indexes were used, but were only as good as the indexer. If pages were removed, they had to be refiled by some method.

Preservation problems observed in copy press books include binding stress created by the copying process. Pressing for copying increased wrinkling in the papers. The index papers used were usually highly acidic. Damage to paper from handling when damp and clumsy repairs are often seen. Sometimes original letters were tipped in the books and came in contact with the blotting paper interleaves in the books. Storage of copying books is difficult. When stored upright, paper slump results and uneven pages are more vulnerable to pollutants. Drop front boxes are best used for preservation storage. Photocopiers can cause light damage to the delicate tissue papers--frequent photocopying is not recommended, but fading letter press should be copied for preservation purposes. Facsimile scanning processes can increase the contrast and give better copies, but OCR type scanning requires lots of time for text clean-up. If the type of ink is unknown, assume the ink is vulnerable to light. Loose materials should not be encapsulated. Copy press is best kept under the same good environmental conditions as other materials.

"Electronic Access". SAC Session. Mickey Ann Hinojosa, Solinet. Thursday, April 11.

Hinojosa's presentation concerned the Monticello Electronic Project, the second phase of a grant funded project which began with a \$400,000 planning grant in 1995. In the planning grant phase, the project was known as Southeastern Special Collections Access (SESCA) and was chaired by Jennifer Cargill. The purpose of the project was: to identify ways to make archival manuscript and other special collections available in the region; and to define a demonstration project that deals with issues of electronic networking of special collections indices and materials. At an early planning retreat Daniel Pitti of UC Berkeley advised the planning group of the importance of establishing standards for finding aids and apprised them of the Berkeley project to standardize electronic finding aids for archival collections.

Hinojosa characterized what emerged from the planning process as a project to use economic data to enhance and improve the quality of life in the Southeast by providing access to government information. More specifically, the Monticello Project sought to harness the economic value of data available in southern repositories by making it available in a standardized format in a networked environment toward the goal of boosting economic development in the Southeast. The subject areas chosen as most economically desirable are those having to do with agriculture, forestry and forest products, energy systems, water management systems and environmental control. Planners envisioned an end-product which will be a readable browsable end-user interface between users and databases of state and local data provided by participants. OCLC's Site Search would interconnect with the interface. As a part of the project, repositories would be able to mount finding aids for organized collections that would provide the desired information. Participation in the initial phase will be by users at 60 test sites and data input will be by 15 special collections groups in 5 states. Participation was to be invited later in the year.

While participation in the planning of the Monticello project by archivists was solid and well planned and Hinojosa's description of the project was accurate and informative, some participants found the description of the project to be disturbing. While the harnessing of archival data for economic development seems laudable, in reality, many archival repositories with primarily historical collections could not envision their role. The project seemed more appropriate for the type of current data developed by state agencies, many of which are already developing web sites to distribute data. The prospect of charging state agencies to participate in data input was also troublesome to some participants.

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"State of the Archives: Round table Discussion by State Archivists". Friday, April 11, 1996.

Participants Tracy Berezanski for the Alabama State Archives (ADAH), H.T. Holmes for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and John Thweatt for the Tennessee State Archives, gave informative presentations on the latest activities at their institutions.

Berezanski began by detailing a history of budget cuts at the Alabama Archives which resulted in staffing cuts of 30%. Because of the budget cuts, the Alabama Archives had not been able to pursue an active acquisitions policy, had not developed new exhibits since 1987-88, and had a cataloging backlog which is moving slowly. With staffing at a premium, a charge of \$15.00 per researcher for out of state reference was instituted. Administrators have had to set priorities for core services and these have been determined to be basic reference and tours, and preservation of older records and modern records in fragile formats. Berezanski described the goals and objectives of ADAH under such circumstances as "lean but opportunistic". Because a major expansion initiative was not practical, departmental administrators decided on a digital initiative, with the goals of making improvements in all programs through technology. A web site was planned to increase the visibility of the archives, with online reference service at no charge. The web site will be in line with other Alabama state agencies which are coming online.

H.T. Holmes of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History said that his agency in 1996 received the best treatment by the Mississippi Legislature since 1988, with 16 positions authorized, of which 4 were for establishing an electronic records initiative. MDAH received the match for its NHPRC grant to establish an electronic records program and to create a web server. The remaining 12 positions requested were for local records management. Funds for a new building for the very crowded MDAH were not approved, but administrators are planning for the following year's session. Planners had been focusing on determining what research demands will be, and devising plans to meet those needs. Most general state resources will soon be available on the Internet. Plans for the department's web site are to mount finding aids only for the present. Holmes also discussed results of local records legislation in the state. Of the \$1.00 filing fee projected for local records purposes, \$.50 will go toward support of local records management at the state level.

Holmes also shared some archival stories, including a visit by archival thief Robert H. Smith, who was arrested in Kansas and was extradited to Arkansas and Tennessee where he had stolen archival materials. Holmes report that the archives will be featured as an information provider in recently filmed movies, *The Chamber* and *Ghosts of Mississippi*. The archives received a request to film *Ghosts of Mississippi* in the stacks, but had to turn down the request for obvious reasons.

John Thweatt's presentation on the Tennessee State Archives focused on the greatly enhanced state of Tennessee's funding. Tennessee recorded 26,000 in-person inquiries, 11,000 by mail inquiries, and 16,000 by telephone inquiries in the proceeding year. Current initiatives at Tennessee include the War II questionnaire project, a series of general fact sheets on Tennessee counties, and a basic information site on the Internet. Technical Services projects include the processing of the papers of a Senator and a Governor and others. The Archives is in the process of rewriting the historical sections of the Tennessee Blue Book. The Tennessee Newspaper Project is an ongoing project. The Archives is in the process of rewriting the historical sections of the Tennessee Blue Book. The Tennessee Newspaper Project is an ongoing project. The University of Tennessee City and County Advisory Services distributes records responsibilities are divided in the state. The state does not have a local records program because local retention manuals for local records. Each county must have its own records commission and compliance with records management law is estimated at 50%. The Genealogical Society of Utah is by arrangement with the Archives filming the loose records in the counties and the Archives is filming the bound records. Thweatt also reported plans to establish a Tennessee Archives Week with celebrations on the Mall. Tennessee is looking forward to possibly having a new building on the Bicentennial Mall sometime in the future.

Ten Year Schedule of State Responsibilities for the Southern Archivists Conference

Year	Site Host/Local Arrangements	Program	Brochure/Mailing	Finance
1994	Mississippi	Tennessee	Alabama	Louisiana
1996	Louisiana	Mississippi	Tennessee	Alabama
1998	Alabama	Louisiana	Mississippi	Tennessee
2000	Tennessee	Alabama	Louisiana	Mississippi
2002	Mississippi	Tennessee	Alabama	Louisiana

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Society of Mississippi Archivists Annual Business Meeting April 12, 1996

At 9:00 a.m., President Clarence Hunter welcomed 16 members to the meeting in Audubon Room at the Hotel St. Marie in New Orleans, Louisiana, where members of SMA were attending the biennial meeting of the Southern Archives Conference.

Transfer of the Gavel. President Clarence Hunter transferred the gavel to the new President Victor Bailey.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Copies of minutes of the Executive Council Meeting December 8 1995, and of the treasurer's report for 1995 and for the current year-to-date were distributed. On separate morons, the minutes and the treasurer's reports were approved as presented (copies attached).

Membership Committee. Victor Bailey asked for a volunteer to chair the membership committee. Clarence Hunter accepted.

Publications Committee. Chair Mattie Sink reported that The Primary Source is still behind and needs to be brought up to date. Two issues will be combined for the year 1994 and two for 1995. Her e-mail address is msink@library.msstate.edu.

Vice-President/ Education and Program Committee. Victor presented Sandra with a gift for all the volunteer and behind the scenes work she did for the SMA Meeting.

Nominating Committee. Chair Victor Bailey asked Elaine Owens and Irmi Wolf to handle the nominations:

President Elect:	Marja Lynne Mueller (replacing David Richards who resigned to take a position at the University of Missouri)
Vice-President/Education and Program Chairman:	Juanita Murray
Secretary-Treasurer:	Chris Cullnane
Directors:	Antoinette Nelson Sandra Boyd

Hank Holmes moved to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded and carried the vote unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Chris W. Cullnane II, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report, January-December, 1995

Income:	Current period	Year-to- date		
Memberships	\$132.50	\$460.50		
Women's Guide	15.00	163.00		
T-shirts & Sweatshirts	184.00	675.00		
Tote		8.00		
Directory		34.00		
Donation		27.50		
Meeting Registration		1767.25		
Interest credited	7.11	43.42		
Total Income	338.61	3178.67		
Disbursements:	Budget	Current period	Year-to- date	Balance
Program Committee-Ann.Meet.	\$500.00			(\$1114.68)
Postage			32.00	
Meeting expenses--USM			<u>1582.68</u>	
			1614.68	
Contingency Fund	175.00		160.00	
Gas for travel to Council Meet. at Miss. State			15.00	
Publications Committee	\$316.00			(37.47)
Postage-TPS			14.23	
Women's Guide--Mailing			20.21	
For Deposit stamp-new acct.			8.03	
Deposit Account--Permit 201		60.00	110.00	
Rent-P. O. Box 1151		58.00	116.00	
Annual 3rd Class Bulk Mail Fee		<u>85.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>	
		203.00	353.47	
Archives Week Committee	\$900.00			(703.10)
Postage			142.94	
Sweat shirts & t-shirts		\$306.30	999.35	
Travel		58.50	69.25	
Photocopies			50.00	
Paper			6.99	
Printing		322.07	322.07	
Program-Old Capitol		<u>12.50</u>	<u>12.50</u>	
		699.37	1603.10	
Scholarships	\$100.00			100.00
Bank fees	58.00			38.93
Service charge		.64	8.14	
Check order		10.93	19.07	
Membership Committee	\$70.00			70.00
Total Disbursements	\$2119.00	903.01	3605.32	(1486.32)

Excess of income over disbursements, year-to-date, (426.65)

Balance in checking accounts, January 1, 1995	\$1841.15
Balance in checking account, December 31, 1995	1473.00
Premium Access, December 31, 1995	1737.02
Certificate of Deposit, December 31, 1995	2100.44
Total assets, December 31, 1995	\$5310.46

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1996 Mississippi Archives Week Sites

October 26th - November 3, 1996

ABERDEEN	Evans Memorial Library: Genealogy Exhibit	All week
BELZONI	Humphreys Co. Library: Preservation Exhibit	All week
BILOXI	Biloxi Public Library: Exhibit "Documents and Photographs from Biloxi's Past."	All week
	Broadwater Towers Hotel: MLA Annual Meeting Faye Phillips, "Digitizing Special Collections."	Oct. 31, 2:30 PM
BROOKHAVEN	Lincoln County Public Library David Richards: 'The McCain Genealogy Collection.'	Oct. 29, 6:00 PM
CARTHAGE	Carthage Public Library Lynne Mueller: 'How-to Genealogy Program'	Oct. 24, 7:00 PM
CLINTON	Mississippi College Library Nancy Bounds: "Using the Records of the Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History"	Oct. 28, 2:00 PM
COLLINS	Collins Public Library: Genealogy Exhibit	All week
COLUMBUS	Columbus Public Library Chester Morgan: "Community Oral History Program"	Oct. 11-12, 1996
GAUTIER	Singing River Mall: Program "Genealogy Fair" Nancy Bounds & Victor Bailey, "Resources at the Miss. Dept. of Archives and History"	Oct. 12, 1996
HATTIESBURG	Cook Library, Univ. of Southern Mississippi: Exhibit: "The University Libraries Celebrate the Career of Dr. Aubrey Keith Lucas"	All week
HOLLY SPRINGS	Leontyne Price Library, Rust College: Preservation Exhibit.	All week
JACKSON	Tougaloo College, Program: "American Missionary Association Conference"	Oct. 30-31
	Jackson State University: Exhibit: "Unity and Commitment: A Charge for the 21st Century"	All Week
	Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History: Program: Kathleen Hutchinson: "Genealogy Workshop"*	Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 1:30-4:30 PM
	Old Capitol Museum: "Family History Day" Various speakers and topics!	Nov. 1

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1996 Mississippi Archives Week Sites October 26th - November 3, 1996

JACKSON	Old Capitol Museum "Teachers Workshop: West Africans in Colonial Mississippi." Various speakers and topics!**	Nov. 1
NATCHEZ	Armstrong Public Library: Genealogy Exhibit	All week
OXFORD	University of Mississippi: J.D. Williams Library: Exhibit of Recent Acquisitions	All week
PASCAGOULA	Jackson County Archives "Researching Your Ancestors from County Records"	All week
PICAYUNE	Pearl River County Library Exhibit: "Early Business Tools and Equipment"	Sept. - Oct.
PONTOTOC	Pontotoc County Library: Preservation Exhibit	All week
PURVIS	Purvis Public Library: Genealogy Exhibit	All week
RICHLAND	Richland Public Library: Genealogy Exhibit	All week
STARKVILLE	MSU Library: "On the Campaign Trail: Political Memorabilia from the Collections of Mississippi State University Library"	All week
VICKSBURG	Southern Cultural Heritage Complex Mary Lohrenz: "Collections Care Workshop"	Nov. 11 1:00-5:00 PM

*Registration required: To register, send your name, address, and phone number to the Dept. of Archives and History, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205

**Registration required: For more information, contact Lucy Allen, (601) 359-6920

RUST COTTON PICKER PHOTO IN ATLANTA EXHIBIT

A photograph recognized by author John Dittmer as of great significance for Southern history and selected for inclusion in his 1994 book *Local People: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi* was consequently selected for inclusion in the 1996 Atlanta History Center's Olympic Games Exhibition. The photograph of the Rust Cotton Picker is a part of the A.E. Cox Collection in the Manuscripts Division of the Special Collections Department of Mississippi State University Library. The Rust Cotton Picker was invented by brothers Mack and John Rust in 1936 and was successfully demonstrated in the Mississippi Delta and consequently

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changed the face of farming, the Delta's number one industry. The Cox Papers also contain Rust correspondence to Sherwood Eddy and Sam Franklin and H.L. Mitchell, and letters to Stockholders from the Rust Company, letters of Mrs. John Rust to A.E. Cox and Cox's letters to the Rusts, photographs and a short film of the cotton picker demonstration.

CIVIL RIGHTS ORAL HISTORIES TO BE DEPOSITED AT TOUGALOO COLLEGE

A collection of oral histories created during a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to study "apparent contradictions between African-American political power and relative economic powerlessness in four counties of the

Mississippi Delta" will be deposited at Tougaloo College. Dr. Kim Lacy Rogers, professor of history at Dickinson College, Tougaloo professor Jerry W. Ward, Jr., activist Owen Brooks and New Orleans writer Tom Dent conceived the study. Following the award of the grant, Owen Brooks and Dr. Rogers interviewed more than 70 activists, primarily from Sunflower and Bolivar Counties. The tapes of the interviews will be deposited at Dickinson and Tougaloo Colleges and will be transcribed and open for access in time. Copies of the tapes will also be deposited in the local libraries of each county seat (Dr. Kim Lacy Rogers, SAC presentation, April, 1996).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Local Government Records Committee was established by the Mississippi Legislature during its 1996 session and was charged with the responsibility of reviewing, approving, disapproving, amending or modifying records control schedules submitted by counties and municipalities. Among the records considered during 1996 were 60 general records control schedules for municipalities, schedules for the Harrison County chancery clerks office, and 11 record series for the Laurel-Jones Library. The Committee in 1996 was composed of the following members: Murphy Adkins, chancery clerk, Rankin County; Arthur Cartledge, superintendent, Yazoo City Municipal School District; Elbert R. Hilliard, director, Department of Archives and History; Donna Jill Johnson, circuit clerk, Lauderdale County; Kenneth McCarty, professor of history, University of Southern Mississippi; Mike Patterson, deputy bureau director, Revenue, State Tax Commission; Steve Patterson, state auditor of public accounts; Clarence A. Pierce, member-at-large; Joe Price, sheriff, Harrison; Jim Steel, deputy attorney general, Office of the Attorney General; Richard F. Yarborough, Jr., Mississippi Bar Association; Joe Young, tax assessor/tax collector, Pike County; and representatives of the Mississippi municipal Association, the Family Research Association of Mississippi and the Mississippi Association of Supervisors.

PEOPLE

Archivist **Will E. Henson**, formerly Archivist at the Lauderdale Department of Archives and History (LDAH), is now Director of Records Management at the University of Florida at Gainesville. Henson was influential in the early stages of drafting and garnering support for Mississippi local records legislation which was finally passed in 1996. A graduate of East Carolina University in North Carolina, Will was the first trained archivist to work at LDAH after it was chartered and applied for and received an NHPRC grant for start-up projects. He is a former President of the Society of Mississippi Archivists and played an active role in SMA during his years in Mississippi.

Bobs M. Tusa began work as University Archivist in the McCain Library and Archives of the University Libraries at The University of Southern Mississippi on March 1, 1996. She came to USM from Louisiana Tech University, where she served for three and a half years as head of Special Collections, Manuscripts and Archives, University Archivist, and director of the American Foreign Policy Center.

While at Louisiana Tech, Tusa was responsible for providing electronic access to historical manuscripts and university archives (she likes to brag that hers was the first repository in Louisiana to get their finding aids on the Internet); was instrumental in establishing the North Central Louisiana Historical Consortium, the Camp Ruston Documentation Project, and the William King Stubbs Architectural Archive; and survived somehow, she says, the Tech Centennial Year.

Tusa has a B.A. in history from Baylor University, a Ph.D. in Spanish and Romance languages from Tulane University, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Alabama, where she

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worked as an archives and special collections intern in the W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library. After receiving her M.L.S., she worked in a temporary position as curator of the Josiah Wedgwood Library and Manuscripts Curator at the Birmingham Museum of Art before accepting her position at Louisiana Tech. She is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists. Prior to Louisiana Tech, Bobs worked at Loyola University in New Orleans for seventeen years, primarily as university Registrar and concurrently as assistant director of the Spanish Documents Project for the microfilming of colonial Louisiana documents in the national archives of Spain.

Her recent publications include articles on applications of automation to special collections, on the history of Louisiana Tech University, and a translation of political satires published in a New Orleans French-language newspaper during Reconstruction.

Sandra Boyd is now Archival Program Supervisor for Official Records at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Boyd came to MDAH from the University of Southern Mississippi to serve as Project Supervisor for the Department's grant funded cataloging program. Following the grant project, Boyd served as Systems Project Director before accepting her current position. Graphics Curator Elaine Owens was on loan to the Official Records Department during 1996 for Sovereignty Commission Records processing.

Excerpt from "Advisory Commission on Local Government Records, Report to the Legislature, January, 1996"

Statement of the Problem

The Commission began its review of its mandate with an analysis of the 1982 report of the State Historical Records Advisory Board, *The Management and Preservation of Mississippi's Historical Records: Problems and Potential*. The Commission determined that many of the needs addressed in that report are still valid, and, because the Commission had no staff to undertake an update of those needs, adopted the chapter of that report on local government records as the basis for this report. A summary of those findings follows.

There is a critical need for adequate primary and secondary storage space for local government records.

While some courthouses have expansion room for perhaps twenty years, no courthouse seems to have been adequately planned to accommodate records beyond the year 2000 without some additional expansion. For many courthouses, however, the critical problem exists of where to put the next volume.

In spite of overcrowding, accessibility and cogent organization exist in the primary storage areas, but, in most cases, no rational scheme exists in secondary areas. The records in secondary storage are semi-active, noncurrent, and/or inactive, but must be kept due to the fact that adequate legal disposal authority does not exist, or because there is a legal requirement to keep the record permanently. Two voluminous examples of these records are tax receipts and official newspapers. Required by law to be kept indefinitely, the newspapers demand a lot of storage space that could be used for other records; given proper authority, local officials could microfilm these papers and dispose of the originals, freeing up valuable storage space.

Lack of clear-cut legal disposal authority is a contributing factor to the overcrowding problems. While existing legal disposal authority for certain records exists (sec 9-5-171, *Mississippi Code 1972, Annotated*), there is a general reluctance to dispose of anything; it seems preferable to place records (by stacking, throwing, or tossing) in unsecured secondary storage rather than to risk public outcry at the disposal of such records.

Storage practices like these are tantamount to disposal of the records. Damp and cool basements, hot and dry attics, guano, vermin, mold, and mildew wreak accelerated havoc on records stored in this manner. Access to the information contained in the records is random because of the haphazard way the records are transferred to these areas. It is not an uncommon sight to see the records piled in a heap on the floor, the result of the occasional researcher's tossing aside volumes and folders until the item desired is located.

Such treatment of noncurrent records not only breeds disrespect for the record and the record-keeping process, but it also represents graphically a failure of the community and its government to perceive the full life cycle of a public record and to appreciate the possible long term legal and research potential of the record.

There is a need for an archivally sound microfilming program for county government records.

Many local government offices use microfilm as a recording medium, with a vendor retaining the master negative. This method of recording usually produces a flowcopy for use in the office, but no reference microfilm print. Some problems were reported including lapsed time between recording and film development, expense and poor quality. In most offices, the microfilm services of a vendor were used to reduce volume rather than to provide for the efficient management and/or preservation of the record. Rarely is the researcher asked to use the microfilm copy in lieu of the original.

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Problems with microfilm applications come from the lack of appropriate standards to guide local records officials in making appropriate decisions. There remain questions regarding the legal and physical requirements for using microfilm. Most officials rely on the vendor to provide specification information, i.e., what kind of camera to use, what kind of film, how the film should be processed, where and how the film should be stored, etc.

Local government records officials need management information to assist them in managing the records in their custody.

Undesirable records storage environments, improper conservation methods, poor quality paper, unsatisfactory microfilm, and new electronic record keeping technology all suggest the lack of sufficient information to enable local government officials to make the best choice for the long-term care of their records. Conflicting claims by vendors, large differences in prices quoted for ostensibly the same service, and an occasional overwhelming need to do something just to keep the records intact have regrettably resulted in some less than desirable records management decisions.

The records creation and retention regulations imposed by the state are confusing and expensive.

There is one section of the code that specifically addresses the disposal of fifteen record series in county government (sec. 9-15-171, *Mississippi Code 1972, Annotated*). Some of those records, such as those dealing with poll tax records, are no longer created. Other series, such as chattel mortgage records, can legally be disposed of after fifteen years, but past recording practices have included some land records among these deeds, making disposal impractical in some counties. The laws dealing with record creation and retention are haphazard, and there is no clear-cut authority for the disposal of most records. Certainly these factors contribute to the storage problem. In addition, the laws do not define clearly the role of microfilm or electronic records technologies in local record keeping.

There is a need for improved access to public records in secondary storage.

Additionally, the Commission explored the impact of improper secondary storage on the ability of the public to access public records, a guarantee established by the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. Local records custodians are required by law to provide access to and/or a copy of public records. When these records are not easily retrievable, or are not maintained in a usable condition, access to such public records is restricted if not denied. With the rapid onset of electronic records technology, the long-term maintenance of such records when they become inactive poses a significant problem for public access and the local records custodian.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Enact new legislation to establish a Local Government Records Committee with the authority to approve and/or amend records, control schedules and to approve leased records storage areas outside of local government offices.

Amend existing statutes to delete all non-permanent records retention requirements.

Enact new legislation to establish a Local Government Records Office within the Department of Archives and History.

Enact new legislation to provide acceptable storage options for local government records.

Enact new legislation to levy a recording fee of \$1.00 to support the long-term management of local government records.

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TOBACCO CONTROL ARCHIVES CONTROVERSY

The Tobacco Control Archives at the University of California at San Francisco in 1996 reported that some 8,000 Brown and Williamson documents placed on the Archives' Internet Web site had by October of 1995 been the subject of 11,997 host searches, with 87,584 documents retrieved from the site. Staff at the Archives concluded that the Web was an extremely effective method of distribution and provided for wide access that would have been impossible by any other method. According to an article by Project Archivist Susan Storch, the accessioning of the Brown and Williamson Archives in 1994 after the receipt of a gift of the photocopied documents from a near anonymous source, brought new notoriety to the archives, but also "brought the center to the attention of potential researchers and donors". The Archives was subsequently sued by Brown and Williamson for the return of the Brown and Williamson documents, but the Superior Court of California ruled in favor of the archives, stating that the documents were already in the public domain by virtue of their publication in newspapers, and as they were copies. The Tobacco Control Archives was established in 1994 to document the tobacco control movement in California. Documents from the Brown and Williamson Archives contained key documentation about the research and marketing strategies of the tobacco industry (*NEA Newsletter*, January, 1996).

FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHIC WEB SITE

The Florida State Archives' Photographic Collection World Wide Web site is available for public use. The site can be accessed at <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/fpc>, and the database allows for title, call number, year, photographer, subject and text string searching of the more than 3,000 photos currently on-line. The Web page will continue to grow over the next few years and eventually the Archives will have about 100,000 photographs from the collection available (*NAGARA Clearinghouse*, Spring, 1996).

WASHINGTON LETTER RETURNED TO ARCHIVES

An original letter written by George Washington and dated November 5, 1775 has been returned to the Massachusetts Archives after having been missing from the archives for nearly 50 years. Maria Cooper Janis, daughter of the late actor Gary Cooper, returned the letter, which had been given to Gary Cooper as and had hung in the Cooper library for years. Addressed to the Massachusetts Executive Council, the letter relates to "the treatment of British and Hessian prisoners who had surrendered at Saratoga, New York with the defeat of General Burgoyne" (*Nagara Clearinghouse*, Spring, 1996).

"RED SQUAD" FILES MICHIGAN ARCHIVES

Michigan state police records documenting the "Red Squad" were transferred to the Michigan State Archives by order of the circuit court in late 1995. From 1950-1974, Michigan State Police intelligence agents and undercover operatives conducted surveillance on citizens considered subversive. The police surveillance activities were declared unconstitutional in the 1970s after suit was brought against the state of Michigan by several organizations. The court's decision to transfer the records to the archives followed lengthy negotiations on the case (*Nagara Clearinghouse*, Spring, 1996).

SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHIVAL RECORDS ENTERED INTO RLIN

An NEH supported guide project ending in 1995 funded the description of 11,169 cubic feet and 10,874 microfilm rolls of state and local government records. For the project 218 agency histories and 5,720 series descriptions were written. At the completion of the project, the completed descriptions were entered into RLIN and the descriptions were entered into the archives' AIMS database via Minaret.

FREE ACCESS TO NUCMC RLIN AMC FILE

During 1996, free access to the RLIN AMC File was provided by the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC), a free-of-charge cooperative cataloging program operated by the Library of Congress. The NUCMC World Wide Web page contains a link to a search form that provides researchers with free access to the RLIN AMC file through LC's WWW/Z39.50 gateway. The RLIN AMC file is an critical important source of information concerning archival and manuscript collections and includes all online cataloging created by NUCMC.

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The NUCMC web page is located at <<http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc>>. No account number or password is necessary to search the file. Comments regarding the usefulness of the gateway and suggestions of ways to improve it are welcome. For more information concerning the gateway or the NUCMC program, contact the NUCMC Team, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-4375; ph: 202-707-7954, fax: 202-707-7161, email: nucmc@mail.loc.gov. (Editors note: Although plans were originally to offer the file only through the 1996-1997 fiscal year, the file is still operational as of April of 1998). (Editor's Note: This site probably includes all NUCMC cataloging since 1986, the date of the last published NUCMC, plus any retrospective conversion done by NUCMC) (Library of Congress press release, 1996).

SOCIETY OF GEORGIA ARCHIVISTS GAMMA PROJECT

As of December 10, 1996, 2500 records had been input into the RLIN database as a part of the GAMMA project. The project was intended to assist institutions of all sizes with the cataloging archival materials and to create a database of catalog records for archival materials in Georgia repositories. As part of the project, workshops on the MARC-AMC format were presented for personnel at repositories that participated in the GAMMA project. Participants in the project included Agnes Scott College, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, Ida Pearle and Joseph Cuba Community Archives, Atlanta University Center, Auburn Avenue Research Library, Augusta State University, Berry College, Carter Library, Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Columbus State University, Emory University, Ft. Pulaski National Monument, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Dept. of Archives and

History, Georgia Historical Society, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Kennesaw State College, King Library and Archives, Medical College of Georgia, Mercer University, Methodist Museum, Middle Georgia Archives, Shorter College, Troup County Archives, University of Georgia/Hargrett, University of Georgia/Russell, and State University of West Georgia (*SGA Newsletter*, Winter, 1996).

SMITHSONIAN CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian Institution in 1996 celebrated its 15th anniversary with a year of activities that included a major exhibition, television advertising, a feature in the December 1996 issue of *American Libraries*, a touring exhibition, a "Birthday Party on the Mall" in August, lectures, and many other activities. The sesquicentennial exhibition, *From Smithsonian to Smithsonian: The Birth of an Institution* premiered in July at the National Museum of American History. CBS's Smithsonian Minute, featuring Albert Einstein's 1950 response to a personality questionnaire aired repeatedly. The *American Libraries* feature highlighted unusual pieces in the library's collection, and focused on the diverse roles of libraries such as the Smithsonian. Audubon's *Birds of America*, vol. 5 (1839), *Quadrupeds of North America*, vol. 2 (1854) and Charles Wilkes's *Narrative of the United States Exploring Expedition*, vol. 1 (1838), three books from the exhibition *America's Smithsonian*, toured the country during the year. At the "Birthday Party on the Mall", a series of tents housed exhibits on Smithsonian services, including and "Online Smithsonian" tent which enabled participants to experience the Libraries' electronic publications, exhibitions, and information resources (*Smithsonian Institution Libraries Information*, Fall/Winter 1996).

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CURATOR RETIRES

Joyce Lamont, Curator of the Hoole Special Collections Library at the library of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa retired in 1996. Lamont, well-known to Mississippi archivists from her participation in the Society of Alabama Archivists and the Southern Archivists Conference, had been Curator of the Special Collections Department since the mid-1970s. She was Curator during the design of new headquarters for the Department at the Scientific Collections Building. The Hoole Library contains a comprehensive collection of Alabama materials amassed since the library was organized in 1945. In the Fall of 1996, Dr. Ellen Garrison was appointed to replace Lamont as Curator. Garrison had served as Regional Archivist for the Documentary Heritage Program of the New York State Archives, as head of the Center for Popular Music at Middle Tennessee State and as director of Archives and Special Collections at East Tennessee State University before coming to Alabama (*Alabama Archivist*, Fall, 1996).

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN ACQUIRES BRUCE ROBERTS ARCHIVE

The personal photograph collection of Bruce Roberts, a leading Southern documentary photographer, have been donated to the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin. The Roberts Archives contains more than 10,000 color

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and black and white images produced by Roberts from 1949 to 1980. Roberts first moved to the South from New York in 1958, when he began work for the *Charlotte Observer*, "where he pioneered the use of the 35mm camera and natural-light photography". Roberts became Director of Photography for Southern Living in 1978 and continued there until his retirement in 1992. He was twice named Southern Photographer of the Year. His photographs document the Civil Rights movement, Johnson's Great Society programs in Appalachia, and Southern scenes, and portraits of Southern personalities. He is the author of *Southern Lighthouses: Chesapeake Bay to the Gulf of Mexico, Plantation Homes of the James River and American Country Homes*. The Roberts Archive was the subject of an exhibit at the Center (*The Center for American History Newsletter*, Spring/Summer 1996).

ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES JOHN CARLIN KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT MARAC

Worth quoting: "...I'm here to make the argument that whether you're at a small, local repository or the National Archives and Records Administration, we're all involved in work of national importance. I may have discovered since coming to NARA that the records business is tougher than I thought. But I've also discovered that it's even more important than I thought. I've come to understand that you and I are involved in something that is critical for the future of democracy in this country. And our role is particularly significant right now, as we head into the next century, and so many Americans are so skeptical about their institutions" (*Mid-Atlantic Archivist*, Summer, 1996).

AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED ON ACCESS TO NIXON TAPES

On April 12, 1996 the estate of former President Nixon, the advocacy group Public Citizen, University of Wisconsin history professor Stanley I. Kutler, and the National Archives filed a 19-page agreement in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. This agreement spells out the conditions and procedures for releasing the tape recordings made during the Presidency of Richard Nixon.

Of the approximately 4,000 hours of tapes, only 63 hours have thus far been released. This agreement comes as a result of 14 months of court-ordered mediation in the case, which began in March 1992, when historian Kutler sued the National Archives for repeatedly ignoring his legitimate requests for access to the Nixon tapes.

In announcing the agreement, U.S. Archivist John Carlin said this pleased him as much as anything that has occurred in his 10 months as head of the National Archives. Kutler also commended the agreement, noting that the National Archives had completed its review of the tapes in 1987 but had "put themselves in Nixon's service, and not the nation's or the scholarly community's as they were obliged to do." Thus he had reluctantly decided to sue the National Archives for access to "an important primary source" that Kutler stated will "give us a history different from that driven by Nixon's and others' self-serving memoirs."

Under the terms of the agreement, the first segment of tapes to be released will be the 201 hours dealing with "the abuses of government power." The National Archives will deliver these tapes to an agent of the Nixon estate no later than April 15. The Nixon estate has until October 1 to submit objections to their release on the grounds that the National Archives has inappropriately designated them as "abuse of government power." Any objections will be referred to a panel of three Presidential Library archivists: David Alsobrook, Frances Seeber, and Claudia Anderson.

The hope is that this segment will be available to the public by mid-November 1996. The next scheduled release will be the 278 hours of Cabinet Room tapes, which are targeted for release in late 1997 or early 1998. This will be followed by the releases of five remaining segments. Because the processing involves tape review, preparation of tapes for declassification review, tape editing, and production of finding aids, the agreement states that it will take from 15 to 23 months to process each one of these five segments.

The one point on which the parties were unable to reach an agreement was the National Archives' retention and maintenance of the original tape recordings in their entirety, including those segments deemed to be private or personal to former President Nixon. The government believes that it is complying with the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act by retaining the original tapes and a preservation copy. The Nixon estate contends that the law which gave the government the right to take possession of the tapes prohibits the Archives from retaining any personal and private materials on the tapes.

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Thus the Nixon estate is calling for the portions of the original tapes that contain personal and private materials, as well as the preservation copy, to be turned over to them. The parties have agreed to litigate this issue on an expedited basis. Public Citizen and Professor Kutler have agreed to file a brief supporting the Nixon estate's position.

The agreement filed with the court sets goals but does not include fixed deadlines. In commenting on the agreement, Alan Morrison, the attorney for Public Citizen, said that there will need to be a vigilant eye devoted to the monitoring of the agreement to ensure that it is followed. He expressed optimism but observed that the best intentions may go unrealized. He stated that, if the agreement is not followed, Public Citizen will be prepared to go back to court to ensure public access to these tapes.

While this agreement does mark a major breakthrough in the Nixon tape controversy, the implementation of the agreement will take many years. Even following the process outlined in the agreement, it may well be over 10 years before there is public access to all the Nixon tapes (NCC Washington Update, 4/12/96).

OCLC IMAGE SUPPORT PACKAGE (ISP)

OCLC'S Image Support Package (ISP) was added to the suite of OCLC Sitesearch software tools in 1996. When used with the Z39.50 Server System--which manages data storage, indexing and retrieval--and WebZ, OCLC's World Wide Web server, the system allows libraries to create and describe electronic documents and collections that are searchable by any Web browser. The development of the project was facilitated by the participation of three member libraries who created image databases using the ISP. George Mason University concentrated on Civil War era wood engravings from *Harper's Weekly*, materials from the American National Theatre and Academy Archives and the Planned Community Archives. The American National Theatre and Academy Records document an agency that was chartered by Congress in 1935 and served as the philosophical framework for the organizations that later became the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The records of the Academy at George Mason include personal correspondence and official papers, play scripts, photographs, set design specifications, playbills and posters. This high demand collection was an ideal test for the imaging package because it varied greatly in document size, color and condition, posing preservation and access challenges. According to George Mason Archivist Paul Koda "imaging is liberating", providing access to materials on a wide basis, even when the materials are in delicate condition (OCLC Newsletter, September/October 1996).

CALIFORNIA HERITAGE DIGITAL IMAGE ACCESS PROJECT

The California Heritage collection is a "digital" archives of photographs, pictures, and manuscripts documenting California history and taken from the collections at the Bancroft Library at the University of California at Berkeley.

The digital collection was achieved by embedding digital representations of primary sources within the archival finding aids which describe them. This unique form of access was made possible through the use of the Encoded Archival Description Standard (EADS), the emerging standard for archival finding aids. The archive is the chief product of the California Heritage Digital Image Access Project, a National Endowment for the Humanities grant project which was completed on June 30, 1996. The central objective of the project was to build a prototype demonstration database that would provide collection-level access to 25,000 digital representations of primary source documents. When fully developed, the prototype will also use USMARC collection-level records to provide access to its EADS encoded finding aids and digital images. The archive will be continually added to in the future.

(Posted to the Digital Librarians Listserv by Daniel Pitti, UC Berkeley, <dpitti@library.berkeley.edu>.

"SUBJECT SOUTH" PROJECT

Subject South, a master list of Library of Congress subject headings and divisions commonly used in the assignment of subject headings to historical southern manuscripts is available on the University of Virginia Library web site at <<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/speccol/tserve/subs/index.html>>. The master list combines server local lists and reflects discussion of local practice at several institutions who met in 1995 at the University of South Carolina to discuss the problem of subject access for historical manuscripts. Participating were representatives from repositories in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia who shared an interest in developing protocols for assigning LC subject headings to antebellum and Civil War manuscript materials. Subject South began its life at the University of North Carolina and was moved to the Virginia Historical Society where it was expanded to include definitions of problematic headings. Some University of

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Virginia headings have also been added. The list is intended to foster study and discussion and to assist catalogers. Users should take into consideration that the "definitions within the list reflect local practice and not pure Library of Congress policy" (*SGA Newsletter*, Fall, 1996).

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY COLLECTION

Cheri Gay's article in the December 1996 issue of *American Libraries* highlighted The National Automotive History Collection at the Detroit Public Library, which in 1996 celebrated 100 years of automotive history with an exhibit, "An American Odyssey: 100 Years of Automotive History". Known as the most comprehensive collection documenting automotive history, the collection's unique materials include the papers of Charles Edgar Duryea, co-founder of the American automobile industry; the papers of Henry Leland, founder of the Cadillac and Lincoln Motor Car Companies; more than 50 other manuscripts collections; the Packard Motor Car photograph collection (13,000 photos); the Nathan Lazarnick Collection (25,000 photos); and a general photograph collection of 100,000+ images of automobiles. Also included are parts manuals, owners manuals, dealer brochures, advertisements, periodicals, ephemera, travel accounts, music, recordings and novels. Funds were donated by Ford, Chrysler and General Motors in the 1980s to renovate a portion of the library to house the growing collection. (Cheri Gay in *American Libraries*, December, 1996, pp. 48-51). (Editor's note: The NAHC has a web page at http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/special_collections.htm#National)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OPENS ASSASSINATION COLLECTIONS

The National Archives opened two collections related to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1996. The collections document the trial of businessman Clay Shaw, and to his prosecution for conspiracy in the assassination. Shaw was acquitted after a brief deliberation. Prosecutor Jim Garrison's files, which were donation to the National Archives by his family contain approximately 15,000 pages. The papers of Edward Wegmann, a Shaw defense lawyer, were donated by Wegmann's family and contain 6,000 documents. A public hearing in New Orleans by the Assassinations Records Review Board preceded the donation (*The Dusty Shelf*, 1995-1996).

GRACY ENDOWED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT UT-AUSTIN

The Graduate School of library and Information Sciences (GSLIS) at the University of Texas at Austin in 1996 was named the recipient of the Alice Duggan and David Caldwell Gracy Endowed Presidential Scholarships. The award, donated by Dr. David B. Gracy II, the Governor Bill Daniel Professor of Archival Enterprise of the GSLIS of the GSLIS and his sisters, will be given to deserving students with an interest in the administration of archives and records and the preservation of access to information of enduring value. The Gracys had a long association with the University of Texas. Their father was founder of Gracy Title Company of Austin and a UT graduate. Alice Duggan Gracy, a UT alumnus and Littlefield family descendant was one of the largest benefactors to UT during its first fifty years (GSLIS Press Release, April, 1996).

BROWNING LOVE LETTERS AT WELLESLEY

A collection of the original love letters between poets Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett are found in the Special Collections Department of the Wellesley College Library. The letters were given in 1930 by Caroline Hazard, fifth president of the college. The letters "are a major attraction for hundreds of visitors and scholars annually". The Wellesley College Library was opened in 1875 and expanded to include a Rare Books Room to house its special collections in the 1950s and then opened the Special Collections Department in 1975 (Ruth R. Rogers in *NEA Newsletter*, April, 1996).

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY LOUISIANA DIVISION WEB SITE

The Louisiana Division/City Archives of the New Orleans Public Library has added a search engine for archival inventories included in NUTRIAS to its web site. The search tool allow comprehensive searching of all archival inventories online. Also new to the NUTRIA database is "Index to Parish Court Slave Emancipation, 1814-1843," and index listing emancipations by name of owner, slave, and date of petition. The web site is located at <http://www.gnofn.org/~nopl/inv/invlist.htm> (*Southwestern Archivist*, vol. 19, issue 3).

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REPORT ON DETERIORATION OF MOVING IMAGE FILM

According to a 1996 report by the Image Permanence Institute at the Association of Moving Image Archivists annual conference, the problem of "vinegar syndrome" is of growing problem for many institutions. Inappropriate temperature, humidity and storage methods are direct causes of the syndrome. IPI's research indicates that film lasts longest under conditions of lower temperature and humidity. Further, the Institute found that storing film in unvented cans without desiccants allows acid to build up and causes vinegar syndrome. Buffered cardboard boxes provide the safest storage for film (Whitney Miller in *SGA Newsletter*, Winter, 1996).

NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY FEDERATION CHARTERED

The National Digital Library (NDLF) decided in 1996 to become a charter organization. In order to build a successful network of digital resources, planners identified the necessity to focus on the following three key areas: 1) "Improving ease of access and searching across heterogeneous digital collections"; 2) "Intellectual property rights and economic models: 'Implementing a common rights policy for the collections included in NDLF' " and 3) "Archiving of digital information". Participants in the organization at the time of charter included the Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration, New York Public Library, the Commission on Preservation and access, and the University Libraries of California-Berkeley, Columbia, Cornell, Emory, Harvard, Michigan, Pennsylvania State, Princeton, Southern California, Stanford, Tennessee-Knoxville and Yale. The organization received a planning grant from the IBM Corporation which supported its initial planning. The NDLF Web site may be accessed at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/loc/ndlf> (*C&RL News*, and February, 1996).

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION NEWS CEASES PUBLICATION

The University of Texas Press announced in September of 1996 that *Conservation Administration News* has ceased publication. The influential conservation publication was begun in 1979 under the leadership of Robert Patterson, then at the University of Wyoming, was continued at the University of Tulsa, and was edited by Paul Banks and Roberta Pilette from the University of Texas at Austin in its latter years. A statement from the Press noted "we are very proud of the role the journal played in the development of preservation... [and] we believe that we have proved an important source of information, but that equally importantly, we have provided a sense of community for those committed to the care of library and archives collections (University of Texas Press in *SGA Newsletter*, Fall, 1996).

SOLINET PRESERVATION SERVICES HOME PAGE

Preservation Services of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) has a homepage which includes descriptions of services, workshop information, a reference question of the month, a list of publications for sale, the full text of free leaflets and bibliographies, and a section of news from members, where short articles about preservation may be posted. URL is <<http://www.solinet.net/presvtn/preshome.htm>>. Solinet members who would like to contribute articles may contact Sharla Richards at SOLINET, 1438 W. Peachtree St., NW, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955; phone (800) 999-8558; email: sharla_richards@solinet.net. (*C&RL News*, September, 1996).

CONSERVATION STUDY WEB SITE AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

The University of Texas at Austin Preservation and Conservation Studies (PCS) at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science now has a web site. Included are course descriptions, syllabi, information about faculty and application procedures and links to other conservation web sites. The site can be found at <<http://volvo.gslis.utexas.edu/~pcs/pcshome.html>> (*C&RL News*, April 1996).

KODAK CD CONSERVATION INFORMATION ON WEB

Information on the preservation of Cds may now be found on the Kodak homepage. Although the site's primary focus is on products made by Kodak, the site's creators have also included "Permanence, Care and Handling of CD's", a guide to care of CD and CD-ROM media. The content is divided into ten topic areas: Introduction; CD Types; The Nature of CD-ROM Discs; When is a CD's Life Really Over?; So, How Long Can CD's Last?; The Nature of Writable CD's; Safe Handling of CD's; Storage Conditions for Cds; CD Permanence in Perspective; and References. The site is at <<http://www.Kodak.com/daiHome/techInfo/permanence.shtml>> (*C&RL News*, June, 1996 and site examination).

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PRESERVATION SCIENCE COUNCIL AGENDA

The Preservation Science Council of the Commission on Preservation and Access in 1996 identified six preservation projects for potential scientific research: 1) Developing optimum environments at low-cost, with existing HVAC equipment; 2) "testing the longevity of adhesives used in binding"; 3) understanding the equilibration process, its effects on books, tapes and films and how enclosures effect the rate of equilibration; 4) managing the costs of collection maintenance with a life cycle cost analysis tool; 5) the effect of paper recycling on paper's strength and color; 6) computer based systems for the delivery and analysis of environmental data. The research agenda was developed by a team of 5 scientists working with 15 preservation administrators from major libraries or archives. For additional information, contact Maxine Sitts, Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th St., N.W., Suite 740, Washington, D.C. 20036; phone: (202) 939-3402; fax: (202) 939-3407. (*C&RL News*, 1996).

STOLEN MANUSCRIPTS PROCEDURE

The Professional Autograph Dealers Association in 1996 developed a network for holders of manuscript materials to report thefts to its members. Thefts may be reported by calling (888) 338-4338 toll free. Members are notified immediately of the loss by fax or phone. Those who experience a theft should provide detailed information about the material loss, including detailed description of the manuscript, date and circumstances, names, addresses and phone umbers of contact persons at the institution and names of law enforcement officers (*C&RL News*, 1996).

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RESEARCH LIBRARIES GROUP GRANT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO MANUSCRIPTS

The Research Libraries Group (RLG) in 1996 received a \$100,000 grab from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation to improve researchers' access to primary source materials in its members' collections. The grant supported RLG's project to train its members in applying SGML coding to their archival finding aids, which are guides that describe in detail the content of archival collections. The SGML records provide a valuable link between the MARC collection level records currently available in the RLIN database and the materials found in the collections (*College and Research Libraries News*, 1996).

GRANTS OF \$3,000,000 TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR DIGITAL PROJECTS

The National Digital Library (NDL) program at the Library of Congress is the beneficiary of a \$2,000,000 grant from the Ameritect Foundation. The target goal of the program is to make freely available over the Internet some 5,000,000 historical items by the year 2,000, with the help of other institutions across the country. The Ameritect gift will support the digitizing by selected libraries of unique historical collections which will be included in the digital library. In addition to the Ameritect gift, the Library has received \$1,000,000 from Reuters to digitize the papers of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. The 65,000 items in the Washington Papers and 25,000 in the Jefferson Papers will be added to the NDL's collection of materials documenting American history and available on the Internet at <http://www.loc.gov/> (*C&RL News*, July/August, 1996 and *American Libraries*, June/July 1996).

MARION ANDERSON PAPERS GRANT

Funds totaling \$68,370 for the cataloging of the papers of opera and spiritual singer Marion Anderson were awarded to the University of Pennsylvania by the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1996. The collection documents the singer's life from 1902-191993 and includes clippings, programs, photographs, correspondence, printed and manuscript scores and sound records. Alumnus James DePriest, a well-known conductor and the nephew of Anderson is helping the library to raise money to establish the Marian Anderson Music Center, which will provide facilities for study, music, research and exhibitions in the Library and will be linked to the Eugene Ormandy Listening Center in Philadelphia. A PBS documentary and a major biography have already been produced from the resources in the Anderson Papers (*Library Journal*, June 15, 1996).

PUBLICATIONS

Records Management: A Practical Guide for Cities and Counties. Washington D.C.: International City/County Management Association, 1996. 150+ pages.

Presents the "complete spectrum of records management in a manner which is comprehensible to the staff of city and county offices. Focuses on the work of local government employees, with the goal to assist them with handling records and information, and "offers useful suggestions which should be a part of standard office practices" (Reviewed by Julian L. Mims, III in *Nagara Clearinghouse*, Spring, 1996).

Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives: State Agency Records
(855 pages, illus., indexed, \$30.00).

Two NHPRC grants helped to fund this guide which was created using the Manuscripts and Archives Reference System (MARS). The guide includes 172 histories of agencies, offices, courts and commissions whose records are preserved in the state archives and some 3,000 series descriptions. The histories and series descriptions are also available on the Internet and have been uploaded into the RLIN database. Contact Barbara R. Cain, North Carolina Department of Cultural resources, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807, (919) 733-3952 (*Nagara Clearinghouse*, Spring, 1996).

Digital Imaging for Libraries and Archives. Anne R. Kenney and Stephen Chapman, authors. \$75.00 from Mary Arsenault, Cornell Department of Preservation and Conservation, 214 Olin Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

200 page looseleaf guide covers planning a digital imaging project; key concepts and terms; hardware, software, databases and indexes, digitization from photographs or film; managing long-term access; managing the technical side of digitizing; outsourcing; and preservation and storage requirements.

Congressional Papers Management by Faye Phillips. \$38.50, McFarland Publishers, P.O. Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640 (0-7864-0242-3, 96-13036).

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Environmental Guidelines for the Storage of Paper Records by William K. Wilson; \$35.00 from National Information Standards Organization, 4733 Bethesda Ave., Suite 300, Bethesda, MD 20814; phone (303) 654-2512; fax: (301) 654-2512; fax: (301) 654-1721; email: niso@niso.org. Order number: NISO-TR01-1995.

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New Tools for Preservation: Assessing Long-Term Environmental Effects on Library and Archives Collections.

James Reilly, Douglas Nishimura, and Edward Zinn. \$10.00 from the Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th

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St., NW, Suite 740, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 939-3400; fax: (202) 939-3407. Prepayment required.

This report published by the Commission on Preservation and Access and the Rochester Institute of Technology introduces two concepts: Preservation Index (PI) and Time-Weighted Preservation Index (TWPI). These two indexes quantify in years how long it will take for all types of organic materials to demonstrate deterioration. PI is an indicator of the life expectancy of materials which are kept at stable temperature and relative humidity. TWPI is an indicator of life expectancy if those conditions vary over time. The two indexes allow easy comparison of storage environments and will prove useful in explaining the effects of improving storage environments. Some background material on the effects of temperature and relative humidity is included. The IPI is developing a monitoring device which will measure and display temperature and RH, store data for upload to a computer and display PI and TWPI values (*C&RL News*, February, 1996).

Archives And Records Management Handbook for Oregon State University by Larry Landis, Michael Holland and Elizabeth Nielsen. 1996. \$20.00, including shipping from Oregon State University Archives, 94 Kerr Administration Building, Corvallis OR 97331-2103. Also available free of charge on the World Wide Web at <<http://www.orst.edu/Dept/archives/toc/zhand-toc.html>>

This 398 page manual includes the *University Records Retention and Disposition Schedule* and covers principles, policies and procedures for managing records from creation to final disposition. Illustrated with images from the OSU Archives collections (*Southwestern Archivist*, vol. 19, #3).

Records Management: A Practical Guide for Cities and Counties. Washington D.C.: International City/County Management Association, 1996. 150+ pages.

Presents the "complete spectrum of records management in a manner which is comprehensible to the staff of city and county offices. Focuses on the work of local government employees, with the goal to assist them with handling records and information, and "offers useful suggestions which should be a part of standard office practices" (Reviewed by Julian L. Mims, III in *Nagara Clearinghouse*, Spring, 1996).

Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives: State Agency Records (855 pages, illus., indexed, \$30.00).

Two NHPRC grants helped to fund this guide which was created using the Manuscripts and Archives Reference System (MARS). The guide includes 172 histories of agencies, offices, courts and commissions whose records are preserved in the state archives and some 3,000 series descriptions. The histories and series descriptions are also available on the Internet and have been uploaded into the RLIN database. Contact Barbara R. Cain, North Carolina Department of Cultural resources, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807, (919) 733-3952 (*Nagara Clearinghouse*, Spring, 1996).

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WASHINGTON D.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

"Washington Then and Now: The Photographic Legacy of Charles Suddarth Kelly" a photographic collection on the history of Washington, D.C. has been acquired by Georgetown University. Photographs and postcards from the collection of journalist J. Harry Shannon, reporter for the Washington *Sunday Star* form a part of the collection. Also included are more than 230 glass negatives of photographs of Washington D.C. which were used to illustrate the reporter's "Ramber" column. Some 500 postcards, including some rare street and building scenes, together with a large number of other photographs from 1898 to 1918 and original photographs of buildings and monuments taken by Kelly in the 1970s and 1980s complete the

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collection (*C & RL News*, October, 1996).

BLACK PANTHER PARTY PAPERS

The papers of the Black Panther Party have been acquired by the Special Collections Department of Stanford University's Green Library. The Huey P. Newton Foundation reached an agreement with the university to donate the papers of the African-American activist group which was founded in 1966. The collection bulks with documents created and collected by Newton, including unpublished and book-length manuscripts (*American Libraries*, November, 1996).

SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY PAPERS AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

More than 2,500 reels containing selected materials from the Soviet Communist Party Archives have been deposited at the Library of Congress. The microfilming project was a joint project of the Hoover Institution and the Russian Archives Service and focused on key Soviet policy making groups during the 1920s and 1930s, according to Librarian of Congress James H. Billington (*American Libraries*, November, 1996).

WARREN BURGER PAPERS TO COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

The Earl Gregg Swem Library at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia has received the personal and professional papers of the late U.S. Chief Justice Warren Burger. Burger was Chancellor of the school from 1986 to 1993. More than two million items are included in the papers, which also includes 150 ceremonial robes, photographs, awards and Burger's publications. Burger's papers cover the gamut of his life from childhood through law school, service at the Department of Justice and on the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court years and other activities such as his chairmanship of the Bicentennial Commission (*C&RL News*, July/August 1996).

HARTFORD BANK RECORDS AND YANKELOVICH PAPERS TO CONNECTICUT

The University of Connecticut has acquired two important groups of records. The continuous records of Connecticut's first bank, Hartford National Bank and Trust (now Fleet Bank) from 1792 to 1971 were donated to the university by the Shawmut National Corporation. Included are some 450 feet of daybooks, registers of discount canceled capital stock certificates, correspondence and papers related to French spoliation claims. Also acquired by the university were the papers of Daniel Yankelovich, a nationally known polling expert from 1958 to 1994 include 44 linear feet of subject files, correspondence, printed materials, publications and reports (*C&RL News*, April 1996).

RANDOLPH LINSLEY SIMPSON AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLECTION

A photographic archives of some 2,500 items documenting the 19th century African-American experience has been acquired by the Beinecke Rare Books and Manuscripts Library at Yale University. The Randolph Linsley Simpson African-American Collection includes postcards, pamphlets, books, newspapers, cartoons, steel engravings, ephemera and broadsides depicting a wide range of African-Americans in the 19th century and constitutes a unique record of African-American life for the time period (*C&RL News*, April 1996).

BUDDHIST MANUSCRIPTS TO BRITISH LIBRARY

60 manuscript fragments written on strips of birch bark dating as early as the second century and containing poems, sermons and treatises of Buddha, have been acquired by the British Library. Equivalent to the Dead Sea Scrolls in importance and believed to have originated in "what is now northern Pakistan or eastern Afghanistan". "The manuscripts had been stored rolled and 'looked like 2,000 year old cigars that had been stepped on', according to Richard Salomon of the University of Washington/Seattle, who helped authenticate the scrolls". The Library was said to have purchased the scrolls from a dealer (*American Libraries*, September, 1996).

ACCESSIONS**Mississippi Department of Archives and History****Special Collections, Manuscript Collection**

ALEXANDER (EDNA) COLLECTION. 1884-1915. 0.10 c.f.

The collection consists of four miscellaneous pieces of correspondence. Two letters concern members of the Davis family of Eureka and Blue Springs, Mississippi. Two other letters signed "L. Atk" were written from D' Lo, Mississippi. Transferred from the library of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL (OAKLAND, MISS.) SCRAPBOOK. ca. 1976. 0.33 c.f.

This scrapbook contains photographs, articles and miscellaneous loose materials concerning the celebration of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution in Oakland, Mississippi. Presented by Margaret D. Ross, Jackson, Mississippi.

BACHMAN (WILLIAM HENRY) MANUSCRIPT. n.d. 0.10 c.f.

This collection consists of the original manuscript of William Henry Bachman of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, regarding his Confederate military service as a private in the Forty-Second Mississippi Infantry, Company F. Presented by Dale Whitman, Magnolia, Arkansas.

BANK OF GREENVILLE (GREENVILLE, MISS.) RECORDS. ca. 1916-1925. 0.33 c.f.

Bound volume of the minutes of annual shareholders' and directors' meetings of the Bank of Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi, containing entries from 1916 to 1925. Presented by George E. Barnes, Jackson, Mississippi.

BIEDENHARN CANDY COMPANY (VICKSBURG, MISS.) COLLECTION. 1960s-1980s. 0.33 c.f.

This collection includes research files and notes, printed material, and publicity, presumably assembled by Kay Kimble, and concerning the Biedenharn Candy Company of Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Biedenharn family, and the Coca-Cola Company. Joseph A. Biedenharn was the first person to bottle Coca-Cola in Vicksburg in 1894. Provenance unknown.

BRITTON (MARY M.) SCRAPBOOK. ca. 1887-1908. 0.66 c.f.

This scrapbook of clippings of Mary M. Britton of Natchez, Mississippi, contains stories and humorous anecdotes as well as poetry written by Natchez residents. Presented by the Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi.

BURTON FAMILY PAPERS. 1800s-1900s. 1.00 c.f.

This collection includes nineteenth- and twentieth-century correspondence and other papers and records of the Burton family of Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Presented by Albert Currie Hopper, Jr., St. Petersburg, Florida.

CIVIL RIGHTS SCRAPBOOKS. 1960s. 1.00 c.f.

This collection contains a series of scrapbooks documenting the civil rights movement in Mississippi in the 1960s. Provenance unknown.

COHN BROTHERS (LORMAN, MISS.) RECORDS. ca. 1893-1913. 0.50 c.f.

The records consist of mercantile ledgers and cotton books of the Cohn Brothers of Lorman, Jefferson County, Mississippi, and record transactions from 1893 through 1913. Presented by Dan A. Rose, Pearl, Mississippi.

COLUMBUS AND GREENVILLE RAILWAY COMPANY RECORDS, ACCRETION. 1950s-1960s. 1.00 c.f.

This accretion primarily contains miscellaneous financial and legal records of the Columbus and Greenville Railway Company from the 1950s and 1960s. Provenance unknown.

DAVIS (JEFFERSON) AND FAMILY PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1833-1884. 0.33 c.f.

This accretion primarily consists of correspondence of Joseph E. Davis. Letters of Jefferson Davis, Varina Howell Davis, William Burr Howell, and other family members are included, as is a conveyance by Jefferson Davis concerning Locust Grove plantation, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. Presented by Barbara P. Webb, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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DRAKE FAMILY PAPERS. 1800s-1900s. 6.00 c.f.

This collection consists of correspondence and other papers and records of various members of the Winbourne Magruder Drake family of Church Hill, Jefferson County, Mississippi. Provenance is undocumented; however the collection is thought to have been presented by Laura Drake Satterfield Harrell Sturdivant, Jackson, Mississippi.

EDMONDS (ELSIE CHAPMAN) GENEALOGICAL RECORDS. 1700s-1900s. 0.33 c.f.

This collection contains a variety of genealogical papers and records accumulated or compiled by Elsie Chapman Edmonds of Jackson, Mississippi. They pertain to the Chapman, Edmonds, and allied families. Presented by Elsie Chapman Edmonds, Jackson, Mississippi.

FERRIS (EUGENE B.) AND FAMILY PAPERS, ACCRETION. 1800s-1900s. 2.00 c.f.

This accretion contains photocopies of correspondence, personal narratives, agricultural experiment station reports, genealogical records, and other papers of Eugene B. Ferris of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as well as papers and records of various Ferris and allied family members. Presented by William R. Ferris, Jr., Oxford, Mississippi.

FINLEY FAMILY PAPERS. 1800s-1900s. 4.50 c.f.

The papers include correspondence, photographs, financial and legal records of George J. Finley, Thomas F. Finley, and various Finley and allied family members of Holly Springs, Mississippi. The collection documents the history of the cotton trade, lumber industry, and other mercantile enterprises of Holly Springs and Marshall County, as well as the local history of that area during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Presented by Margaret Finley Shackelford, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

FOX (NATHAN JACKSON) PAPERS, ACCRETION. ca. 1855-1996. 0.10 c.f.

This diary of Presbyterian minister Nathan Jackson Fox concerns his 1855 trip from Columbus, Arkansas, through Texas to Winchester, Tennessee. A transcript of the diary by Albert H. Spinks is included, as are photocopies and transcripts of Fox family Bible records. Presented by Albert H. Spinks, Burlington, North Carolina.

GILMORE (JAMES H., JR.) PAPERS. ca. 1944-1995. 0.33 c.f.

The papers of James H. Gilmore, Jr., of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, include correspondence, photographs, reports, interviews and clippings documenting his service as a sergeant in the United States Army in World War II, and his death on March 25, 1945, during a bombing mission over northern Germany. Presented by Betty Gilmore Love, et al., Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

HARRELL (WILLIAM O.) PAPERS. 1800s-1900s. 0.66 c.f.

Among the papers of William O. Harrell of Jackson, Mississippi, is Elijah Steele Drake's license to practice law in the state of Mississippi. The license was signed by Circuit Judge J. M. Smiley of Jefferson County, Mississippi, on October 2, 1866. Provenance unknown.

HUMPHREYS-GWIN FAMILY PAPERS. ca. 1830-1980. 12.33 c.f.

Papers of members of the Humphreys and Gwin families, including Mississippi Governor Benjamin G. Humphreys, his wife, Mildred Hickman Maury Humphreys, and their descendants, the Gwins, who lived in Greenwood, Mississippi. The collection consists of correspondence, financial, legal, and social papers, manuscripts, journals, diaries, ledgers, photographs, postcards, clippings, and printed material. Papers and photographs documenting Mississippi WPA activities are also included. Presented by Sara Gwin Kelsh, Greenwood, Mississippi.

KIMBROUGH FAMILY PAPERS. 1800s-1900s. 13.00 c.f.

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, and other papers and records of various members of the Allen McCaskell Kimbrough family of Greenwood, Mississippi. Of particular interest are the correspondence of Mary Hunter Southworth Kimbrough documenting the history of Beauvoir, the Gulf Coast home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, and the correspondence of writer Upton Sinclair who was married to Mary Craig Kimbrough Sinclair. Presented by Leftwich D. Kimbrough, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

LOWRY-JAYNE FAMILY PAPERS. ca. 1873-1886. 0.10 c.f.

The papers consist of correspondence, memorabilia, and clippings concerning the family of Governor Robert Lowry of Brandon,

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

LYELLS (RUBY STUTTS) PAPERS. 1920s-1940s. 40.00 c.f.

The papers of Ruby Stutts Lyells, librarian, executive director of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, and federal jury commissioner include correspondence, financial records, manuscripts, photographs, and printed materials concerning her career, religious interests, and activities in black, women's, educational, and political organizations. Presented by McDavid, Noblin & West, PLLC, Jackson, Mississippi.

MILLER (M. A) SKETCH BOOK. 1860. 0.10 c.f.

This sketch book (photocopy) of M. A. Miller contains drawings of various buildings in Corinth, Mississippi, in 1860. Presented by the Northeast Regional Library, Corinth, Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECORDS. ca. 1970-1995. 2.00 c.f.

The records of the Mississippi Historical Society, Jackson, Mississippi, include annual reports, financial records, records of meetings, and newsletters. Presented by the Mississippi Historical Society, Jackson, Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY RECORDS. ca. 1932-1996. 1.66 c.f.

The records of the Mississippi Poetry Society consist of scrapbooks and publications of the society. The scrapbooks contain correspondence, minutes, photographs, and clippings. The publications include a history of the society and poetry published by the society and its members. Presented by Jeanne S. Kelly, Madison, Mississippi.

MOUNGER (Dwyn Milton) PAPERS. ca. 1949-1996. 0.10 c.f.

Papers of the Reverend Dwyn Milton Mounger, Presbyterian minister, documenting his ministerial career and involvement in the Tri-Racial Goodwill Festival of Carthage, Mississippi, from 1949 through 1951. Presented by Betty Anne Mounger Hays, Jackson, Mississippi.

ORDER OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JERICO RECORDS. 1880s-1900s. 4.00 c.f.

This collection contains membership and financial records of the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Jericho, Rolling Fork, Sharkey County, Mississippi, dating from the 1880s to the early 1900s. Presented by John M. Diffey, Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

PINOLA-STONEWALL SCHOOL (SIMPSON COUNTY, MISS.) RECORDS. ca. 1949-1963. 0.33 c.f.

The records consist of two volumes of minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Pinola-Stonewall School, Simpson County, Mississippi, dating from 1949 to 1963. Presented by the Reverend Glenn Shows, Ridgeland, Mississippi.

POWERS (J. M.) COTTON GIN RECORDS. 1800s-1900s. 11.50 c.f.

This collection includes various financial records of the cotton-ginning enterprise of J. M. Powers of Durant, Holmes County, Mississippi. Presented by Alice A. Watson, Jackson, Mississippi.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB (NATCHEZ, MISS.) MINUTES. 1896-1898. 0.10 c.f.

This volume contains the minutes and membership rolls of the Progressive Club of Natchez, Mississippi, from 1896 through 1898. Presented by the Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi.

PROSKOWETZ (PAUL J.) COLLECTION. 1800s. 0.33 c.f.

This artificial collection contains various nineteenth-century financial and legal records from Choctaw County, Mississippi. Presented by Paul J. Proskowetz, Atlanta, Georgia.

RED LICK SCHOOL (JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISS.) ACCOUNT BOOK. ca. 1836-1863. 0.33 c.f.

This book records accounts and decisions of the Board of Trustees of Red Lick School, Jefferson County, Mississippi, from about 1836 to 1863. Presented by Norman A. Ratliff, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

TAFT (WILLIAM HOWARD) BANQUET MEMORABILIA. 1909. 0.10 c.f.

The memorabilia consist of two menus from the banquet held in honor of President William Howard Taft at The Edwards, J

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Jackson, Mississippi, on November 1, 1909. The menu includes the names of the toastmaster, speakers, and hosts. Transferred from the library of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi.

WESLEY (JOHN) PAPERS. 1866. 0.10 c.f.

The papers of John Wesley of Brookhaven, Lawrence County, Mississippi, consist of two items concerning his application for arrears of pay and his award of discharged soldiers' bounty due him for his service in the Seventy-Sixth Regiment, Illinois Infantry, United States Army, during the Civil War. Presented by the Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

WISE (TERRELL E.) PAPERS. ca. 1977-1984. 1.00 c.f.

The papers document Wise's service as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hinds General Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, and include correspondence, minutes, financial statements, reports, a copy of the charter of incorporation, and materials concerning hospital insurance and building projects. Presented by Terrell E. Wise, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Historical Manuscripts, McCain Library

CARTER-FANCHER COLLECTION. 1845-1889. 11 items.

Land deeds and correspondence among members of the Carter and Fancher families of Mashulaville, Noxubee County, Mississippi. Gift of George Butler.

COOPER-CHAPMAN-THOMPSON LETTERS. 1853, 1862-1872, 1893. 10 items.

Correspondence among the Cooper, Chapman, and Thompson families of Newton County, Mississippi during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Transferred from Genealogy Collection.

CUSHING (MAJOR THOMAS) LETTERBOOK. 1799-1800. .25 cu. ft.

Photocopy of handwritten letterbook of Cushing, commander of U.S. forces stationed in the Mississippi Territory; with transcribed notes, typewritten indexes of persons and places. Gift of Dr. John D.W. Guice.

FAULKNER (LEWIS EDWARD) PAPERS. 1902-1963. 28 cu. ft.

Correspondence and records documenting the business, civic, political, and religious activities of Faulkner, general manager and president of the Mississippi Central Railroad. Gift of Louis Edgar Mapp.

HAMILTON (JONES S.) PAMPHLET. 1887-1888. 3 items.

Originals and photocopy of "Personal," a pamphlet printed by public official and printing firm owner Hamilton in 1888 following his acquittal for the murder of Roderick Gambrell. Transferred from Mississippiana Vertical File.

JOHN A. MCLEOD DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDS. 1873-1882. 6 cu. ft.

Financial journals, ledgers, and receipt books of the Hattiesburg store, primarily for 1917-1932.

LOTTERHOS (P.A. "GUSTUS") CORRESPONDENCE. 1897-1901. 11 items.

Correspondence among the members of the Lotterhos family, immigrants from Rhine Pfaltz, Germany, to Crystal Spring, Mississippi, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Princeton, New Jersey. Gift of Bobby Holmes.

ROBINSON (JOHN LEROY "LEE") PAPERS. 1861-1864, 1875, 1882. 27 items.

Letters by Robinson and his three brothers to their sisters, relating their experiences as Confederate soldiers during the Civil War and during Reconstruction. Gift of Mrs. Evelyn Childress Smalling.

ROSS (THOMAS JEFFERSON) BUSINESS LEDGER. 1855-1878. 1 item.

Business ledger of the Thomas Jefferson Ross general mercantile business in Silver Creek, in current Jefferson Davis County,

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Mississippi. Gift of Mrs. Elson Ray Ross.

SHREVE (WILLIAM PRICE) PAPERS. 1861-1864. .7 cu ft.

Handwritten memoir of Shreve's experiences with the 2nd Regiment, United States Sharpshooters; also includes typescript and secondary materials.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. THERON C. LYND, REGISTER OF VOTERS FOR FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. 1961-1967. 4.95 cu. ft. 1 item.

Voting rights case files of Lynd's attorney M.M. Roberts. Gift of M.M. Roberts.

VIRGINIA MILITIA, 114TH REGIMENT, COMPANY F (CAPTAIN WILLIAM WOLFORD'S COMPANY) MORNING REPORT. Feb. 1862. 1 item.

Register of officers and men available for duty, sick, under arrest, or otherwise during February 1862. The 114th Regiment formed part of the Third Militia Division under the overall command of Major General Thomas Haywood, serving with "Stonewall" Jackson's corps in West Virginia. Gift of Mrs. Harry Lee.

WALLACE (GEORGE C.) SPEECHES. 1961-1968. .9 cu. ft.

Copies of speeches by Alabama Governor Wallace; also included are biographical information and copies of interviews, public statements, and telegrams. From USM Public Relations files.

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University, MS 38677

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Papers of several generations of an Attala County family. A substantial portion of the correspondence was to or from Louisa L. Clark, grandmother of Juanita Brown, including a series of letters written by her brother, J.H. Guford, during the Civil War. Also included are deeds, land warranties, Confederate money and notes, clippings, material pertaining to the Browns' social life, and letters, receipts, bills and other documents.

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