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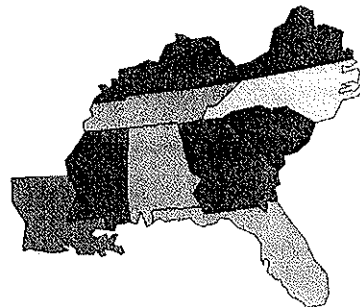
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Preservation News by Christine Wiseman
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This is the last Preservation News column contributed by Christine Wiseman. Beginning October 2002, Christine has taken over as Preservation Services Manager at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The Department is planning its move to its new building in Morrow, GA, from March 28 through April 11, 2002, and Christine will be right in the thick of it. We wish her all the best in her new job and hope to hear about her "moving" experiences once she has recovered! Contact information: cwiseman@sos.state.ga.us.

AASLH workshops

The American Association for State and Local History recently received an IMLS grant for the project *Archival Basics Continuing Education* to develop online and on-site basic archival training targeted at the non-traditional archivist. A one-day workshop is being designed as a model so that various groups and organizations can provide the course with minimal preparation and adjustment. AASLH is looking for potential host sites for the ten pilot workshops slated to be held starting in the Fall 2002. For more information contact Terry Davis at davis@aaahl.org or (615) 320-3203.

Heritage Preservation Publication about September 11th.

Heritage Preservation, one of the nation's leading advocates for the protection of cultural property, has just released *Cataclysm and Challenge*, the results of the first comprehensive study on the impact of September 11, 2001 on our nation's cultural heritage. The publication reports the results of a survey of 122 museums, libraries and archives in lower Manhattan following the September terrorist attacks. The survey included questions related to disaster preparedness and recovery that reveals significant information that should aid in protecting cultural collections from future disasters. For more information, and a pdf version of the entire report, see www.heritagepreservation.org.

Grants and Awards

There are a number of grants and awards programs that specifically fund the conservation and preservation of library and archival collections. Grants are an invaluable source of funding to supplement struggling preservation budgets by supporting special projects and consulting. Most grants are federally or state funded, but there are also potential opportunities through private organization and corporate foundations. Following are upcoming deadlines and news of recent awards. Directly below are a few selected resources for more information on public funding sources for preservation:

Heritage Preservation	www.heritagepreservation.org
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)	www.imls.gov
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	www.neh.gov

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)
www.archives.gov/nhprc_and_other_grants/index.html

Preservation Assistance Grants

The National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Preservation and Access, is in its fourth year of awarding small grants, of up to \$5000, to help libraries, archives, museums and historical organizations enhance their capacity to preserve their humanities collections. Applicants may request support for general preservation assessments or consultations with preservation professionals to develop a specific plan for addressing an identified problem. Institutions may also apply for funding to attend preservation training workshops and to purchase basic preservation supplies, equipment, and storage furniture.

The deadline for the 2003 Preservation Assistance Grants is approaching. Applications are due by May 15, 2003. For more information and updates on the guidelines, see the NEH website

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/presassistance.html>

2002-03 NEH Preservation Assistance Grant Recipients Announced

In 2000 the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) began awarding these small preservation grants to libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations. A number of southeastern institutions were among the 2002-2003 recipients including the following:

Alabama (University of Alabama, Huntsville; Tuskegee University)

Florida (St. Petersburg College)

Georgia (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Kentucky (Pikeville College)

Louisiana (Southern University; Dillard University)

Mississippi (Mary Holmes College)

North Carolina (Lees-McRae College)

Tennessee (Lincoln Memorial University)

Virginia (Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Historical Society; Union Theological Seminary)

Upcoming IMLS Deadlines

The deadline is February 1, 2003 for the IMLS National Leadership Grants for Libraries. These large-scale grants range from \$15,000-\$500,000 and last from one to three years in length. Categories for funding include education and training, research and development, and preservation or digitization. See the IMLS website, www.imls.gov, for more information.