HISTORIC RECORDS LEGISLATION AWAITS PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Bills redesignating the National Historical Publications Commission as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission passed both houses of Congress in December and the measure was sent to the White House to be signed by President Ford. The legislation increases the scope of present NHPC activities to include projects relating to the collection and preservation of historical records of the United States, including those of state and local governments. Membership on the Commission is expanded by four, adding two representatives of the Society of American Archivists and two representatives of the American Association for State and Local History. The annual authorized appropriation of NHPC is increased from $2,000,000 to $4,000,000 for fiscal years 1975 through 1977. A $4,000,000 increase is authorized in FY1978 and in FY1979, for a total increase of $14,000,000 during the next five fiscal years.

Representatives Jack Brooks and Frank Horton and Senators Claiborne Pell and Edward Brooke sponsored the legislation. The measure also received important support on the House floor from John Buchanan of Alabama and L.H. Fountain of North Carolina. H.R. Gross of Iowa questioned the proposed "nonessential" expenditure until the federal budget is balanced.

Former SAA President Charles E. Lee of South Carolina and Massachusetts State Archivist Richard Hale played major roles in drafting the legislation and working for its passage, as did present SAA President James B. Rhoads. In House testimony in favor of the measure this summer Rhoads stated, "We cannot understand the breadth and scope of this nation's contributions to the development of modern society by understanding the lives of such exemplary men as Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. The American heritage stems from the great and the small; the national and the local figure; the statesman, political leader, merchant, and poet. The records of the nation are not solely of the national government. The history of this nation is woven from the records of New England townships, Texas counties, and the great metropolitan centers throughout the country."

The new National Historical Publications and Records Commission, with expanded membership and funding, is expected to give impetus and encouragement to the work of archivists nationwide.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS COMMISSION CREATED

A seventeen member commission to study the handling of documents of all Federal officials will be created as a result of legislation passed by Congress in December. The measure was first introduced in the House by Representatives Brademas and Hansen and was endorsed by the Toronto business meeting of the Society in October. The membership of the commission, officially termed the National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Federal Officials, will include representatives of the Society, the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians.
Sites have been named by the SAA Council for annual meetings through 1977. A location for SAA '78 will be selected in April 1975 during a Council meeting which will be held in Boston. Members who wish to propose their city as a site for 1978 or later years, should contact the executive director well in advance of April.

Local arrangements for the meeting are being planned under the direction of Philip F. Mooney of the Balch Institute. His committee includes Miriam Crawford, Temple University; Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, Insurance Company of North America; Mary Council, Philadelphia Federal Archives & Records Center; William B. Miller, Presbyterian Historical Society; Murphy D. Smith, American Philosophical Society; Lisa Eizen, Philadelphia City Archives; Harry Whipkey, Pennsylvania State Archives; Richmond D. Williams, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library; and Francis James Dallett, University of Pennsylvania.

The SAA will meet September 30-October 3, 1975, at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Philadelphia. A cultural loop bus stops at the convention site and travels on to Independence Hall, City Hall, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Free Library, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Franklin Institute and Fels Planetarium, the Rodin Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Philadelphia Zoo, America's oldest, for an all-day fare of 50c. The convention hotel's location is an ideal one for beginning walking tours of the center city as well.

The program committee, chaired by Mary Lynn McCree, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, is expected to take advantage of the extraordinary variety of archival collections and historic sites in the city in planning a full schedule of events for participants. A meeting of the committee will be held in Chicago, January 22-23. Members include Maygene Daniels, National Archives; Lynn B. Donovan, California Historical Society; Thomas F. Elliott, Indiana Province, Holy Cross Fathers; John Fleckner, State Historical Society of Wisconsin; Robert Gordon, Public Archives of Canada; Larry J. Hackman, John F. Kennedy Library; J. D. Henn, International Harvester; John Kinney, Texas State Archives; Phillip E. Lothian, Seattle Federal Archives & Records Center; Edward C. Papenfuse, Maryland Hall of Records; Ann Pederson, Georgia State Archives; Edward Weldon, New York State Archives; Richmond Williams, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library; and Ian Wilson, Queen's University Archives. C. F. W. Coker, American Archivist, and Ann Morgan Campbell, SAA Executive Director, are serving as ex officio committee members.

In 1976 SAA will be meeting concurrently in Washington, D.C. with the International Council on Archives (ICA) at the Statler Hilton Hotel, September 28-October 1. The ICA is a non-governmental, UNESCO-sponsored organization composed of archivists from most of the countries of the world. With membership open to both individuals and institutions, ICA holds or participates in an international Congress on archives every four years at one of the world's major capitals. In 1968 the quadrennial Congress was in Madrid, in 1972 it was in Moscow.

Through the presentation of papers and discussion of issues, ICA's 1976 meeting in Washington will dramatize the revolution taking place in the care and use of historical source materials, with special emphasis on the technological and procedural revolutions of the past quarter century.

SAA President James B. Rhoads, who is now Vice-President of the ICA and President-elect for 1976-1980, estimates that the concurrent SAA/ICA sessions and special events will draw as many as 1100 archivists, records managers, and manuscript curators, some 40% of these from foreign countries. Donald Harrison, National Archives, is serving as SAA's local arrangements chairman. His committee includes Mary Boccaccio, University of Maryland; Maygene Daniels, National Archives; William Deiss, Smithsonian Institution; Dale Floyd, National Archives; Daniel Goggin, National Archives; Phebe Jacobsen, Maryland Hall of Records; Charlotte Palmer, National Archives; Sherry Shapiro, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration; John Jessup, Center of Military History, U.S. Army; Carolyn Sung, Library of Congress; Frank Tusa, Montgomery College; and Patricia Williams, National Trust for Historic Preservation.
Salt Lake City will be the site for the SAA's 1977 annual meeting, October 4-7. The elegant Hotel Utah, directly across from Temple Square and a block from ZCMI, America's oldest department store, will host the meeting. Participants will have an opportunity to visit the Mormon Tabernacle, museums, and the beautiful grounds of the Square, as well as the majestic state capitol building, "This Is The Place" Monument Park, the state historical society, the history office and genealogical society of the LDS Church, Great Salt Lake, and perhaps to take a spectacular ride up Little Cottonwood Canyon to Snowbird ski resort. Jay M. Haymond, Utah State Historical Society, has been named local arrangements chairman.

NEW ENGLAND ARCHIVISTS TO MEET APRIL 12, 1975

The New England Archivists will meet April 12, 1975 at Yale University. James B. Rhoads, SAA President and Archivist of the United States will be the main speaker. This annual meeting will also include tours of Yale libraries. Contact Eva Moseley, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA 02138. Note that this meeting is April 12, not April 2 as reported in the previous SAA Newsletter.

NEW HOUSTON ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER IS HAROLD HYMAN’S OAH LUNCHEON TOPIC

The SAA and the New England Archivists will sponsor a luncheon at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Boston, April 18, 1975. Harold M. Hyman, William P. Hobby Professor of History, Rice University, will speak on "The Houston Metropolitan Archives and Research Center: Achievements and Frustrations." OAH members will receive a pre-registration form with their convention program. For others wishing to attend the function, tickets will be available at the OAH registration desk, Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, on April 17, 1975.

NHPC FELLOWSHIPS The National Historical Publications Commission is holding a competition for eight Fellowships in Advanced Editing of Documentary Sources for American History. Beginning September 1, 1975, each Fellow will train for a full year with a major editorial project sponsored by the Commission. Candidates must have the Ph.D. or equivalent qualifications to be considered for the grant of $11,000. For further information and application forms, write Executive Director, National Historical Publications Commission, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408. Deadline for applications is March 1, 1975, with fellowships to be announced no later than April 15, 1975.

THIRTY SECOND INSTITUTE: INTRODUCTION TO MODERN ARCHIVES ADMINISTRATION, March 10-21, 1975, at the National Archives, Washington. While emphasizing public records and archives, the institute features a faculty experienced in all phases of work with archives and manuscripts. Frank B. Evans, Regional Commissioner, NARS Region 3, is institute director. C. F. W. Coker will serve as assistant director. The institute is offered for three hours credit by the Department of History, American University, and is cosponsored by the Library of Congress and the Maryland Hall of Records. Contact Department of History, American University, Washington, D.C. 20016.

AASLH SEMINAR ON PRESERVATION AND DISPLAY OF DOCUMENTARY MATERIALS, February 2-5, 1975, at the Oakland Museum, Oakland, California. This seminar will deal with the problems of display of books, maps, prints, photographs, manuscripts and other documentary materials in exhibits. Highlights of the sessions will be a field trip to a paper conservation lab, a workshop in exhibits development, and presentation of the work of their own societies by participants. Contact AASLH, 1315 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, TN 37203.

LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE/NATIONAL ARCHIVES The 15th in a series of invitational conferences will be held May 8-9, 1975. The program includes a wide spectrum of topics converging on the writing of local history. Contact James D. Walker, Director, Conference on Local History, NARS, Wash., D.C. 20408.
The balancing of two legitimate needs—the public's right to know and the individual's right to privacy—is an area of concern in which archivists have been long involved. Recent actions in Congress have highlighted the delicate nature of this balance.

Concerned with the potential and reported abuses of personal information gathered by the federal government, the House and the Senate passed on November 21, 1974, measures which have in common the belief that citizens have the right to know what information the government has about them, and how such information is used. Both bills provide citizens with the opportunity to contest and amend or correct data relating to them and to approve the dissemination of that information. President Ford supported the House measure (HR 16373-Privacy Act of 1974) which passed 353-1. The Senate bill (S 3418-Privacy Protection Commission), passed by a 74-9 roll call, was not endorsed by the administration which objected to the establishment of a new independent watchdog commission. An earlier version of the Senate bill included regulations which applied directly to state and local records as well as to those created by federal agencies. The major difference in the bills—whether a new commission would be created—was reconciled in conference by creating a seven member Privacy Study Commission which will survey the problem of records of federal, state and local governments, as well as records created in the private sector which can be retrieved by name of individual. The commission has a two year life and an authorization of $1,500,000. In attempting to correct obvious abuses, it appears that regulations concerning dissemination of information in the final measure may limit access to many records and thereby jeopardize legitimate research in federal records which have not been accessioned into the National Archives.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, sponsored by Senator James L. Buckley of New York, again reflects the philosophy that all citizens—even students—have a right to examine information that has been accumulated about them. The Act became law in November, 1974, with no prior public hearings. It poses intricate questions of administration that Congress did not foresee. For college and university archivists and records managers, a primary concern is confidential recommendations in student files. It is possible that subsequent legislation will solve this and other problems before the 45 day grace period provided for compliance has elapsed.

On October 7, 1974, Congress cleared and sent to the President amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (HR 12471) designed to facilitate the public's access to information compiled and maintained by the federal government. Among the new provisions are strict time limits for agency responses to requests and federal district court review of withheld documents. The legislation was vetoed by the President who characterized it as "unconstitutional and unworkable." Both chambers subsequently overrode the veto.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY FILE AVAILABLE FROM SAA**

To assist records managers and archivists to better understand the often conflicting legislative mandates which are proliferating in the areas of freedom of information and privacy, the executive director's office has assembled a circulating file of pertinent documentation.

Included are transcripts of recent House and Senate debates on privacy legislation, and the conference report on the recently adopted amendments to the federal Freedom of Information Act. The file also contains a number of state laws (as well as some measures which were introduced but not adopted) relating to freedom of information and/or individual privacy. This collection includes the Open Records Act from Texas, a recent act "further defining the availability of public records" from Massachusetts, and Virginia's Freedom of Information Act, and many others.

The material circulates on a one-week loan basis to individual and institutional members of the Society. The documents may be copied before the file is returned. As additional material becomes available, it will be added to the file. Requests should be addressed to the executive director.
The International Archival Affairs Committee of the Society of American Archivists has announced its Third Archives Study Tour: Archives in Central and Northern Europe, for August 5-22, 1975. The program will feature visits to public and private archival agencies, manuscript repositories, and libraries in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Leningrad, Prague, Bratislava, Vienna, and Paris. In each city there will be opportunities for local historical orientation tours and visits to museums and related cultural institutions. The Study Tour has been arranged through Sanders World Travel, and is available to members of the Society, their families, and other persons interested in archives, manuscripts, libraries, and records management activities. For further information write Frank B. Evans, Chairman, SAA International Archival Affairs Committee, Room 7016, OSA Regional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20407.

Twenty-four persons—manuscript curators, archivists, librarians, a Latin American specialist, and members of their families—participated in the Second Annual Study Tour between August 4-24, 1974. In Lima the group visited the National Archives, the National Library, the National Anthropological and Archaeological Museum, and the Herrera Archaeological Museum. Following a three-day excursion to Cuzco and Machu Picchu, the archivists traveled to Santiago for visits to the National Archives, the National Library, and the Chilean-American Cultural Center. Before leaving Chile a one-day excursion was made to Valparaiso and Vina del Mar. Moving on to Buenos Aires, the archivists were hosted by the National Archives, the National Graphic Archives, the National Archives of Music, and the National Library.

A visit to Iguassu Falls was next on the itinerary, then Sao Paulo with its State and Municipal Archives and the Sound Archives section of its Public Library. Institutions visited in Rio de Janeiro included the National Archives, the Archives and Library of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Historical Archives and Museum of the Bank of Brazil, and the National Library. A generous reception was afforded the group through the courtesy of the Association of Brazilian Archivists under the presidency of Professor Jose Pedro Esposel. Caracas was the final stop on the tour, and visits were made to the National Archives, the Archives of Colonial Music of Venezuela, and the National Library. In each city members also had the opportunity to visit additional manuscript and archival repositories, and other institutions relating to their particular interests. A brief description of the major repositories visited is provided by Paul V. Lutz, editor of Manuscripts who participated in the tour, in the Fall 1974 issue of his journal.

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JOB APPLICANTS


POSITION as ARCHIVIST or MS. CURATOR, with supervisory responsibilities desired. B.A. political science, M.A. history, Ph.D. candidate in American history, with specialties in colonial period and 19th century, course in archival administration at Univ. of I11. Two years' with I11. Historical Survey, where presently serving as its librarian, editing guide to its collections, and supervising full-time staff. Experience with all aspects of archival and mss. work. Eleven years' teaching experience. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-268.

Ph.D. in AMERICAN HISTORY seeking position in archives administration. More than four years' experience as administrator with major university archives and state historical society. Experience includes archival work, formulation of collecting policies, writing and editing publications, field work and staff supervision. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-271.

ARCHIVES/MSS or RESEARCH POSITION in SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA sought by individual with A.B. in American studies and M.L.S. Experience in college archives, history and picture collection, and in university technical services department. Seeking a responsible entry level position with opportunity for advancement and professional growth. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-276.


B.A. in HISTORY, M.S. in LIB. SCI. (with graduate work in history) nearing completion. Program includes courses in archival administration and experience in a regional manuscript repository. Desires archival/mss. position suitable for a beginning career. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-269.

JOB APPLICANTS


ARCHIVES/MSS or research position in New England/Mid-Atlantic region desired. B.A., M.A. in American History. Presently employed as an Archivist/Mss. Curator for a research library. Three years' experience in the preservation, arrangement and cataloging of 17th and 18th century manuscript collections; the care and development of an extensive microfilm collection; and the supervision of an historical records program. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-281.

JOB OPENINGS

BUSINESS HISTORY SPECIALIST, Ohio Historical Society. Ph.D. in business history and archival experience desired for field work with Ohio businesses in acquisitions and consulting on in-house archival problems. Send resume to Edie Hedlin, Ohio Historical Society, 1-17 and 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211. Telephone (614) 466-2064. Application deadline: January 20.
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN. Take charge of college archives, rare books and manuscripts, including special collections of Maine writers (Robinson, Jewett, etc.), modern Irish literature, Hardy and others. M.L.S. and other advanced degree or strong evidence of scholarly interest in a relevant field, previous experience with special collections required. Responsibilities include organization and development of collections as well as making collections accessible to students, faculty, and visiting scholars. Salary $13,000 plus, depending on qualifications. Open summer/fall 1975. Apply to Eileen M. Curran, Director, Colby College Library, Waterville, Maine 04901. An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

TWO POSITIONS - ARCHIVIST, ARCHIVES OF LABOR HISTORY AND URBAN AFFAIRS, WAYNE STATE UNIV. Responsible for processing archival collections pertaining to the American labor movement and 20th century urban America; including appraisal, arranging and preparing finding aids. Will also work closely with researchers in use of collections, including participation in the supervision of reading room. May also supervise student assistant processors. Master's degree in history or related discipline is required, as well as archival training and/or experience. Minimum salary $9,248 for 12-month appointment, 22 days vacation per year and other fringe benefits. Apply in writing to Philip P. Mason, Director, Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs, Room 114 Purdy Library, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI 48202.

JOINT APPOINTMENT ARCHIVES/HISTORY, TEXAS A & M UNIV. Position to be established, assistant archivist for oral history/assistant professor U.S. history. Teach survey courses and continue development of an oral history collection relating to Texas A & M and its archival program. Ph.D. in history and oral history experience desired. Apply to Dr. Brison D. Gooch, Head, History Dept., Texas A & M Univ., College Station, Texas 77843. The Univ. is an equal employment/affirmative action employer.

CURATOR, RARE BOOKS. Maintenance and development of 45,000 volume collection including 800 incunabula. Requires extensive rare book experience, advanced degrees, some languages. Starting salary $13,000 plus. 22 days vacation, standard insurance, state retirement. Send resume to Joseph Jerz, Assistant Univ. Librarian, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

HEAD OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Plan & supervise all operations of special collections departments which includes rare books, manuscripts, University archives and audio archives. He or she reports to the Assistant Director for collections. Minimum 3-5 years' experience with manuscripts or rare books, M.L.S. required. Knowledge of one or more European languages desirable. Candidate must have reasonable supervisory ability. Salary $15,000 plus, depending on experience. Equal opportunity employer, M/F. Apply to R. Max Willocks, Syracuse Univ. Library, Syracuse, NY 13210.

CURATOR, SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION. To further develop and administer a large southern historical collection including many manuscripts. Requires substantial related research/archival experience and education. Faculty appointment available requiring doctorate, teaching and publishing background. Send resume to Joseph Jerz, Assistant University Librarian, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

ARCHIVIST AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN (male/female), University of Mississippi. Responsibility for archival materials and special collections in university library of approximately 500,000 volumes and 600,000 government documents; also administration and development of archival and special collections areas; assistance to director of libraries in acquisition, gift solicitation, public relations, and public services relating to archives and special collections; and development of university archives program. Essential qualifications include doctorate in one of the humanities or library science, library training and experience, technical knowledge of archival techniques, publication, and evidence of administrative ability. Address inquiry to Professor David Sansing, Dept. of History, Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677 prior to February 15, 1975. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

ARCHIVIST, NEW YORK JAZZ MUSEUM. Duties include cataloging, indexing and maintaining Museum's extensive collection of books, magazines, records, films, photographs, art work, clippings and programs. Seeking an experienced individual with an M.L.S. degree, possessing knowledge of and active interest in jazz. Candidates for this full time position should send resumes with references to Howard E. Fisher. N.Y. Jazz Museum, 125 W. 55th St., New York, NY 10019. Position made possible with support from the New York State Council on the Arts.

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IRS CONTESTS KERNER AND HENDERSON GIFTS

SAA members F. Gerald Ham, Wisconsin state archivist, and Kenneth W. Rendell, Massachusetts manuscript dealer, served as expert witnesses for the government in a U.S. Tax Court hearing held in Chicago, November 12-13, 1974. Ham and Rendell supported the Internal Revenue Service's contention that former Illinois Governor Otto Kerner's papers were not worth the $73,000 value placed on them when they were donated to the Illinois State Historical Society. Ham's testimony centered on the research value of the collection while Rendell considered the monetary value. Ralph Newman made the disputed appraisal which was supported by historian John Hope Franklin in the hearing.

Government attorneys also questioned whether the Kerner papers were not actually state property under the provisions of existing Illinois statutes. Judge Cynthia Hall's ruling in the case is expected in the spring.

In another federal case, heard in New York in December 1974, bandleader Skitch Henderson was found guilty of backdating documents related to a gift of scores and arrangements to the University of Wisconsin. Altered dates made possible tax advantages which were not legally available after mid-year 1969. Henderson had put a $300,000 value on the donation for tax purposes. A grand jury in indicting him held that the gift, which was deposited at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, was "virtually worthless."

SOCIETY OF GEORGIA ARCHIVISTS TO MEET

The Society of Georgia Archivists will hold its annual business meeting February 5, 1975. A session on sources for women's history in the Southeast will also be part of the proceedings. Contact Gayle Peters, Federal Archives & Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, Georgia 30344.