ASSOCIATE DUES PLAN TO BE PROPOSED
BY J. FRANK COOK, SAA COUNCIL

SAA Council member J. Frank Cook will propose the following measure at the annual business meeting in Philadelphia:

The Society of American Archivists will accept associate members from related professions on payment of dues at the minimum rate established for individual SAA members provided that the proposed member's primary organization offers archivists, manuscript curators and records managers associate memberships at an equivalent rate. Those eligible for associate memberships are persons whose full or part-time occupation is not the curatorship, management or administration of manuscript collections, archives or current records.

If approved, this provision will establish an immediate reciprocal relationship with the Organization of American Historians, which offers an associate membership now to archivists. Cook anticipates that positive action on the part of the SAA will stimulate other professional organizations to similar moves, thereby encouraging the kind of interchange among groups which will benefit everyone.

An analysis of a sample of former Society members whose memberships lapsed in 1974, the first year of the graduated dues schedule, indicates that 45% of the group were members of allied professions (professors of history, librarians not directly involved with manuscripts or archives, bibliographers, editors) who would become eligible for associate membership if they were OAH members under the Cook proposal. Almost half of this number (20% of the total sample) are presently OAH members. An analysis of a control sample of present Society members indicated that but 5% of the group were members of allied professions; 95% were involved in the curatorship, management or administration of archives, manuscript collections or current records.

THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION: SAA MEETS SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 3

Highlights of the Society's 39th annual meeting, September 30-October 3, in Philadelphia, will include the presidential address of James B. Rhoads; inaugural remarks by Elizabeth Hamer Kegan; an appearance by Representative John Brademas, sponsor of the legislation which created the Public Documents Commission; the announcement of the Society's prizes and awards for 1975-76; and the announcement of a major archival security project. In addition, the program committee, under the leadership of Mary Lynn McCree, has planned an elaborate schedule of sessions and workshops. Philip F. Mooney's local committee has arranged a mixer, a champagne breakfast, the presidential banquet and a closing luncheon.

Sessions will consider the Public Documents Commission, the records of the American Revolution era, archival films, computer applications for archival management, business archives, minimum standards for church archives, urban archives, the right to know/the right to privacy, university archives, total records programming, archival agencies in times of stress, women's sources, archival sampling, student records, NUCMC, the impact of records management on archives, archival training, the record group concept, appraisals for tax credit, NHPRC, and archival security.

Workshops will be scheduled throughout the four-day meeting. Topics include university archives, manuscript collection, oral history, records management, using volunteers and interns, finding aids, paper conservation, church archival guides, archives and the community and the media, care of architectural materials, the preservation, use and interpretation of photographs, and grantsmanship.

Special meetings are scheduled for editors of regional newsletters and other professional publications; the women's caucus, and (continued on page 2, column 2)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS ON GSA'S PROPOSAL ON NIXON MATERIAL

In a statement prepared at the request of Senator Abraham Ribicoff, chairman of the Government Operations Committee, SAA Executive Director Ann Morgan Campbell commented May 7, 1975 on the General Services Administration's proposals to Congress regarding administration of Nixon materials. (See May Newsletter, pp. 2-3.)

Ms. Campbell praised the expressed desire of GSA to rely on the professionalism of archivists but questioned one stated goal, "To audit the day-to-day work of the professional archivists." She asked that the committee determine who would audit the archivists' work and for what purpose.

The executive director also noted that, "With the involvement of professional archivists at three distinct levels in the review process, it must be hoped that no contingency would arise requiring the Administrator of General Services to overrule a final decision of the [Presidential Materials Review] Board."

Evaluating another aspect of the proposal, Ms. Campbell suggested that while GSA Administrator Arthur Sampson properly recognized the importance of protecting the rights of innocent individuals in the proposal, he "injected a highly questionable concept, however, in his expressed desire to avoid embarrassment to the nation. The whole series of episodes categorized under the generic term Watergate... was clearly considered by many an embarrassment to the country. It is not the obligation of the General Services Administration to restrict Nixon papers or tapes on this basis alone."

Hearings were heard in the House and the Senate in May on the proposal. Action is expected soon either accepting the report or returning it to GSA/NARS for revision.

Copies of Ms. Campbell's statement are available on request.

STATISTICAL REPORTING FORMS SOUGHT

The Society's Committee on Terminology and Statistics is seeking copies of statistical reports and/or forms used for them, showing items measured and units used. Address material to David E. Horn, DePauw University Archives, Greencastle, Ind. 46135.

HERMAN KAHN, 1907-1975

Herman Kahn, a fellow and former president of the Society of American Archivists, died in the Yale-New Haven Hospital June 5, 1975. At the time of his death, Kahn represented the Society on the National Archives Advisory Council and the AHA/OAH/SAA Joint Committee on Historians and Archives. He had recently been appointed as the Society's representative to the Public Documents Commission.

Kahn had been director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library from 1948 to 1961. He had supervised the opening of the President's papers, the bulk of which were opened for the use of researchers, scholars and historians in 1950.

From 1934 to 1936, Kahn was assistant historian of the National Park Service. He then joined the National Archives where he was chief of Interior Department archives and director of the National Resources Records division in the 1940's. After his assignment at Hyde Park, Mr. Kahn was assistant archivist of the United States for civil archives from 1961 to 1963 and assistant archivist for Presidential Libraries from 1964 to 1968, when he joined the Yale Library. He was associate librarian for manuscripts and archives, and was a fellow of Timothy Dwight College at the university. He had announced plans to retire at the end of 1975.

A Herman Kahn Memorial Fund has been established by the Yale University Library.

THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING (CON'T FROM PG 1)

regional program planners. Walking tours have been planned for church archivists and those interested in the feminist history of the city. Each registrant for the meeting will receive a new publication featuring historic walking tours of the city.

Society committees will meet Tuesday afternoon, September 30. Most sessions have been scheduled at appropriate academic and cultural institutions in the city. The College and University Archives Committee, and others interested, will travel to the University of Delaware for their meeting and a tour of archival facilities.

Miriam I. Crawford is editing the meeting program which will be mailed to individual and institutional SAA members by July 15. A special early registration package price is available before September 10.
In November, 1974, Congress amended the 1966 Freedom of Information Act, overriding a veto by President Ford. The amendments define more broadly some of the categories of agency records open to the public, and speed the processes by which agency personnel must respond to requests for information. The effective date of the amendments was February 19, 1975.

Many federal agencies have reported being swamped with demands for information. The Federal Bureau of Investigation handled 1,789 requests for information in April alone. The Central Intelligence Agency at one time recently had fallen so far behind in answering requests that it had logged only 1,340 of the 1,613 that it had received. Of the number it had scrutinized, 1,144 were for files on individuals or organizations and only 196 for other material. "Last year a freedom of information office didn't exist at the CIA," said a spokesman. "Now we have 50 people working on it full time." The Interior Department had more requests the first two weeks after the law became effective than it previously processed in a year.

Reporters, who were expected to be primary beneficiaries of the act, have accounted for a small percentage of the requests, officials say. Most have originated with researchers and private citizens seeking to find out if the government has a secret file on them. Some newspaper stories have, however, featured newly released material. Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson obtained State Department and Pentagon cables concerning foreign travel of congressmen. The Washington Post gained access to State Department files on official foreign gifts to the Nixons.

The FOIA amendments have had little impact on the National Archives. But 41 FOI requests for archival materials were made in the past three months, an insignificant number when compared with NARS' normal reference workload.

Further information concerning the FOIA is available in the Attorney General's Memorandum on the 1974 Amendments to the FOI, available from the Superintendent of Documents (Wash. D.C. 20402) for 90c; the Freedom of Information Act and Amendments of 1974 Source Book, prepared by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and


The problems of government officials wrestling with the fallout from the FOIA may be compounded when a new privacy act becomes effective on September 28. Hurriedly passed during the closing days of the 93rd Congress, the privacy act is designed to restrict access to federal records and to protect the privacy of those whose names are in those records. A new measure, HR 1984, sponsored in the 94th Congress by Representatives Barry Goldwater (R—CA) and Edward Koch (D—NY), a "comprehensive right to privacy act," seeks to extend federal regulation of recordkeeping practices to state and local governments and private businesses. Comments on the proposal are solicited at this time. The lawmakers anticipate holding hearings in this Congress on the measure.

Still available from the executive director's office is a circulating file of various federal and state laws relating to FOI and/or privacy, as well as other related material. The file circulates on a one-week loan basis. The documents may be copied before the file is returned.
A lecture-workshop course entitled Administration of Special Collections, Archives and Manuscripts will be offered by the University of Rhode Island in the fall of 1975 at the URI extension in Amherst, Mass. and on the URI campus in the spring of 1976. Contact David C. Maslyn, Library, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881.

Seton Hall University, in conjunction with the New Jersey Historical Society, will offer an undergraduate internship in the Care and Organization of Manuscripts, fall semester '75. Contact Don C. Skemer, The New Jersey Historical Society, 230 Broadway, Newark, NJ 07104.

A new master's degree program in Archival and Historical Administration has been announced by the Department of History, Wright State University. The curriculum comprises a core of professional subjects—historical and archival administration including a 7 credit internship—and a second core of American history courses. Contact Department of History, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio 45431.

The second Caribbean Archives Conference will be held at Pointe-a-Pitre and Fort-de-France, October 27-31, 1975. Sessions on Caribbean historical research, technical and professional archival training, public relations, the cultural influence of the archives and the construction and facilities of archival repositories. Contact Archives Departmentales, PO Box 74, Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe.

The Preservation and Conservation of our Atlantic Canada History will be the theme of the second annual meeting of the Archival Association of Atlantic Canada, September 17-20, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, New Brunswick. Workshops on paper conservation, microfilm applications and preserving and increasing the knowledge of the history of the region. Contact Donald Torres, Box 1228, St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada.

Modular educational seminars in micrographics sponsored by the National Micrographics Association: Fundamentals of Micrographics, Retrieval and Systems Design, Inspection and Quality Control, and Computer Output Microfilm. Students may select one, two or three of the four courses offered. Registration fees: $100 for first day of attendance ($90 to NMA members). Fee for each additional module day $75 ($70 to NMA members). San Francisco, Sept. 9-11, NYC, Oct. 7-9, NMA, 8728 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Workshop in Business Archives and Records Management, sponsored by Western Washington State College. Sessions on forms and reports management, automated information retrieval, records inventorying, scheduling and protection. Seattle, July 21-25, fee of $60. Workshop in Local Government Archives and Records Management, sponsored by Western Washington State College. Topics include file management, creation and control of forms, reports management, information retrieval, etc. Olympia, August 4-8, fee of $60. Contact James D. Moore, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, Wash. 98225.

BARGAIN FLIGHTS TO PHILADELPHIA

SAA members residing in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio should be aware of a special group travel plan offered by Allegheny Airlines which would cut travel costs to the annual meeting by one-third.

The plan requires that when at least 10 participants come together in any city that the airline serves and depart for Philadelphia together, each individual's fare is reduced by one-third. Participants must purchase a round-trip ticket on Allegheny but they do not have to return as a group.

Some of the cities the airline serves in the Midwest include Minneapolis/St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Columbus, and Indianapolis. Interested persons should contact Patrick Quinn, University Archivist, Northwestern University Library, Evanston, Illinois 60201, as soon as possible.

TORONTO AREA ARCHIVES GUIDE PUBLISHED

A Guide to Archives in the Toronto Area, published by the Toronto Area Archivists Group, is available at $1.50 to TAAG members and $2.00 to others. Contact R. Scott James, City of Toronto Archives, City Hall, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 2N2. Over 70 repositories are considered in the publication.
Bills have been introduced in the 94th Congress to amend the IRS code with respect to certain charitable contributions of ordinary income property. HR 6057 (Brademas) and S 1435 (Javits) would provide that in the "case of a charitable contribution of a copyright, a literary, musical, or artistic composition, a letter or memorandum, or similar property" a donor may take a charitable contribution of 75% of the fair market value if he received from the donee a written statement that the donated property represents material of historical or artistic significance and that the use by the donee will be related to the purpose or function constituting the basis for its exemption under section 501(c)(2)(B) of the IRS Code. This deduction would be limited in that the aggregate deduction could not exceed the taxpayer's gross income for the year from the sale or exchange of copyrights, literary, musical, or artistic compositions, letters, memoranda, and similar property. The provisions of these bills would not apply to any material which was written, prepared, or produced by or for an individual while he held an office under the Government of the United States or of any state or political subdivision thereof if the writing, preparation or production of such property was related to the duties of the office.

HR 6829 (Koch) would provide that any literary, musical or artistic composition, or similar property which was created by the personal efforts of the taxpayer shall not be reduced by the appreciation of such property, and the whole amount of such charitable contribution shall be taken into account and shall be treated as if the property contributed had been sold at its fair market value. The Koch measure does not limit deductions in any one year to income derived from related activities.

CORRECTED CLAUSE - STATEMENT ON REPRODUCTION OF MANUSCRIPTS FOR NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Clause #6 of the statement, published in the May Newsletter, should read as follows:

No repository should be expected to service mail inquiries for photoduplication services which shall require subjective criteria for selection of material to be duplicated. Mail requests must be reasonably specific, and reasonable limits to the amount of staff time spent on individual requests may be set by the repository.

Daniel J. Boorstin, senior historian at the National Museum of History and Technology, and before that the museum's director, may be nominated by President Ford for Senate confirmation as the twelfth Librarian of Congress. Since the retirement of L. Quincy Mumford last December 31, the deputy librarian, John G. Lorenz, has served as acting librarian while the White House considered numerous candidates for the top position. The Library presently employs over 4,250 persons with an annual budget exceeding $100 million. Reacting to recent reports of Boorstin's possible nomination, the American Library Association has emphasized the importance of appointing an experienced librarian to the post. In a formal statement, ALA went on record as viewing Boorstin's appointment "inconsistent with the requirements for the Librarian of Congress which we recommended to the President and his advisors and not in the best interests of the functioning of the Library of Congress as we understand it."

Frank G. Burke has been named as acting executive director of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. E. Berkeley Tompkins, the Commission's executive director since April 1973, is now serving as assistant to the Archivist of the United States.


"Historians cannot complain if evidence for history is not perpetuated which shouldn't have been created in the first place." Statement of Philip Buchen, counsel to President Ford, reported by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., in the Wall Street Journal, February 26, 1975.

Mayor Theodore M. Berry joined the Society of Ohio Archivists' seventh annual meeting to declare May 2, 1975 as archives day in Cincinnati, with "the goal of establishing an archives for the records of the city as part of its celebration of the Bicentennial." At the Reds-Braves game that evening in Riverfront Stadium, the Society of Ohio "Activists" was welcomed to the park by the electronic scoreboard.

Shoppers strolling on the mall in the Bayshore Shopping Center, Ottawa, recently tarried longer than usual. Attracting them was a handsome display of maps depicting the history of the city mounted by the Public Archives of Canada. The exhibit is scheduled into other shopping centers, public buildings and schools.
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF SAA ARCHIVAL SECURITY PROJECT. Will bear primary responsibility for execution of multi-faceted security program including registry of missing manuscripts, consultant service, security newsletter and manual. Two year project, possible extension based on circumstances. Proven administrative ability plus experience with manuscripts or archives desirable. Minimum of three years' administrative experience with manuscripts and rare books, or Ph.D. in history (preferably in the history of the American South) desirable. Must have knowledge of the Spanish language and Texas history. Editorial and bibliographic experience, knowledge of Texana collectors and Texas bookmen, certification in archival management desirable. Position open September 1, 1975. Salary $11,000-$13,000 plus (12 months) dependent on experience and qualifications. Application deadline July 31, 1975. SAA Executive Director should receive resume, plus two letters from persons who have a definite knowledge of applicant's qualifications.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Develop and supervise Department of Special Collections, consisting primarily of Texas and Mexican War materials. Requirements: Master's degree from accredited library school plus experience with manuscripts and rare books, or Ph.D. in history (preferably Southwest U.S. or Mexico) with minimum of three years' administrative experience with manuscripts and rare books. Must have knowledge of the Spanish language and Texas history. Editorial and bibliographic experience, knowledge of Texana collectors and Texas bookmen, certification in archival management desirable. Position open September 1, 1975. Salary $13,000 plus (12 months) dependent on experience and qualifications. Equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Send resume to: John A. Hudson, Univ. Librarian, P.O. Box 19218, Univ. of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX 76019.

CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY for proven administrator in midwestern state capital directing statewide records management and archives program. The right candidate would combine a background in records management, microfilming techniques, and services and archival storage. Advanced degree desired, experience more important. Supervise staff of 25, develop records management program for counties and municipalities, participate in development of a state COM operation. Salary dependent on experience and qualifications. Must be willing to innovate and develop new programs. Send resume to: E-2, SAA Exec. Dir.


PROCESSOR, W. E. B. DU BOIS PAPERS, Univ. of Massachusetts. Duties include arrangement, description, preparation of finding aids, and preparation for and coordination of microfilming. Requires advanced degree in American history, or other academic discipline relevant to Dr. Du Bois' life and work, several years' experience in archival or manuscripts repository. Familiarity with use of computers for manuscript finding aids desirable. Will work under supervision of the archivist and receive assistance of library computer applications staff. Salary $11,000-$15,400 depending on qualifications and experience. Term of appointment will be from September 1975 through August 1977, with possible extension based on need and available funding. Send resume and salary history to: Richard MacDonald, Personnel Manager, Univ. of Massachusetts Library, Amherst MA 01002. Equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

REFERENCE CURATOR, manuscripts collection specializing in the history of the southern United States. Responsibilities include reference service to readers and correspondents, supervision of reading room, and some assistance with acquisition and processing. Will supervise staff of non-professionals and student assistants. Master's degree in American history with research experience and special knowledge of the South, two years' archival experience required. Additional formal course work desirable. Available August 15, 1975. Twelve month academic appointment with minimum salary of $10,500 depending upon experience, 22 days annual leave, standard insurance coverage, and state retirement. Application deadline August 1, 1975. Send resume to: Joseph Jerz, Assistant University Librarian for Staff Development, Univ. of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill NC 27514. Equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

RECORDS MANAGER, ARCHIVES, WAYNE STATE UNIV. Responsible for coordination of records management program for major univ., and also for organizations (mainly labor unions) that have designated the archives as the depository for inactive records. Duties include inventorying and scheduling of records, files management, vital security program, microfilming, and related duties. Prefer Master's degree, training or experience in archives/records management. Minimum salary $10,356 for 12 month appointment, 22 days vacation, fringe benefits. Equal opportunity employer. Apply in writing to: Philip P. Mason, Director, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI 48202.
M.A. in AMERICAN HISTORY, formal training in ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT. Desires position in archives and manuscript operation. Experience includes accessioning and appraisal of manuscript collections, formulation of procedures manual for records management and development of several microfilm applications, supervision of a records center and other records management programs, and field work in archives and records management operations. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-298.

ARCHIVIST with Ph.D. in AMERICAN SOCIAL HISTORY (special areas include education, immigration and religion) seeks entry level or mid-level position in archives or manuscript repository. Two years' full and part-time experience in univ. archives including a year collecting sources for and writing the history of a major American univ. Experience also includes processing archival collections and supervising student assistants. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-299.

Position as APPRENTICE ARCHIVIST sought by Ph.D. candidate. Applicant has M.A. and background in British and American history, as well as library experience. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-296.

ARCHIVES/MANUSCRIPTS position in Sacramento-Davis, CA area sought. Internship at state historical society, participated in archives institute. Two years' experience includes establishing archives for religious order, its associated hospitals and institutions, and responsibility for all accessioning, arrangement, inventories, finding aids. Will consider part-time. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-300.

B.A. in HISTORY, M.A. in AMERICAN HISTORY and ARCHIVES ADMINISTRATION. Internship at large state historical society in manuscript processing and sound archives, as well as more than one year of experience as audio engineer with radio recording service have provided basic knowledge of tape recording procedures and preservation techniques. Seeking beginning position in manuscript or audiovisual collections. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-297.

Responsible position in ARCHIVES/MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTIONS sought. B.S.E., M.S.L.S., certificate from archives institute. Four years' experience includes establishment and maintenance of academic archival program; also experience in reference/serials. Interests in colonial, expansion history, photographic collections. Publications. Resume available from Exec. Dir. A-301.

ILLINOIS COMPUTERIZED CENSUS PROJECT

The Newberry Library, in cooperation with the Illinois State Archives and volunteers from the Illinois State Genealogical Society, has begun to computerize the 4,251,842 names in the 1860 and 1870 federal census of Illinois. Alphabetized indices, statewide and by county, will be prepared by the Archives. All the information on the census will be included, so that genealogists and historians can make searches for specific names, or for types of persons (e.g. all the carpenters born in Ohio, aged 40-49 in 1860), or for statistical profiles of communities, racial and ethnic groups, or occupational categories. Contact The Family and Community History Program, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton, Chicago IL 60610.

BUSINESS ARCHIVES DIRECTORY PUBLISHED

A Directory to Business Archives, a project of the Society's Business Archives Committee, was published June 1975. Based on responses received from more than 200 business firms and certain business-related professional and trade associations in the United States and Canada, the directory contains the names of persons in charge of business archives, the date of the establishment of the archives, the earliest date of material held, a brief description of the types of materials in the collection, an indication of its size, and finding aids used. Any restrictions on access are also included.

Committee members John Donofrio, Bank of America; Robert W. Lovett, Harvard University; Gary D. Saretzky, Educational Testing Service; and David R. Smith, Walt Disney Archives contributed to the project under the leadership of J. D. Henn, International Harvester, committee chairman.

Copies of the directory are available from the executive director's office at $1.00 each to SAA members sending payment in advance, $3.00 to all others. In quantities of fifteen or more, the directory sells at $1.00 each to members and non-members, whether payment in advance is made or not.
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