

SAA NEWSLETTER

Ann Morgan Campbell, Executive Director (312) 996-3370
Society of American Archivists, The Library, Post Office Box 8198
University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60680

NOVEMBER 1975

SAA'S LARGEST ANNUAL MEETING CONVENES IN PHILADELPHIA

Almost 800 participants assembled in Philadelphia for the 39th annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, September 30 - October 3.

Critical professional concerns were addressed in the remarks of President James B. Rhoads and incoming President Elizabeth Hamer Kegan, at the annual business meeting and at a record number of program sessions planned by a committee directed by Mary Lynn McCree of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. A four day series of workshops and an archival film festival also proved to be extremely well attended features of the conference which was by far the largest annual meeting in the history of the Society.

Offered unprecedented opportunities to explore and use the historical buildings and cultural institutions of the area, visiting archivists, manuscript curators and records managers attended an evening session at candle-lit Independence Hall, held committee meetings throughout the city, journeyed to the University of Delaware and Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, and participated in specially designed walking tours of the historic city. The local arrangements committee was chaired by Philip Mooney of the Balch Institute.

The festive portion of the conference was highlighted by a gala Kodak champagne breakfast at which one of Philadelphia's famous mummers bands performed. The presidential banquet began with the appropriate strains of a fife and drum corps.

The Society's 40th annual meeting will be held concurrently with the quadrennial meeting of the International Congress on Archives, in Washington, D.C., September 28-October 1, 1976.

OFFICERS, COUNCIL AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTED BY MAIL BALLOT

Robert M. Warner was elected vice president by the nearly 600 members who voted in the Society's third general election conducted by mail. Warner, Director of the Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Library, University of Michigan, will assist President Elizabeth Hamer Kegan during the coming year and will succeed to the presidency at the 1976 annual meeting. Howard L. Applegate of the Balch Institute was elected to serve a fourth year as treasurer. Council terms of four years went to Andrea Hinding of Social Welfare History Archives of the University of Minnesota and to Edward Weldon, State Archivist of New York.

Voters elected Lynn Bonfield Donovan (California Historical Society), Kathleen Jacklin (Cornell University), and A. R. N. Woadden (City of Toronto), to the 1975 Nominating Committee. In addition to the three elected members, Council members whose terms expire in 1976, Richard Berner of the University of Washington and Elsie F. Freivogel of the National Archives, will serve on the committee.

TWO NEW FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY NAMED

F. Gerald Ham, Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee, announced the selection of two new Fellows of the Society of American Archivists at the annual meeting in Philadelphia. Honored were Shonnie Finnegan, University Archivist, State University of New York, Buffalo, and Jean F. Preston, Curator of Manuscripts, Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif. Finnegan serves as chairperson of the College and University Archives Committee and Preston was 1975 chairperson of the Leland Award sub-committee of the Awards Committee.



PRESIDENTIAL RECORDINGS & MATERIALS
PRESERVATION ACT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Commission Members Appointed President Ford nominated Herbert Brownell, attorney general in the Eisenhower Administration; Lucius Battle, former assistant to Dean Acheson; and Ernest May, Harvard history professor, to be the public members of the Public Documents Commission created by Title II of the Act. Philip Buchen, White House counsel, was named to the seat designated for the White House staff. Brownell was named Commission Chairman. Nominations of the three public members must be confirmed by the Senate before the Commission can convene.

GSA Proposals Rejected Noting that GSA's proposed regulations for administering Nixon material under Title I of the Act were "reasonably good," the Senate passed a resolution of disapproval of the proposal September 11. The report of the Government Operations Committee pointed to problems in four key areas: GSA's proposal to give final administrative judgment to the GSA Administrator over who should have access to the tapes and papers, GSA's proposal to restrict access to any material which might "tend to embarrass, damage, or harass living persons," a new definition of national security used in the regulations, and the proposed policy which would allow researchers to duplicate papers in the materials but forbid duplication of the tapes. With respect to the first objection, the committee recommended that final review power should be vested in a Presidential Materials Review Board, which would consist of the Archivist of the United States, the Librarian of Congress and a representative chosen by the SAA. GSA was asked to submit a revised set of regulations.

Constitutionality Test A half-day Federal Court hearing on September 22 featured oral arguments from lawyers representing Richard Nixon, the government and interveners which include the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association, on the constitutionality of Title I of the Act. The Court's ruling, which is expected soon, will almost certainly be appealed to the Supreme Court.

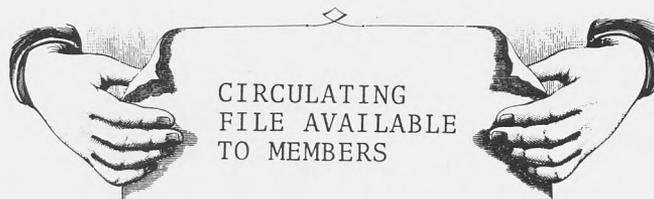
An action taken at the annual business meeting of the SAA in Philadelphia put the Society on record as supporting the stand taken in the suit by AHA and APSA. The possibility of the SAA joining in future litigation will be explored by the Society's officers.

INDEPENDENT STATUS FOR NATIONAL ARCHIVES
RECOMMENDED BY AHA/OAH/SAA JOINT
COMMITTEE AND SAA COUNCIL ACTIONS

In an action taken September 20, 1975 in Chicago, the AHA/OAH/SAA Joint Committee on Historians and Archives endorsed the concept of an independent National Archives and recommended that the governing councils of the three organizations represented on the committee consider adopting similar positions as soon as possible.

Meeting at the close of the Society's recent Philadelphia annual conference, October 3, the SAA Council joined the joint committee in calling for independent status for the National Archives and Records Service.

The current interest in the GSA/NARS relationship was influenced by the 1974 Nixon-Sampson agreement, in which the Administrator of General Services, without consultation with the Archivist of the United States, negotiated an agreement which would have permitted the ex-president to order destruction of both papers and tapes created during his administration. A second Sampson action, the establishment in March 1975 of an Office of Presidential Materials outside of the National Archives with responsibility for "taking possession of, providing administrative controls over, preserving, protecting, and providing access to the Presidential historical materials of the Nixon administration," has also aroused the concern of historians and archivists. The director of the office has no previous archival or historical experience and reports directly to the GSA Administrator.



CIRCULATING
FILE AVAILABLE
TO MEMBERS

A circulating file of copies of the papers discussed in "The NARS Independence Issue: Historical Perspective," and additional related material is available from the executive director's office.

THE NARS INDEPENDENCE ISSUE: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Almost a decade ago, on November 2, 1965, Wayne C. Grover, who was to retire as Archivist of the United States three days later, wrote a letter to President Johnson suggesting that GSA's predominant emphasis on business-type services was not compatible with the cultural and educational mandate of the Archives. Grover recommended that the National Archives Establishment, consisting of Presidential Libraries, the National Archives, all Federal Records Centers, and the Federal Register, be given again the independent status that the Archives had held before the creation of the General Services Administration in 1949. He proposed that the Establishment be directed by a Board of Governors which would include representatives of all branches of government and the public. Under Grover's plan, the Establishment would have regulated the maintenance and disposal of Federal records and conducted inspections of records management, while the responsibility for the areas of records creation would have remained a GSA function.

Shortly before his death, Grover entrusted his copy of the letter, and other material labeled "Operation Exit," to Oliver Wendell Holmes. Holmes, like Grover a Fellow and former president of the Society, in releasing the former Archivist's letter to the *AHA Newsletter* (September 1975) suggested that materials at the Johnson Library might illuminate the White House reaction to the communication.

An examination by the staff of the *SAA Newsletter* of materials now open to researchers in Austin developed the following information on the reaction of Washington officials to the 1965 proposal for an independent National Archives.

A memorandum to the President, dated January 7, 1966, from Charles L. Schultze, director of the Bureau of the Budget, opposed Grover's plan because the bulk of the functions of NARS were "executive in nature and are concerned with the day-to-day administration and operating affairs of the Government. . . These activities are not primarily designed to achieve cultural or educational aims but to insure sound and efficient governmental operations." In addition, the BOB chief argued that to place direction of some National Archives programs under a Board would cause the president and the congress to "lose control over the operating records of the Government."

Other papers from the Johnson Library indicate that historian Richard Neustadt, Congressman Richard Bolling, and others pursued the issue of

independence with the White House staff early in 1967. Apparently in response to an inquiry from Bolling, Jake Jacobsen, whose name has figured prominently in recent milk fund litigation, reviewed Grover's proposal and in a January 25 memorandum to Jack Valenti reported, "My opinion is that we should not establish any additional independent agencies in this area. If there are problems involving the Archives, Presidential Libraries, or Records Centers under the present setup, effort should be made to strengthen or correct the operation under the GSA, or whoever has authority over these functions at the present time. . . Thus far, we have received good cooperation from the GSA, so far as I know. This, it would seem to me, would militate against the establishment of a new independent agency."

Material from the Johnson files also documents Mrs. Johnson's interest in the issue. A note appended to a February 1966 staff memorandum indicated that "Mrs. Johnson is very much interested in the proposal." A month later, Mrs. Johnson met with historians Julian Boyd and Lyman Butterfield to explore the issue. After a December 1966 American Historical Association resolution which called for a study of the status of the National Archives, a January 1967 White House memorandum indicated that Mrs. Johnson "hopes it [the National Archives] can be set up as a separate agency."

Parallel studies were conducted in 1967. One by a joint committee of the AHA, OAH, and SAA; the second by the Bureau of the Budget. The joint committee concluded that NARS should be restored to independent status as the National Archives and Records Authority, headed by a professional Archivist, who would be appointed by the President. The committee recommended that archival and records management programs for the federal government remain unified. (See H. G. Jones, *The Records of a Nation*, for a complete text of the committee's report together with the dissent of its chairman, Julian Boyd, to certain parts of the report.) The Bureau of the Budget proposed alternatives. First, the separation of archival and records management functions, with the traditional archival program of the National Archives being transferred to the Smithsonian Institution and all other NARS programs being retained by GSA. BOB alternative two proposed that GSA retain all functions of NARS, but that the archival program be provided with a strong advisory board and established as a separate service within GSA.

While both the BOB and joint committee proposals received serious consideration, no organizational changes resulted from the studies.



WASHINGTON, D.C. Mabel E. Deutrich, a Fellow of the Society, has been named Assistant Archivist for the National Archives. The appointment, announced as a highlight of GSA Women's Week, makes Deutrich the highest ranking woman in the history of the National Archives.

TEXAS Archivist Carmen Perry, University of Texas at San Antonio, has published a translation of a contemporary account which indicates that Davy Crockett did not die at the Alamo but surrendered to the Mexican forces and was later executed. A dissenting view was voiced by Mrs. Charles Hall, of the Alamo committee of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. "We don't believe Davy Crockett ever surrendered. We feel he went down fighting. And by 'we' I mean all Texans."

OKLAHOMA Secretary of State John Rogers was subject to impeachment hearings in June 1975. A major charge was that Rogers had been careless as the legal custodian of certain public documents and records. "Some 700 individual petitions of the 1969 Liquor-by-the-Drink Petitions are missing and unaccounted for and no satisfactory explanation has been given. . . [he] permitted state public documents to be left unattended and within the easy access of unauthorized persons, thereby subjecting such documents to the possibility of suffering damage or destruction." Rogers' resignation ended the hearings but state officials are now involved in an effort to clarify the statutory definition of and responsibility for public documents and records.

OHIO David Larson resigned September 30 as Chief, Archives-Library Division, Ohio Historical Society. Larson was general editor of Guide to Manuscripts at the Ohio Historical Society and coordinator of the Ohio Network of American History Research Centers.

ILLINOIS An exhibit depicting themes in the experience of Illinois women, mounted by the Midwest Women's Historical Collection, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, was a highlight at the Illinois State Fair.

CALIFORNIA A Los Angeles federal judge dismissed all charges against Frank DeMarco, Richard Nixon's tax attorney, on the ground that the conduct of the prosecutor deprived DeMarco of a fair trial. The October 9 action was characterized by the *New York Times* as a "dramatic and curious ending" to a complicated case which involved a controversial tax deduction the ex-president took for the donation of a portion of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives. The indictment against DeMarco alleged he knew Nixon's 1969 gift had not been made before a change in tax law late in 1969 eliminated deductions for such gifts.

Testimony by Egil Krogh, a White House deputy counsel in 1969, indicated that as early as five weeks after Richard Nixon's inauguration, consideration was given to contributing his official papers in amounts and at a rate which would give him the maximum tax deduction for the rest of his life.

Mary Walton Livingston, the supervisory archivist who worked with appraiser Ralph Newman on Nixon materials, testified extensively regarding the National Archives' procedures for administering Nixon materials and the dates on which Newman examined the deeded papers. Both she and Sherrod East, who was a consultant to NARS in 1969, strongly denied that Newman had inspected any of the papers that made up the questionable gift in April 1969, as had been maintained by DeMarco.

In his later dismissal of the charges, the judge indicated that the government's failure to provide the defense with notes about a meeting of the prosecutors, the defendant and his lawyer was improper.

MISSOURI Speaking at an archival symposium at the Truman Library, James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri's Secretary of State, looked at the lighter side of death certificates. Noted as causes of death were:

Died suddenly, nothing serious.

Don't know. Had never been fatally ill before.

Don't know. Died without aid of a physician.

Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead.

Primary cause--blow on head with axe.

Contributory cause--another man's wife.

ARCHIVAL SECURITY NEWSLETTER

STAMPING: A SURVEY OF THE STATE OF THE ART

Of the various problems related to archival security perhaps none is so perplexing as document identification. Legal precedents seem to indicate that archives and libraries will have to prove ownership of documents on an item by item basis if they wish to replevin stolen materials. One possible solution to the problem is stamping.

Stamping is not a new idea, of course. European institutions have marked their documents for years. In this country, the Library of Congress has been stamping documents intermittently for almost three quarters of a century. The National Archives, conversely, began an active stamping program in the mid-1960's. Many private institutions such as the Newberry Library also stamp documents on a selective basis.

Yet the stamping procedures at these institutions are not identical, especially in regard to the location of the stamp on the document and the type of ink in use. LC and NARS stamp their documents to the right of the salutation, to the left of the complimentary close and/or in some other suitable blank space on the face side. Many private institutions, however, stamp their manuscripts on the reverse side.

Inks also vary from one institution to another and the variety is precipitated by the search for an ink that cannot be eradicated and one that will not run under deacidification. In 1962 the Library Technology Project of the American Library Association asked the National Bureau of Standards to devise such an ink. The formula devised by NBS is as follows: one gram monoastral fast blue BWD to five milliliters polyethylene glycol 600 to five milliliters butyl cellosolve to ten milliliters water. This information was made public in 1962 but only NARS, LC, and a few private institutions have used the ink. Perhaps the major problem has been that the ink is not available commercially and the monoastral fast blue BWD is available only in large quantities from E. I. DuPont.

Stamping is but one of a number of solutions to the problem of document identification and in later issues other methods will be discussed. Readers are encouraged to send their comments and suggestions to the SAA Archival Security Project.

DOCUMENT THEFT SUSPECT APPREHENDED IN MINNESOTA

The apprehension and prosecution of a suspect who allegedly pilfered documents from the Minnesota Historical Society dramatizes the value of good communications with local manuscript collectors and law enforcement officials. The staff at MHS had been aware for sometime of the disappearance of a number of valuable fur trading documents but had no indication that they had been stolen. In June 1975, a local private collector who had been purchasing fur trade manuscripts from another local man became suspicious of the quantity and the origins of the items. He brought the materials to the Society's attention and the staff began to identify missing items and users of the collections from which they were missing. The items in question were indeed MHS property. With the help of the collector and the call slip file, a suspect was pinpointed, and the State Attorney General was notified.

When the alleged thief returned to the Society on July 3, the MHS staff and the Attorney General's criminal apprehension staff were ready. The suspect was given only materials that had been counted beforehand; when the suspect returned the materials, they were recounted and approximately 100 items were found to be missing. A search warrant was issued and the suspect was apprehended with 97 items believed to have been taken from MHS. In the basement of the suspect's home, investigators found what was described as "a very large private museum" including framed documents and Indian artifacts. On the walls were signs which read "Do not touch."

The suspect was arraigned on August 27 and his bail was set at \$400. A hearing on October 7 resulted in the determination that there was sufficient evidence to justify prosecution. In future issues of the newsletter the progress of the case will be followed and the legal difficulties involved in prosecuting manuscript thieves examined.



NEW SEARCH ROOM REGULATIONS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Recent thefts at the North Carolina Division of Archives and History resulted in the establishment of new search room regulations at that institution. The new rules, as adopted by the North Carolina Historical Commission on May 6, 1975, are designed to eliminate most opportunities for archival theft.

Admission to the search room is by photo-identification card only; I.D.'s are obtained from a security officer in the lobby of the search room after the patron has presented suitable identification. The card is surrendered at the reference desk and remains with the call slips completed by the user.

Although the patron may request more than one box or volume of material at a time, only one unit is allowed in use at one time. When a user is through with one box or volume he may exchange it for another at the reference desk. All manuscripts or volumes are to be flat on the tables or reading stands; they are not to be tilted on the edge of the table. In addition, users are allowed to have only one folder opened at one time. Upon returning his materials, the patron receives his identification card which he must show to the security officer upon leaving.

The security procedures instituted at the North Carolina State Archives are among the toughest in the nation. Many other institutions can learn from this example.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This is the inaugural issue of the SAA Archival Security Newsletter. Our goal is to provide archivists, librarians, manuscript and rare book dealers and collectors with useful information on archival security. We also hope that the newsletter will serve as a forum for a wide variety of views on the various problems related to archival theft and replevin. Initially security news will be published as a section of the SAA Newsletter. As the program develops, the Archival Security Newsletter will expand in size and include a listing of missing archival materials as well as security news. The Archival Security Program is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The opinions expressed in the Archival Security Newsletter are those of the program staff and not of N.E.H.

REGIONAL GROUPS FOCUS ON SECURITY

The concern of archivists for the problems of theft and replevin has been reflected in the recent proliferation of security sessions at the meetings of regional archival associations. The South Atlantic Archives and Records Conference discussed archival security at its annual meeting in May and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference did likewise in October. Both the Midwest Archives Conference and the Society of Georgia Archivists have planned sessions for their November meetings. Other groups such as the New England Archivists are adding sessions to their spring program agendas.

The SAARC and MARAC meetings are good indications of the value of such sessions. At SAARC, Daphne Gentry of the Virginia State Archives and Thornton Mitchell of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History discussed recent thefts at their respective institutions. At the Virginia State Archives, the case involved the theft of documents selected for the rarity and the clarity of their postmarks. At the North Carolina Archives, the theft was engineered by a team of thieves. Both of these cases will be discussed in greater detail in future issues of the Archival Security Newsletter. The MARAC meeting featured a discussion of security equipment for archives and libraries. Several experts talked about surveillance cameras, electronic book plates and checkout screens, and fire retardants. The upcoming MAC and SGA meetings promise to be just as educational.



SECURITY BIBLIOGRAPHY AVAILABLE

The staff of the Archival Security Program has prepared an annotated bibliography on archival security. Subject headings include "Access and Reader Policies in Archives and Rare Book Rooms," "Security Equipment and Procedures," "Legal Aspects of Archival Security," and "Manners and Methods of Manuscript Thieves." Copies can be obtained free of charge by writing the Associate Director, SAA Archival Security Program.

Pull Out → Send Back Insert

Nominations

Lynn Bonfield Donovan, California Historical Society, chairperson of the Society's Nominating Committee for 1976, solicits members' recommendations for candidates. The posts listed to the right will be decided in the next election, to be conducted by mail next summer. Ms. Donovan asks that this form, or a letter specifying recommended candidates, be returned by January 1, 1976. All material received will be passed on to the committee for use in its work. Other members are Kathleen Jacklin, Cornell Univ.; A.R.N. Woadden, City of Toronto; Richard Berner, Univ. of Washington; and Elsie Freivogel, NARS.

RETURN TO: SAA Nominations
 PO Box 8198, UICC
 Chicago, IL 60680

(Note your choice below the line)

Vice President (becomes President in 1977)

Treasurer

Council (Seat One)

Council (Seat Two)

Nominating Committee (Seat One)

Nominating Committee (Seat Two)

Nominating Committee (Seat Three)

Form may be detached here.

Membership Directory Listing

Individual members are requested to complete and return the form on the right to: SAA Headquarters, Box 8198, UICC, Chicago, IL 60680. It will be used to compile a membership directory which will be published in summer, 1976.

Last name	First name	Initial
Mailing address		
Institutional Affiliation		
Business telephone (include area code)		

The following information will not be included in the directory; it will be used to compile statistical information about the Society's membership.

Please check one of the following categories which most nearly describes the agency or institution for which you work:

- Federal Archives
- State Archives
- Business Archives
- Religious Archives
- College/Univ. Archives
- Local/Municipal Archives
- Manuscript Collection
- Historical Society
- Library
- Museum
- _____ (other)

Of the following titles, which one most nearly describes your professional status? If your work is in more than one area, please describe your primary work as (1), and your secondary work as (2). Please do not list more than two categories.

- Archivist
- Manuscript Curator
- Clergyman/Rabbi
- Records Manager
- Teacher
- Librarian
- Editor
- Administrator
- _____ (other)

6-B

saa

the library, post office box 8198
university of illinois at chicago circle
chicago, illinois 60680

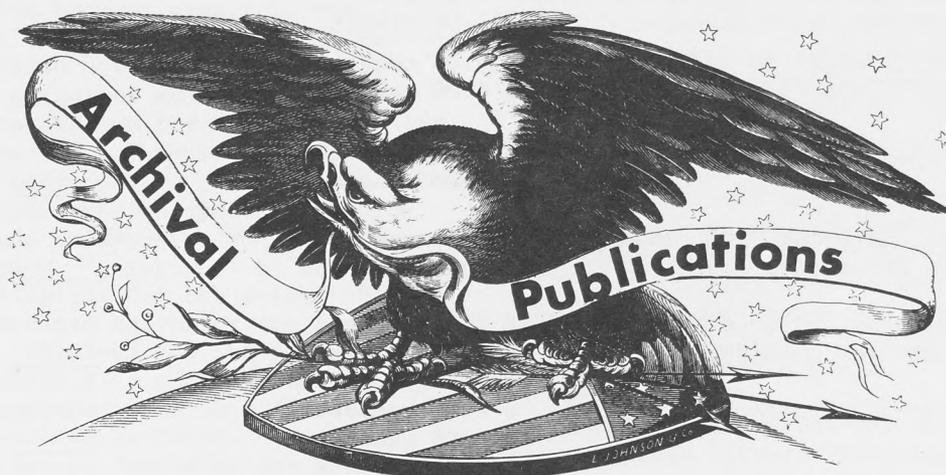
STAMP

saa nominations

the library, post office box 8198
university of illinois at chicago circle
chicago, illinois 60680

STAMP

The Society of American Archivists announces



NEW IN 1975

Modern Archives and Manuscripts: A Select Bibliographic Guide by Frank B. Evans.

A revision of Evans' earlier guide, this massive work is published in a new format with many new entries---new chapters on machine-readable records and archives, and three chapters on international aspects of archives. Additional subheadings have been added to chapters, and a system of decimal numbering has been adopted for the subheadings to facilitate revisions and indexing. The subject index of the first edition has been expanded and a new and separate author index has been added. Softbound. \$8.00 members; \$11.00 others.

Directory of State & Provincial Archives compiled by John M. Kinney

A project of the SAA's State and Local Records Committee, the volume provides information regarding staff, research facilities and hours, published guides and archival holdings of every state and provincial institution. A statistical section provides comparative data on holdings, budgets, parent agencies, etc. Softbound. \$4.00 members; \$6.00 others.

Directory of Business Archives compiled by the SAA Business Archives Committee

Based on responses from over 200 businesses in the United States and Canada. Softbound. \$1.00 members; \$3.00 others.

STILL AVAILABLE

A complete publications price list and order blank appears on the reverse of this page.

Note that the Society can provide all back issues of the authoritative voice of the archival profession in the United States, the *American Archivist*, on microfilm (10 rolls, \$175 to members, 1938-1974). Use of the back file is now greatly facilitated by a two-volume index covering the period 1938-1967, available to members at a total cost of \$12.00.

Other popular Society publications still available include Ernst Posner's *Archives and the Public Interest*, Victor Gondos, Jr.'s *Reader for Archives and Records Center Buildings*, and the useful *Forms Manual*, prepared by the College and University Archives Committee. Other committee publications available from the Chicago office include *A Basic Glossary for Archivists, Manuscript Curators, and Records Managers*; *ADP and Archives*; and the *Report of the Status of Women in the Archival Profession*.

SEE REVERSE FOR ORDER FORM



PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

		Quantity	Price
Frank Evans, <i>Modern Archives and Manuscripts: A Select Bibliographic Guide</i> (1975)	\$ 8.00 members \$11.00 others	_____	_____
Victor Gondos, Jr., <i>Reader for Archives and Records Center Buildings</i> (1970)	\$ 5.00 members \$ 6.00 others	_____	_____
Ernst Posner, <i>Archives and the Public Interest</i> (1967)	\$ 5.00 members \$ 6.00 others	_____	_____
<i>ADP and Archives: Selected Publications on Automatic Data Processing</i> (1975)	\$ 1.00 members \$ 2.00 others	_____	_____
* <i>A Basic Glossary for Archivists, Manuscript Curators, and Records Managers</i> (1974)	\$ 2.00 members \$ 2.00 others	_____	_____
<i>Directory of State and Provincial Archives</i> (1975)	\$ 4.00 members \$ 6.00 others	_____	_____
<i>Directory of Business Archives in the United States and Canada</i> (1975)	\$ 1.00 members \$ 3.00 others	_____	_____
<i>Forms Manual</i> [for college and university archives] (1973)	\$ 5.00 members \$ 8.00 others	_____	_____
* <i>Report on the Status of Women in the Archival Profession</i> (1974)	\$ 2.00 members \$ 2.00 others	_____	_____
<i>The American Archivist: Index to Volumes 1-20 (1938-57)</i>	\$ 6.00 members \$10.00 others	_____	_____
<i>Index to Volumes 21-30 (1958-67)</i>	\$ 6.00 members \$10.00 others	_____	_____
<i>The American Archivist, 1938-1974</i>	\$20.00 roll, \$175 set, members 35 mm. microfilm, 10 rolls \$25.00 roll, \$225 set, others	_____	_____
<i>The American Archivist, 1938-1974</i> assorted back issues available	\$ 5.00 each, members \$ 6.00 each, others	_____	_____

Ship to:

Postage & handling charge on orders under \$10.00 which are not prepaid -- \$1.00

Total _____

Order directly from:
 Society of American Archivists
 The Library, PO Box 8198
 University of Illinois at Chicago Circle
 Chicago, Illinois 60680

* Available at \$1.00 each in quantities of 10 or more delivered to one address.

SAA AWARDS ANNOUNCED IN PHILADELPHIA

The Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes archival institutions whose outstanding work has brought credit to the profession, was awarded to the Ohio Historical Society. The Waldo Gifford Leland Prize, awarded to the author of an outstanding published work, was awarded for the *Guide to the National Archives of the United States*. No cash award was made in view of the institutional authorship of the work. A special citation of merit was made to *Georgia Archive*, a publication termed "excellent" by the judges which was not eligible for the prize. Harold Dean Moser, Associate Editor of the Papers of Daniel Webster, received the Philip M. Hamer Award, given annually to a junior editor who has done distinguished work on a documentary publication sponsored by NHPRC. The Sister M. Claude Lane Award, funded by the Society of Southwest Archivists, was made to Eleanore Cammack, retired archivist of DePauw University and Indiana Methodism. The Lane Award recognizes accomplishment in the area of religious archives.

Three Colonial Dames scholarships were awarded in 1974-75. They were received by Jane Ramsey, Presbyterian Historical Society; Donald Skemer, New Jersey Historical Society; and Karen Dawley Paul, University of Virginia.

ASSOCIATE DUES PROPOSAL PASSED BY SAA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The following associate dues plan was approved at the annual business meeting of the Society:

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 parttime occupation is not the curatorship, management or administration of manuscript collections, archives or current records.

This plan establishes an immediate reciprocal relationship with the Organization of American Historians which now offers an associate membership to archivists. The associate dues plan becomes effective January 1, 1976.

ROCKEFELLER GRANT TO RADCLIFFE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

The Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, has been awarded a one-year grant of \$20,500 by The Rockefeller Foundation to complete work on an Archival Development Project relating to women's history and the population movement. The grant supplements a previous \$82,000 two-year grant which supported research fellowships, an undergraduate course, oral history interviews, and manuscript cataloguing. The new grant will allow the cataloguing of additional papers, many of them received during the past two years, and oral history interviews with women leaders in the campaign for abortion law reform and repeal.

The Schlesinger Library has also been awarded a College Library Resources Grant in the amount of \$3,918, which will be used to continue to build its collections on all aspects of the history of women in America.

NAMES OF ATTORNEYS WITH EXPERIENCE IN ARCHIVES/MANUSCRIPTS PROBLEMS SOUGHT

The Committee on Collecting Personal Papers and Manuscripts is compiling a list of attorneys and firms with competence and experience in serving as counsel for archival and manuscript depositories. This list will be made available to interested persons in much the same manner as the committee's highly-popular compilation of appraisers.

Information on this topic and names of such attorneys should be sent to Virginia Stewart, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Library, Box 8198, Chicago, Ill. 60680.

ACT AND WOMEN'S CAUCUS MEET IN PHILADELPHIA: NEWSLETTERS OFFERED

ACT, the informal caucus sometimes called Archivists for Change, and the SAA Women's Caucus held spirited meetings during the recent annual conference in Philadelphia.

Each group will issue an occasional newsletter. Contributions to defray printing and mailing expenses are welcomed. Contact David Horn, DePauw University Archives, Greencastle, IN 46135, to be put on the ACT mailing list. Contact Eleanor McKay, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706, to be added to the Women's Caucus Newsletter mailing list.

BOORSTIN CONFIRMED AS LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

President Ford's nomination of Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Daniel J. Boorstin to be Librarian of Congress was confirmed by a voice vote of the Senate September 26.

The Rules and Administration Committee of the Senate had earlier unanimously approved the nomination, despite opposition from the American Library Association, which argued that Boorstin lacked necessary experience in the direction of any significant program. The committee's report said the major issue in its consideration of the nomination was whether Boorstin's intention to continue his private writings would interfere with his official responsibilities. The report indicated that "the committee accepted his repeated assurances that he would not let the administration of the library suffer as a result of his writings and that he would consider the library his primary obligation."

The Librarian's position has been vacant since the retirement of L. Quincy Mumford at the end of 1974. Boorstin is scheduled to be sworn in early in November.



1976 CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S HISTORY

April 22 and 23, 1976, are the dates set by the National Archives for its sixteenth annual conference, on the topic of women's history. The conference, to be held in the National Archives Building, will be directed by Mabel E. Deutrich.

The program will emphasize sources for documenting the role of women in American history, and will include papers on NARS sources, as well as sources in private historical collections. Also projected are formal papers and panel sessions on women in the Revolutionary period, women in public life, and the impact of the World Wars on women.

The conference fee of \$15 includes all sessions, as well as a luncheon and evening reception. Space for the conference is limited. Program and registration forms will be mailed in January 1976. Write Mabel E. Deutrich, NARS, Washington, D.C. 20408 to obtain this material.

SALE OF DECLARATION AUTOGRAPHS ENRICHES HAVERFORD ENDOWMENT

A set of letters and documents containing autographs of each of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence brought a record auction price of \$120,000 in a recent New York sale.

Owned by Haverford College, the set was purchased by a group of investors as a commercial venture. A spokesman said, "There is a strong possibility that the public will pay admission to see them."

A set of signers was last sold in 1922 for \$19,750 at a sale in which Henry E. Huntington, railroad magnate, outbid magician Harry Houdini.

The proceeds of the sale will enrich Haverford's endowment. Yearly interest will be used by the library to purchase American studies materials.

The public will continue to be able to view a second set of declaration autographs owned by Haverford. This set is made available by appointment and at no charge as part of the Charles D. Roberts Collection in the college library.



NHPRC FELLOWSHIPS IN EDITING

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission will award several fellowships in advanced editing of documentary sources for 1976-77. Successful candidates will spend a year in training with a stipend of \$11,000. Candidates must have the PhD or have completed all course requirements for that degree, or they must have equivalent qualifications, training, or experience. Application deadline is March 1. For application forms write to NHPRC, Room 100, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

SAA/ICA '76: GRANT SUPPORT ANNOUNCED,
PROGRAM PLANNING ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

Grants to the Society of American Archivists of \$100,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities and \$32,000 from the Tinker Foundation will assist with funding for the travel of international program participants, translation services and administrative staff for the 1976 meeting of the Society of American Archivists and the International Congress on Archives. Washington's Statler-Hilton Hotel will serve as headquarters for the meeting, September 28-October 1, 1976.

The decision to hold the 1976 meeting of the Society concurrently with the ICA presents both a challenge and an unprecedented opportunity to the SAA. Frank B. Evans, 1976 program chairman, has suggested that, "In a very real sense, our profession and our professional organization will be on exhibit next year for our hundreds of colleagues from all parts of the world." Evans has expressed his intention to make the SAA '76 program the best the Society has to offer to members and to guests as well.

The program committee will meet in Washington, December 8-9. To complement the ICA theme, "The Archival Revolution of Our Time," the committee is considering an SAA theme which would suggest a review of the state of the art in this country, "The American Archival Revolution."

Members are urged to direct all suggestions as to content, format and participants for the 1976 program to the office of the executive director by December 1, 1975, so that they may receive full consideration by the committee.

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDINGS

Conservation Administration, the proceedings of the Boston Athenaeum/New England Document Conservation Center 1973 Seminar on the theoretical aspects of the conservation of library and archival materials, is available in spiral binding for \$12.00 from the New England Document Conservation Center, 800 Massachusetts Av., North Andover, MA 01845. Unbound, perforated copies are available for those who wish to hardbind this conservation reference volume. A few copies of *Library and Archives Conservation*, the proceedings of the 1971 conservation seminar, are still available at \$10.00 per copy.



The Long Island Archives Conference will meet November 8 at the Long Island Historical Society. Workshops will consider the holdings of the Society, Black history, newspapers, maps, and Kings County Public Records. Contact Agnes Packard, 18 Homestead Path, Huntington, NY 11743.

"Acquisitions and Appraisals" is the theme of the fall workshop of the Society of California Archivists, to be held at UCLA's Clark Library, November 8. Contact Jean Preston, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA 91108.

"Assuring a Future for the Past" is the theme of the Society of Georgia Archivists' workshop, November 20-21, at Georgia State University. Sessions will focus on preservation, archival security, finding aids, appraisal, and the art of obtaining grants. Contact Archives Workshop, PO Box 261, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The Midwest Archives Conference will meet in Detroit, November 6-8, at the Sheraton-Cadillac. Sessions will consider the Michigan local records program, exhibits, family history, oral history, preservation, urban history, security and theft, and other topics. Contact Dennis East, Walter Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202.

TORNOTO AREA ARCHIVES GUIDE-PRICE CORRECTION

The *Guide to Archives in the Toronto Area*, is available at \$1.50 to TAAG members and \$2.50 to others. Contact R. Scott James, Archives, City of Toronto, City Hall, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 2N2.

CURATOR to supervise processing of ms. collections and organization of holdings; assist in ms. acquisitions, routine reference and correspondence. Responsibilities also include completion of the processing of a collection of printed and ms. materials dealing with German Methodism. M.A. in American history, experience in ms./archives, reading knowledge of German required. M.L.S. and knowledge of Cincinnati helpful. Available immediately. Contact Laura L. Chase, Librarian, The Cincinnati Historical Society, Eden Park, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

MSS. DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT to organize, process and describe new collections; service readers; catalogue maps, prints, photos; answer mail. Undergraduate or graduate degree in early American history, courses in archival organization and management required; knowledge of French or German helpful. Salary ca. \$7,000, to begin approximately 1 December 1975. Send resume to: Peter J. Parker, Chief of Mss., Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

EDITOR, RADCLIFFE COLLEGE for supplementary volume of Notable American Women. Two and one-half to three year project, tentative starting date of November 1976. Candidates should have Ph.D. in American history or related field, strong interest in and publications on American women, demonstrated editorial and administrative experience. Salary dependent upon qualifications. Applications plus three letters of recommendation must be received by December 10, 1975. Apply to: Notable American Women Search Committee, The Schlesinger Library, 3 James Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

CHIEF, ARCHIVES-LIBRARY DIVISION. M.A., Ph.D. in American history; 5-10 years experience in archival administration; demonstrated ability in innovative program planning, budget, publication, public relations and grantsmanship. Position entails management of nearly \$1,000,000 annual divisional budget and supervision of over 60 staff members in three departments: state archives, private records, and the library; serving as liaison with other divisions of the Society, official coordinator of the Ohio Network of American History Research Centers, and director of the summer Archives-Library Institute. Salary negotiable, liberal fringe benefits. Position to begin January 1, 1976, apply immediately to Dr. Thomas Smith, Director, Ohio Historical Society, I-71 & 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211.

RECORDS OFFICER, INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. B.A. in Business Administration or Public Administration, courses in Records Management, three years' experience in records management activities with some supervisory experience required. Reading knowledge of Spanish required, bi-lingual abilities preferred. Available immediately. Send resume to Miss Francis Laso, Personnel Division, Inter-American Development Bank, 808 17th Street, Washington, DC 20577.

ARCHIVIST/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN to reorganize archives heavily damaged by a tornado in April 1974, re-establish archival collection program, maintain and service institution's archives. Additional responsibilities include coordination of activities associated with acquisition, maintenance and service of the special collections area, consisting primarily of materials by and about black people. Requirements: Master's degree from an accredited library school, courses in archival organization and management, experience with archival collections. Knowledge of the Afro-American experience helpful but not mandatory. Salary \$10,000-\$11,000 depending on experience, for 12 month academic appointment; 20 days annual leave, insurance coverage, state retirement. Send resume to: Mr. G. T. Johnson, Library Director, Central State Univ., Wilberforce, Ohio 45384. Equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

ARCHIVIST-PHOTOGRAPHY, STATE ARCHIVES, ALBANY, NY to organize photographic and related records, inventory and appraise materials, assess preservation needs, and provide for arrangement, description, reference and restoration. Must understand historical, cultural, and evidentiary value of public records. Beginning salary \$13,404. Requires B.A., 18 hours in history or closely related studies, three years' experience in restoration and preservation of photographic materials including responsibility for identifying, evaluating, cataloging, and referencing photographic collections of historical, social, or cultural significance. Master's degree in history or library science may substitute for one year of experience. Provisional appointment subject to future examination. Apply immediately. Send resume to: Edward Weldon, State Archivist, State Education Department, Albany, NY 12234.

The *SAA Newsletter* is published in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Deadline for the next issue is December 15.

J O B O P E N I N G S

J O B A P P L I C A N T S

PROJECT COORDINATOR. Supervise cataloging of ms. collections including collections of European-Jewish interests. M.A. or Ph.D. in American history, three to five years' archival experience, knowledge of Hebrew, German, Yiddish helpful but not mandatory. Good writing ability necessary. Position begins December 1 under an NEH grant funded for one year with good possibility of three year extension. Salary negotiable, liberal fringe benefits. Send resume and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Jacob Marcus, American Jewish Archives, 3101 Clifton Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST, BARKER TEXAS HISTORY CENTER to assist in archives and historical ms. processing, and archives descriptive publication program. Graduate degree (social sciences preferred) or M.L.S. for accredited program, six hours of graduate study in archival administration or in-service equivalent of one year training, broad knowledge of Texas and Southwestern history required. One year professional experience or four years' paraprofessional experience, knowledge of Univ. of Texas at Austin preferred. Salary dependent upon experience and qualifications. Available immediately, equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Send letter and resume including academic credentials, three professional references, current salary and salary requirements to: Constance A. Moore, MAI 2206, General Libraries, Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712.

J O B A P P L I C A N T S

B.A., M.A. in HISTORY, Ph.D. course work in AMERICAN HISTORY completed, certificate from archives institute. Writing, editing, teaching experience. Seeking entry level position in government, univ., private industry as archivist, records manager, or mss. curator. Available immediately, willing to relocate. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-307.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS/ARCHIVES position sought. B.A. in history, M.L.S. with data processing. Courses in archival administration and ms. collections. Independent study project coding archival repository holdings information for computer storage and retrieval for administrative and research use. Three years' technical processing and reference experience in history museum library. Languages. Willing to relocate. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-315.

EXPERIENCED ARCHIVIST seeking ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION. Three years' experience in Presidential library. Trained in all aspects of archival and ms. work. Ph.D. in American history. Publications, archives certificate. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-305.

PARTTIME ENTRY LEVEL position in ARCHIVES/MSS library or historical society in BOSTON AREA sought. B.A. in philosophy, M.L.S., certificate of completion of archives/mss. course. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-316.

BEGINNING POSITION as ARCHIVIST/MSS CURATOR sought. B.A. in English literature, M.L.S. with special program in archives/mss. administration. Working experience in mss. processing at large state historical society, including preparation of several collections for microfilming, some supervision. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-308.

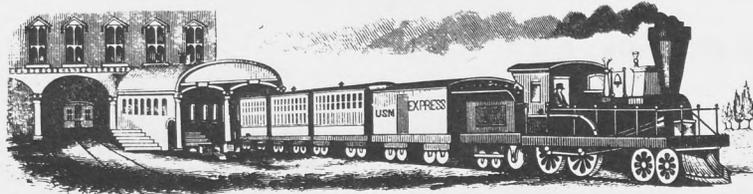
Responsible position in ARCHIVES/SPECIAL COLLECTION sought in San Francisco Bay area. Six years' experience in univ. library special collections establishing collection of current social/political protest material. Sole responsibility for acquisitions and arrangement; experience in cataloging, publishing guides to collections, exhibits, reference, literary mss. Teaching experience. Available immediately. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-314.

Entry level position in MS/AUDIOVISUAL COLLECTION sought. M.S.L.S., formal training in archives administration. Internship in ms. processing at state historical society. Undergraduate training in film and television production and esthetics. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-313.

B.A. in SOCIAL STUDIES, M.A. in US HISTORY desires beginning position in archives, mss., or historical research. 16 months' experience with state Antiquities Commission doing research for historical preservation; library experience. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-303.

DIRECTORY OF REGIONAL ARCHIVES ORGANIZATIONS AVAILABLE FROM SAA

A 1975 *Directory of Regional Archival Organizations*, compiled by Alice M. Vestal, University of Cincinnati, as a project of the SAA Committee on Regional Archival Activity, is available free of charge from the office of the executive director.



GETTING THE NHP&RC ON THE TRACK: FRANK G. BURKE'S AHA/SAA/SGA LUNCHEON TOPIC

The current status and prospects of the new records program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission will be the topic of Frank G. Burke, December 30, at the AHA/SAA/SGA Joint Luncheon in Atlanta. Luncheon tickets are available at \$7.25 each from the office of the executive director or from the AHA registration desk at the meeting. David Gracy II is handling local arrangements for the Society of Georgia Archivists.

Burke was named Executive Director of the Commission, effective September 28, by GSA Administrator Arthur Sampson. His appointment was endorsed unanimously by the Commission in their October 9 meeting.

The 1974 legislation which gave NHP&RC a new records mandate also raised the authorized level of appropriations from \$2 million to

\$4 million annually, so that it could make grants for the preservation, description, and greater accessibility of historical records of state and local governments, and manuscripts in non-governmental institutional custody. Although no new funds have been actually appropriated, \$200,000 has been allocated by the Commission to begin the records program.

State coordinators for the program continue to be named by governors. Recently appointed are: Alabama-Milo B. Howard, Arkansas-John L. Ferguson, Delaware-Lawrence Henry, Georgia-Carroll Hart, Hawaii-Agnes Conrad, Iowa-Peter Harstad, Minnesota-Russell Fridley, North Dakota-James E. Sperry, Ohio-Thomas H. Smith, South Carolina-Charles E. Lee, Puerto Rico-Luis M. Rodriguez-Morales.

SAA NEWSLETTER

the society of american archivists
the library, post office box 8198
university of illinois at chicago circle,
chicago, illinois 60680



NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CHICAGO, IL.
PERMIT NO. 885

TIME VALUE MAIL