



SAA NEWSLETTER

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HOUSE DROPS THREAT TO MADISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING

The leadership of the House of Representatives mounted an attempt in November 1975 to lay claim to the new James Madison Memorial Building of the Library of Congress. The six-story building, now about 95 percent complete, has been eyed by the House for some time as a solution to the overcrowding in their present office buildings. HR 11000, introduced by Teno Roncalio on December 4, provided for the takeover.

The new building, with reinforced floors and few windows, was designed for the library's critical storage needs, not for an office facility and substantial reconversion expenses were anticipated if the bill became law.

Speaker Carl Albert, in a December 10 response to the SAA executive director's letter of concern, stated, "We do feel that it is more appropriate for the Library of Congress to seek alternative space than it is for the House of Representatives to do so...We believe that the site of the Madison Building, located as it is in close proximity to the Capitol, is unique and so far superior to any possible alternative site that this proposal should be approved. By every standard--cost, speed, accessibility, design and operational efficiency--this proposal is not only the most feasible but the only feasible solution." However, news accounts, editorials and a flood of adverse constituent mail eroded Congressional support for the move. After an informal head count indicated their plan was unlikely to be approved, the House leadership agreed on December 12 to drop any further attempt to lay claim to the building.

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NHPRC AWARDS FIRST RECORDS GRANT TO SAA ARCHIVAL MANUALS PROJECT

On December 11, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission voted a resolution to grant \$21,000 to the Society of American Archivists in support of five basic archival manuals. This is the first records program grant by the Commission.

The SAA proposal can be traced to the work of a committee appointed in 1973 by then-Society president Wilfred I. Smith, to consider the development of a publications program. First chaired by Herbert Angel and later by Maynard Brichford, the group solicited the views of 200 leading members of the profession on publications necessary to further the advancement of the profession and the improvement of archival theory and practice. This group concluded that, next to the *American Archivist* and the *SAA Newsletter*, the category of publication most needed was that of manuals on archival functions.

The five manuals, which will cover surveys, appraisal and accessioning, arrangement and description, reference and access, and preservation, are expected to be published in late 1976. It is anticipated that the series may be expanded to include additional titles when the first project is complete.

C.F.W. Coker, editor of the *American Archivist*, will be managing editor of the project. Others involved as authors, readers and editors are Maynard Brichford, George M. Cunha, Jr., John Daly, Frank B. Evans, David B. Gracy II, F. Gerald Ham, A. Carroll Hart, Sue E. Holbert, Richard A. Jacobs, Lucile Kane, David Maslyn, Harold Pinkett, and Leonard Rapport. SAA Vice President Robert M. Warner and Executive Director Ann Morgan Campbell will join the authors and editor on a review panel. Members' suggestions for future manual topics are solicited.

Washington Watch

SAA/OAH/AHA REPRESENTATIVE TESTIFIES REGARDING NARS-GSA RELATIONSHIP

Norman A. Graebner testified on behalf of the AHA/OAH/SAA Joint Committee on Historians and Archives at the Senate Government Operations Committee's confirmation hearings for Jack Eckerd, the President's nominee for GSA Administrator. The three professional organizations viewed the October 31 proceeding as an appropriate occasion on which to raise the issue of the control of the National Archives by GSA, and to remind Congress of recent incidents which have heightened the concern of archivists, librarians and historians regarding the GSA/NARS relationship. After recounting recent actions of a number of professional organizations calling for an independent archival agency, Graebner told the lawmakers that it was appropriate that this issue become a "concern of the Congress of the United States as well." Copies of Graebner's statement are available from the executive director's office.

The issue of the National Archives' independence is expected to be one of the areas of study of the National Study Commission on the Records and Documents of Public Officials which convened in Washington December 15, 1975.

SENATE HISTORICAL OFFICE ESTABLISHED

The U.S. Senate has announced the creation of a Senate Historical Office. The office currently has a staff of three historians and two research assistants. Its primary objective will be to serve as a clearinghouse for scholars and the general public interested in the history and traditions of the Senate and the 1700 persons who have served as its members.

During 1976 the office plans to publish an extensive annotated bibliography of books and articles related to the history of the Senate as an institution. Concurrently it will seek information for eventual publication describing the location, scope and accessibility of collections of senators' papers.

The office encourages specific suggestions regarding research and publication services it might be in a position to provide. It would also appreciate information on research projects in progress, or recently completed, related to the Senate and its membership. Contact Richard A. Baker, Senate Historian, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



CHANGES IN NOMINATION-ELECTION PROCEDURES RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

The Society's 1975 Nominations Committee, chaired by David Olson, has made recommendations to the Council for changes in procedures. The Committee received only forty advisory ballots last year. Their consideration of these ballots was tempered by the obligation spelled out in the bylaws to produce a balanced slate taking into consideration sex, race, archival field, and geographic area. The Committee recommended that the present system of publishing the advisory ballot in the SAA Newsletter be replaced with a straw poll conducted at the annual business meeting, with provisions being made to accept written advisory ballots from those members not able to attend the annual meeting.

The Committee also asked the Council to review the system of pairing candidates which was begun as a reform several years ago. It made no recommendation in this area however. Olson's group recommended that the possibility be explored of underwriting the travel expenses of members of Council to attend meetings. Some possible candidates for Council, it was reported, were disinclined to run for office because they could not afford to pay expenses to Council meetings and institutional support was lacking.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNS CONTRACT

In its fall meeting, the SAA Council authorized Treasurer Howard Applegate to prepare a contract for Ann Morgan Campbell who has served as the Society's first fulltime executive director since August 1, 1974. The contract extends Campbell's term until December 31, 1978. Upon receipt of the contract, Campbell submitted her resignation to the National Archives and Records Service. She had been on leave without pay from NARS since August 1974.

Washington Watch

CONGRESS HEARS TESTIMONY ON ACCESS TO CENSUS RETURNS

The rights of privacy and freedom of information clashed in late November at House committee hearings on access to population census returns. The subcommittee on census and population of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service heard testimony on the present practice of opening census returns after 75 years as formalized in H.R. 10686. The bill was submitted recently by Representative Paul Simon (D-Illinois) in response to a bill introduced by Representative Bob Wilson (R-California) which would have restricted the release of all census data.

Vincent Barabba, director of the Bureau of the Census, opposed any time limit to the privacy assurances given by the census. "The risks of any apparent weakening in the pledge of confidentiality are too great to take," he said. "In its simplest form, a promise is a promise." Barabba told the subcommittee that unless the present policy is changed, it might be necessary to inform the public that the information ultimately would be released. He did not know what adverse impact such a statement would have on response rates.

Barabba was opposed at the hearings by Representative Gunn McKay (D-Utah) and James E. O'Neill, Deputy Archivist of the United States. McKay's statement noted that "the real issue should not be strict confidentiality, but rather how to allow access without harming the enumerated." The Utah congressman also focused on the value of census data in tracing disease patterns by linking hospital and census reports.

O'Neill spoke for the interests of archivists, historians and genealogists noting that "the 1900 and later census returns will be important in documenting the great wave of immigration after 1880, the shift in population from farm to city and the political social and economic changes accompanying these movements. These are important problems that historians are studying; we and others want to ensure that such studies continue, for the more we know about how these processes have worked in our past the better we can understand them in the present." O'Neill added that NARS had always been careful to protect the privacy of the individual and that to his knowledge NARS had never received a complaint of invasion of privacy.

FIRST MEETING OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS COMMISSION HELD

The organizational meeting of the Public Documents Commission, established by Congress to study questions relating to the control, disposition and preservation of records and documents of the President and other Federal officials, was held in Washington on December 15.

Commission seats are held by: Herbert Brownell, who is chairman of the Commission, Lucius D. Battle, and Ernest R. May, the three public members; Senator Gaylord Nelson, Senator Lowell P. Weiker, Jr., Representative Robert J. Lagomarsino, Representative Edward Mezvinsky, the four congressional members; Assistant Secretary of State John M. Thomas, Assistant Attorney General Michael M. Uhlmann, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense David O. Cooke, Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, Archivist of the United States James B. Rhoads, representing their respective agencies; Philip W. Buchen, representing the president; William E. Leuchtenburg representing the American Historical Association; Frank B. Freidel, Jr., representing the Organization of American Historians; and Ann Morgan Campbell, representing the Society of American Archivists.

The seventeenth seat on the Commission was designated for a Justice of the Supreme Court. Justice Burger has declined to make such an appointment on the grounds that the Court might eventually have to consider legislation resulting from the Commission's study. Congress will be asked by the Commission to change the designation for the Court seat to a member of the Federal judiciary.

A major topic of discussion at the organizational meeting was the selection of a director for the work of the Commission. Members agreed that the person selected should approach the study with independence and judiciousness. SAA's representative added that an archivist-historian could best perform the necessary work; Buchen disagreed and felt that a lawyer would be best qualified.

A selection of the staff director will probably be made at a January meeting of the Commission. It is anticipated that the staff will be a small one, with the responsibility for many major studies given to consultants. After studies are received by the Commission, a series of public hearings will be held throughout the country.

PEOPLE



PAPERS

Michigan The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a \$120,000 grant to the Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, to conduct a survey of historical manuscript sources relative to various ethnic groups in Michigan. The project will consist of two phases. The first will involve a thorough survey of sources in the state. The second phase will consist of field trips to Finland, Ireland, Poland and the Netherlands to determine what sources exist there regarding segments of the population who migrated to the United States.

The Michigan History Division has received a \$60,000 NEH grant to conduct a pilot survey of local public records. College students from cooperating institutions throughout the state will conduct the survey under the direction of state archivists from the History Division.

Massachusetts The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library and Museum will be located on the new Boston campus of the University of Massachusetts. The December 1975 announcement ended a ten year impasse which began with the problem of clearing the original site, a few blocks from Harvard Square. By the late 1960's, the site was available but some Cambridge residents mounted vehement opposition to the library fearing that it would attract great numbers of tourists into the already crowded Harvard Square area.

The decision to keep the museum and archives functions of the institution in one facility ended speculation that the archives alone would be located in Cambridge and the museum built elsewhere. The building will be designed by I.M. Pei. Groundbreaking ceremonies are expected on May 29, 1976, the 59th anniversary of Kennedy's birth.

Missouri Records discovered by an archivist in the Kansas City Federal Archives and Records Center describe a 1919 plan of the Army Corps of Engineers to defend North Dakota against "an unspecified invader from Canada." Lawrence Larsen, University of Missouri-Kansas City, focused on the documents in a paper read at the Northern Great Plains History Conference. The rationale for such a plan of defense is a mystery. Larsen speculated that in 1919 the Army Corps of Engineers "decided it was a good idea to have contingency plans for land defense" and part of the task was assigned to district

officers across the country. R.T. Ward, the district officer in Kansas City, took his job seriously and worked out large scale plans to defend a 500 mile stretch across North Dakota and Montana. One of Ward's plans, Larsen added, "called for an immediate retreat to south of the Missouri River, which had the distinction of yielding an area of, I don't know, 50,000 or 60,000 miles."

California The historical record of Federal assistance to San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake and fire became of interest after President Ford noted at a Republican fund raising dinner that "the reconstruction of San Francisco was not a Federal bailout. It was a local undertaking--the work of San Franciscans." Records made available by Gladys Hansen, San Francisco archivist, indicated that Congress appropriated at least \$2.5 million in special earthquake relief. Other contemporary accounts, reported by researcher William Heintz, recorded a deposit of \$10 million in Northern California banks shortly after the disaster by the Federal Treasury and additional Treasury backing for \$12 million in city bonds.

Illinois Long-lost documents from the sensational 1924 trial of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb were recently discovered behind a shelf in Chicago's Criminal Courts Building. Workers renovating a file room in the Circuit Court clerk's office uncovered the original indictment in the case and what appears to be a partial transcript of court proceedings. The records had been missing for decades.

New York New York City Archivist Carlyle Bennett produced a document in November 1975 indicating that the city had loaned the Federal government \$1 million during the War of 1812. Commenting on the issue of aid to New York, Senator William Proxmire said, "A generous act of 160 years ago should be reciprocated in 1975 to assist New York City in its hour of danger and peril." President Ford signed legislation providing for such assistance in December 1975. The help was too little, too late to save the City's archival program however. The positions of Bennett and his professional staff were abolished as an economy measure in November.

ARCHIVAL SECURITY NEWSLETTER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ARCHIVAL SECURITY PROGRAM APPOINTED

President Elizabeth Hamer Kegan has appointed an advisory committee for the SAA Archival Security Program. Named as Chairman was Edmund Berkeley, Jr., Curator of Manuscripts at the University of Virginia. Berkeley played a significant role in the revision of the Code of Virginia to protect libraries, archives and manuscript repositories against thieves and most recently he read a paper on archival security and the law at the November meeting of the Society of Georgia Archivists.

Other members of the committee are John C. Broderick, Chief of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress; John M. Kinney, Director of the Texas State Archives; Philip P. Mason, Director of the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University; and Clyde C. Walton, Director of the Northern Illinois University Libraries. Broderick brings to the program a diversified background that includes teaching American literature and history and editing documentary publications as well as archival administration. Kinney, who has headed the Texas State Archives since 1968, was instrumental in the apprehension and prosecution of a ring of manuscript thieves in his state. His ideas on archival security appear in the October 1975 issue of the American Archivist. Mason has studied the problem of archival security for more than ten years and the culmination of his work also is published in the October issue of the American Archivist. Walton, before assuming his present post, was executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society and state historian of Illinois. He has over twenty five years of experience as an archivist, librarian, and curator of special collections.

The committee met for the first time on November 15 at SAA national headquarters in Chicago. The principal topic of discussion was the establishment of a register of lost or stolen archival materials to begin operation in the spring of 1976.



ATTORNEY SELECTED FOR ARCHIVAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Alex Ladenson, former Chief Librarian of the Chicago Public Library, has agreed to serve as counsel for the SAA Archival Security Program. Dr. Ladenson received his B.S. in Law from Northwestern University in 1929, his J.D. from the same institution in 1932 and his Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago in 1938. In his many years as assistant chief librarian and chief librarian, Dr. Ladenson advised the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library on a variety of legal matters related to libraries. In 1964, he applied this experience to his compilation of American Library Laws published by the American Library Association. The volume is now in its fourth edition. Dr. Ladenson will be advising the Security Program on a variety of legal matters including program forms and publications, state and federal laws pertaining to the theft and replevin of manuscripts, and recommendations for improving state codes.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OFFERS FREE STAMPING INK

The Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office have devised an ink which they feel penetrates paper fibres and is almost impossible to eradicate. Both institutions also feel, however, that public disclosure of their formula would only lead to the development of an effective eradicator. In order to protect the integrity of their ink, and at the same time generate its widest possible usage, the Library of Congress is willing to send a bottle of this ink free of charge to any institution making such a request. Write to the Office of the Assistant Director of Preservation, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA ARCHIVISTS SCHEDULES SECURITY WORKSHOPS

Archival security workshops have been scheduled in Sacramento, February 7, and Los Angeles, February 14, by the Society of California Archivists. Consideration will be given to many aspects of security including the SAA's archival security program, and California state laws affecting theft of manuscripts. Contact John Donofrio, Bank of America, Archives #3218, PO Box 37000, San Francisco, CA 94137.

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REPLEVIN EFFORTS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND CALIFORNIA

On October 24, 1975, in the Superior Court of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Judge John Webb ruled in favor of manuscript dealer B.C. West in a case of contested ownership. The State of North Carolina had sued West for the return of two court documents signed by William Hooper, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The state maintained that as public records the items rightfully belonged to the state. West argued that the documents had been abandoned by the state and were now private property. The prosecution called state archivist Thornton W. Mitchell as its expert witness, while the defendant relied on fellow dealers Mary Benjamin, Charles Hamilton, and Richard Maas. The state intends to appeal the case.

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A brouhaha has developed over the ownership of the original 1849 street map of the city of San Francisco now hanging in the office of the county clerk for Clackamas County, Oregon. Oregon officials stake their claim to legal ownership on the fact that Oregon City was the site of the U.S. District Court for the Oregon-California Territory when the map was filed for copyright in 1850. Judge Harry Low, long active in San Francisco historical organizations, said that three attempts at "moral persuasion" had failed and that the issue may have to be decided in U.S. District Court.

The northern city is reluctant to give up the map because at least one official believes it to be "one of the area's major tourist lures." But Oregon City officials also have preservation in mind and the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners resolved that "in view of the historic unrest and tendency toward fire, earthquake and flood in our younger sister city to the south, we are most reluctant to entrust this valuable document to San Francisco."

EDITORIAL NOTE

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More than a year ago, the American Library Association's Library Technology Program published an important study that merits the attention of all security conscious archivists. Entitled "Theft Detection Systems for Libraries: A Survey," the report is a 98 page descriptive analysis of ten detection systems now in use by libraries, archives and manuscript repositories. Most of these systems can be adapted to detect the theft of either bound or unbound materials. The survey is published as a Library Technology Report for May, 1974 and is filed under the heading "Protection of Resources."

Security Perception Unlimited (P.O. Box 101, Southport, Conn. 06490), a commercial firm, is preparing a Manual on Library Security. A second firm, the Haworth Press, publishers of the Library Security Newsletter, is preparing its own Handbook of Library Security. Reviews of these works will appear in these pages when the books are published.



THIEF SENTENCED IN MINNESOTA

In the November 1975 SAA Newsletter it was reported that a patron was apprehended and prosecuted for the theft of nearly one hundred fur trading documents from the Minnesota Historical Society. Dale R. Gates pleaded guilty to the crime and on Monday, December 15, he was given a suspended sentence of two years in the state penitentiary. In place of a prison term, Gates was put on probation for two years with the stipulation that he continue to receive psychiatric help and that he aid the police in recovering missing items. In conveying the sentence, the judge noted the penalties for systematic thievery were harsh and that in this case, leniency was in order. He further cited "extensive pre-trial evidence" documenting the mental instability of the thief and an appeal for leniency from the state attorney general's office. Under these circumstances, the judge believed a suspended sentence to be appropriate.

RALPH G. NEWMAN CONVICTED IN NIXON PAPERS APPRAISAL CASE

Ralph G. Newman was convicted on November 12, 1975 in Chicago of preparing a false affidavit which enabled Richard Nixon to obtain a \$450,000 tax reduction in 1969. Newman will be sentenced by Federal Judge Frank McGarr on January 6, 1976. He could receive up to 8 years in prison and be fined up to \$15,000.

The prosecution charged that Newman's affidavit, which stated that a donation was made to the National Archives in spring 1969 of \$576,000 worth of Nixon papers, was fraudulent. The affidavit, filed with Nixon's 1969 tax return, was deliberately backdated to March 27, 1969 to circumvent the new Tax Reform Act, the government contended. Under the new law, which was made retroactive, tax deductions for such papers were disallowed if the gift was made after July 25, 1969. The government charged that the gift was actually made in 1970.

Central to the prosecution's case was the testimony of Mary Walton Livingston, who was in charge of the Nixon materials stored in the National Archives for most of 1969 and 1970. She testified that Newman could not have seen a sizable portion of the material he claimed to have appraised in spring 1969 until a year after that time.

Newman's chief defense lawyer, William McDaniels of the firm of Edward Bennett Williams, rested his case without calling any witnesses or his client to the stand. In his opening argument, McDaniels told the jury that Newman had made some mistakes in his affidavit and again when he he was later questioned by the Internal Revenue Service.

See Report No. 93-768, Examination of President Nixon's Tax Returns for 1969-72, Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, for an earlier compilation of the documents and testimony considered in the Newman case.

MATERIAL SOUGHT FOR 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PUBLICATION

The Society of American Archivists will issue a commemorative publication as a part of the celebration of its 40th anniversary in 1976.

Members are encouraged to send photographs (which will be returned), anecdotes, and brief reminiscences to J. Frank Cook, 443F Memorial Library, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS ORAL STUDY OF ITS RECENT POLITICAL HISTORY

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. let a bill, passed last fall by the state legislature become law without his signature to allocate \$66,000 to fund a "Goodwin J. Knight-Edmund G. Brown Era Oral History Project." The Regional Oral History Office, Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley, will conduct the project which is anticipated to last three years and to require additional appropriations. The study will involve the 1953-59 gubernatorial tenure of Republican Knight and the 1959-67 terms of the present Governor's father.

A session at SAA/ICA '76, the Washington annual meeting, will consider the documentation of the electoral process.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL RECORDS COORDINATORS ANNOUNCED BY NHPRC

Recent appointments of State Historical Records Coordinators bring the total number of NHPRC Coordinators named to thirty. The names of the newly announced appointees are: Robert B. Williams, Florida; John J. Newman, Indiana; Donald Lemieux, Louisiana; William J. Wewer, Pennsylvania; Cleo A. Hughes, Tennessee; John M. Kinney, Texas; Richard C. Thomas, Vermont; Magdalena Taitano, Guam.

A basic informational pamphlet on the records program, including details regarding application procedures, will be available shortly. The Commission is anxious to consider grant proposals from institutions and organizations in states in which Coordinators and Advisory Boards have been appointed, following review of the proposals by State Boards. Regional and national proposals may be submitted directly to the Commission. Contact Records Program, NHPRC, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408.



The *SAA Newsletter* will be published six times in 1976; in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Copy deadline for the March issue is February 16, 1976.

ARCHIVES IN AUSTERITY: ACCESS AFFECTED IN TENNESSEE AND NEW YORK

Caught between inflation and a shrinking level of outside financing for its research and cartographic operations, the American Geographic Society anticipates a drastic cut in the services of its 123-year-old archives and library unless \$200,000 in contributions can be raised by the end of the year. Although plans exist for curtailment of all Society functions, the library, whose operating costs amount to almost as much as the annual deficit of AGS and which generates little income of its own, would bear the brunt of the initial cutback. A total of eight librarians would be cut to one, and access to the Society's collection would be placed on an appointment only basis.

Officials of the Tennessee State Library and Archives have announced a four month moratorium on servicing research requests received by mail. The period, November-March, will be utilized by the archives staff to process a substantial accumulation of state records with the goal of more efficient reference service following the moratorium. Reference assistance is still available to researchers who visit the Tennessee searchroom.

In addition to performing the duties which are traditional in state archives, the Tennessee State Archives staff is committed to two other major projects. The administration of the state's campaign disclosure law is a responsibility of the Archives. Secondly, staff members are on call to tape any session of the state legislature or of its committees. This service has become increasingly popular with lawmakers and, hence, one that requires a very considerable time commitment by the Archives staff.

A program session at SAA/ICA '76, the Washington annual meeting, will consider the changing role of the state archivist.

ROCKEFELLER ARCHIVE CENTER OPEN

A December 5, 1975 conference of "The Scholar's Right to Know vs. the Individual's Right to Privacy" marked the opening of the Rockefeller Archive Center, North Tarrytown, NY. The facility, located in a large and elegantly appointed home built in the early 1960's by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller II, houses records of Rockefeller University, the Rockefeller Foundation and the family. A two-level storage area for records has been newly constructed below ground.

SCHOLARLY COMPETITION WILL HONOR THOMSON FIRST OFFICIAL U.S. RECORD KEEPER

To commemorate the Bicentennial, the National Archives has established a competition for scholarly articles honoring America's first official record keeper, Charles Thomson. The prize-winning articles about Thomson will be published in Prologue.

Thomson became secretary of the First Continental Congress on Sept. 5, 1774. For 15 years, he recorded proceedings of both the First and Second Continental Congresses. He delivered his journals, together with tens of thousands of records created or received during the intervening years, to the newly established federal government in 1789.

The \$250 Thomson Prize competition is co-sponsored by the American Association for State and Local History in 1976. Entries should not exceed 7,500 words. Submission deadline is April 30, 1976. Entries should be based substantially on resources of the National Archives and Records Service, which include the six Presidential Libraries.

In the following years, the competition will be co-sponsored by different organizations concerned with American history. Contact John Rumbarger, National Archives and Records Service, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20408.

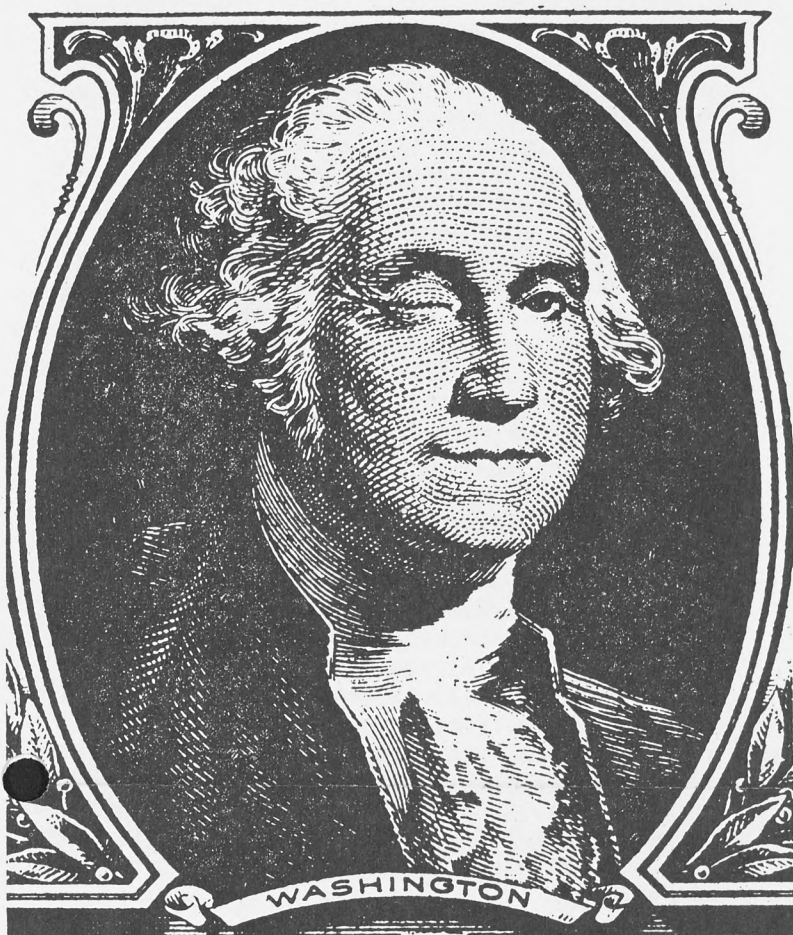
COLONIAL DAMES SCHOLARSHIP TO ARCHIVES INSTITUTE TO BE AWARDED IN MAY 1976

A scholarship, funded by the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter III, is available to the Introduction to Modern Archives Institute which will be offered in May 1976.

To be eligible for the scholarship the applicant must: at the time of the application be an employee of an "archival institution or agency, employed less than two years as an archivist or archives trainee, actually working with archives or manuscripts regardless of title, and be employed by an institution or agency with a fair percentage of its holdings in the period pre-dating 1825."

Resumes, accompanied by two letters of recommendation from persons who have a definite knowledge of the applicant's qualifications, should be submitted to Mary Ellis Kahler, Reference Dept., Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540 by February 1, 1976. Kahler chairs SAA's subcommittee on the award.

● WASHINGTON TO HOST SAA- ICA '76



MAJOR PRECONFERENCE ACTIVITIES SLATED FOR WASHINGTON SAA/ICA 1976

At least two significant activities are scheduled for the week prior to the major concurrent SAA/ICA meetings in Washington.

Archivists from all over Latin America will gather September 22-26 to participate in a seminar on Professional Cooperation for Archives Development in Latin America. This conference, funded by a grant from the Tinker Foundation to the Society of American Archivists, and also by the Organization of American States, will be coordinated by members of the Inter-American Association of Archivists whose executive secretary is Fr. Lee Lopez of Colombia.

September 25-26, a symposium on micrographics will be sponsored by the Records Management Division of the National Archives & Records Service. A related activity, a micrographics equipment show, will be held at the SAA/ICA convention hotel, the Statler Hilton, September 29-30.

1976 PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS

The Committee which will plan SAA's 1976 Program met in Washington in December. Plans were formulated for an educational experience which should benefit every archivist, records manager and manuscript curator.

Workshops are planned in cartographic records, archival exhibits, publications, oral history, audiovisual archives, local records, grants and funding, college and university archives, conservation, religious archives & more; panels on the American Archival Revolution (the meeting's theme), reference services, archives and the law, urban history, business archives, documenting the electoral process, records management, the changing role of the state archivist, documenting science, machine readable records & more. Also on the schedule are tours, a number of gala entertainments, an archival film festival, business meetings, and receptions and meetings in Washington's historic buildings and cultural institutions.

Frank B. Evans, NARS Regional Commissioner for Region 3, chairs the Program Committee. Members are Nelle Bellamy, Episcopal Church Archivist; Arnold Brown, National Archives (Records Management); John Daly, Illinois State Archivist; David Gracy II, Georgia State University; Edie Hedlin, Wells Fargo Bank; Patricia L. Kennedy, Public Archives of Canada; Charles E. Lee, South Carolina Department of Archives and History; John F. Stewart, John F. Kennedy Library; Robert Svenningsen, Denver Federal Archives and Records Center; Jarritus B. Wolfinger, National Archives.

Serving as ex officio members of the Program Committee are C. F. W. Coker, editor of the *American Archivist*; Herbert C. Finch, 1977 program chairman; Donald F. Harrison, 1976 local arrangements chairman; Mary Lynn McCree, 1975 program chairman; Michael McReynolds, ICA coordinator; and Ann Morgan Campbell, SAA executive director.

The SAA annual meeting, the Society's 40th, will be held September 28-October 1, 1976, in Washington's Statler Hilton Hotel.

The International Congress on Archives will meet concurrently with the Society.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN'S HISTORY SOURCES SURVEY. 19 field workers to assist in project surveying archives and ms. repositories for sources documenting the history of women in the U.S. Three months' full time during 1976; \$1,000 per month with travel expenses paid. Qualifications required: advanced degree in American history or American studies with experience working with mss. (employment in an archives preferred). Qualifications desired: familiarity with women's history and/or a particular region of the country. Prefer victims of the work ethic. Send applications, resume, and the names of three references before January 25 to: Clarke Chambers and Andrea Hinding, Social Welfare History Archives, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

ARCHIVIST and EDITORIAL ASSISTANT to arrange and process large ms. (archival) collection and to prepare detailed finding aid and index to selected correspondence, which will be printed. Requirements: at least three years' experience as mss./archives processor, experience in producing guides and indexes, and scholarly writing skills. M.A. in American history desirable. Salary \$11,500 plus depending on experience, for an approximate two year project. Avail. immediately. Send resume to: Jack T. Ericson, Editor, Micro-filming Corp. of America, 21 Harristown Road, Glen Rock, NJ 07452.

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 St., Washington, DC 20577.

CURATOR OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Collection includes published works, mss., mementoes and correspondence of authors and figures prominent in the government and affairs of the Mississippi Valley; theater and oral history collections. Qualifications: M.A. in history, humanities, or social sciences plus accredited M.L.S.; experience in archival or ms. work necessary. Rank and salary negotiable. 12 month contract, 24 days annual leave. Position available January, 1976. Send complete credentials to: Wilma Hendrix, Coordinator of Public Services, Memphis State Univ. Libraries, Memphis, TN 38152. Equal opportunity employer.

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. Apply by Jan. 15, 1976 to: Dr. Thomas Smith, Director, Ohio Historical Society, I-71 & 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211.

ARCHIVIST II to serve under the head, Bureau of Archives and History, assisting in formulation of plans, policies and procedures. Major responsibility as chief of records management for state library. Will assume responsibility for operation of state records storage center, develop and revise record retention schedules for state and local offices. B.A. plus Master's degree in library science, history, or public administration, one year professional experience as records manager for federal/state agency or private business required. Salary \$11,710-15,812. Request application form from Civil Service Commission, State and Montgomery Streets, Trenton, NJ 08625.

COMPILER, guide to resources in recent U.S. history under direction of the Dean of Library Administration. Responsible for preparation of descriptions of collections pertaining to the history of the U.S. in the 20th century in the University Libraries, the State Historical Society, and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa. Descriptions of specific groups will be made in cooperation with designated librarians in each of the named repositories. The descriptions are to be published in a volume in late 1976 or early 1977. Requirements: graduate study in American history, knowledge of standard works of reference, familiarity with library catalogs and bibliographical practices, and ability to present detailed information in writing with clarity and precision. Must have a car. Appointment will not exceed one year. Librarian I level, salary \$10,500-12,000 per annum. Available February 1, 1976, an equal opportunity employer. Apply to Dean of Library Administration, Univ. of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA 52242.

CANDIDATES

POSITION as ARCHIVIST or MSS. CURATOR with supervisory responsibilities desired. B.A. in political science, M.A. in history, Ph.D. candidate in American history. Specialties in colonial period and 19th century; course in archival administration. Two years' with state historical survey, presently serving as its librarian, editing guide to its collections, and supervising full-time staff. Experience with all aspects of archival and ms. work. Eleven years' teaching experience, publications. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-268.

APPRENTICESHIP in ARCHIVES or LIBRARY desired, remuneration a secondary consideration. B.A., M.A. in American history, certificate from archives institute. Experience in editing facts from documents and periodicals. Available now. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-320.

Position in MSS./ARCHIVES in historical society, univ., or special collection desired by M.A. candidate. Background in American history, museum studies, and art history. Internship cataloging mss. in special collections, experience in oral history and exhibit design. Archives certificate. Willing to relocate; avail. June 1, 1976. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-321.

M.A. in AMERICAN HISTORY, M.A. in LIBRARIANSHIP, certificate in archives, seeks entry level position in archives or ms. collection. One year of field work experience in archives, including accessioning and appraisal of private and public records, compilation of administrative histories. Strong background in research methods. Will consider parttime. Willing to relocate. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-317.

ARCHIVIST with 13 years of federal service in archives, five years in supervisory capacity, seeks responsible, challenging position in government, industry, or univ. in Northern Calif. Experience in accessioning, reference service and records disposition functions. Certificate from archival institute. Avail. immediately. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-318.

M.A. in U.S. HISTORY, Ph.D. in progress seeks responsible position as archivist, mss. curator/processor, or researcher. Certificate from archives institute. Publication and teaching experience. Willing to relocate. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-307.

Position as ARCHIVIST or MSS. CURATOR desired. M.A. in history, law degree. Experience in univ. archives with all aspects of archives/mss. work, including donor relations, accessioning, preparation of finding aids, reference, photo conservation and archival research. Basic knowledge of microfilm techniques. Certificate from archival institute. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-319.

M.L.S., M.A. in AMERICAN HISTORY, 14 years' experience in archives, library work. Experience includes administration, acquisitions, management, preparation of finding aids, reference, cataloging, public relations, exhibits. Publications. Seeking responsible position in archives or historical mss. repository. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-302.

B.A. in SOCIAL STUDIES, M.A. in U.S. HISTORY desires beginning position in archives, mss., or historical research. 16 months' experience with state Antiquities Commission doing research for historical preservation; library, writing, and teaching experience. Avail. immediately, willing to relocate. Resume avail. from Exec. Dir. A-303.



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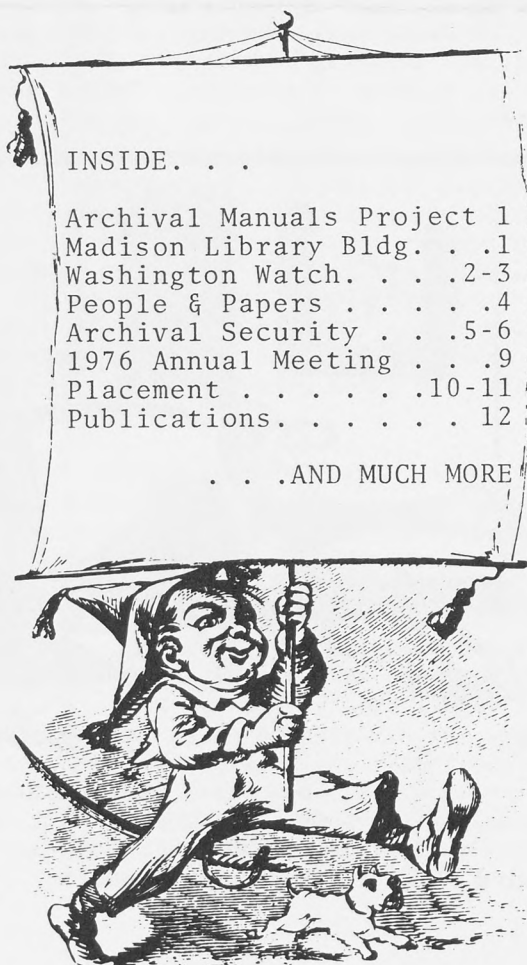
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A Directory of College and University Archives in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and Western New York and Western Pennsylvania, published by the Society of Ohio Archivists, can be obtained for 75¢ from Stephen Morton, Library, Bowling Green State University Library, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403.

A Directory of Archival and Manuscript Repositories in California, published by the Society of California Archivists, is available for \$2.25 from Society of California Archivists, PO Box 751, Redlands, CA 92373.

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