

• SAA Newsletter

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\$1 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR RECORDS GRANT PROGRAM OF NHPRC

Funding which the SAA had called for in Capitol Hill testimony (see May 1976 *SAA Newsletter*, p. 3) has been made available by Congress to the new records grant program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The original FY77 appropriation bill submitted by the administration to Congress had not included the funding. However, efforts mounted by a coalition of archivists, editors, historians and others to urge Congress to write in financial assistance were successful.

A major facet of this endeavor was the appearance before a House appropriations subcommittee of Philip P. Mason, Edward Weldon, and Ann Morgan Campbell on behalf of the SAA; Robert Williams on behalf of the National Association of State Archives and Records Administrators; and Mack Thompson and Walter Rundell, Jr. on behalf of the American Historical Association. The Society of American Archivists is the only professional organization which made appearances before Congress both in 1975 and 1976 in this regard.

Although contacts to Congress had asked for additional appropriations, the funds which will become available in October 1976 were transferred from the budget request of the National Archives and Records Service. While this transfer of appropriations is not expected to have a severe impact on NARS FY77 operations, archivists hope that arrangements will be made hereafter for separate funding so that the crucial work of the National Archives is not threatened in order to stimulate badly-needed regional and local records projects.

SAA/ICA '76 CONVENES IN WASHINGTON

Well over a thousand archivists from this country and abroad are expected to attend the concurrent meetings of the Society of American Archivists and the International Congress on Archives in Washington, D.C. September 27 to October 1.

Although there was an Extraordinary International Congress on Archives in Washington in 1966, this year's Eighth Quadrennial Congress is the first regular meeting in the Western Hemisphere of the international organization. Persons registered for the Society's 40th annual meeting are invited to attend the plenary sessions of the ICA. These sessions will be simultaneously translated into five languages: English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. The Statler-Hilton Hotel is serving as headquarters for most ICA and SAA activities.

Highlights of SAA's program will include the presidential address of Elizabeth Hamer Kegan; recognition of the Society's founders, many of whom will be present; the announcement of the Society's prizes and awards for 1976; and a full, lively program of sessions and workshops designed to stimulate and inform both SAA members and ICA delegates alike. Elsie Freivogel, 1976 program chairwoman, has identified three themes in the program that reflect the revolution of archival practice in our time: changes in the archivist's perception of his or her role, changes in the media of records, and changes in technological applications. Major sessions will address each of these challenges.

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SAA/ICA '76 CONTINUED

Special attention will be directed in this election year to a session featuring archivists and officials of political campaigns entitled, "Documenting the Electoral Process." The panel will consider the difficult challenge of collecting and using documentation of political campaigns--perhaps America's closest approximation to open public discussion of real issues. Another session of immediate interest will provide an opportunity for SAA members to meet with members, staff and consultants of the National Study Commission on the Records and Documents of Public Officials to discuss the work of this body which is charged with submitting recommendations to Congress by March 1977. A third topical session will consider the question of the independence of the National Archives--one that is being raised again in the aftermath of the 1973 Nixon-Sampson agreement. The session will seek to deal with the issue in the context of the administrative placement of two other levels of government archives, state and municipal.

In addition to a full schedule of sessions, SAA has also arranged a complete selection of workshops--informal problem-solving gatherings, designed to provide working advice for new archivists and new perspectives for experienced archivists. Some workshop meetings will be held in the Library of Congress and the National Archives. Many archivists dealing with religious records will journey to the Sisters of Mercy Generalate for a special workshop discussion of the problems of developing and administering the archives of a religious community. Sr. Mary Felicitas Powers, RSM is coordinating this activity.

Another important annual meeting attraction will be an international group of exhibits by commercial firms, archival repositories, and professional associations which will be located in the headquarters hotel. Mary Boccaccio has headed the plans for this facet of the meeting.

A full series of gala social events is scheduled both in the headquarters hotel and cultural institutions throughout the city. Donald F. Harrison is directing local arrangements for the Society's fortieth annual meeting.

GOVERNOR BROWN AND CALIFORNIA'S ARCHIVES PROGRAMS

Archival programs throughout California are suffering because of actions and inactions of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

In July, the Governor trimmed \$50,918 appropriated for the California State Archives from the Legislature's proposed budget before signing it into law. The sum was requested to fund four additional positions--2 professional and 2 clerical. In announcing the cut, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported Brown was criticized for ignoring his duties as keeper of the archives in his previous position as California's Secretary of State.

The Governor's cooperation is required, and at *Newsletter* presstime still not forthcoming, in another area of concern to California archivists and manuscript curators. In order for the state's institutions to be eligible to submit grant requests in the new records program of NHPRC (see p. 1 of this Newsletter) Governor Brown must appoint a state records coordinator and board. This action has been taken by all but a handful of state chief executives.

In response to a query from the *SAA Newsletter*, NHPRC reported receiving more inquiries regarding the records program from institutions in California than from any other state. However, the archival and manuscript institutions of the country's most populous state are still not eligible for NHPRC's records grant program due to the inaction of their governor's office.

FALL MEETINGS

September 8-11 Archival Association of Atlantic Canada. Univ. of King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Contact C. Bruce Fergusson, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 1Z9.

October 29-30 Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. Harrisburg, PA. Contact Martha Slotten, Dickinson College Library, Carlisle, PA 17013.

November 4-6 Midwest Archives Conference. Springfield, IL. Contact John Daly, Illinois State Archives, Springfield, IL 62756.

SAA BECOMES SPONSOR OF INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED RECORDS MANAGERS

The Council of the Society has accepted an invitation for the SAA to become a sponsor of the Institute of Certified Records Managers. ICRM was established in January 1975 to promote standards of professional achievement and conduct and to recognize those who meet those standards by awarding the designation "Certified Records Manager." The Institute is an independent body now sponsored by ARMA and SAA.

SAA President-elect Robert Warner has named Edward N. Johnson, Chief of the Florida Bureau of Archives and Records Management, to represent SAA on ICRM's Board of Regents. Johnson is one of approximately 50 persons who have been designated Certified Records Managers in the program's first year and a half of operation.

SAA member William L. Rofes is president of ICRM's Board of Regents, while another SAA member, S. J. Pomrenze, is vice-president.

76-HOUR VIGIL AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES DRAWS 25,000

More than 25,000 visitors viewed the Declaration of Independence during a 76-hour vigil at the National Archives over the Fourth of July Weekend. At times the waiting lines wrapped around the building and stretched for three or four blocks.

"Gerald Ford--Grand Rapids, Michigan" topped the first page of a special register which the visitors were asked to sign. This record of all those who viewed the Declaration during the vigil will be microfilmed and preserved in a time capsule for reopening in 2076.

In addition to the vigil and the time capsule register signing, the National Archives sponsored a birthday party on its front steps July 4. The enthusiastic crowd cheered the most-loved lines from the Declaration as it was read by an actor dressed in colonial garb. After the reading, Archivist of the United States James B. Rhoads cut a birthday cake.

SAA PUBLISHES FINDING AIDS HANDBOOK

The *Handbook* is ready. Four years in preparation, *Inventories and Registers: A Handbook of Techniques and Examples*, a report of the Committee on Finding Aids, distills the essence of current practice in North American archival and manuscripts repositories in the preparation of inventories and registers.

Plans for the project began under the leadership of Frank G. Burke, chairperson of the group in 1972-73. The work was prepared for publication under the direction of David B. Gracy II, who now chairs the committee.

The *Handbook* had an impact long before its completion, for this is the printed version of the mimeographed "Draft Standards for the Preparation of Registers and Inventories" cited by Kenneth Duckett in *Modern Manuscripts*.

The Committee submits this report to archivists in the hope that ultimately it will serve as the foundation upon which a set of standards for inventories and registers can be built. The *Handbook* will be available for sale at the Washington annual meeting. Mail orders may be sent to the Chicago office. The prepaid cost is \$2.00 to SAA members, \$4.00 to others; add \$1.00 postage and handling for orders which are not prepaid.

KINNEY TO ALASKA; EAST TO OHIO

John M. Kinney, former Texas State Archivist, has accepted the position of State Archivist of Alaska. Kinney, a Fellow of the Society, serves as a member of SAA's Security Project Advisory Committee.

Dennis East, chairperson of SAA's Labor Archives Committee, has accepted the position of Chief, Archives-Manuscript Division at Ohio Historical Society. East was formerly on the Staff of the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University.

2ND SAA FILM FESTIVAL
WASHINGTON
SEPT. 29. 1:30-3:30

The New Professionals

Georgia Department of
Archives and History,
Ann Pederson

Library Orientation
Film

Lyndon B. Johnson
Library, John Fawcett

Where Would You Go?
Documenting American
Labor

Southern Labor Ar-
chives, Georgia State
University,
David B. Gracy II

American Women Through
the Camera's Eye

National Archives and
Records Service,
Nancy Malan

Chaired by Frank G.
Burke, this special
program at the SAA
annual meeting, will
feature persons re-
sponsible for the
production of each
AV presentation dis-
cussing goals, pro-
duction processes,
costs, results and
related subjects.

DIRECTORY OF REPOSITORIES OF
HISTORICAL RECORDS PLANNED BY NHPRC

More than 10,000 institutions and organiza-
tions throughout the country have recently
been contacted by the National Historical
Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)
as the first step toward the production
of a *Directory of Repositories of Histor-
ical Records*. The guide, which will
provide summary information on historical
records of all types in as many repositories
as possible, as well as other basic infor-
mation about each repository, is expected
to include many more institutions than
any prior publication in this field.

The *Directory* will employ an automated
system permitting periodic revision and
update as well as computer-generated
printing. The system will permit the
production of small directories for in-
dividual states or other areas.

In addition to summary information about
the geographical, chronological, subject
and other characteristics of the records
held by each repository, the *Directory*
will list the name, address, telephone
number, hours and days of service of each
institution.

Other information will include user fees,
general restrictions on use, availability
of copying facilities, acquisitions policy,
volume of holdings, repository guides and
other printed descriptions of holdings.

Numerous repositories have already begun
to return the repository information form
sent out by the Commission. Institutions
that have not yet received a form are
invited to contact the Commission.

A discussion of the *Directory* and of the
Commission's overall guide project will
be held during a workshop on September
29 at the Society's annual meeting in
Washington. The Commission's staff will
be available throughout the SAA meeting
to discuss repository information forms
and other matters relating to the
Directory, as well as the records grant
program.

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

ARCHIVAL SECURITY NEWSLETTER

DOCUMENTS UNCLAIMED IN UCLA THEFT CASE

On May 20, Ronald Ellis Wade of La Quinta, California was arrested in connection with the theft of historical documents from the University of California at Los Angeles (see *SAA Newsletter*, July 1976, p.5). At the time of his arrest, Wade turned over several hundred documents and letters to police officials. Most have been claimed. The following list, compiled by James V. Mink of UCLA, represents those items which are as yet unclaimed. Archivists, especially in the Southwest, are advised to check their collections to ascertain if any of these items can be identified as their property. If this is the case, contact the SAA at (312) 996-3379.

Cass, Lewis

ALS; to Sen(ator James A.) Shields?; 2/16/1852; lp; brief note of thanks for a letter.

Eisenhower, Dwight D.

TLS; to Mrs. Jenny S. Brace, Denver, CO; 8/3/1952; lp; acknowledges with thanks Ms. B's letter following his nomination.

Hayes, Rutherford B.

DS; 5/10/1879; Washington, D.C.; lp; directing Sec. of State to affix seal of U.S. to warrant for pardon of Joseph Howard.

Hoover, Herbert

TLS; to Emil Bunjes, Houston, TX; 5/24/1941; New York; lp; Glad B. liked his "statement to the American people," believes it contributed to clear issue as to peace or war.

Hoover, Herbert

TLS; to Delbert M. Reynolds, Los Angeles; 1/3/1943; New York; lp; will not get into anybody's campaign unless asked and in way not to humiliate him, is told Warren hopes for VP nomination.

Jackson, Andrew

Frank envelope signed; addressed: John C. Rives, Esq., Proprietor & Publisher of the Globe, City of Washington, D of Columbia. Postmark: Nashville, Tenn., 6/30(1842).

Jay, John

ALS; to (T.E.C.?); 4/18/1837; New York; 2p; States "Seminal Case occurred in November 1832," father is quite well, regards to addressee's family.

Kennedy, John F.

TLS; to Hon. Wright Patman, Texarkana, TX; 10/25/1960; Washington, D.C.; lp; signed: "John"; Thanks for support in campaign and news of its progress in the South.

Pierce, Franklin

Printed document filled in & signed; also signed by William L. Marcy as Sec. of State; 10/16/1856; Washington, D.C.; sailing authorization for ship Lagoda, John D. Willard, Master.

Roosevelt, Franklin D.

to Arthur Carpenter, Warm Springs, GA; 10/18/1930; New York; encloses check for \$2000, contribution to Patient's Aid, "I hope you will never ask me for any more money!"

Roosevelt, Franklin D.

TLS; to Mr. Crowley; 5/24/1941; New York; lp; requests check on GA Warm Springs Foundation issued to J. Forbes Amory, \$500 for partial payment of salary due for "his campaign work this past summer and fall."

Smith, Nelson Lee

TLS; to Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson, House of Representatives; 3/26/1947; Washington, D.C.; 3p; Re HR 2185, bill for regulating gathering and production of oil and natural gas with reasons why Congress should not enact bill. Signed as Chairman of the Federal Power Commission.

Taft, William Howard

TLS; to Orley P. Hendricks; 2/5/1926; lp; "I should like to know what the general subject of your interview is to be because I have to husband my time."

Tyler, John

Printed Document; filled in & signed; 10/16/1842; Washington, D.C.; also signed by Daniel Webster as Sec. of State, sailing authorization for ship Gideon (Haveloon?), Arthur Cox, Master.

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ELECTRONIC SENSING DEVICES AND ARCHIVAL SECURITY

The growing interest in better security systems for archives and manuscript collections has precipitated numerous questions about electronic sensing devices. Many archivists and librarians are interested in the application of such equipment to their holdings. Checkpoint Systems of Barrington, New Jersey, has made some progress in this area with its Mark II security system.

The Mark II consists of pressure sensitive detection labels and two electronic sensing screens. The electronic circuit in the labels produces a unique signal which disturbs a low energy field when passed between the two screens. The detection labels, approximately 3 1/4" x 2 3/4", also serve as book plates or marks of ownership on documents. The system has most recently been installed in the public search room of the United States Patent Office in order to prevent the loss of valuable patents.

Even though Mark II has potential for the protection of manuscripts, the system has obvious limitations. First, the relatively large size of the detection label precludes its use on documents with writing on both sides. Second, the adhesive used on the labels has yet to be subjected to paper conservation tests. Third, the minimum charge of \$9150 for two screens and 50,000 labels puts the system out of reach for many small repositories. However, if the size of the label could be reduced and if an acid-free adhesive could be assured, the Mark II system could offer substantial protection to large archives and manuscript repositories. For more information contact Peter Stein, Checkpoint Systems, 110 E. Gloucester Pike, Barrington, New Jersey 08007.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Although the SAA 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 NEH.

SECURITY PROGRAM ATTORNEY TO MEET WITH ARCHIVISTS

Alex Ladenson, legal counselor for SAA's Archival Security Program, will meet with individual Society members interested in discussing improved state laws relating to archival theft. Ladenson, who is both an attorney and a librarian, is editor of *American Library Laws*. The informal meeting is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in room 509 of the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

BOOK THEFT SUSPECT CAPTURED

James W. Mull was returned to the United States from Switzerland on July 15 to face charges in the theft of more than 200 rare books from the Special Collections Department of Stanford University. Mull had been the object of an international manhunt after he fled the country in April 1975.

He faces charges of grand theft, burglary and possession of stolen property as well as a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. The suspect is accused of stealing the rare books while he was a graduate student at Stanford. Library officials said that all the books have been recovered.

NOTICE TO RESEARCHERS

The staff of the Labor-Management Documentation Center, Cornell University, suggests that the following statement be stamped on selected folders containing valuable material:

NOTICE TO RESEARCHER

This folder contains ___ document sheets or fragments which will be recounted after every use. No sheet or fragment may be removed from the reading room without the specific permission of a staff member.

A number of other institutions have begun similar programs to keep security in the mind of the researcher.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

An archival policies and procedures manual prepared for the Salem Heights Archives is available for \$2.00. Although the manual was compiled for a specific religious community, its contents have wide application. Order from Salem Heights Archives, Sisters of the Precious Blood, 4830 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45416.

A limited number of *Paperwork Management Programs*, prepared by SAA's Records Management Committee, are available free of charge to members from the office of the executive director.

The Government Printing Office has published a digest of information on the Privacy Act of 1974 entitled *Protecting Your Right to Privacy*. The 740 page volume identifies about 6,600 record filing systems kept by Federal departments and agencies. \$5.00 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402.

The Northern Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society has published a handsome facsimile edition of the *Flagstaff Cook Book*. The volume was first published in 1896 by the Ladies Aid Society of the Flagstaff Methodist Episcopal Church. \$5.00 from the Northland Press, PO Box N, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001.

The A.K. Smiley Public Library, Redlands, California 92373, has recently published *A Selective Bibliography of Books, Pamphlets, Letters, Documents and Other Materials in the Heritage Collection of the A.K. Smiley Public Library and A Selective Bibliography of Books, Pamphlets, Letters, Documents and Other Materials in the Lincoln Memorial Shrine*. \$1.75 each.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

November 1-12 The Institute: Introduction to Modern Archives Administration, conducted at the National Archives. Contact Department of History, The American University, Washington, D.C. 20016.

November 13 One-Day Archives Institute, C.W. Post Center, Long Island University. Contact Palmer Graduate Library School, C.W. Post Center, Greenvale, New York 11548.

December 6-10 Seminar on the Conservation of Paper, Chicago. Contact Educational Programs, AASLH, 1400 8th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

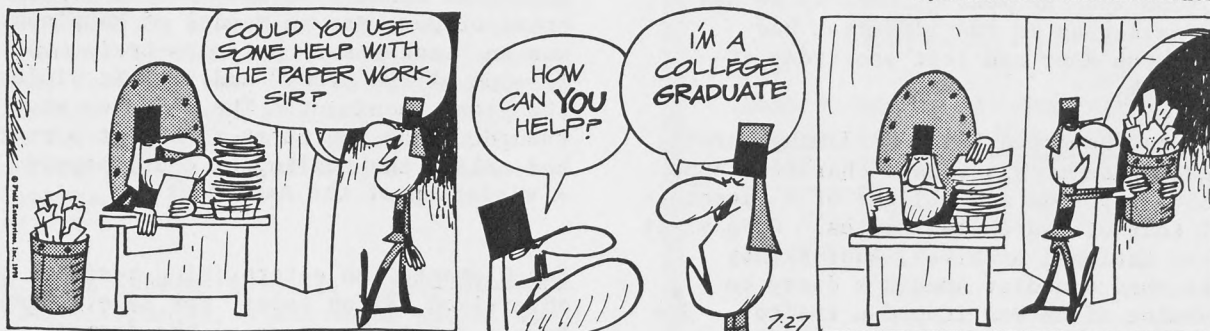
January 10-14 Administration of Museum Libraries and Archives, Smithsonian Institution. Contact Workshop Series, Office of Museum Programs, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

LET SAA BE AMONG THE FIRST TO KNOW WHEN YOU PLAN A MOVE!

Relocating can be an expensive experience, both for the mover and for the mover's professional society. Charges for forwarding mail and for receiving "postage due" change of address notices from the post office have more than doubled recently.

Each year an increasing percentage of the Society's budget must be allocated to postal services. Notifying the Chicago office of your new address at least 4 weeks before you move will help ensure timely delivery of publications and assist in eliminating an unnecessary expense.

CROCK



CROCK by Brant Parker and Bill Rechin, as published in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Courtesy of Field Newspaper Syndicate

PEOPLE



PAPERS

Paris Journals written by Louis Philippe on a visit to the United States were released from family vaults by the current leader of the Bourbon royal house as a gesture to the United States on its 200 birthday. Writing in 1797, Louis Philippe found that "Americans are in the habit of never walking if they can ride."

Chicago. Nearly 13,000 librarians gathered in July for the centennial conference of the American Library Association. A message to the meeting from President Ford announced dates for a long-awaited White House conference on libraries and information services. Another message from Jimmy Carter, the Democratic Presidential nominee, promised to "reevaluate Federal help for libraries so that assistance reaches those who need it and so that waste and duplication are eliminated."

Rome Thousands of clay tablets found in Syria by archaeologists from Rome University are shedding new light on the history of the Jewish people. The tablets, found in the archives room of the excavated royal palace of ELBA, span the period from 2400 to 2250 B.C. A throne pedestal, also found in the room, indicates that the ruler used the area to receive visitors. The tablets had been stacked vertically on wooden shelves which had burned in a fire. The tablets were undamaged by the flames, although many broke when they fell to the floor. Over the centuries the ruins had become buried. A member of the archeological team was quoted as saying, "When we saw the room and the mess of tablets we had the feeling as if the librarian had locked the door and left yesterday at 5 o'clock."

Beautiful Downtown Burbank Johnny Carson, in the guise of his feisty character Aunt Blabby, reported a highlight of a Bicentennial tour of the United States. On a visit to the National Archives, Aunt Blabby researched Benedict Arnold's diary to determine if he was indeed a traitor. She could draw no firm conclusions--18½ pages were missing.

New York A former archival student is included among the followers of the controversial Sun Myung Moon according to the June 2 *New York Daily News*. Described as "an emaciated, glazed-eyed type," the 30-year old Moonie told the *Daily News* columnist that he spent six years studying to become an archivist before altering his ambitions to become a disciple of Moon and save the world.

Los Angeles In a July 20 ruling, a Superior Court judge refused to seal permanently the will of William Randolph Hearst because "that would have been tantamount to denying the public the right to know what was done in probate courts." Hearst died in 1951 leaving an estate valued at more than \$200 million. Trustees of the estate argued that permanent closure of the files was necessary to protect the Hearst family from terrorist attacks.

London Asked a year ago to find out what was in the basement of the United Kingdom Temperance Alliance's headquarters building, the Reverend Dr. Oliver Beckerlegge discovered 150 years worth of reasons why you should not take that drink. Since that time Beckerlegge has spent three days a week sorting, shelving and cataloging the material. The valuable collection of pamphlets, books, clippings and minutes has been placed in the Alliance's Library-Archives which is now open to the public.

Richmond The United States Court of Appeals ruled in July that the sealing of all court papers in connection with the corruption trial of Gov. Marvin Mandel of Maryland was an "unnecessary prior restraint on freedom of the press" and that it violated the First Amendment. The decision was thought to be the first time that a court had called the sealing of court papers a violation of the Amendment.

San Clemente An enterprising resident has advertised "Nixon tapes" for sale. They turned out to be tapes of the former president's speeches.



Washington George McGovern, a vocal supporter of Israel, came under fire recently because he had rented a home in Washington to the Syrian Ambassador. He explained on the floor of the Senate that he had purchased the property for use as "a center for the storage and historical study of the papers from my 1972 campaign." This idea was opposed by citizens of the area's neighborhood association, thus he instructed his lawyer to locate a suitable tenant. McGovern announced that all of his public papers are now to be housed at Princeton and complained, "I would have had less publicity if I had bought a massage parlor out in Fairfax."

Chattanooga In a July 10 ceremony honoring the Bicentennial, the National Park Service opened a sealed vault on a Civil War battlefield searching for a glimpse into the past. The vault was empty. Scratch marks found inside the vault indicated that it had been vandalized probably in the early part of the century.

Locksmiths, who had been unable to find a combination to the vault spent several hours cutting a hole in the door of the safe. Several hundred spectators appeared stunned at the discovery of the theft.

Ottawa A familiar face to Canadians watching Hockey Night in Canada--possibly North America's oldest continuous program on radio and television--is that of the National Film Archives' Bill Galloway. One of the program's most popular intermission features is "Galloway's Gallery" which presents some of the hockey history to be found in the Archives. In addition to publicizing the Public Archives' role in preserving the past for future generations, Galloway has received literally thousands of offers of old photographs, film footage, and other materials documenting the history of a wide variety of sports.

Las Vegas Where there are wills, there are ways. For \$5, a Las Vegas entrepreneur offers reproductions of the first 24 wills filed claiming the Howard Hughes fortune.

Mount Vernon A collection of 128 letters from George Washington to William Pearce, Washington's Mount Vernon manager, has been returned to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association on permanent loan. Dr. Sol Feinstein, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, presented the collection which originally cost him \$225,000 to acquire. The letters will be exhibited and will also be available for research.

Boston A measure transferring state-owned land in Boston to the federal government for construction of the John F. Kennedy Library was approved in August by the Massachusetts Legislature. The bill makes a part of the University of Massachusetts-Boston campus available for construction of the library. A projected new Massachusetts state archives building has been proposed to adjoin the long-delayed Kennedy facility.

Washington Recent congressional testimony indicated that the FBI is up to its neck in demands from individuals to inspect their bureau files, which must now be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Bureau now receives some 60,000 requests a year and spends more than 240,000 man-hours to fill them. This year, the FBI will spend more than \$2.6 million processing the requests. Congress had estimated it would cost \$100,000 annually to answer requests throughout the federal bureaucracy.

HELP!

Readers can assist the SAA Newsletter by sending appropriate state and local newspaper articles, with name and date of publication, to the Chicago office.

Washington Watch

1976 Tax Law Revision A provision sponsored by Senators Javits and Pell which would allow tax deductions for donations to libraries and archives of some self-created materials has been accepted by the Senate as part of tax reform legislation now under consideration. This measure would ameliorate, in part, the problems for collecting institutions created by the 1969 Tax Law which prohibited all such deductions. Papers prepared for or by individuals employed by government would not qualify under the measure. If the full Senate approves the Javits-Pell provision, as observers expect, it will still be a matter of discussion in conference with the House of Representatives.

Copyright Revision The bill for general revision of the copyright law is expected to be reported out of the House in the near future (see July SAA Newsletter, p. 4). The House version of the bill is substantially different than the measure approved by the Senate in a unanimous vote in February. Therefore, approval of a version by a conference committee will be necessary before the measure can become law in this session. It is anticipated that this may take place before adjournment.

ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The Rockefeller University has established a research grant program. Grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 will be made to graduate students or advanced scholars engaged in projects based substantially on the holdings of the Rockefeller Archive Center. Applications for grants during 1977 should be made before December 31, 1976. The names of the recipients will be announced on March 1, 1977. Applications should describe the proposed topic, and be accompanied by a personal resume and at least two letters of recommendation.

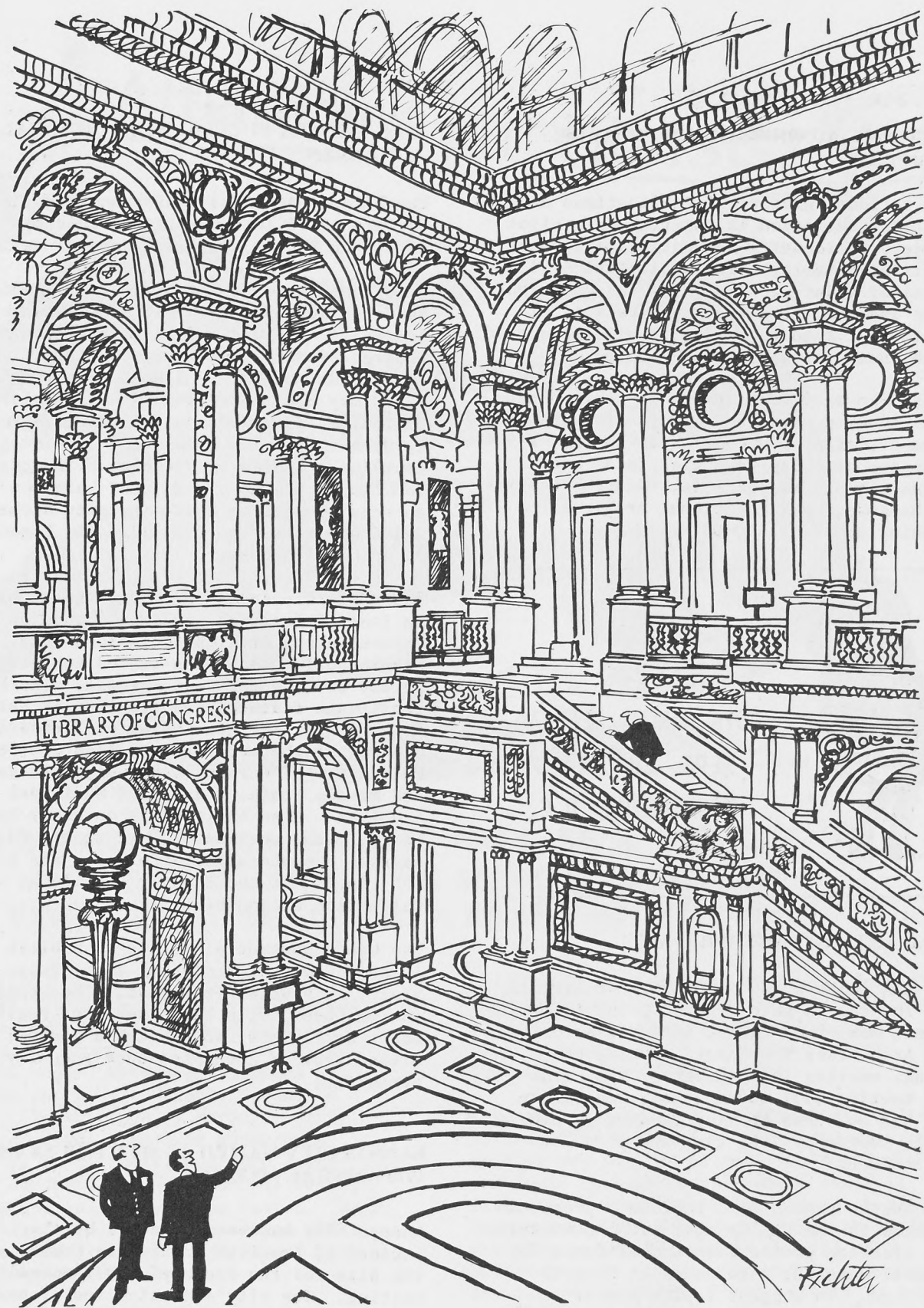
Contact: Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, Hillcrest, Pocantico Hills, North Tarrytown, New York 10591.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT STRENGTHENED BY COURT DECISION

In a 5-to-3 decision that may be indicative of future trends, the Supreme Court this spring strengthened the Freedom of Information Act. The Court ruled in favor of the disclosure of government information, even though disclosure required that a federal judge review the records in question and delete those portions which would permit identification of individuals. The case in question concerned the enforcement of the honor code at the Air Force Academy. The plaintiff claimed that the code's enforcement is unfair to accused cadets because it exposes them to questioning without legal safeguards and the risk of arbitrary disciplinary action. The high court held that the adequacy or inadequacy of Service academy disciplinary procedures is "undeniably significant to the public role of the military" and is therefore an issue in which the citizens have a stake.

The Court majority held that the following proposal appeared to be workable and should be tried: a federal judge would screen the documents before public release to eliminate names of individuals. The dissenters, however, argued that the Freedom of Information Act made no explicit provision for such a procedure and that it would impose an "intolerable burden on the district court." In the decision, Judge Brennan, writing for the majority, gave a narrow interpretation to the exemption that entitles the government to withhold information "the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." He admitted that the proposed screening procedure "cannot eliminate all risks of identifiability," but he argued that the law "does not protect against disclosure every incidental invasion of privacy--only such disclosures as constitute 'clearly unwarranted' invasions of personal privacy." The American Civil Liberties Union issued a statement after the decision saying that it might well set a helpful precedent in attempts to obtain the release of other historical files under the Freedom of Information Act.

THINK AHEAD...SAA '77 in Salt Lake City
SAA '78 in Nashville



"Hey, look! A congressman!"

Drawing by Richter; c 1976
The New Yorker Magazine, Inc.

ARCHIVAL FUNDING SOURCES TO BE COMPILED

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission is undertaking a pilot project to identify foundations and other institutions--large and small--which will consider grant proposals for the preservation and use, including publication, of historical records. Results will be shared with those who wish to have them.

If you know of foundations or other potential funding sources for such projects please contact the Commission so that a questionnaire may be mailed to as many organizations as possible. Address Larry J. Hackman, NHPRC, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.



SAA '76
40TH ANNUAL MEETING
SEPT. 28-OCT. 1
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WILL ACT ACT? ACT WILL ACT!

All SAA members and interested archivists are invited to meet with ACT, the informal caucus sometimes called Activist Archivists and Archivists for Change, during the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The ACT meeting will convene sometime before the SAA Business Meeting (Wednesday evening, September 29), time and place to be announced.

Discussion topics will include: proposed changes in the SAA Constitution; nomination and election procedures; travel funds for Council members; attendance at Council meetings. To suggest topics and/or to receive the *ACT Newsletter*, contact David Horn, DePauw University Archives, Greencastle, Indiana 46135.

MAC AND CIA PUBLISH NEW ARCHIVAL JOURNALS

The Midwest Archives Conference and the Conference of Intermountain Archivists have each recently begun a journal series.

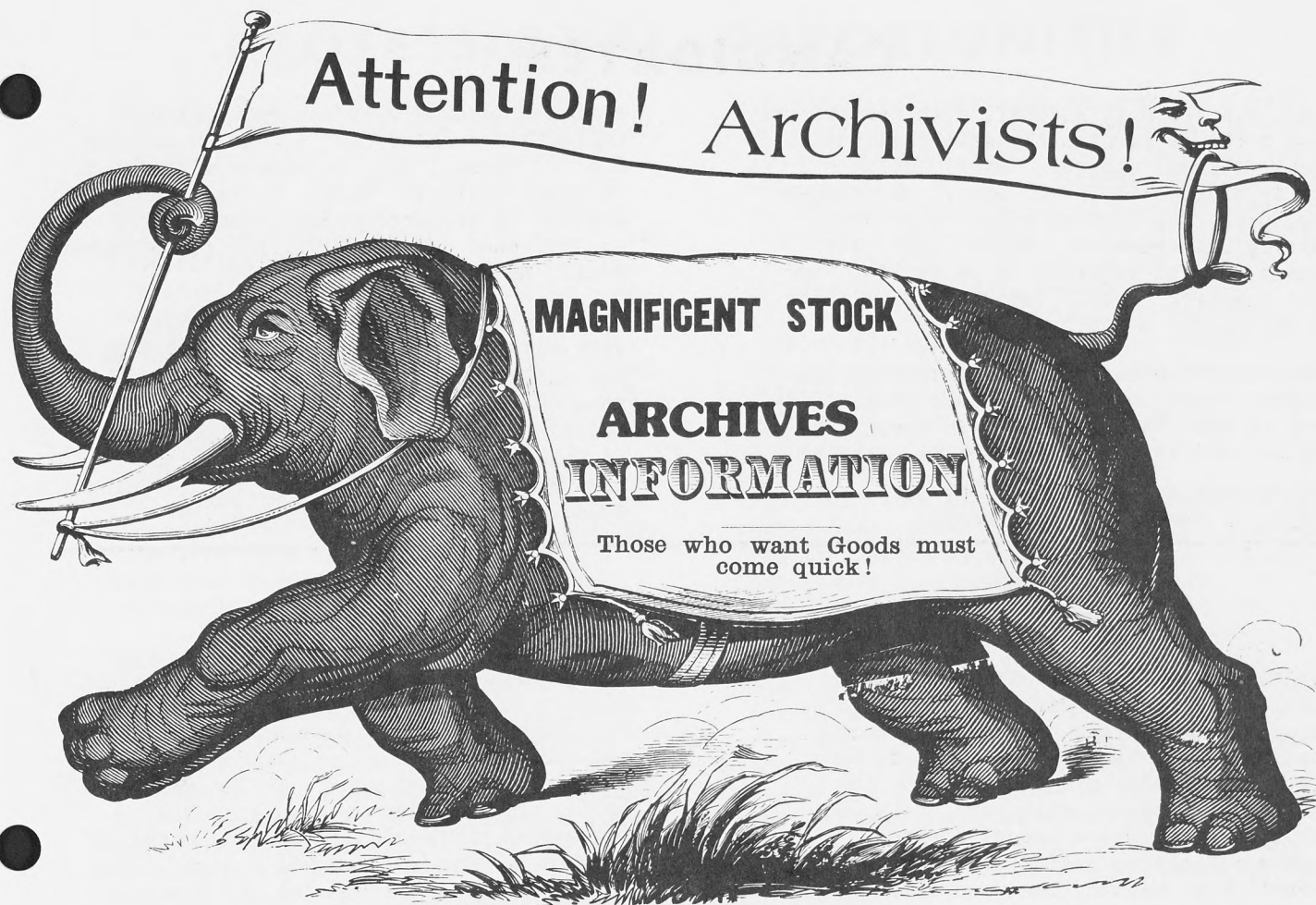
The first issue of *The Midwestern Archivist* is dated November 1975. The semi-annual journal is the work of an editorial board chaired by Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler. It is free to MAC members. Single copies at \$2.50 may be ordered from Joanne Hohler, 5742 Elder Pl., Madison, WI 53705. Volume I, Number 1 of *The Midwestern Archivist* contains articles by Nicholas C. Burckel, Charles B. Elston and Timothy Walch on aspects of college and university archives, and a progress report by James E. Fogerty on archival networks.

Intermountain Archivist was first published in journal format by the Conference of Intermountain Archivists in June 1976. Dennis Rowley serves as its editor, assisted by Bev Green and LaJean Purcell. The current issue features descriptions by Mary Ellen Glass, Everett Cooley and Frederick C. Gale of the archival holdings of the University of Nevada, Utah Universities, and Nevada State, County and Municipal Archives. Also included is an essay by Max J. Evans entitled, "Wake Up the Dinosaurs: Computers and Archives," and a description of the Stanley Snow Ivins's Collection by Ann Hinckley.

The CIA's present plans are to publish *Intermountain Archivist* at least twice yearly in newsletter format. The organization hopes, with the support of Pacific Coast archivists, to publish a journal entitled *Western Archivist* once annually hereafter.

KANSAS CITY NAMED AS SITE FOR SAA'S 1979 ANNUAL MEETING

Kansas City has been selected by the Society of American Archivists Council as the site for the Society's 1979 annual meeting. The city's combination of new cultural and entertainment facilities as well as its historical significance, makes it an ideal location for the convention.



**WASHINGTON SAA BOOTH WILL BE A CENTER OF
ACTIVITY DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING:
VISIT THE EXHIBIT AREA EARLY AND OFTEN!**

Publications Sales All Society publications will be on sale—including the new *Inventories and Registers: A Handbook of Techniques and Examples*. Also available will be *The Modern Manuscript Library* by Ruth Bordin and Robert Warner, *Norton on Archives: The Writings of Margaret Cross Norton on Archival & Records Management* edited by T. W. Mitchell, and *Shop Talk: Papers on Historical and Commercial Records of New England* edited by James Lawton. Each SAA registrant will receive a coupon which may be redeemed for a free *SAA Binder* with a \$2 publication purchase.

FREE! The new 1976 *Education Directory* will be available to all who visit the SAA booth.

Staff and Council SAA Officers, Council and staff members will be available at the SAA booth throughout the annual meeting. Stop by with questions, suggestions or just to get acquainted.

Placement Service Job applicants who will be available for interviews during the annual meeting are invited to make their resumes available through the placement service. A file of resumes will be maintained at the SAA booth, and will be made available to employers who wish to use the annual meeting as an opportunity to conduct interviews. Employers are welcome to submit announcements of professional opportunities, and to review the file of resumes. Material may be delivered to Joyce Gianatasio at the SAA booth Sept. 29 or 30.

CANDIDATES

B.A., M.A. in U.S. HISTORY, with certificate from archives institute, seeks position as archivist/mss. curator. Bkgd. includes 1 yr. in histl. soc., with exper. in processing, preparing finding aids and guides, editing and research. Histl. bkgd. includes special interest in black hist. and 20th century. Avail. immediately, willing to relocate. A-340.

Resp. position in ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION sought. B.A. in hist., M.L.S., graduate work in Amer. hist. Exper. in inventorying ms. colls. and state records. A-269.

All resumes are available from the office of the Executive Director.

Position as ARCHIVIST for PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION or MANUSCRIPTS CURATOR desired. B.A. in German, M.A. in museum work, Ph.D. in Amer. culture. Exper. in research for exhibit of daguerreotypes. Contributed to published catalog. Willing to relocate. Avail. immediately. A-339.

POSITION as ARCHIVIST desired. 2 yrs. archival exper. Ph.D. in Russian/Soviet and European hist., M.A. in Amer. hist. Numerous publications and papers in archival/histl. fields. Reading knowledge of Russian, German, French, and other East European languages. 8 yrs. teaching exper. Avail. immediately. A-338.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

DIRECTOR, WILLIAM L CLEMENTS LIBRARY, Univ. of Michigan. Director sought to manage major library of rare Americana. Applicant must have strong bkgd. in Amer. hist., especially pre-1865. Ph.D. in Amer. hist., exper. with rare books and mss., administrative exper. desired. Send applications/nominations to Frederick H. Wagman, Chairman of the Search Committee, 816 Hatcher Library, Univ. of MI, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is interested in determining the best way to meet its current need in the administration of professional archival and manuscript work. While the following are not vacancy announcements, interested professionals are requested to forward detailed background data to Harry E. Whipkey, State Archivist and Director of the Bureau of Archives and History, PA Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17120.



The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is seeking to determine the availability of professionals interested in supervising a broad program of historical research, publication, editing, and cooperative services in the Division of History; and the availability of professionals interested in supervising a broad program of archival and manuscript activity in the Division of Archives and Manuscripts. Both positions would involve supervision of a staff of professional archivists and support personnel, and come under State Civil Service with a salary range of \$17,682-\$23,237. Basic qualifications for these positions include at least 4 yrs. of progressively resp. exper. and a masters degree in hist. or a closely related field, or any equivalent combination of exper. and training.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

HEAD OF THE ARCHIVES BRANCH, VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY to guide the development of a varied archival program. Under the supervision of the State Archivist, the Head will be resp. for recommendation of policies pertaining to the acquisition and disposition of Virginia's public records, planning and development of finding aids, maintenance of reference service, recommendation of purchases and acquisitions. M.A. in hist., govt., lib. science, public administration or political science, and substantial exper. administering large archival institution required; Ph.D. highly desirable. Avail. immediately. Salary \$17,150-\$22,400 with state fringe and retirement benefits. Request application form from Dolores E. Connelly, Personnel Manager, VA State Lib., 11th and Capitol Sts., Richmond, VA 23219.

ARCHIVIST III for major appointment in Walter P. Reuther Archives, Wayne State University. Duties include collecting and donor relations, special projects, publications and special events. 5 yrs. relevant exper. required, Ph.D. preferred. Salary negotiable. For information contact: Philip P. Mason, Director, Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University, 5401 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202.

CORPORATE ARCHIVIST, PACIFIC NORTHWEST. Forest products corporation seeks archivist or manuscripts curator. Previous business archives exper. desired but not required. Salary based on exper. Position avail. immediately. Send resume to Exec. Dir. E-3.

DIRECTOR, TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES to direct the activities of the Archives Division of the Texas State Library, supervise staff engaged in locating, acquiring, organizing, and preserving histl. materials for the State of Texas. Qualifications: M.A. in hist., govt. or Amer. studies; 3 yrs. professional archival exper.; 2 yrs. supervisory/administrative exper.; reading and writing knowledge of Spanish; knowledge of Texas and Southwestern hist. Avail. Sept. 1; salary \$21,000 plus benefits. Contact: Personnel Office, PO Box 12927, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711.

It is assumed that all employers listing positions in this section are in compliance with Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Regulations.

ARCHIVIST for TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT 1 yr. full time or 2 yrs. half time to begin October-November, 1976. M.A. in hist. or lib. science, archival training preferred. Duties include assisting in acquisitions, organizing collections, indexing oral hist. recordings, conducting oral hist. interviews, providing reference service. Salary negotiable, complete job description avail. upon request. Send resume to Darryl B. Podoll, Archivist, Washington University School of Medicine Library, 4580 Scott Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110. Applications accepted through Nov. 1, 1976.

ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST/CURATOR OF MANUSCRIPTS. Entry level position involving solicitation and processing of private mss. and univ. materials; continuation of oral hist. program; reference and public relations work. B.A., M.L.S. and/or M.A. in hist. required; archives certificate and oral hist. exper. desirable. Salary \$10,668 for 12 months, plus benefits. Position open Oct. 1, applications accepted through Sept. 15. Send letter of application, transcript and the names of three references to: Edward S. Warner, Director of Libraries, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ARMA. Experienced manager to direct professional activities of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators. Incumbent will initially work at home with clerical assistance. Position will require travel and public appearances. Salary negotiable. Send complete resume to Artel Ricks, NARS/GSA, 525 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

ARCHIVIST/SUPERVISOR, FLORIDA STATE ARCHIVES to be responsible for the operation of the repository for Florida's permanent public records and related histl. mss. Requirements: bachelors degree; 5 yrs. archival exper., 2 of which are in supervisory capacity (masters degree in hist. or related field may substitute for 1 yr. exper.; Ph.D. may substitute for additional yr. exper.). Salary \$1,150-1,590 per month. Avail. immediately. Apply to Director, Division of Archives, History & Recds. Management, Dept. of State, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

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