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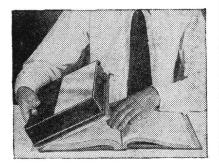
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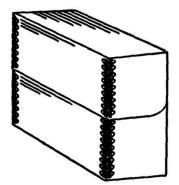
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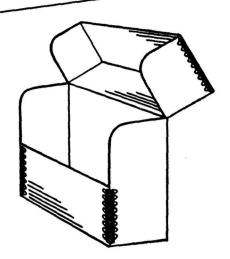
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THIS is the ninth annual bibliography compiled under the auspices of the Committee on Archival Bibliography of the Society of American Archivists. It is a selected list of references relating to archives, records management, and historical manuscripts that appeared between July 1950, and June 1951. A few items dated prior to July 1950, are included, however, either because they were actually issued after that date or because they were not available for examination and listing in earlier compilations. The number of such carried-over items will probably be larger in next year's compilation, as a result of an earlier publication deadline on the present one. Like its predecessors, the present bibliography does not include references to unpublished items, edited documents, publications in microfilm, library and historical reports devoting but a few lines to manuscript accessions, and items appearing in news notes, unless unusually significant.

The bibliography is classified broadly by subject. A list of the headings used is reproduced here for the convenience of the reader. The list is the same as last year's, except that Class II has been broken down into two parts, A and B, the latter set up to encompass a number of items that appeared during the year relating to the management and protection of records in wartime. For the rest, the scope of the several classes remains the same. Administrative reports of records centers are entered in Class IIIA. Items relating primarily to the scientific and technical aspects of the use of photography and to the reproduction of research materials are entered in Class VIII, whereas items relating primarily to the use of photography for purposes of original recording and records management are entered in Class IIA. As in former years, in Class VIIB will be found several items relating to United States government document (i. e., published document) bibliography, included because of the close relationship between the unpublished records and the published documents of the Federal Government.

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

A manuscript volume of George Washington's account of expenses as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, 1775-83, and records relating to the Louisiana Purchase, 1803-4, have been transferred to the National Archives from the Treasury Department. Other recent accessions include early 19th century bankruptcy case files of the District Court for the District of Rhode Island; maps compiled by the Forest Service in connection with a land classification survey of national forests, 1912-20; and records of the Philippine War Damage Commission, 1946-51, and the President's Commission on Migratory Labor, 1950-51.

Positive microfilm prints of State Department records relating to United States diplomatic relations with Brazil, 1809-1906 (87 rolls) and Italy, 1832-1906 (73 rolls) are now available through the National Archives microfilm publication program.

A staff information paper on Principles of Arrangement, a List of Documents Relating to Special Agents of the Department of State, 1789-1906, and a volume entitled Population Schedules 1800-1870: Volume Index to Counties and Major Cities have recently been published. Preliminary inventories of the records of the Selective Service System, 1940-47, the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, the War Shipping Administration, the Foreign Economic Administration, and the Retraining and Reemployment Administration have also been issued. Copies of these publications are available from the National Archives upon request.

The National Historical Publications Commission in a preliminary report to the President, submitted May 24, 1951, recommended the publication of the papers of five great Americans — Benjamin Franklin, John and John Quincy Adams, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison. This report, entitled "A National Program for the Publication of the Papers of American Leaders," summarizes what has already been done and outlines a tentative publications program. Although the opinions of about 150 scholars were obtained in preparing the report, much more study needs to be given to the development of a comprehensive program, the Commission stated, and it expects to issue a final report later.

Priority should be given, the Commission thinks, to publishing the papers of the five patriots mentioned. Their contributions to the development of the American government and the American way-of-life are so significant that complete editions of their papers, including letters written to them as well as by

them, is warranted. Since George Washington's writings have already been published in a modern edition by the U. S. Government (the 39-volume bicentennial edition) and Jefferson's papers are now being published at Princeton University, the publication of the papers of the Adamses and of Franklin, Hamilton, and Madison would give the Nation a matchless series documenting the founding and early history of the Republic.

In a speech at the Library of Congress in May 1950, when he expressed his hopes for the further publication of the papers of prominent Americans, President Truman said: "I am interested not just in political figures, but in the writings of industrialists and labor leaders, chemists and engineers, painters and lawyers, of great figures of all the arts and sciences who have made major contributions to our democracy." The Commission's report notes that this statement received a very favorable response from many of the scholars whose views were obtained. "Economists, sociologists, and historians who work in varied fields other than that of 'past politics' welcomed especially the idea of paying attention to captains of industry and labor, inventors, scientists, educators, religious leaders, editors, writers, and architects."

This broad interest in history is reflected in the list of 61 persons, in addition to the "Big Five," whose papers are recommended to the consideration of historians for possible publication. Included are Francis Asbury, clergyman; Jane Addams, social worker; Susan B. Anthony, reformer; Clara Barton, welfare worker; Andrew Carnegie, industrialist; Thomas A. Edison, inventor; Ralph W. Emerson, essayist; Harvey Firestone, manufacturer; James Cardinal Gibbons, clergyman; Stephen Girard, merchant; Samuel Gompers, labor leader; Horace Greeley, editor; Joseph Henry, physicist; William Dean Howells, novelist; Benjamin Henry Latrobe, architect; Robert E. Lee, Army officer; J. P. Morgan, financier; the Mayo brothers, surgeons; Adolph S. Ochs, newspaper publisher; Brigham Young, Mormon leader; as well as such public officials as Albert Gallatin, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Daniel Webster, James K. Polk, William Howard Taft, and Woodrow Wilson.

Some persons, like Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, were not included in the list because their papers have been or are being adequately published. Others, such as Gilbert Stuart, the painter, and Henry Ford were not listed because few if any of their papers are known to exist. Some of the papers of many of the persons suggested have already been published, but much of the work done has been haphazard and faulty and not up to modern standards, the Commission pointed out.

Work undertaken as part of the proposed program should be in accordance with the highest standards of modern scholarship, the Commission emphasized. "The work should be done objectively, impartially, and in the spirit of truth-seeking that is the ideal of the scholarly world," the report states. "There should be no censorship of any paper or thought or word because an editor does not personally approve of it. The work should be free of partisan bias and

should be carried on without racial, religious, or other prejudices. It should be meticulously accurate."

The Commission believes that it can be useful to historical scholarship and to the Nation as a whole by serving as a central body to help plan, promote, and give direction to the proposed program. The Commission itself would rarely edit materials. That would be done by other public agencies, by private organizations, and by individual scholars.

The program would be undertaken gradually and would necessarily be a cooperative one because the papers of many prominent Americans are widely scattered and the various custodians might each contribute to the over-all program by making copies of documents available, editing a segment of the papers, or furnishing other assistance.

The financing of a comprehensive historical publications program should also be cooperative, the Commission thinks. Privately endowed institutions, local, city, and state governments and agencies, as well as the Federal Government should contribute their shares. And, it is hoped, the great national foundations will make grants for such work.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are to be preserved safely for as long as man can foresee. A public ceremony to mark the completion of their encasement in helium-filled glass enclosures was held at the Library of Congress on Constitution Day, September 17, 1951. At that time the sealed leaves were replaced in their Shrine in the Library, where they have been displayed for 27 years.

Plans for preserving the original engrossed and signed manuscripts are the result of studies and experiments made during the last ten years by the National Bureau of Standards at the request of the Librarian of Congress. More recently, the Library and the National Bureau of Standards have been assisted by technicians of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, who perfected the special technique of hermetic sealing used.

The National Bureau of Standards, in its last preliminary test, completed in June 1950, sealed a facsimile of the Declaration of Independence in humidified helium under conditions simulating the actual treatment. Then Bureau technicians periodically tested the metal-to-glass bond used to seal the glass "sandwich" to make certain there was no leakage. Sealing the documents in helium, an inert gas, will provide protection against possible damaging effects of polluted air upon the parchments and the ink. Specially manufactured filters will block out the harmful light rays. On July 2 the Bureau issued an illustrated pamphlet relating to the preservation of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Photographs taken during the test sealing of a facsimile of the Declaration of Independence are included. National Bureau of Standards Circular 505, Preservation of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, is for sale by the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at 15 cents a copy.

The papers of Lewis Chase, for more than 40 years professor of literature and poetry in universities in this country, France, India and China, are now available for use by students of contemporary American and English literature. These papers, which fill more than 200 boxes, include lecture notes, manuscripts on various subjects in the general field of literature, some diary materials, and extensive correspondence with prominent literary figures such as Edwin Arlington Robinson, Conrad Aiken, Walter de la Mare, John Drinkwater, Robert Frost, Thomas Hardy, A. E. Housman, and Edgar Lee Masters.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

On January 29, 1951, the President requested the Bureau of the Budget to establish a Federal history program for agencies engaged in emergency defense activities. Under the direction of the Bureau studies will be conducted by individual agencies with a view to providing objective analyses of problems confronted and how problems are met, rather than describing detailed accomplishments of the various agencies. A similar program conducted during World War II resulted in a number of historical studies which are being used in the current mobilization effort. James W. Fesler, University of North Carolina, has been consultant to the Bureau during the planning for the program which is now being inaugurated.

OFFICE METHODS DIVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, NAVY DEPARTMENT

On April 24, 1951, the Secretary of the Navy promulgated to all ships and stations the provisions of the Federal Records Act of 1950 and redefined the Naval Records Management Program, administered by Office Methods Division, to include the varied aspects of records management included in that Act. It is interesting to note, however, that all phases of records management as defined by the Federal Records Act have been the responsibility of the Office Methods Division for a number of years and have been closely integrated with the records management program.

The Records Management Review made its debut in May 1951 and will be published monthly hereafter by the Office Methods Division for the general dissemination to Naval activities of information on the Naval Records Management Program. It will also serve as a clearing house for the advancement of ideas on improved record-keeping methods and procedures sponsored by other agencies of the Government as well as by State and private interests.

On November 1, 1950, the Records Retirement Section in the Office Methods Division was officially redesignated the Naval Archives Branch in order to indicate more clearly its over-all responsibility for the selection, maintenance, servicing, and eventual transfer to the National Archives of that core of records which represents the archives of the Naval Establishment.

A recent report received from the records management officer for the Four-

teenth Naval District with headquarters at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, illustrates the Navy's global interest in the preservation of its valuable records. The records management officer and two members of his staff travelled thousands of miles by sea and air in the Pacific Area to remote islands, screening, sorting, and microfilming vital historical records accumulated in the course of the Navy's administration of these islands.

TRAINING OF ARCHIVISTS

In cooperation with the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Maryland Hall of Records, The American University in Washington, D. C., conducted its seventh annual Institute in the Preservation and Administration of Archives from June 11 to July 6, 1951. The four weeks' program included lectures on the most important phases of work with archives and manuscripts and practical training in the National Archives, the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress, and the Maryland Hall of Records. The following students were enrolled in the course:

Charles Baretski, Public Library, Newark, N. J.; Mary G. Bryan, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.; Mary G. Cary, Swarthmore College Peace Collection, Swarthmore, Pa.; Lionel T. Croteau, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada; LeVern William Cutler, Library, Graduate School of Business Administration, Stanford University, Stanford, Cal.; Le Roy B. De Puy, Pennsylvania Historical Commission, Harrisburg, Pa.; Elizabeth G. Ferguson, Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Ga.; Mother M. Gertrude, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Isabelle M. Guérin, Aubigny, France; Dorothy G. Harris, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore, Pa.; Andrew H. Horn, Library, University of California, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hedda M. Johnson, State Archives, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; Eugenia Dickson Lejeune, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.; Donald F. McOuat, Department of Public Records and Archives, Toronto, Ontario; Mary Virginia Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania Archives, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bradley Mitchell, Cornell University Archives, Ithaca, N. Y.; Patricia Porter, USAF Hq. Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O.; Donalda Putnam, Toronto Public Library, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Emma M. Scheffler, Archives Department, State Library, Springfield, Ill.; Cosetta N. Solis, Field Staff, Public Administration Service, Puerto Rico; William Shaw, USAF Hq. Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O.; and Pauline Wiltshire, Departmental Records Branch AGO, Department of the Army, Alexandria, Va.

The second Institute of Genealogical Research, offered in cooperation with the National Archives and Records Service from June 11 to June 29, under the direction of Meredith B. Colket, Jr., was attended by twenty-six students. The two institutes are scheduled to be reoffered beginning June 16, 1952.

FOREIGN NEWS

With the death on April 17, 1951, of Dr. Julian Martínez Castells, an honored member of the Society of American Archivists, Cuba has lost one of her most active collaborators in international cultural relations. He was a founder and the director of the Sociedad Colombista Panamericana, which promoted many inter-American gatherings. He was secretary of the Permanent Directive Council of Archives of Cuba and participated in the movement for

the securing of a new building for the National Archive. Also, upon the establishment of the Committee on Archives of the Commission on History of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History, he was made its secretary and took a prominent part in the conference which the Committee held in Habana in September 1950. His contributions to inter-American cultural relations will long be remembered and his place in these activities will be hard to fill. The Society of American Archivists joins with Cuba in mourning the passing of such a valued citizen.

Great Britain

Plans are being made to microfilm the House of Lords Records Office collection of original manuscripts of laws. Air conditioned rooms are being prepared to preserve the records, according to the New York Times.

Italy

The following letter, addressed to the Reverend John Tracy Ellis, Managing Editor of the *Catholic Historical Review* from the Reverend Joseph P. Donnelly, Director of Libraries at St. Louis University, explains in detail the University's project of microfilming the manuscript collections in the Vatican Library. The letter, written in May 1951, first appeared in the July issue of *Review*.

Dear Father Ellis:

There have been so many incorrect press notices about St. Louis University's project to microfilm materials in the manuscript collections of the Vatican Library that I wonder if you would be willing to print in the Catholic Historical Review a brief news item concerning the project so that the scholarly world may have accurate information as to the origin of the project, probable content of material, and conditions of usage? Probably this would be a real service to historians in the field of medieval history, philosophy, theology, and the social sciences in general. Also, this is the first release that St. Louis University has formally made about the project.

As you know, we established a Medieval Institute at the University some two years ago. Our library holdings in scholastic philosophy are very good and in a few instances unique. Because of the wisdom of Father Pierre Jean DeSmet and other Jesuits in the 1830's we happen to possess many of the printed sources in the historical and theological fields. However, our resources needed augmenting in order to carry on successfully medieval studies on a high scholarly level. We naturally turned to photographic reproduction in those fields to make available certain of the printed source collections we lacked. Slowly we also began to collect manuscript materials on microfilm. The process quite naturally led to considering acquisition of microfilm copies of materials in the Vatican manuscript collections. Inquiries led us to feel that, perhaps, in restricted fields a project to microfilm extensively might receive approbation from the Vatican. Fortunately, authorities at the Vatican Library looked with great favor on such a project. Their position clearly was one of interest in making it possible for the wealth of material in the Vatican manuscript collections to be made more readily accessible to scholars in the Western world. That this was the motive for granting any favor at all was eminently clear in our conferences with the library authorities while I was in Rome surveying the collections.

Since the project will probably be quite extensive the funds needed were in excess of what St. Louis University could itself afford. We have been fortunate in receiving a grant which we think will probably meet operational costs if we are able to avoid administrative overhead and such adjuncta as are so often connected with this sort

of work. The actual work of microfilming is now in progress. Duration of the task will greatly depend on many variable factors which make it next to impossible to determine when we will be ready to have materials available for use in the United States. I should judge that it will take us at least ten months to a year before we can hope to have materials ready for the use of scholars. Technical details in this sort of project are many and quite complicated as you know from working with Mr. Eugene P. Willging at the Catholic University of America on similar operations. We have fortunately obtained the good offices of Mr. Edward T. Freel, Manager of the Microfilm Division of Remington-Rand, to act as consultant in insuring excellency of material, equipment, and the highest quality of reproduction.

Concerning the nature of the material to be microfilmed, we originally requested permission to copy medieval materials pertaining to history, philosophy, theology, and the social sciences in general. When we discussed the project with authorities in Rome permission was extended in such wise that for practical purposes we hope to be able to microfilm as many as possible of those manuscripts in collections which would have any value by way of preserving them and which would not be available outside of the actual depository in Rome. Probably the copying will not be absolutely complete since there are many duplications in these collections whose reproduction would be a waste of funds. We will, however, strive to be certain that whatever is not available in the United States and of pertinence will be copied. We do not plan to copy much of the illuminated material since most of this is biblical only and of value chiefly because of its lovely illuminations. We shall copy some chiefly for purposes of illustration rather than for content.

The Vatican has been most generous regarding the use of the material. Conditions for usage as laid down are similar to those for using materials in the Vatican itself. Any reputable scholar may be granted free access to the copies. Photostat or microfilm reprints may be made for scholars on request. Thus it seems to me evident that the favor is by no means granted to St. Louis University alone but to American scholars in general. We hope to copy all control media available in the Vatican so that users may be able to find what they are seeking. We have not as yet gotten around to detailed consideration of what might be done about publishing the control media. This would be the most desirable move and perhaps it could be worked out, or at least some close approach to that.

Here at St. Louis University we feel that American scholarship has been granted a great boon. We consider ourselves merely the service organization through which the treasure may be handled. We are certain that particularly the members of the American Catholic Historical Association will hail this new treasure as a great acqui-

sition for the United States.

Sincerely yours, JOSEPH P. DONNELLY, S.J. Director of Libraries St. Louis University

As part of the American Historical Association's Duplication of Historical Records Project, Robert L. Reynolds of the Department of History, University of Wisconsin, now a Fulbright Research Professor at the University of Genoa, is microfilming early notarial materials in the Archivo di Stato in Genoa. These cartularies are collections of documents certified by 12th and 13th century notaries and include promissory notes, wills, post mortem inventories, trust documents, deeds, and other official papers reflecting the law practice of the time. One of the most interesting aspects of the material, aside from significance for legal history, is its relationship to colonial expansion from Europe in the 16th century and later. In this connection, the International Convention for Columbian Studies, recently adjourned in Genoa, recommended

that the present project extend beyond 1300 and that the notarial records be given scholarly analysis through the colonial period. This augurs a continuing demand for material in these films.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles County Supervisor Herbert Legg recently discussed on a "Mutual Newsreel" broadcast the plans for construction of a fire-proof, bomb-proof, underground vault for storing the county's records. The vault would be built four miles east of the city, would consist of ten cells, each 9 x 30 feet, at an estimated cost of \$175,000.

CONNECTICUT

A collection of the works and memorabilia of Robert Louis Stevenson has been presented to the Yale University Library by Edwin J. Beinecke, who spent twenty-five years tracking down items along the trail of Stevenson's far wanderings. Included are more than 5,000 books and manuscripts, several portraits from life, personal belongings, and other material relating to the novelist, poet, and essayist.

James T. Babb, Yale librarian, said that a large group of manuscript letters in the collection probably would help disentangle some of the complicated personal relationships in Stevenson's life. Deemed most important of the letters is a series from Stevenson to Charles Baxter, covering the years 1868 to 1893, the year before Stevenson's death. There also is correspondence between Stevenson and the Sidney Colvins, Henry James, Fanny Osbourne Stevenson, the Virgil Williamses, W. E. Henley, and the author's parents. Notebooks hold accounts of Stevenson's experiences, personal data, and some raw material for stories.

GEORGIA

The first step toward a project to microfilm official documents in the Office of the Secretary of State and in the Department of Archives and History was taken when the 1951 session of the legislature appropriated \$20,000 to the Georgia Department of State for the purchase of a microfilm camera and other equipment. In addition to this State sponsored project, which will be limited to the copying of official manuscript collections, preliminary details of a broad proposal to microfilm Georgia historical materials, including newspapers, are being drafted by representatives of Georgia libraries and historical societies.

MICHIGAN

A complete account of the diastrous fire which damaged the State Library at Lansing on February 28-29 appeared in the *Library Journal* for May 1, 1951, with the heading, "The Big Fire at Lansing." It is estimated now that total damages will be between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

MISSISSIPPI

Mrs. Dunbar Rowland, Mississippi historian, died in Albany, Georgia, on January 6, 1951. Born Eron Opha Moore on June 16, 1861, she was married to Dunbar Rowland, founder and first director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, on December 6, 1906. From that time until her last illness she was closely associated with the work of the department, and after her husband's death in 1937 she served as acting director until William D. McCain was appointed to the office on January 1, 1938. Mrs. Rowland published several works on Mississippi history, and was working on a history of Jackson, Mississippi, at the time of her death.

NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Historical Society is the recipient of an annual award by the American Association for State and Local History in recognition of the program to reactivate the Society. The award cited the Society for "distinctive contributions to American Local History." In announcing the award, the association gave special credit to the Society for "realizing the desirability of further utilization of its potentialities," for having undertaken a survey of the Society, for having published the recommendations contained therein, and "for beginning immediately a program to reactivate the Society."

The New Jersey Historical Society, which maintains a modern museum and library at 230 Broadway, Newark, is taking the lead in bringing a fuller realization of New Jersey's rich historical heritage to the people of the State. This objective is being accomplished by a wide range of public educational activities including cooperation with schools and local groups interested in New Jersey history, lecture and motion picture programs, changing museum exhibits, and annual New Jersey historical conferences held at different cities throughout the State. The Society within the past year elected to its presidency Dr. Richard P. McCormick, associate professor of history at Rutgers, and recently appointed Alexander J. Wall, Jr., as director and Wilson A. Britten, assistant director.

Thousands of northern New Jersey residents saw for the first time original autograph signatures of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence when The New Jersey Historical Society lent its collection of signatures to be exhibited in the show windows of L. Bamberger & Co., in Newark, on July 2-3. The display was unveiled by Mayor Villani of Newark at a ceremony which opened the city's three day celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration.

NEW YORK

The Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute of Utica, New York, has undertaken to support the surveying, cataloging, and evaluation of the library, manuscript, and museum collections of the Oneida County Historical Society, Utica, New York. The collections have been accumulating since 1876 and have

never been fully cataloged or properly arranged within the Society's building. Glenn E. Thompson has been granted a leave of absence from his duties as college archivist and instructor in history at Utica College of Syracuse University in order to become curator of historical collections of the M.W.P.I. and direct the cataloging and rearranging project. Mr. Thompson will be glad to answer inquiries about the project or about the Society's collections.

Chapter 724 of New York's Laws of 1951 adds a new section 65-b to the Public Officers Law, which provides as follows:

§ 65-b Destruction of public records

- 1. Any public officer of any public corporation notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, except as hereinafter provided, may destroy, sell or otherwise dispose of any or all records, papers or documents kept by him provided he
 - a advises the commissioner of education of the nature of the record; and
 - b certifies to the commissioner of education that such record no longer has sufficient administrative, fiscal or legal value to warrant its continued retention; and
 - c furnishes the commissioner of education when he so requests, with affidavits from the responsible legal and/or fiscal officer of the public corporation of which he is an officer that the record no longer has sufficient legal or fiscal value to warrant its continued retention; and
 - d receives the consent of the commissioner of education to the destruction, sale or other disposition of such record.
- 2. The consent of the commissioner of education to the destruction, sale or other disposition of any record, paper or document of any public corporation shall be issued only in accordance with rules and regulations established by him after consultation with state departments and agencies having an interest in retaining said record for the purpose of carrying out their assigned duties and responsibilities.
- 3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to: the records of any city with a population of one million or more, and the records of any county contained therein, so long as the destruction of the records of such city or county shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure prescribed by any existing law exclusively applicable to the destruction of the records of such city or county. If any such law shall be amended by local law after the first day of July, nineteen hundred fifty-one, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the destruction of such records if the procedures therefor established by such law, as amended by local law, shall be acceptable to the commissioner of education.
 - 4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:
 - a The records of any state department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency.
 - b The records of any court.
 - c Any record required to be destroyed in the manner provided by section 63.10 of the local finance law.
 - d The records of any public corporation which have not been retained for the longest minimum period of time required: (1) by the federal government; or (2) by rules and regulations of the commissioner of education; or (3) by any agency of the state so that it may properly carry out its assigned duties and responsibilities; or (4) because of any provision of law.

NORTH CAROLINA

It is the sad duty of the editor to report the death of two prominent North Carolinians who have been closely associated with the Society of American Archivists for many years.

Mrs. Sadie Hanes Connor, widow of Dr. R. D. W. Connor, first Archivist of the United States and president of the Society during the years 1942 and 1943, died suddenly on June 11, 1951.

Dr. Albert Ray Newsome, head of the history department of the University of North Carolina and first president of the Society, died at his home in Chapel Hill on August 5. Dr. Newsome served as chairman of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association for two years, as president of the National Conference of Historical Societies for two years, and as secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission for ten years. Included among his many publications is a short work entitled *The Preservation of Local Archives: A Guide for Public Officials*.

OHIO

Fire, and water to quench it, have again taken their toll of valuable library materials in considerable quantities, this time at the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society in Columbus on June 12. The library section of the institution—its contents consisting of some 200,000 volumes of books and newspapers, plus manuscripts and related materials—was exposed in some large measure to fire and water. The precise extent of the damage has not yet been determined, but it is expected to be rather severe. The Library of Congress gave advice on emergency salvage and restorative measures. It is believed that the blaze was started by sparks from welding torches used by workmen in erecting additional metal bookstacks in spaces adjacent to the collections.

TEXAS

Word has been received of the resignation of Mrs. Herbert Gambrell as a member and chairman of the Texas Library and Historical Commission, effective at the August meeting of the Commission. She has been a member of the Commission since 1944, serving as its secretary for some years before her election as chairman. During that time she has, in addition to general supervision of the State Library, worked ceaselessly for progressive records and archives administration in the State Government. Revised legislation to establish a records division under the Library and Historical Commission, and providing incorporation of a microfilming program, was passed by the House and approved by the Senate Committee on State Affairs which comprises two-thirds of the members of the Senate. The bill failed at the close of the session because of opposition of a single Senator. In preparation of this legislation and an accompanying budget proposal the Commission employed Philip C. Brooks, of Washington, D. C., as a consultant for a brief period. Mrs. Gambrell's work with the Commission has been non-compensated public service apart from her regular position as Museum Director of the Dallas Historical Society, in which she has made important contributions in historical manuscripts, museum, and related activities. She has also served as a Council member and on several committees of the Society of American Archivists.

WASHINGTON

Washington State Historical Society president, Mr. Sidney A. Perkins, has announced that he will finance the construction of a three-story addition to the Society's building. In addition to the extra storage and stack area space, the new addition will house the office of the director, and an apartment for the custodian.

CHURCH ARCHIVES

The information supplied by 22 Quaker Yearly Meetings in the United States in answer to a questionnaire concerning meeting records is summarized in a "Guide to the Location of American Quaker Meeting Records" in the Spring number of the Friends Historical Association Bulletin, pp. 33-37. Included is the address of each depository with the approximate number of record volumes, the name of the custodian, the time at which records may be consulted, and whether or not mail inquiries are answered.

The April I issue of *Historical Foundation News*, published by the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C., provides a brief inventory of the materials in the Foundation's Archives.

Through Monsignor William L. Newton, the former secretary of the editorial board for the revision of the New Testament, the Department of Archives and Manuscripts of the Catholic University of America has recently accessioned ten inches of records of that body. The material includes minutes of meetings, correspondence, critical comments, and other notes on the work of preparing the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine version. It will constitute in good part the sources for any study of this unique project in American Catholic scholarship.

ARCHIVAL LEGISLATION IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (SOVIET ZONE) ¹

Since Germany has been "rent in twain from top to bottom" by the postwar tension between West and East, it is only natural for this bisection to extend to the archives field. While in Western Germany archives administration has remained a matter to be regulated by the individual Länder, which indicates the genuinely federalistic nature of the West German State, the sham character of the "German Democratic Republic" is drastically revealed even in the field of archives administration.

True, the Constitution of the German Democratic Republic does not include the matter of archives among the reserved powers² of the Republic (Art. 112), and while Art. 111 states that the "Republic may enact uniform legislation in any field," it adds that "in so doing it should confine itself to laying

¹ This note was supplied by Dr. Ernst Posner, The American University, Washington, D. C. The legislation he has translated originally was published in Gesetz-blatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republic, 1950, no. 78, p. 669 and no. 92, p. 836.

² Office of the U. S. High Commissioner for Germany, Soviet Zone Constitution and Electoral Law (Washington, 1951), p. 41 f.

down principles, provided this meets the need for uniform legislation." However, from the legislation printed below in translation, it appears that archives administration in the Soviet Zone has been completely centralized in accordance with the example of the U. S. S. R. It is controlled by the Archives Division (Hauptabteilung Archivwesen) of the Ministry of the Interior to which the German Central Archives in Potsdam and the archival administrations of the Länder Brandenburg, Mecklenburg, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, and Thuringia are responsible. The archival administrations of the Länder, in turn, control the Land Archives and the other public archives, including the economic archives (Betriebsarchive) which, as a result of the confiscation of the greater part of private business, have become of major importance.

Jürgen Sydow, who served for a period of one year on the staff of the Archives Division of the Ministry of the Interior before he escaped to Western Germany, has thrown much light on archival developments in the Soviet Zone in his recent article "Das Archivwesen der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik (Sowjetische Zone)," Archivar, 4:55-64 (no. 2; May 1951). The article furnishes interesting information on the activities of the Archives Division of the Ministry of the Interior, which is headed by Dr. Korfes, a former member of the Staff of the Reichsarchiv, captured as a Major General at Stalingrad and well-known as one of those participating in the work of the National Committee "Free Germany." The article also deals with the establishment and administration of Betriebsarchive and with the curriculum of the Institute for Archival Science which is attached to the Central Archives in Potsdam and responsible for the training of archival personnel.

ORDINANCE OF JULY 13, 1950, ON PUBLIC ARCHIVES IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

ARTICLE 1.

The Ministry of the Interior is hereby charged with the direction and supervision of the public archives in the German Democratic Republic.

ARTICLE 2.

The Ministry of the Interior shall be responsible for the unified training of the personnel of the public archives.

ARTICLE 3.

For the purposes of this ordinance archival material shall be defined as comprising formal documents, files, letters, manuscript volumes, collections of manuscripts, diaries, accounts, statistical material, card files, blueprints, maps, plans, drawings, pictures, seals, stamps, coins, newspapers, posters, public announcements, proclamations, photocopies, negatives and positives of still pictures and films, and sound recordings; lists of such archival material and other archival finding aids; as well as other documents of all kinds that have documentary and historical enduring value, or are otherwise of public interest. This definition applies to all the above items that are the property of agencies of the German Democratic Republic, the Länder, counties, urban and rural local governments, or other public corporations, institutions and organizations.

ARTICLE 4.

Archival material shall enjoy the protection of the State and cannot be sold.

ARTICLE 5.

(1) Whoever destroys, removes, damages, or illegally acquires archival material shall be subject to imprisonment or a fine or both.

(2) There shall also be subject to punishment anyone who has archival material in his possession or custody and fails to report it to the Archival Division of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic, the German Central Archives, the archival administrations of the Länder, or the Land Archives.

(3) If such action is committed through negligence, imprisonment not exceeding

one year or a fine not exceeding DM 3000 shall be imposed.

(4) Proceedings shall not be instituted except upon the request of the Minister of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic.

ARTICLE 6

Supplementary orders necessary for the execution of this ordinance, particularly those concerning the collection, selection, arrangement, preservation, protection, and use of archival material shall be issued by the Ministry of the Interior.

ARTICLE 7.

This ordinance shall become effective on the day of its publication, Berlin, July 13, 1950.

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE ORDINANCE OF JULY 13, 1950, ON PUBLIC ARCHIVES IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

In accordance with Article 6 of the Ordinance of July 13, 1950 on Public Archives in the German Democratic Republic (Official Gazette, p. 661) the following Supplementary Order to said Ordinance is issued:

ARTICLE 1.

The responsibilities of public archives in the German Democratic Republic extend to all archival material that has originated and continues to originate in the public life of State and society without regard to the time of its origin and the technical mode of its embodiment; they further extend to the facilities and equipment that serve archival work.

ARTICLE 2.

(1) The German Democratic Republic and the Länder shall maintain state archives.

(2) Counties and urban and rural local governments may be required to establish archives or to transfer their archival material to a state archives for safekeeping.

(3) Other public corporations, institutions and organizations may establish and maintain publicly recognized archives with the consent of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic or that of the Ministry of the Interior of the respective Land.

ARTICLE 3.

- (1) Depending on its origin, archival material shall be collected and preserved in the German Central Archives, in the Land Archives or in the local governmental or other publicly recognized archives.
- (2) The archives shall be responsible for the suitable and safe preservation of archival material.

ARTICLE 4.

- (1) The German Central Archives, the Land archival administrations and the Land Archives shall exercise their functions in accordance with the instructions of the Archival Division of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic.
- (2) The ministries of the Interior of the Länder shall be responsible for the Land Archives.

- (3) The Land archival administrations are charged with carrying out the tasks of the Länder.
- (4) The Archives Division of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic and the *Land* archival administrations shall supervise the activities of the local governmental and the publicly recognized archives and shall advise them.

ARTICLE 5.

- (1) The Archives Division of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic shall decide, in agreement with the Chancery of the Government and the ministries of the German Democratic Republic, what documentary material originating from the activities of Government agencies is to be transferred to the archives and at what time.
- (2) Government agencies and offices shall not destroy records, business papers, etc., without the consent of the archives having jurisdiction.
- (3) As regards the Länder, the regulations issued by the Land archival administrations shall remain in force until further notice.

ARTICLE 6.

(1) The Archives Division of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic shall issue regulations pertaining to the examination and utilization of archival holdings in the interest of scholarly research and for governmental, legal, political, social, and also private purposes.

(2) Regulations for archives not directly under the Ministry of the Interior shall

be issued in agreement with the competent ministry.

ARTICLE 7.

The training of junior archival personnel shall be directed by the Archives Division in agreement with the Personnel Division of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic. Such training shall be conducted in the German Central Archives and in the German Academy for Public Administration "Walter Ulbricht" in Forst Zinna.

ARTICLE 8.

The exchange of archival material and its transfer from the territory of the German Democratic Republic to other parts of Germany and to foreign countries requires the consent of the Ministry of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic.

ARTICLE 9.

This Supplementary Order shall become effective on the day of its publication, Berlin, July 13, 1950.

Attention is called to an error in the table printed on page 125 of the April issue of the American Archivist. The name of the record ink of the Higgins Ink Company reported as used at Colonial Williamsburg, Incorporated, should be "Eternal Black Writing Ink," rather than "External Black Writing Ink." The editor apologizes to the authors of the article and to the Higgins Ink Company for this slip in proof reading.