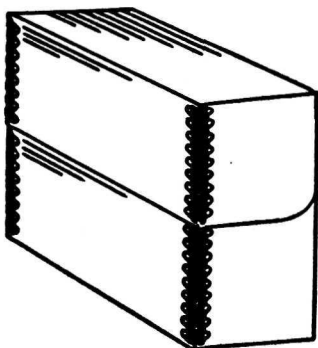


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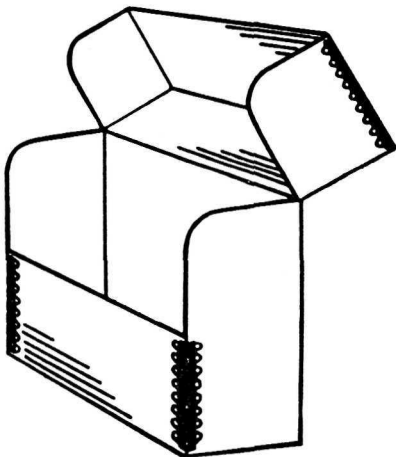
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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in Detroit, Michigan, on September 13-15, 1953. The Hotel Park-Shelton has been designated as headquarters, and the Society's registration desk will be in operation on Sunday, September 13, between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Members desiring to take Sunday no-expense tours to such points of interest as Greenfield Village or the Marine Museum must register before noon on Sunday, and those interested in a tour of the Rouge River plant of the Ford Motor Company should so indicate at the time of registration.

In years past the programs at annual meetings have been very diversified as to subject content. Such programs permit individual members to participate in sessions devoted to topics of immediate personal interest, and this is a valid objective. This year, however, because of the unusual opportunity that presented itself, the program committee has decided to devote the major sessions of the meeting to an intensive examination by both European and American authorities of the progress, problems, and techniques in the fields of business archives, business history, and business records management. The opening of the Ford Motor Company Archives in Fair Lane in May emphasized the progress now being made in the business records field and the committee feels that all members of the profession will be interested in an examination of the various aspects of this challenging area of archival science. Concentration of the program on a single theme, the committee has learned, will make it possible to publish in a single volume, at no expense to the Society, the papers presented at the meeting. Such a volume, the committee believes, will be a first-rate contribution to the literature of our profession.

On Sunday evening, September 13, there will be a buffet supper, courtesy of the Ford Motor Company, and a meeting of the council of the Society. Monday and Tuesday breakfast sessions arranged at the Park Shelton by special groups, such as the college and university archivists, the church archivists, the State and local archivists, and the custodians of historical manuscripts, will discuss problems and progress reports of special interest to them. In addition to the regular program, members and friends of the Society will

¹ Mrs. Lethbridge has been writing the news notes for our quarterly since the issue of January 1948. Formerly a member of the staff of the National Archives, she has been employed by the Department of State since 1951. Like Mr. Wood, she outranks in editorial tenure both the editor and the associate editor of this magazine.

be guests of the Ford Motor Company Archives at Fair Lane. The annual dinner and business meeting will be held at the Park-Shelton on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. Members will receive hotel and registration information and copies of the official program well in advance of the dates scheduled for the meeting.

The secretary reports that the following persons have been accepted by the council as members of the Society:

Robert Bauman, Dearborn Historical Museum; Elizabeth A. Biggert, Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society; the Rev. Edmund L. Binsfeld, St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio; Harry M. Bowen, Federal Records Center, Chicago; Paul G. Boyer, Naval Records Management Center, San Bruno, Calif.; John T. Caton, Maryland Hall of Records; Fred Dieck, Radio Corporation of America; John L. Donovan, Federal Records Center, Boston; Albert Ten Eyck Gardner, Metropolitan Museum of Art; Cora A. Geiger, The White House; Ellen Hildreth, Air University, Maxwell Field, Ala.; Dallas D. Irvine, National Archives; Tilghman O'Neil, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; Rex W. Ramey, U. S. Department of State; Margaret Rose, North Dakota Historical Society; Benedict Zobrist, Library of Congress.

The president of the Society announces that the following committee assignments have been made in addition to those published in the April issue of the *American Archivist*:

Committee on Membership—Philip P. Brower, Chairman; Margaret Shuman, Helen L. Chatfield, Henry Edmunds, Philip C. Brooks.

Committee on College and University Archives—Edith M. Fox, Jacqueline Bull.

Committee on Labor Union Archives—Leone W. Eckert.

Committee on Microphotography—W. Frank Burton, Chairman; Mary G. Bryan, Charles W. Dickens, Beryl E. Garner, Dolores Renze.

The following members have been appointed to represent the Society with the organizations noted:

William J. Van Schreeven—Library of Congress *ad hoc* Committee on the Acquisition of Manuscripts.

Guy A. Lee and William J. Van Schreeven—International Council on Archives during the Second International Congress on Archives.

Sherrod E. East—Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources.

Albert H. Leisinger, Jr.—A.L.A. Committee on Microreproduction.

Solon J. Buck—nominated by the Society; elected by the National Records Management Council to its Board of Directors.

Since the last reported proceedings of the council, the following resolutions have been adopted:

Resolution on the Non-Political Character of the Position
of the Archivist of the United States
Adopted by the Council of the Society of American Archivists
March 21, 1953

Whereas the Society of American Archivists, which has a deep interest in the agencies of the Federal Government which serve the needs of historical scholarship and which preserve the records of our past achievements, is particularly concerned with the sound evolution of the National Archives; and

Whereas agencies such as this operate on a technical and professional level removed from considerations of national policy; and

Whereas this agency has enjoyed the advantages of wise and experienced management;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Secretary of the Society of American Archivists, on behalf of the Council, respectfully urge the President of the United States and his advisers to give favorable consideration to continuing the National Archives under a professionally qualified director in accordance with the sound policy which has prevailed for more than fifty years in regard to the position of Librarian of Congress.

Resolution on the Preservation and Maintenance of the Treasures
of the Austrian Public Records Office

Adopted by the Council of the Society of American Archivists

April 21, 1953

Whereas the records in the custody of the Austrian Public Records Office comprise some of the most important cultural and historical resources in Europe, and include, among others, the holdings of the following former Austrian central agencies in Vienna: (1) the House, Court and State Archives, (2) the War Archives, (3) the General Administrative Archives, and (4) the Finance and Court-Exchequer Archives; and

Whereas these resources constitute treasures of unique and irreplaceable value not only for Austria but for the whole civilized world; and

Whereas the facilities now available for the maintenance and preservation of these treasures are inadequate and new facilities are urgently needed for this purpose; and

Whereas the Austrian Government, as a consequence of the Second World War, is not in a position to raise all of the funds required for the construction of new facilities;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Secretary of the Society of American Archivists, on behalf of the Council, respectfully express to the Honorable Ambassador of the Austrian Government in Washington, D. C., the concern of the Society for the preservation and maintenance of the world-renowned treasures of the Austrian Public Records Office, and the hope that funds may be provided, by private foundations and otherwise, for the construction of facilities that are urgently needed for the protection of these treasures.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

Seven new members have been designated to serve on the Federal Records Council. They are J. Mark Trice, Secretary of the Senate; the Hon. Harley D. Staggers, House of Representatives; Harold B. Willey, Clerk of the U. S. Supreme Court; A. B. Strom, Administrative Assistant to the Postmaster General; Eric G. Stewart, Planning Officer, Federal Communications Commission; Fred W. Shipman, Assistant Chief for Records, Division of Communications and Records, State Department; and C. L. Curtiss, Assistant Director for Contact and Administrative Services, Veterans' Administration. Other members of the council are Ellis S. Stone, Acting Chief, Office of Administrative Planning, General Accounting Office; the Hon. Edward T. Miller, House of Representatives; Henry P. Chandler, Director, Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts; Ollon D. McCool, Chief, Records Management, Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army; and Helen L. Chatfield, Records Officer, Bureau of the Budget.

Volume GS-7-2, *Records Centers*, which constitutes the second volume of a projected General Services Administration Manual GS-7, *Federal Records Management*, has just been issued. Prepared in loose-leaf form to permit in-

section or removal of pages, the volume sets forth "the rules governing the internal management and operation of records center program activities of the General Services Administration." It is divided into seven parts or sections — introduction, accessioning, reference service, disposition, document reproduction, records security, and internal administration. Two appendixes contain sample forms and miscellaneous exhibits. Copies of Manual GS-7-2 are available to State archivists and records officers, on request to the Records Management Division of the National Archives and Records Service.

Finding aids recently issued by the National Archives include preliminary inventories of the records of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering and of the Office of War Information and special lists of foreign service posts records and of National War Labor Board wage stabilization cases acted on by the Board's headquarters office. A paper entitled "Archives of United States Diplomatic and Consular Posts in Latin America," originally published in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 33: 168-183 (Feb. 1953), has also been issued as a separate by the National Archives.

Positive microfilm copies of the following are now available through the National Archives microfilm publication program: Despatches from United States ministers to Russia, 1808-1906 (66 rolls), and to Turkey, 1818-1906 (77 rolls); letters received by the Secretary of the Navy from Commanding Officers of Squadrons, 1841-86 (300 rolls); letters received by the Secretary of the Treasury from Collectors of Customs, 1833-69 (226 rolls); and the *Federal Register* for 1952 (6 rolls).

On April 30, 1953, the National Archives opened a special exhibit to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. On display are the American original of the historic Louisiana Purchase Treaty, signed in Paris on April 30, 1803, by Robert Livingston and James Monroe for the United States and Francois Barbé Marbois for France; the French Instrument of Ratification, signed by Napoleon, Talleyrand, and S. Maret; messages of Jefferson to Congress, including his confidential message asking for an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark expedition; records relating to the transfer of sovereignty at New Orleans; and papers documenting the payment of \$15,000,000 for Louisiana. Twenty-eight other historic documents relating to the purchase and the early history of Louisiana were lent by the National Archives to the Louisiana State Museum in New Orleans for use in its Louisiana Purchase Exhibit, which also opened on April 30.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Mrs. Grace Coolidge of Northhampton, Mass., has presented to the Library of Congress as a gift to the Nation a large group of her late husband's papers, which the former President himself deposited in the Library in 1929. The Calvin Coolidge papers, which number some 82,000 pieces, are a valuable part of the Library's original research materials in the field of recent American history. The collection consists of correspondence conducted in the Executive Office during President Coolidge's administration. A card index, which was

prepared by the White House staff, greatly facilitates the use of the papers. Scholars have used the Coolidge papers in the Library of Congress for many years with Mrs. Coolidge's permission. Such permission still must be obtained and should be requested through the chief of the Manuscripts Division. Additional Coolidge material is in the Forbes Library at Northampton.

A letter that Abraham Lincoln wrote to his friend and political counselor, Jesse W. Fell of Bloomington, Ill., on December 30, 1859, has been acquired by the Library. It is the covering letter that accompanied the three-page autobiography that Lincoln wrote for use in acquainting voters in the East with facts about his life and political career.

Personal papers of Jacob A. Riis, journalist and philanthropist, have been presented to the Library by his widow. The collection, comprising some 600 pieces, is supplemented by about 80 letters previously in the Library, from Theodore Roosevelt to Riis. The papers reflect Riis' philanthropic interests and include letters from other well-known persons that throw light on the reform activities of his day.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, on April 9 presented to the Secretary of State three school composition books of Carl Schurz for the Library's collection of Schurz papers. The notebooks, which throw new and interesting light on Schurz' formative years, have been added to the main body of his papers, which were deposited in the Library by his sons and daughters in 1907.

The Honorable Breckinridge Long has added about 45,000 manuscripts to the collection of his papers already in the Library. The addition contains some material supplementary to the earlier collection, which was centered about Mr. Long's service as Third Assistant Secretary of State during President Wilson's administration, but it deals in the main with such later phases of his career as his service as Ambassador to Italy (1933-36), Ambassador on special mission to Brazil, the Argentine Republic, and Uruguay (1938), and Assistant Secretary of State (1940-44).

Some 6,000 papers of Levi Woodbury (1789-1851), Senator, cabinet officer, and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, were added to the Library's collection of Woodbury papers by his great-grandchildren. The additional papers are composed principally of correspondence — press copies of his own letters and hundreds of letters he received from 1807 to 1845. Although they relate to many phases of Justice Woodbury's distinguished career, they are most numerous for the years 1834-41, when he was Secretary of the Treasury. A smaller number of the papers of his son, Charles Levi Woodbury, accompanied the gift. These include three letter books containing copies of his letters from 1850-97, scrapbooks, a group of letters received, and papers relating to his work on the American fisheries question involved in the Washington Treaty of 1885.

Microfilms of many foreign manuscripts of American interest have been received. From the Public Record Office in London have come copies of all 68 volumes in Colonial Office series 1, composed of colonial manuscripts, 1574-1697; 21 volumes of Foreign Office legion archives, containing correspond-

ence of the British Minister to the United States, 1876-78; 17 volumes of Treasury records, covering minute books, 1765-84; and 40 volumes of selected admirals' journals and captains' logs in series 50 and 51 of the Admiralty records. Other manuscripts from England now available on microfilm are: the records of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, including letters and reports of missionaries and other correspondents in the American colonies (series A and B), as well as journals, 1783-1901, and minutes, 1823-1900, of the Society; about 125 papers of the firm of Baring Brothers of London relating to Maine lands, 1792-1836; and 18 volumes of the Aberdeen papers filed among the additional manuscripts in the British Museum. The papers of Baron Capellen van der Pol have been microfilmed from the originals in the Algemeen Rijksarchief at the Hague.

The Library has recently acquired a large collection of photographs of buildings, street scenes, and other views throughout the United States, almost the entire working file of the Albertype Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., which has been in the postcard and souvenir booklet business since shortly after the Civil War. After the collection has been organized, it will be available in the Prints and Photographs Division, and photographic copies may be ordered from the Library's Photoduplication Service.

THE MANUSCRIPT SOCIETY

Justin G. Turner, president of the society (formerly the National Society of Autograph Collectors), is on the trail of manuscript copies of the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution. The society knows of the existence of 16 copies, including manuscript copies signed by Lincoln, Hamlin, Colfax, and Forney; manuscript copies signed by all or some of the above and various Congressmen; printed copies signed by Lincoln, Hamlin, Colfax, and Forney; and printed copies signed by these and various Congressmen. The 16 known copies are at Cornell University, the Morgan Library, the Detroit Public Library, the Huntington Library, the Illinois State Historical Society, the Library of Congress, and the National Archives and in the possession of the Rosenbach Co., Otto Fisher, J. K. Lilly, and Justin Turner. Anyone knowing of other copies is requested to write to Mr. Turner at 6305 Yucca Street, Los Angeles 28, Calif.

FOREIGN NEWS

Australia

The Australian Government has purchased in London for its National Library, Canberra, one of the two surviving copies of the 1297 *Inspeximus* issue of Magna Carta. This issue contains Edward I's confirmation of the Great Charter in the identical words in which, in its final and definitive form, it is to be found in the Statutes of the Realm. The copy was purchased for \$35,000 from King's School, Bruton, Somerset. A second copy of the *Inspeximus* issue, that sent to the Sheriffs of London, is in the Guildhall there and, with the exception of the Australian National Library's copy, all other

existing copies authenticated by Royal Seal are in England. The Lincoln Cathedral copy of John's charter of 1215 and the Laycock Abbey copy of Henry III's charter of 1225 have both been exhibited in the United States but now have been returned to England.

Canada

The Public Archives of Canada at Ottawa has published as no. 1 in its series *Inventaires provisoires* an inventory of transcripts from French archives relating to the French regime in America. Another inventory of interest to United States historians is that of *Record Group 7, Governor General's Office*.

The Ontario Archives has recently acquired a number of documents concerning the Earl of Selkirk and the controversy over the Red River settlement. Included are *The Communication of Mercator* (Montreal, 1817), *Continuing of the Communications of Mercator* (Montreal, 1817), and "Observation Upon the Papers Laid Before the House of Commons Relating to the Red River Settlement" (London, 1820), which appears to be the proof copy of a book that was never published.

The Archives of Laval University and Quebec Seminary have begun a long-term program of microfilming their most important collections with the primary purpose of preservation. The microfilms, however, are also used by the searchers, and a release has lately been granted for the sale of microcopies of an important collection called *Ma Saberdache*, by Jacques Viger, first mayor of Montreal, consisting of 44 volumes of especially significant historical documents. Copies have been acquired by the Public Archives of Canada, the Provincial Archives of Quebec, and the Municipal Library of Montreal.

Cuba

Roscoe R. Hill was the guest of Cuba and delegate to the Congress of Writers on José Martí, held in Havana February 20 to 27, 1953. Dr. Hill delivered to Joaquín Llaverías, Director of the National Archives of Cuba, a letter of greeting and an autographed photograph from Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States. The presentation of the letter and photograph was made in a ceremony that received wide attention in the Cuban press. Captain Llaverías sent a reply and photograph to Dr. Grover, which were presented by Dr. Hill on March 6 in a ceremony attended by representatives from the Department of State and the Embassy of Cuba. The exchange of greetings by the directors of the oldest and newest archives in the Western Hemisphere symbolizes the high degree of cooperation that exists in the archival profession in the New World.

France

Archivists concerned with the arrangement, cataloging, and preservation of broadsides and posters will be interested in the booklet published by the Archives de la Marne, Chalons-sur-Marne, entitled *Classement, catalogage et conservation des affiches*, by René Gandilhon.

Great Britain

The Library Association has published in a volume entitled *Government Information and the Research Worker* the lectures given in April 1951 at the School of Librarianship and Archives of the University of London by librarians, archivists, and information specialists from the major ministries and departments of the British Government. The lectures report on published and unpublished resources in the various agencies that are of value to the special research worker; many of the resources described are believed to be little known even in Great Britain.

India

Steps have been taken by the National Archives of India to acquire copies of the records of the Dutch East India Company for the years 1693-1700. These when acquired will complete the Archives' collection of seventeenth century Dutch records relating to India. Arrangements are also being made for expanding the acquisition program to embrace historical materials available in well-known public repositories and private collections in India, with the object of building up at India's capital city a central repository where all materials of Indian interest will be available. Under this scheme negotiations have been undertaken with the Punjab Record Office for acquisition of microfilm copies of two most valuable Persian manuscripts that provide authentic information about the Court of Lahore in the nineteenth century.

CALIFORNIA

Legislation on archives and records management has been introduced in both houses of the California legislature. Little action has been taken as yet, perhaps because of the record number of bills (600) introduced at this session. Paul J. O'Brien, State Archivist, is attending the records management training program being conducted by the National Records Management Council in cooperation with the University of California in San Francisco; he travels 200 miles each week to attend the sessions.

Plans are being studied to renovate the present State Printing Office Building within the next 2 years for use by the State Archives.

Suda Lorena Bane, archivist, Herbert Hoover Archives, Hoover Institute and Library, Stanford University, died at Palo Alto on November 19, 1952, at the age of 66. After serving as assistant at the Washington Public Library from 1908 to 1917, Miss Bane became librarian of the Food Administration and in 1919 was transferred to the American Relief Association headed by Mr. Hoover. She went to Stanford in 1924 to take over the relief association's archives and became first archivist of the Hoover Archives. She edited the second series, *ARA Bulletins*, 1920-23, and served as coeditor of two books on relief activities published by Stanford University.

The Hoover Institute now publishes a monthly bulletin, *Tower Talk*, which provides information on research programs undertaken at the library and on the outstanding area collections of the library.

DELAWARE

The Public Archives Commission of the State has issued its *Approved List of Writing Materials, 1953*, in accordance with legislation that requires all custodians of public records or registries of the State or its subdivisions to use for recording purposes only such writing materials as have been approved by the commission. The list, a four-page leaflet, specifies papers to be used for permanent and semipermanent records, acceptable record inks, and acceptable typewriter ribbons.

GEORGIA

A grant of \$8,000 from the University of Georgia Foundation has been made to the university's new Ilah Dunlap Memorial Library, which will open early this year. The money will be used for an extensive microfilming project to preserve valuable Georgia historical records. The foundation is supported by university alumni and friends throughout the country.

IDAHO

The Idaho Historical Society has acquired for its new genealogy department genealogy books from the State Law Library, the Boise City Library, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Sons of the American Revolution. The society is indexing and cataloging its Territorial papers, bound volumes of newspapers, and genealogies.

ILLINOIS

Records Controls, Inc. (formerly the Chicago Bureau of Filing and Indexing), now issues bimonthly a booklet called *Trends*, directed to management and full of ideas in the field of records. The first issue contains an amusing item about the trend in titles for what used to be file clerks or file supervisors; filing associations, too, are fast becoming records management associations.

MICHIGAN

The fur trade, the War of 1812, the Great Lakes, publishing and puppets, and the personality of Havelock Ellis are only a few of the topics covered by the manuscripts added to the Burton historical collection of the Detroit Public Library during the past fiscal year. The Alexander Thompson papers describe the fur-trading sideline of a United States Army officer at Mackinac and Fort Niagara between 1790 and 1805. Included in a gift from the Detroit Institute of Arts are additions to the papers of Lewis Cass, James Witherell, Solomon Sibley, and William Woodbridge, many dealing with some phase of the period of the War of 1812. An extremely valuable single acquisition is an orderly book of Captain Ballard of General Winchester's Army of the Northwest, on its march from Kentucky to the Battle of River Raisin, complete from August 17, 1812, to January 30, 1813. Additional Harrow Family papers of the mid-

nineteenth century, logbooks (including that of the North-west Company's sloop *Beaver*, 1792-99, and those of the steamers *Caledonia* and *Italia*, 1897-99), and — of special importance — the papers of the late Anna Sherman Moore, a student of Great Lakes history, add substantial strength to an already strong subject field. Both Marjorie Batchelder McPharlin and the Institute of Arts have presented valuable additions to the extensive papers of Paul McPharlin, publisher, designer, author, and puppeteer, whose main collection was presented in 1951.

Twenty-seven letters written by Havelock Ellis to Josephine Walther in the 1920's and 30's are the gift of the Institute of Arts, of which Miss Walther was a staff member until her death in 1937. The John R. Williams papers have been enriched by the purchase of over 500 items, covering the period from the 1790's through the 1830's and relating to the business and civic activities of Williams, who was Detroit's first mayor and founder of its fire service.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Historical Society has announced the acquisition of an important body of manuscripts. These are what appear to be 67 pieces of the rough daily notes of Capt. William Clark, made at the winter camp opposite the mouth of the Missouri, 1803-4, and on the first leg of the Lewis and Clark expedition up the Missouri to Fort Mandan and during the winter of 1804-5 before the expedition crossed the mountains. The journal for the winter 1803-4 at Camp Dubois near St. Louis is new material. Some brief notes and memoranda for this period are given in the Thwaites edition of the *Journals*. In the journal acquired by the society, however, there is important information on the organization of the party and the planning and preparation for the trip.

The entries in these notes from May 14, 1804, up to the time the party left Fort Mandan follow substantially the account in the published journal. The rough notes, though brief, contain in many entries matters not mentioned in the published account. There are maps and field sketches, some of which were incorporated in the maps and drawings of the Thwaites edition. An exact appraisal of the contribution of these manuscripts to existing knowledge will, of course, require many more months of work. The Clark notes were found among the papers of Gen. John Henry Hammond (1833-90) in an attic in St. Paul on January 5, 1953. There is as yet no explanation of how the notes came to be among the Hammond papers.

The Hammond papers themselves now number approximately 11,000 pieces; and members of the family are still adding to the group. The papers are particularly rich in material about the Civil War, Indian affairs in Dakota Territory, and the development of the Duluth-Superior area.

The manuscripts department of the historical society has microfilmed the 1890-96 section of the Ignatius Donnelly papers, and 16 reels of positive film are now available to libraries wishing to order. Since several libraries expressed interest in cooperating in a project to film the James Wickes Taylor papers, letters asking for subscriptions to the film and giving a description of

the papers have been sent to repositories collecting materials on the Northwest and Canada. Any libraries that have not received subscription blanks may get them from the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul 1, Minn.

To commemorate the golden jubilee of aviation, the society and the State Department of Aeronautics have invited the people of the State to help build a "jubilee collection" of manuscripts, pictures, and museum objects. Letters, with checklists of materials needed for the collection, have gone out to all airlines, flying clubs, and individuals in the State who have had a part in the first 50 years of aviation. The first materials in the collection are the addresses given at the annual meeting of the society by experts in the field of aviation.

A preliminary survey of the records of the city of St. Paul has been completed and a report is now being compiled for submission to the city council. The report outlines the condition of the archives and recommends a records management and archival program for current and noncurrent records.

The fifth annual conference on manuscripts was held at the society in October 1952. The conference, attended by 20 graduate students in history and American studies, was again sponsored jointly by the society, the State Archives Commission, and the history department of the University of Minnesota. Among the papers discussed were those of the American Immigration Co., illustrating business papers; those of James Wickes Taylor, as an example of diplomatic correspondence; the governor's archives, as an example of official records; and the papers of Henry Hastings Sibley, as an example of personal papers intermixed with official and business papers.

The Forest Products History Foundation, which is housed by the Minnesota Historical Society, has set aside the year 1953 in which to emphasize collecting the records of the forest products industries. Since January a number of large and significant acquisitions have been made. These include the papers of Dr. Carl Alvin Schenck; the records of the Bronson-Folsom Towing Co. of Stillwater, Minn.; and the records of the David Tozer Co. of Stillwater. Other groups of records to be processed this summer will be publicized when they are ready for searchers.

The foundation is putting greater emphasis on cooperation with other collecting agencies. This means that the foundation will encourage the forest products industries to deposit their records with agencies in their respective areas. The records of the Elk River Mill and Lumber Co. of Falk, Calif., have been turned over to the foundation and will be deposited in the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley.

The foundation has also launched an oral history program. Transcripts of interviews made in the redwood region of California will be deposited in the Bancroft Library.

MISSISSIPPI

Lt. Col. William D. McCain, who was called into active Federal military service as commanding officer of the 115th AAA Gun Battalion (90 mm.), Mississippi National Guard, on May 1, 1951, resumed his position as director of the Mississippi State Department of Archives and History on February 1,

1953. Charlotte Capers, acting director during his absence, has returned to her position as assistant director of the department.

MISSOURI

The Knights of Columbus have issued an illustrated booklet, *The Knights of Columbus Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Documents at the Vatican Library*, which describes the plans for the collection in the Memorial Library of St. Louis University of microfilm copies of the 42,000 manuscripts in the Vatican Library. According to present estimates the microfilming project will not be completed until 1955. Some service, however, is now available at St. Louis University to accredited scholars who wish to consult the documents already filmed.

MONTANA

In December 1952 the Historical Society of Montana moved into its new home, the Veteran Pioneers Memorial Building. The building provides a five-floor fireproof stack for the newspaper, book, and manuscript collections of the society's library, adequate working quarters, and a well-lighted reading room.

NEW JERSEY

The personal papers of the late James Forrestal, first Secretary of Defense, have been given to Princeton University by his widow and sons. Along with the papers, the university has received manuscripts, correspondence, documents, memoranda, photographs, books, and other material from the Forrestal family.

Before he died in 1949 Secretary Forrestal established the Forrestal Foundation Fund, the principal of which was left to Princeton. Some of the income will be used for the cataloging and preparation of these papers; all of it eventually will be devoted to the operation of the library at the Forrestal Research Center. Since some of the papers are personal and private, access to the collection has been restricted.

Clarence Dillon and Laurance S. Rockefeller have purchased from the New York *Herald Tribune* and presented to Princeton the personal diaries and other materials used in preparing the series of articles called the "Forrestal Diaries."

The director of the New Jersey Historical Society is looking for applicants, preferably male, for the librarianship of the society. Anyone with administrative ability, training and experience in archival work — including cataloging books and manuscripts and the care and preservation of historical records — in research and general library procedure, and in the local history field, not necessarily in New Jersey history, is invited to submit an application during July or September (*not* during August) to Mr. A. J. Wall, Jr., Director, New Jersey Historical Society, 230 Broadway, Newark 4, N. J.

NEW YORK

The sixth of the annual seminars on American culture will be held in Cooperstown under the auspices of the New York State Historical Association, July 5 through 11. Among the courses offered this year are "Using Local History," a workshop for local historians, under the direction of Albert B. Corey, State historian; "The School and the Museum," offered by Carl E. Guthe, director of the State Museum; and "Patterns of American Folk History," directed by Carl Carmer.

The Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. was host on March 3 to the first meeting of the New York Group of the Picture Division, Special Libraries Association. The meeting was addressed by Romana Javitz, superintendent of the picture collection of the New York Public Library. The organization is interested primarily in the use and care of pictorial materials; its membership includes those who deal with pictures for newspapers, magazines, advertising agencies, television and film companies, business and industrial firms, and public and private libraries and museums.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Robert D. W. Connor Award will be made by the State Literary and Historical Association for the first time in 1953 and annually thereafter for the best article based on original research in the field of North Carolina history, written by an undergraduate or graduate college or university student, and published in the *North Carolina Historical Review* in one or more of the four issues during the year preceding the annual meeting of the association. The award, to be announced at the morning session, will be a check for \$25. This year's judges are Christopher C. Crittenden, editor of the *Review*, Paul Murray of East Carolina College, and D. J. Whitener of Appalachian State Teachers College. Any student having one or more articles to submit should send his work to D. L. Corbitt, managing editor of the *Review*, who will pass it on to the editorial board to be considered for possible publication.

For a number of years the law under which the North Carolina Department of Archives and History operates has provided for the destruction of useless county records upon certification by a county official that the records have no further "use or value for official or administrative purposes" and certification by the department that such records "appear to have no further use or value for historical research or other scholarly purposes." Within recent years a number of county officials have been reluctant to dispose of useless records because of the responsibility involved in making such a certification. The general assembly of 1953 therefore amended the law by adding a paragraph reading as follows:

When any county, city, town or other governmental records shall have been destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the procedure authorized above, any liability that the custodian of such records might incur for such destruction or other disposal shall cease and determine.

Davidson County, N. C., recently transferred to the State archives court

minutes, tax lists, marriage bonds, and inventories of estates, and Duplin County transferred tax lists, minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and other records.

The State Department of Archives and History has published the *Papers of Willie Person Mangum*, vol. 2, 1833-38, edited by Henry T. Shanks. Copies may be obtained by applying to the Department and enclosing a wrapping and mailing fee of one dollar.

The Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C., announces that Wilhelmina Carothers has joined the staff to assist with the foundation's publication project, a printed catalog of the periodical holdings of the institution. Miss Carothers is a graduate of the University of Illinois Library School and has most recently been librarian of the School for Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University.

OHIO

Wilbur and Orville Wright's scientific papers — including letters, diaries, wind-tunnel tables, and propeller notebooks — are to be published. The two-volume publication of the McGraw Hill Book Co., sponsored by Oberlin College, will be based on the Wright manuscripts in the Library of Congress and will constitute a permanent tribute to the brothers' inventive genius. The Wright papers, which were given to the Library of Congress in 1949 by the Orville Wright Estate under terms that will make their contents public property after 1960, are being prepared for the press by the Library's Aeronautics Division on a grant from Oberlin College. The contract between Oberlin and the publisher, just signed, calls for publication before December 17, 1953, the fiftieth anniversary of the Wrights' first flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

OREGON

The State Archivist, David C. Duniway, in his report to the forty-seventh legislative assembly on archival activities for the year 1951-52, states that the Archives has 3,172 square feet of floor space available for storing records but that the State has 18,500 feet of permanent records, most of which are of necessity stored in costly office space. On the brighter side, 11 agencies are engaged in space-saving microfilm projects, including 6 agencies that are using microfilm for current business records. During the period covered by this report, the Archivist advised the disposal of 47 groups of State and 15 groups of county records and conducted classes in records management for the State civil service commission, in which 98 employees participated.

PENNSYLVANIA

A Census of Autograph Music Manuscripts of European Composers in American Libraries, compiled by Otto E. Albrecht, curator of music at the University of Pennsylvania Library, under the sponsorship of the Oberlaender

Trust, has just been published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. Two thousand manuscripts by 571 composers are listed alphabetically by composer and a supplementary list of owners is included.

C. C. Conner, who is in charge of the library and archives of the Aluminum Co. of America, has issued from his Pittsburgh office a seven-page memorandum outlining what information services his staff can render officials of the company. Among the materials mentioned as of special interest to them are suppliers' catalogs and pamphlets, plant histories (they now number 70 volumes and include a one-volume general company history), development division reports, annual shareholder reports, plant magazines and newspapers, company booklets and reprints, price lists from 1894, old photographs, and company correspondence. The memorandum closes with an invitation to use the library and archives, for, Mr. Conner says, he and his staff "view every difficult question as a challenge."

On April 20 the new records storage center for housing Philadelphia's municipal records was opened in the basement of the municipal court building at 1801 Vine Street. The center will accommodate an estimated 18,000-19,000 cubic feet of records and will act as a control center for the disposal of non-permanent records and the accessioning of records for the city archives. The records center staff includes a reference section for service by telephone, messenger, or personal interview.

RHODE ISLAND

Brown University Library has acquired a negative microfilm, made by Prof. Morton Smith, of many early manuscripts in various libraries in Greece. This film, containing more than 5,000 exposures, includes sample pages of the oldest manuscripts of the uncataloged libraries in Dimitsane, Amorgos, and Paros; selections from the works of St. Isidore of Pelusium; tenth- and eleventh-century manuscripts of the minor works of Maximus the Confessor; and Catenae manuscripts of the ninth, tenth, and eleventh centuries.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Historical Commission of South Carolina has published the third volume in the new series of Colonial Records of South Carolina, *Journal of the Commons House of Assembly, 1741-1742*.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The South Dakota State Historical Society began on July 1 to microfilm its current acquisitions of 13 daily and 175 weekly newspapers, hoping to reduce as rapidly as possible all its bound newspaper files to microfilm. The society has more or less complete files of 534 newspapers published in South Dakota since Dakota Territory was organized in 1861. The program will eventually free for archival uses about 20,000 cubic feet of space now occupied by bound newspaper files.

VERMONT

The 1953 legislature has passed a uniform evidence act authorizing the submission of photographic copies of business and public records as evidence. A bill, H. 120, providing for a \$600,000 addition to the State Library and Supreme Court Building, was passed by the house and in May was still awaiting final action in the senate. This bill is of particular interest since the plans provide for quarters for an archives department, including vaults, search rooms, and repair and photographic rooms. All archival operations are now carried on in one room.

VIRGINIA

The Thomas J. Jackson Memorial has been incorporated in Virginia to "collect records bearing on the life and achievement of the Confederate general and make these available for research and study." The new organization will also provide scholarships, fellowships, sabbatical leave emoluments for teachers, and other incentives to scholars to study Jackson. Jay Winston Johns of Charlottesville, a member of the Virginia conservation commission and the Virginia Military Institute board, has been named president of the corporation.

The Alderman Library of the University of Virginia played host on May 9 to archivists in Virginia college and university libraries at a meeting of the college and reference section of the Virginia Library Association.

Preliminary steps have been taken by the Alderman Library and other interested parties in the assembling of all known Madison and Monroe manuscripts. In furtherance of this project the manuscripts division of the library recently received through Philip M. Hamer, executive director of the National Historical Publications Commission, 14 rolls of Madison and Monroe letters microfilmed from the domestic letters and miscellaneous letters series of the Department of State. The ultimate goal of this long-range plan is a publication of the Madison and Monroe papers similar to the Thomas Jefferson project undertaken at Princeton University.

Francis L. Berkeley, Jr., curator of manuscripts at the Alderman Library, has been spending a year's leave of absence in the United Kingdom under the Fulbright program. Sponsored by the University of Edinburgh, Mr. Berkeley is making a survey of British manuscript sources for Virginia history, especially in the colonial period. He is searching local and private libraries, university and college libraries, public records offices, and archives neglected or inadequately covered by existing guides and transcript projects. Among the numerous memoranda that he has sent back to the library, the following have been mimeographed and will be sent on request to any interested person or institution:

Bankes Manuscripts. With addendum. 9 p.

Bogle Family Manuscripts, 1729-1787. Glasgow-Virginia trade. 9 p.

Danby Family Correspondence of Virginia in the Cunliffe-Lister Muniments at Bradford, Yorkshire, 1654-1706. 3 p.

Edinburgh University Matriculation Records. Some notes relative to Virginia students.

Glasgow Matriculation Records. Notes relative to Virginia students. 1 p.

- Hammond. Memorandum on the Papers of Sir Andrew Snape Hamond, Captain in the Royal Navy During the American Revolution. 3 p. and 3 p. supplement.
- Houstoun. Glasgow-West Indies Trade, 1776-1781. Three large (folio) letter books of Alexander Houstoun & Co. of Glasgow. 3 p.
- Lancashire's County Record Office, at Preston, England. Manuscripts of Virginia-Pennsylvania interest, 1682-1846. 4 p.
- Liston. Sir Robert Liston's (1742-1836) Personal Papers as 2d British Minister to the United States, 1796-1802. 6 p.
- Manchester's Libraries, 1953. 2 p.
- Scottish. Notes from the national register of (Scottish) archives on manuscripts of American interest. 6 p.
- Sheffield City Library. Notes on the Wentworth Woodhouse muniments and other manuscripts. 3 p.
- Tobacco. Virginia tobacco and immigration, 1637. Cargo and passengers of the ships *Tristram* and *Jane*. 2 p.

WYOMING

The thirty-second legislature of the State of Wyoming passed a revised law relating to the State's archival and historical work and created the State Archives and Historical Department. The act did not basically change Wyoming's historical and archival program, but it streamlined the organization so that a director assumes the responsibility for the archival, historical, and museum work of the State, with trained assistants to carry out the program. A tight budget and a small staff handicap the work, but some progress is being made in all three fields of departmental activity. Lola M. Homsher has been appointed director and Henryetta Berry deputy director of the department. Their offices are located in the south wing of the new State Office Building in Cheyenne.

