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June 18-29, 1956

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TENTH INSTITUTE IN THE PRESERVATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF ARCHIVES

June 18-July 13, 1956

CO-DIRECTORS: Ernst Posner, Professor of History and Archives Administration, and Theodore R. Schellenberg, Director of Archival Management, The National Archives and Records Service, Professorial Lecturer.

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July 9-27, 1956

DIRECTOR: Meredith B. Colket, Jr., Member of the staff of the National Archives and Records Service, Professorial Lecturer.

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News Notes

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National Archives

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

The joint annual luncheon session with the American Historical Association was held in the Pan American Room of the Mayflower Hotel on Thursday December 29, 1955. J. H. Easterby of the South Carolina Archives Department presided, and Richard B. Morris of Columbia University read a paper entitled "Archives and the Next Fifty Years."

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

December 28, 1955

The meeting was called to order in the National Archives Conference Room by the president at 5:45 p.m., with the secretary, treasurer, editor, and council member Wayne C. Grover in attendance. Council members Dolores Renze and Leon de Valinger, Jr., had sent to the secretary comments on matters on the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The treasurer submitted a budget for 1956, and after some discussion his estimates were amended to provide \$500 additional for printing the directory. The budget then was approved.

The council directed the secretary to control the issuance of printed stationery for the committees in order to safeguard against any unauthorized use of the name of the Society.

It was voted that the dates of the Washington meeting should be either Thursday October 11 and Friday October 12 or Monday October 15 and Tuesday October 16, 1956, the precise dates to be determined by the Committee on Local Arrangements. The registration fee for the convention was established at \$1.50.

Proposed dates for the Columbus, Ohio, meeting in October 1957 were then discussed. Monday October 7 and Tuesday October 8 were the dates agreed upon, since it was thought desirable to meet in conjunction with the American Association for State and Local History. It was felt that if possible a joint session of the two societies should be held on Monday afternoon. It was also agreed that, if feasible, the Society's headquarters should be the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, which is serving as the Association's headquarters. If this is not possible, sessions might be held at the nearby Neil House.

At the request of council members Renze and de Valinger action was deferred on the question of fellowships within the Society. It was directed that their comments on the matter should be referred to the Committee on Professional Standards for further consideration.

The president asked advice on the naming of the Society's delegates to the International Conference on Archives to be held in Florence, Italy in September 1956. Solon J. Buck was unanimously recommended for appointment as one representative of the Society.

Owing to an inquiry received from certain records organizations in the West, the question of establishing local chapters of the Society was discussed. Earlier concern with the question was recalled. Since no constitutional provision exists to authorize such chapters, the secretary was advised to instruct a group in Denver to meet on an experimental basis, provided that all concerned were members of the Society and that no local dues were collected. That group will be asked to report on its activities to the council at its next meeting and, if desirable, the council thereafter will consider what steps may be taken to deal with the problem.

No plan having been formulated for approaching any foundation for support of Society programs, it was agreed that all members of the council should send to the president their ideas on drafting a suitable proposal.

The Council approved the editor's appointments to the editorial board of the journal, namely: J. H. Easterby in place of Fred Shelley, Florence E. Nichol for William J. Petersen, and Lyman H. Butterfield for Henry J. Browne.

A small donation to the Society was reported, and the treasurer was authorized to keep it in the general funds and open a special gift account only upon further receipts.

The council adjourned at 7:30 p.m., with the decision to hold its next meeting in the spring.

Henry J. Browne, *Secretary*

The secretary announces the following committee appointments for 1955-56:

Administrative Committees

Auditing: Helen L. Chatfield, chairman

Local Arrangements, 20th annual meeting: Wayne C. Grover, chairman; Henry J. Browne, Homer Calkin, Robert H. Land, Albert H. Leisinger, Forrest L. Williams

Nominations: Alice E. Smith, chairman; Oliver W. Holmes, Lola Homsher

Program, 20th annual meeting: Sherrod East, Chairman; Oliver Holmes, Arthur E. Young, Robert H. Land, Gust Skordas, Henry Eddy, Lewis J. Darter, Jr., Mary C. Lethbridge

Membership: Dolores C. Renze, chairman; Rodney K. Waldron, Philip C. Brooks, George E. Warren, Vera A. Avery, Donald Danker, James R. Fuchs, Seymour Alderson, Daniel F. Noll, Charles E. McCusker, Henry Young, Joel D. Buckwald, Lewis H. Thomas, Theodore R. Schellenberg, John W. Porter, J. H. Easterby

Technical Advisory Committees

Audio-Visual: Hermine M. Baumhofer, chairman; Owen W. Bombard, Forrest L. Williams

Bibliography: Lester W. Smith, chairman; Edna L. Jacobsen, Alice E. Smith, Ernst Posner, Grace Quimby

Archival Buildings and Equipment: Victor Gondos, Jr., chairman; Everett O. Alldredge, Leon de Valinger, Jr., Vernon H. Beal, William T. Alderson

International Relations: Theodore R. Schellenberg, chairman; Philip C. Brooks, Robert Claus, John P. Harrison, Fred W. Shipman, William J. Van Schreeven

Microphotography: Albert H. Leisinger, Jr., chairman; Mary G. Bryan, Charles W. Dickens, Rex Beach, Daniel F. Noll

Preservation: William J. Barrow, chairman; Alvin W. Kremer, Vernon L. Beal, John S. Still

Records Management: Rex Beach, chairman; Dorothy Daggett, Lewis J. Darter, Irving Zitmore, Robert A. Shiff, Herbert E. Angel, S. J. Pomrenze

Professional Standards and Training: Morris L. Radoff, chairman; Wayne C. Grover, Philip C. Brooks, Solon J. Buck, Christopher Crittenden, Margaret C. Norton, Waldo G. Leland

General Promotional Committees

Business Records: Robert W. Lovett, chairman; Chester C. Conner, A. A. Deter, Norman L. Kilpatrick, Irving Zitmore, Henry E. Edmunds

Church Records: Edmund L. Binsfeld, chairman; Nelson E. Springer, Mabel Deutrich, Worth M. Tippy, Honorius Provost, Arthur J. Riley, John P. Hively, Thomas Spence, Jr.

College and University Records: Leonidas Dodson, chairman; Henry J. Browne, Edith M. Fox, Jacqueline Bull, Gaston Litton, Clifford Shipton, Lewis Vandervelde, Dwight Wilson

Labor Records: Paul Lewinson, chairman; Jesse E. Boell, Leone W. Eckert, Elizabeth M. Thomas, Morris Rieger, Henry J. Browne

Municipal Records: Charles E. Hughes, Jr., chairman; Vernon Beal, James Katsaros, Orval O. Liljequist, Elleine H. Stones, Thomas O. Amelia

State Records: Mary G. Bryan, chairman; Robert M. Brown, Lola M. Homsher, J. H. Easterby, Gust Skordas, Philip Mason

Special Committees

Publicity: To be announced

Resolutions: Olney Hill, chairman; Elizabeth G. Lee, Orval O. Liljequist

Since the publication of the report of the Committee on Labor Records in the January 1956 issue of the *American Archivist*, a number of State labor agencies have made returns on their records, reducing the number cited as not reporting. They are Connecticut (Labor Department), Illinois (Labor Department), Iowa (Bureau of Labor), Massachusetts (Department of Labor and Industry), Michigan (Department of Labor and Labor Mediation Board), Ohio (Industrial Commission and Industrial Relations Department), and Utah (Industrial Commission). The only jurisdictions from which there have been no reports are California, Guam, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, and Texas.

The following new members have joined the Society since the publication of the January 1956 issue:

Robert A. Adriance, Denver Federal Records Center; Herbert Bernstein, Ezyindex Products Corp.; Louis G. Carrico, Chevy Chase, Md.; Charlotte Conover, New Hampshire Historical Society; Dorothy T. Cullen, Filson Club; Edna E. Currier, Colorado Military District, U. S. Army; Kimball C. Elkins, Harvard University Archives; Edward Eberstadt, Eberstadt & Sons, Inc.; Margaret E. Flory, National Archives; Rev. Paul J. Fullam, St. Michael's Monastery, Union City, N. J.; Wallace B. Goebel, National Archives and Records Service; Kenneth R. Hall, National Archives; Virginia Lake, U. S. Air Force Academy; William H. McCauley, Delaware Public Archives

Commission; Elmer O. Parker, National Archives; James W. Phillips, Rice Institute; Peter M. Pitfield, Saraguay House, Quebec; Charles F. Poole, Baltimore Records Management Office; Robert T. Quarles, Jr., Tennessee State Library and Archives; Lewis M. Robeson, Departmental Records Branch, AGO; Jackson S. Saunders, Radcliffe College; Harry Schwartz, National Archives; Rev. John H. Westhues, Archdiocese of St. Louis; and Erwin C. Zepp, Ohio Historical Society. The Federal Records Center, St. Louis, and the Longwood Library, Kennett Square, Pa., have become institutional members.

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1956

	Yr. ending 6/30/54 <i>actual</i>	Yr. ending 6/30/55 <i>estimated</i>	Yr. ending 6/30/55 <i>actual</i>	Yr. ending 6/30/56 <i>estimated</i>
1. Cash on hand July 1				
Checking Account	\$1,790.49	\$2,000.00	\$3,194.47	\$2,973.88
Bank (Sav.)				2,000.00
				<u>\$4,973.88</u>
RECEIPTS				
2. Membership dues				
Domestic	3,119.00	3,120.00	2,991.05	3,200.00
Foreign	114.40	110.00		
3. Publications			2,867.08	2,500.00
Subscriptions	1,606.80	1,600.00		
Other	558.38	500.00		
4. Interest on Bond	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
5. Annual Meeting Surplus	476.46	100.00	363.28	
Other			40.54	
6. Refunds from advances, etc.	135.00			
Receipts (annual)	<u>\$6,035.04</u>	<u>\$5,455.00</u>	<u>\$6,287.70</u>	<u>\$5,725.00</u>
Receipts (total)	7,825.53	7,455.00	9,482.17	10,698.88
EXPENDITURES				
7. Administrative		1,200.00		1,000.00
Secretary's Office	451.74		139.60	
Treasurer's Office	54.98		113.11	
Committees and				
Special Projects	81.15		90.50	750.00
8. Torch Press	3,702.94	4,500.00	3,982.74	4,100.00
Editor's Expenses			89.64	100.00
Other Publication Expenses	90.25			
9. Advance to Comm. on				
Local Arrangements	200.00		92.70	100.00
10. ICA Dues	50.00	17.00		
Expenditures (total)	<u>\$4,361.06</u>	<u>\$5,717.00</u>	<u>\$4,508.29</u>	<u>\$6,050.00</u>
11. Cash balance	3,194.47	1,638.00	4,973.88	5,148.88
Less savings account			2,000.00	2,000.00
Checking Acct. Balance			2,973.88	2,648.88

(Sgd.) ERNST J. POSNER
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(Sgd.) HENRY J. BROWNE
Secretary

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Treasurer

Approved by the Council December 28, 1955.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

In memory of the late J. Franklin Jameson, whose "persistence and wise guidance led to the establishment of the National Archives," the American Historical Association presented a bronze plaque to the Archives on December 28, 1955. Purchased with subscriptions from Dr. Jameson's former colleagues, friends, and students, the plaque has been installed in the Pennsylvania Avenue lobby of the Archives Building. Boyd C. Shafer, the association's executive secretary, presented the gift to Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, during a memorial program which included presentation of a paper by Waldo G. Leland on "Jameson's Campaign for the Archives."

Those working in the field of archival and records management have long felt a need for standardization of professional terminology. The National Archives and Records Service has issued in draft form a "Glossary of Records Terminology." Archivists and records officers may obtain copies while the supply lasts. Those requesting copies are invited to submit to the Archivist of the United States their comments on the glossary and particularly their suggestions for improving it.

Preliminary inventories recently issued describe cartographic records of the Panama Canal and records of the Office for Emergency Management. Number 52 of National Archives *Accessions*, which lists records accessioned by the agency between July 1, 1953, and June 30, 1955, has been published. The issue also contains an article by Lyle J. Holverstott entitled "The General Accounting Office Accession: Its History and Significance." These publications and a revised *List of National Archives Publications* (January 1956) are available on request.

President Eisenhower has appointed Tracy E. Strevey, dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences of the University of Southern California, to be a member of the National Historical Publications Commission to succeed Arthur M. Schlesinger, whose term had expired.

The *Writings on American History*, 1951, compiled by the National Historical Publications Commission and issued by the American Historical Association, is now available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., at \$2.50 a copy.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library has received the papers of T. De Witt Talmage, 1832-1902, celebrated nineteenth-century American preacher. The collection of some 2,500 pieces includes about 300 sermons.

Lee de Forest, inventor and pioneer in the development of wireless communications, has presented his diaries or notebook journals spanning the years 1891-1949, about 50 letters written by him, 1884-1950, and a subject file of his personal writings.

The papers of Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson, have been received. The collection, about 2,500 pieces, contains early family letters but for the most part relates to Colby's career from 1912 on. Special

permission to use the collection should be requested through the chief of the Manuscripts Division.

The papers of the late Emmanuel A. Goldweiser, outstanding economist and for many years director of the Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board, have been presented to the Library. The collection numbers some 1,500 pieces and covers the years 1919-52 but is more concentrated for the period 1930-45. Correspondence and other materials on the policies and operations of the Federal Reserve Board and on special subjects such as the Bretton Woods Conference and the British loan of 1945 are included.

A series of 26 diaries kept by Susan B. Anthony from 1856 to 1906, but mainly during the 1870's and from 1890 on, have been added to the Anthony papers in the Library.

The Library's *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions* for February 1956 features Katharine E. Brand's article, "Woodrow Wilson, in His Own Time." Miss Brand describes the Library's collections of the personal papers of the former President and of the statesmen who served in his administration — the largest and most important body of source material for the study of Wilson and his era. (Wilson's papers alone, through the public-spirited gifts of his widow and his friends, now number more than 196,000 pieces and cover his career from his student days to the Presidency and world statesmanship.) Miss Brand also describes how the papers of many other public figures — including 10 of the 19 men who served in the Cabinet between 1913 and 1921 — have been joined with Wilson's papers in the Library to form "a Mecca for scholars concerned with the history of the first quarter of the twentieth century."

Lester K. Born, until recently coordinator in the Library's micro-reproduction project, has resigned from the Library to serve as Cultural Affairs Officer, United States Embassy, Manila, P. I.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Eastman Kodak Laboratories has developed for the Air Force, though not yet for general use, a "Minicard System." Documents, at a reduction of 60 to 1, or their code symbols are photographed on minicards, pieces of film $\frac{3}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. When information is desired, minicards can be searched photo-electrically at an estimated rate of 1,000 per minute, said to be the equivalent of 21,600 pages per minute.

A decade of experience with modular construction, a type of much promise for the wholesale storage of either books or records, is summarized by Angus Snead Macdonald in the December 1955 *Library Journal*. "Modules are those space divisions bordered at bottom and top by floors and at corners by the columns that support the building. Instead of load supporting interior walls, regularly spaced rows of structural columns and wide open floor spaces form the . . . interior."

In the "Tools of Office" section of the October 1955 issue of *Office Management*, Robert Beeman discusses filing equipment, systems, and supplies and gives a detailed listing of manufacturers and products.

Dorothy K. Taylor, administrator of the Wyoming State Microfilm De-

partment, reports the purchase of a specially designed table for use with a Model D table camera. It has "book cradles which work together or independently by gears, a plate glass top on heavy spring with foot pedal, and other gadgets to save time and labor." Information concerning it can be obtained from Dakota Microfilm Service, 2418 W. Dunkeld Pl., Denver 11, Colo.

FOREIGN NEWS

Austria

Florian B. Rath of the Haus-Hof-und Staatsarchiv in Vienna was a recent visitor in the United States. Dr. Rath attended the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, spent some time at the National Archives and Records Service in Washington, and visited several State archives and records installations.

Canada

The Public Archives of Canada, now housed in the Archives Building on Sussex Street in Ottawa, will eventually be moved to the third floor of a new building now planned for the National Library of Canada on a conspicuous site overlooking the Ottawa River. The architect is A. S. Mathers of the Toronto firm of Mathers and Haldenby.

Costa Rica

Jorge A. Lines, professor of history in the University of Costa Rica, has described some of the cultural institutions of the United States, including the Library of Congress and the National Archives, in a series of essays published by the United States Information Service under the title *Reminiscencias de un viaje por los Estados Unidos*.

Germany

It is reported that as many as 90 freight-car loads of German records have been brought back from the Soviet Union to be housed in the new building of the Central Archives at Potsdam, within the Soviet Zone of Germany. A news item from the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* of October 4, 1955, as translated, asserts:

The materials comprise documentation on German internal and foreign politics from the fourteenth to the twentieth century. Among others the returned materials include files of the Foreign Ministry between 1870 and 1930; also documents of the Hohenzollern House Archives and the Prussian Secret State Archives. There are also materials originating in the Ministry of Propaganda and in the Berlin Police Headquarters, documents concerning German internal policy up to 1945, and files of the consulates and embassies of the Reich and the Reich's Colonial Office.

Great Britain

The Records Preservation Section of the British Records Association is sponsoring a 5-year undertaking "for the specific purpose of dealing with accumula-

tions of documents in the offices of London solicitors." The Pilgrim Trust is providing funds.

The first annual conference of the Society of Archivists was held at York last year. A decision was reached to offer annually an "Archivist's Prize" to the member not over 30 years old who submits the best article under 3,500 words in length appropriate for publication in the Society's journal.

Two members of the archival profession were honored in 1955 with the O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire): M. F. Bond, Clerk of the Records at the House of Lords Record Office; and V. W. Hiller, Chief Archivist of the Central African Archives.

Honduras

Arnulfo Pineda López, assistant to the Director of the Archivo Nacional in Tegucigalpa, Carlos Somoza, is visiting the United States under a grant from the Department of State for a year's training in all aspects of modern archival administration. After his return to Honduras, Señor Pineda will advise in the planning of a new archives building and assist Professor Somoza in directing the transfer of the archives from their present overcrowded quarters.

India

The National Archives of India, New Delhi, under the directorship of B. A. Saletore, issues in English a monthly status report called *Activities of the National Archives of India*. The institution offers both a 1-year and a 3-months course in the science of archive keeping. The latest short course, July-September 1955, attracted a dozen registrants.

Israel

During 1955 G. Herlitz retired as director of the Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem, and A. Bein was appointed to succeed him. Dr. Bein's chief assistants are Israel Klausner and Paul A. Alsberg.

Panama

Lectures given at the University of Panama by Philip C. Brooks during his 1954 records advisory mission have been published under the title *El Manejo de Archivos y Documentos* (Imprenta Nacional, 1955. xvi, 215 p., charts, appendixes). It is understood that copies are available from the Sección de Publicación, Controloría General de la República, Panama, R. P.

During Dr. Brooks' followup visit to Panama last fall, he worked chiefly with the Banco Nacional, devising and installing a completely new subject file scheme. Some work was also done for the National Assembly and the Foreign Office. Estela Morene de Grandi, who assisted Dr. Brooks during his original mission, was again assigned to full-time work with him in the Banco project. She became head of the newly enlarged Archives Section of the Comptroller

General's Office on January 1, 1956. Before leaving Panama in November, Dr. Brooks spoke at a meeting of some 180 persons, members of the Asociación de Archiveros and the Sociedad de Administración Pública and others who had attended his course of lectures in 1954.

ALABAMA

The legislature of Alabama has created two records commissions to operate under the chairmanship of the director of the Department of Archives and History, one of 7 members to manage records policy at the State level and one of 11 members to handle records policy at the county level. The new legislation (Act No. 565, 1955) recognizes the legal validity of duly authenticated reproductions, whether photographs, microfilms, or prints made from them. The photographing or microphotographing of Alabama public records, other than those of political subdivisions, is centralized in the Department of Archives and History. The present director of the department is Peter A. Brannon.

The new Air University Library now under construction at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, will be provided with an extensive vault to accommodate classified documents that are now stored in 4-drawer filing cabinets. When the vault is completed, the documents will be transferred into fiber-board containers which will be shelved on standard library shelving.

CALIFORNIA

The Ward Ritchie Press of Los Angeles has printed in limited editions the three parts of the *Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts in the Estelle Doheny Collection*. The treasures described are housed in the Edward Laurence Doheny Memorial Library at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo.

The California Historical Society and the Society of California Pioneers for a number of years occupied jointly the latter's building at 456 McAllister St., San Francisco. Because of the growth of its own collections, the California Historical Society during Christmas week moved its office and holdings to temporary quarters on the seventh floor of the Flood Building, 870 Market St., San Francisco 2. On January 1, Augustus Pollack officially became the society's managing director, succeeding Mrs. Rogers P. Parratt, retired.

Early in 1956 the Bancroft Library acquired the papers of Hiram W. Johnson. The manuscripts fall into three groups: gubernatorial papers, 1910-17, covering Johnson's two terms as Governor of California; senatorial papers, 1917-45, covering Johnson's long career in the United States Senate; and personal papers, 1917-43.

The municipality of Santa Monica is setting up a complete records management program for the scheduled retention and disposal of all municipal records. To direct the program Harold L. Sunderland has been made administrative assistant to the city manager.

Alan G. Negus, vice president of the National Records Management Council in charge of the San Francisco office, has moved to New York to direct all advisory services of the council.

COLORADO

The chancellor of the University of Denver has designated Stuart Baillie, director of libraries, as the University Archivist.

ILLINOIS

Carl Sandburg has presented his personal library and manuscript collection to the University of Illinois Foundation. The collection, including Sandburg's Lincolniana, will be maintained intact at the university.

The National Records Management Council has been selected to conduct the Illinois Records Management Survey described by Margaret Norton in our last issue. Thornton Mitchell has been named project director for the council, and the State is to appoint a liaison officer to work with the council for the duration of the survey.

INDIANA

J. K. Lilly of the well-known Indianapolis pharmaceutical firm is presenting his collection of rare books and manuscripts to Indiana University. Assembled over a period of 30 years, the collection includes a letter from John Hancock about the first printing of the Declaration of Independence, a copy of the Bill of Rights presented by Washington to Jefferson, a signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, a manuscript of the Thirteenth Amendment signed by illustrious men, an autographed copy of Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender order, and the manuscript of "Dixie."

IOWA

The general assembly has appropriated \$200,000 for a State Historical Society Centennial Building, contingent upon the raising of \$100,000 by the society's 5,000 members.

The late Ora Williams, from 1939 to 1946 curator and historian of the Iowa State Department of History and Archives, is the subject of an appreciative article in the July 1955 issue of *Annals of Iowa*.

MASSACHUSETTS

The third annual summer Institute on Historical and Archival Management will be offered by Radcliffe College, with the co-sponsorship of the department of history of Harvard University, June 25-August 3. Designed for college graduates interested in a career in archives, museums, or historical societies, the course is open also to employees of such institutions. Students will study archival and historical resources and their relation to the interpretation of history, and they will visit representative manuscript and archival repositories, historical societies, and museums in the area of Greater Boston. The staff will consist of 15 or more experts in these fields. The course is under the direction of Lester J. Cappon. Two full-tuition scholarships of \$200 each are available. Inquiries should be addressed to the Institute, 10 Garden St., Cambridge 38, Mass.

MICHIGAN

Walt Whitman's commonplace book, a manuscript volume covering the years 1876-89, stolen from an exhibit at the Detroit Public Library in 1955, has been mysteriously returned. The item belonged to the Detroit industrialist Charles M. Feinberg and was reputedly valued at \$25,000.

Additions to the Burton Historical Collection during 1955 included 1,500 pieces of correspondence and 27 volumes of diaries and account books in the nineteenth century George Johnston papers; 2,000 items, 1782-1816, in the papers of August Brevoort Woodward, Territorial judge; some letters, 1843-61, and business documents of William Woodbridge, judge, Governor, and United States Senator; many additional papers of Eliza Seaman Leggett, a post-Civil War social and humanitarian leader in Detroit; about 300 documents in a Horatio Seymour collection; a Potawatomi Indian deed, July 6, 1776, to Grosse Ile at the mouth of the Detroit River; and Capt. Alexander Harrow's logbook of the British schooner *Chippewa*, 1793-95.

MISSOURI

Under the supervision of the Rev. John H. Westhues, Archivist, the archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis have been transferred from the basement of the chancery office for temporary housing at Kenrick Seminary. The materials will eventually be housed in a specially constructed section of a new preparatory school building.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

On January 1, 1956, Philip N. Guyol succeeded Elmer Munson Hunt as director of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

The legislature has enacted a capital budget bill that allocates \$4,000 for an archival survey in New Hampshire. At the beginning of 1956, however, the plans for such a survey had not taken definite form.

NEW JERSEY

Thomas Amelia has been appointed as head of the Bureau of Archives and History of the New Jersey State Library to succeed William Benedon, now records consultant for the Lockheed Corp. in Burbank, Calif. Mr. Amelia has had broad experience in the records field over a period of years. In 1951 he made the report that was largely instrumental in establishing the Philadelphia Department of Records. In 1953, as consultant to the Chesterman committee, he surveyed the Commonwealth records, and his report resulted in the formation of a new records management program for Pennsylvania. In his new post Mr. Amelia will work with Roger H. McDonough, director of the State Library, in developing an effective archives and records management program for New Jersey.

NEW MEXICO

The Arrott collection of western Americana has come into the hands of the Rodgers Library of New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, through the generosity of James W. Arrott, a retired rancher and industrialist of Sapello. The collection consists of books, photographs, maps, microfilms, and manuscripts dealing with Southwestern military posts before 1851. William S. Wallace, associate librarian and Archivist of the university, is inventorying the collection and will be its curator.

NEW YORK

Mona Sheppard, formerly of the Records Management Division, National Archives and Records Service, has become vice president of Leahy and Co. For her work as principal adviser to the Hoover Commission's task force on paper-work management she received the Federal Government's highest civilian honor, the distinguished service award.

NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Department of Archives and History has acquired the records of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee for 1938-44, when former Gov. R. Gregg Cherry was chairman; and records of the Gaston County American Legion Post. The Department has cooperated with the history department of Meredith College in offering instruction in archival, museum, and publication work to 11 Meredith seniors who are majoring in history.

Librarians of various cultural institutions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States are advocating the setting up of a photographic center at the Historical Foundation, Montreat, "for economical duplication of irreplaceable books and documents." The cost of essential equipment is estimated at \$10,000.

NORTH DAKOTA

It is reported that the North Dakota Historical Society may recommend that the State of North Dakota authorize the appointment of a State Archivist.

OHIO

The National Jewish Welfare Board has presented to Jacob R. Marcus, director of the American Jewish Archives, the Frank L. Weil Award for 1955, in recognition of Dr. Marcus' contributions to American Jewish history. Maxwell Whiteman is now his assistant.

George J. Blazier's title has been changed from librarian to librarian and Archivist of Marietta College. A Marietta undertaking is the indexing of 39 volumes of the papers of Martin R. Andrews, Ohio educator, whose public career ran from 1870 to 1910.

The new L. F. Freiburger Library Building at Western Reserve University was opened for use at the beginning of the current semester. The structure will provide space for the university archives.

OKLAHOMA

The Division of Manuscripts at the University of Oklahoma has issued its *Reference Circular No. 1*, "Archival Material for Government Research."

OREGON

Both houses of the Oregon Legislature have taken appropriate action to ensure that the minutes of their respective committees shall be filed with the State Archivist.

PENNSYLVANIA

The secretary of the Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1630 Latimer St., Philadelphia, is seeking photostats of letters from, to, or about Hannah Penn, wife of William Penn.

The American Philosophical Society Library *Bulletin*, 1955, contains a 4-page report of the society's Committee on Library and studies by 10 different essayists commemorative of the 250th anniversary of Franklin's birth. Particularly informative is the essay by the society's librarian, William E. Lingelbach, on "Benjamin Franklin's Papers and the American Philosophical Society."

SOUTH CAROLINA

Having acquired from the National Archives in 1954 microfilm copies of the South Carolina Confederate muster rolls and the "Ainsworth list" to Confederate muster rolls, the South Carolina Archives Department will soon issue the initial volume of a roster of South Carolina troops in Confederate service. Individual service records will be summarized in the compilation.

TEXAS

Seymour V. Connor has been appointed curator of the Southwest collection and associate professor of history at Texas Technological College. Virginia H. Taylor has succeeded him as Archivist of the Texas State Library. She is the author of *Spanish Archives of the General Land Office in Texas*.

The January 1956 issue of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* contains Dr. Connor's "Preliminary Guide to the Archives of Texas," Mrs. Taylor's "Calendar of the Letters of Antonio Martinez, Last Spanish Governor of Texas, 1817-1822," and Lewis Hanke's "Materials on Texas History in European Archives."

Harriet Smither, Archivist Emeritus of the Texas State Library and an early contributor to this magazine, died last year. An article by her on the State Archives of Texas appeared in our July 1940 issue.

UTAH

The legislature of Utah has provided that the Governor's mansion and grounds at 603 East South Temple St., Salt Lake City, will become available

to the Utah Historical Society about February 1, 1957, to house the society's offices and library and the State's archives as well. Heretofore there has been no adequate repository for Utah's official records, though a Division of Archives was set up in the society and an archivist was appointed in 1954.

VERMONT

Hegen Petersen's article "Six Million Cows" in the Winter 1955-56 issue of *Vermont Life* mentions some of the record-keeping aspects of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association at Brandon, and of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America at Brattleboro.

George P. Morrill's article "Lilliputian Business" in the same issue tells about the development at Chester, Vt., of the activities of the Readex Microprint Corp., the firm that is cooperating with the American Antiquarian Society in the microprinting of early American texts.

VIRGINIA

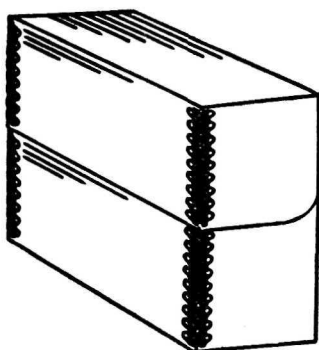
The French Army's chief of engineers, Maj. Gen. Robert Pinson, has sent to the museum of the United States Army Engineer Center several eighteenth century manuscripts, including three maps, pertaining to the siege of Yorktown. Motorists using U. S. Route 1 are invited to visit the museum at Fort Belvoir, a few miles south of Alexandria.

Materials recently received at the manuscripts division of the University of Virginia Library include several thousand transcripts and other items relating to Thomas Jefferson, principally from the estate of the late Marie Goebel Kimball; about 200 pieces of the correspondence, 1882-1911, of John H. Ingram, a Richmond judge; a scrapbook, 1884-1912, of Samuel Jackson Liggan, a Lynchburg parson; a letterbook, 1892-93, and scrapbooks, 1904-11, of James Murray Mason, a West Virginia politician; and small segments of the correspondence of officials or benefactors of the university during this century.

WASHINGTON

The State Archives by a law of 1955 has been transferred from the Department of Public Institutions to the newly created Department of General Administration. Robert C. Nesbit is the State Archivist.

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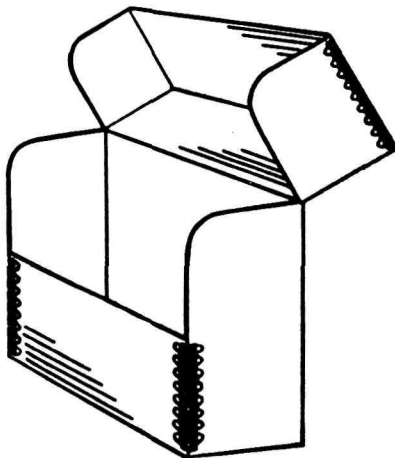
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