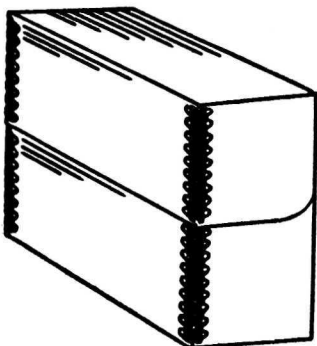


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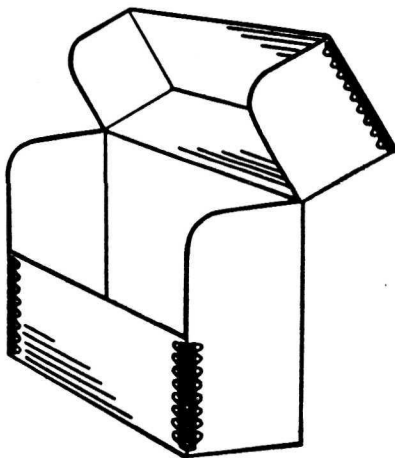
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National Archives

The bibliography of writings on archives, usually printed in the October issue of the *American Archivist*, has been delayed by the illness of Lester Smith. The compiler hopes to have the copy ready for the issue of January 1958.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists is scheduled to be held October 3-4, 1957, at the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. A tentative program distributed in July indicated that the Committee on State Records would hold its dinner on the evening of October 2, the day before the main program begins. Part of the program on October 4, the final day of the gathering of archivists, will be jointly arranged between the Society of American Archivists and the American Association of State and Local History, which this year also convenes its annual meeting in Columbus.

May 16, 1957

The meeting was called to order by President Lester J. Cappon in the Conference Room of the National Archives Building in Washington, D. C., at 10 a.m. Also present were the secretary, treasurer, and editor, and Council members Mary G. Bryan, Leon deValinger, and Wayne C. Grover.

On motion of Dr. Grover, seconded by Dr. Overman, approval of the minutes of the December Council meeting was voted, after correction of the 1957 annual meeting dates to October 3, 4, and 5.

The president read to the Council the recommendations from the Committee on Professional Standards on a proposed constitutional amendment relating to "Fellows." Discussion ensued point by point. With but minor changes, and on motion of Dr. Grover, seconded by Mr. deValinger, the amendment was unanimously adopted for submission to the membership at the annual business meeting in October at the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The amendment, which will require a majority vote for adoption, reads as follows:

There shall be added after the section headed membership (articles 3-8) a new section headed:

9. Members of the Society may be elected to a special class of membership, those so elected to be known as Fellows of the Society of American Archivists. Their number shall be no more than fifteen percent of the total individual membership reported at the last general meeting of the Society. No member of the Society shall be elected a Fellow who has not been a member in good standing of the Society for at least five years immediately preceding his election.

10. Election of Fellows shall be by a majority vote of all past presidents of the Society of American Archivists, who shall be guided by the following criteria:

a. Advanced educational experience, realistically appraised, in an area of knowledge recognized as essential for an archivist.

b. Professional experience, ordinarily of five years, which shall include the exercise of responsibility and shall demonstrate the possession of initiative, resourcefulness, and professional morale.

c. Writings of superior quality and usefulness.

11. A member of the Society of American Archivists duly elected a Fellow shall retain this designation as long as he remains a member in good standing of the Society.

The present articles 9-23, of the Constitution shall be renumbered 12-27.

President Cappon reported briefly on efforts to secure foundation support for a permanent secretariat for the Society, with a request that further consideration of the question be deferred until later on the agenda. Concurrence of the Council was obtained on motion of Mrs. Bryan, seconded by Dr. Bauer.

The Council was next given a list of the persons at present constituting the Society's honorary membership. A brief discussion of the topic resulted in a decision to defer further consideration until next meeting. The death of the honorary member from Cuba, Capt. Joaquín Llaverías, was reported by Dr. Grover.

A report was then heard and approved on the tentative program for the 1957 annual meeting. The secretary was directed to inform the program chairman of this action and to urge the securing of firm commitments from the speakers.

The treasurer spoke briefly on the general finances of the Society. His report for the first three quarters of the fiscal year showed:

Receipts (to May 15)	\$7,299.57
Expenses	5,923.29
Balance	<u>\$1,376.28</u>

Dr. Overman raised the question of the desirability of having the treasurer bonded. The Council requested that the treasurer investigate the matter and report thereon. The matter of reinvestment of the funds represented by the Society's matured U. S. savings bond was referred to the Finance Committee.

The editor next discussed his efforts to find a qualified person to complete the indexing of volumes 1-20 of the *American Archivist*. Miss Dorothy Swift of Washington, D. C., who soon retires, will prepare the index for volumes 11-20 and will do the coordinate editing necessary for volumes 1-10, completing the work by the end of the 1957 calendar year. The sum stipulated by Miss Swift does not include supplies or typing. On motion of Dr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Renze, it was voted that the editor be authorized to arrange for the indexing in accordance with the conditions of the bid, and that he and Karl Trever together draw up a contract setting forth specifications for the work.

The editor then reported on the membership directory. The secretary has submitted a foreword for the directory and a preliminary listing of members,

which can be coordinated with other information now in the hands of the editor.

The secretary summarized reports made by committee chairmen, pointing out the expressed desire of many of the chairmen for more directional planning by the Council. Mrs. Renze was asked to study the problem and report on it to the fall Council meeting.

Mr. deValinger reported on the results of his investigation of the matter of matching funds for the microfilming of vital records through the Federal Civil Defense Administration. His inquiries revealed that a rescission directive of F. C. D. A.'s Regional Contributions Memorandum No. 12, Nov. 16, 1956, withdrew the offer to match funds. On Apr. 27, 1957, Mr. deValinger received a letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of F. C. D. A., saying that: "Although we are recommending strongly that State and Local Governments take steps to preserve their vital records, we have no plans at this time for the use of matching funds for this purpose." On the basis of this report it was moved by Mr. deValinger, seconded by Mrs. Bryan, and concurred in by the Council, that the committee be discharged.

The secretary reported that her work on processing the Society's records is moving forward slowly but steadily; that she is making a special effort to establish a complete record of membership for the Secretary's office; and that there is need for coordination and consolidation of such record information, which is now divided among the treasurer, the editor, and the secretary, and perhaps diffused throughout the Society's archives.

Mrs. Renze reported a vigorous response to the Society's placement service. Many requests for candidates available for archival positions have been received, with only a few persons registering or inquiring about positions. All but one registrant have been placed.

It then being 1:30 p.m., the Council recessed until 2:30 p.m.

The afternoon session of the Council heard matters pertaining to unfinished business carried over from the December meeting:

1. The communication to the National Association of State Libraries had been sent, but there had been no reply to date.

2. At the annual meeting in October in his presidential address, Dr. Posner called on the Society to give thought to the appointment of a historian. Some discussion was held at the December meeting and also at the present Council meeting. It was decided, however, on motion of Dr. Overman, seconded by Mr. deValinger, to defer the question until the next Council meeting.

3. The president reported that he had asked Julian P. Boyd to represent the Society at the Sixth Anglo-American Conference of Historians in London, England, this summer.

Consideration of an amendment to paragraph 9 of the Constitution was proposed by Dr. Grover and seconded by Mrs. Bryan, to the effect that the presidential term of office be limited to a year, and that the vice president succeed to the office of president. Accordingly, the following amendment was voted for presentation to the membership — That the section of the Constitution relating to *Officers and Government* be amended to read:

The officers of the Society shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and an editor. All the officers, except the president and editor, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Society for terms of one year each and shall serve until their successors are elected. The president's term of office shall be one year; the vice president shall succeed to the office of president. The editor shall be elected by the Council for such term as it shall determine.

A motion for adoption of the following resolution was made by Dr. Grover, seconded by Dr. Overman, and unanimously passed by the Council:

Whereas, A major purpose of the Society of American Archivists is to promote the preservation and use of archives and manuscripts that are basic for an understanding and appreciation of our country's history; and

Whereas, The custodians of archives and manuscripts have long recognized that selective publication of the materials in their custody serves both to preserve from destruction and greatly to facilitate the use of the information that is recorded in them; and

Whereas, The National Historical Publications Commission has been established by the Congress of the United States to cooperate with and encourage Federal, State, and local agencies and nongovernmental organizations in collecting, preserving, and publishing the papers of outstanding citizens of the United States and other documents of importance for the history of the United States: *Therefore be it*

Resolved, That the Council of the Society of American Archivists wholeheartedly endorses the program of the National Historical Publications Commission as set forth in its report, on *A National Program for the Publication of Historical Documents* and exemplified in the several publication projects whose inception it has encouraged, and urges the adoption of House Joint Resolution 233 "To Encourage and Foster the Co-operation of Private and State Historical Commissions with the National Historical Publications Commission."

An expression of appreciation for the use of the National Archives Conference Room was voiced by the secretary, and recess was called at 5:45 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 6:30 p.m. at the home of the editor in Bethesda, Md., where the final business of the day was the report of the president on efforts to obtain foundation support for a permanent secretariat for the Society. Thus far, results have been negative. On motion of Dr. Grover, the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the matter further and President Cappon called Dr. Overman to the chair during the ensuing discussion. On motion of Dr. Cappon, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and approved by Council, it was voted to authorize the president to explore further the possibility of obtaining a foundation grant through cooperative agreement with the American University of Washington, D. C., which has demonstrated an active interest in providing leadership in the area of archival training for the betterment of the profession. The president will report on this matter at the next Council meeting.

The president resumed the chair; and, there being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

DOLORES C. RENZE, *Secretary*

The secretary announces the following committee appointments for 1956-57:

Audio-Visual: Hermine Baumhofer, chairman; John Flory, Bruce C. Harding, William H. McCauley, and Sanford I. Smith.

State Records: LeRoy DePuy.

Business Records: Thornton W. Mitchell, chairman.

The secretary wishes to call the attention of all members of the Society to the new Fellowship Program of the American Council of Learned Societies "to provide opportunities for younger scholars to complete research projects in the humanities or to extend their competences by intensive study in a field or fields related to their areas of special interest. . . . Candidates must have demonstrated a high degree of scholarly competence in a specialty within the humanistic area of learning . . ." and "must have the doctorate or its equivalent at the time of application." Application forms should be requested from the ACLS Grants Program, 2101 R Street, N.W., Washington 8, D. C.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

The first of several projected volumes of selected documents relating to Florida Territory has recently been published as Vol. XXII of the *Territorial Papers of the United States*. It may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for \$8.25. Other publications of the Service during the quarter are *Preliminary Inventory No. 99, Records of the Office of the Postmaster General, 1789-1953* and *Special List No. 14, List of World War I Signal Corps Films*. Both these publications may be obtained free of charge from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

During the fiscal year ended July 1, the net holdings of the National Archives increased more than in any year since 1950. Almost 24,500 cubic feet of records of permanent value were brought in while only 2,360 cubic feet were transferred out to Federal record centers and, after reappraisal, 3,500 cubic feet were disposed of. The net gain, 18,700 cubic feet, brought the total holdings of records in the National Archives building to 775,300 cubic feet.

Among the accessions were microfilm copies of seized documents of the German Foreign Ministry, 1887-1933, and records of the trials held 1945-50 before the International Military Tribunal for the Far East and the United States Military Tribunals at Nuremberg. Other important accessions were the records of the Federal courts of Pennsylvania and Virginia. These cover primarily the 19th century, but they include some papers dated as early as 1789. They also include records of the District Court of the Confederate States of America for the Western District of Virginia, 1861-64, relating to the sequestration of the property and effects of "alien enemies."

At the dedication ceremony of the Harry S. Truman Library, held in Independence, Missouri, July 6, 1957, Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the dedicatory address. He spoke in praise of President Truman's courage and decisiveness, and of the Library he said,

[it] is destined to become a midwestern center of study and research, not only for the period of Mr. Truman's Presidency, but also for the whole complex of events surrounding it. The impetus it provides for extending the research resources of this great section, which has meant so much in the development of the nation as a whole, represents a milestone in American history. . . . It is fortunate that the Truman Library is to become a part of our vast and growing educational system—that it can be a major influence in the process of training an ever growing number of research students. . . . People from the universities and colleges of this country and from foreign countries will beat paths leading to and from Independence reminding us of those of the nineteenth century. These new trails will be kept open because there will be sustained use of the Truman papers by future generations of writers, biographers, historians, political scientists and others. The traveler following these new trails will explore the background which the Truman Library will provide for a more complete understanding of the contributions made by his administration. Independence will become even more distinguished as a center for the cultural development of our country than it was for its geographical expansion.

It is expected that this new presidential library, as a part of the National Archives system, will be opened to scholars and the general public early in the fall. Philip C. Brooks, long a member of the National Archives staff and twice president of the Society of American Archivists, will be its director. To assist in making the resources of the Library and its facilities of maximum service to students and institutions of learning in the Mid-West and throughout the United States, a nonprofit corporation known as the Harry S. Truman Library Institute has been formed. The former president will be its honorary chairman and David D. Lloyd its executive director. One of the functions of this Institute will be to aid needy graduate students in pursuing their studies at the Library.

On June 30, 1957, the holdings of the regional Federal record centers exceeded 3 million cubic feet. Coupled with the holdings of the St. Louis record center, the total volume was over 3.6 million cubic feet. The largest depositors were the Internal Revenue Service (723,000 cu. ft.), the Veterans Administration (391,000 cu. ft.), the General Accounting Office (228,000 cu. ft.), the United States district courts (119,000 cu. ft.), the Census Bureau (102,000 cu. ft.), and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (102,000 cu. ft.). It is estimated that some 70% of all Federal court records predating 1945 are now in the centers. Arrangements have been completed to take over the Army Prisoner of War Records Center at Baltimore and the Social Security Administration depository in the same city. Arrangements have likewise been made with the Navy Department for the Seattle Federal record center to accession all types of naval records from the 13th and 17th Naval Districts on a trial basis.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Some 15,000 papers of the late Chattanooga editor and author, George Fort Milton, have been presented to the Library by his widow. A collection of 1,150 pieces pertaining to William S. Hart, Western hero of the silent screen, was bequeathed by Gatewood W. Dunston of Norfolk, Va. The New York

office of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency has given 7 volumes of the extant letters and papers of Allan Pinkerton. Among other manuscripts acquired are the Edith Rossiter Bevan autograph collection of about 400 documents and letters, 1798-1943; and a series of letters written, 1862-64, by Oberlin Wentworth, a Massachusetts volunteer killed in the Wilderness, May 12, 1864. From the National Diet Library, Tokyo, have come 18 rolls of positive microfilm of the Ito Miyojo papers, most of them dealing with the Japanese Constitution of 1889.

A statement of the Library's policy on the soliciting of local manuscripts appears in the Winter 1957 issue of *Manuscripts*.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Archivists as well as librarians should be interested in the decision of the Council on Library Resources to grant \$49,500 to the Virginia State Library to finance an 18-month study of "The Deterioration of Book-Stocks — Causes and Remedies," by William J. Barrow and a research staff. Mr. Barrow is well known professionally as the inventor of the Barrow laminator.

A still somewhat theoretical approach to making documents from large files quickly available is that set forth in an article on "AMFIS — The Automatic Microfilm Information System," described in *Special Libraries*, Apr. 1957. The ideas are those of Emik A. Avakian, inventor and system engineer with the Teleregister Corp. of Stamford, Conn., and Eugene Garfield, president of Documation, Inc., of Woodbury, N. J.

FOREIGN NEWS

Dominican Republic

A presidential decree of Dec. 31, 1956, established a Dominican Mission for Historical Investigation in the Archives of Spain. The mission, under the direction of the General Archives of the Nation, is supervised by Fray Cipriano de Utrera of the Dominican Academy of History.

Eire

Edward MacLysaght, chairman of the Irish Manuscripts Commission, is author of *Irish Families; Their Names, Arms, and Origins*, a new volume announced for autumn publication by Hodges Figgis & Co., Ltd., 6 Dawson St., Dublin.

Great Britain

An enemy rocket-bomb in 1945 destroyed Church House of the Presbyterian Church of England, 86 Tavistock Pl., London, killing 10 persons and dispossessing the Presbyterian Historical Society of England from its accustomed quarters for a dozen years. The society's surviving collections, which include the prized manuscript volume of the Westminster Confession of Faith, are now back at the restored Church House, in the care of Lillian W. Kelley, curator and archivist of the society.

Extensive manuscript records and printed holdings of the Church of Scotland are maintained at the General Assembly Library and Record Room, 352 Castlehill, Edinburgh.

The materials of medieval diplomatic history in the Public Record Office, London, are being published in three parallel series: Treaty Rolls, of which vol. 1, already available, covers the years 1234-1325; Roman Rolls, of correspondence addressed to the Pope and to cardinals; and Diplomatic Documents, of the Exchequer and Chancery.

Honduras

The new director of the Archivo Nacional in Tegucigalpa is Ernesto Alvarado García. He is assisted by Arnulfo Pineda López, who studied recently in the United States.

Venezuela

Hector García Chuecos, Director of the National Archives of Venezuela, has published *Relatos y comentarios sobre temas de la historia de Venezuela*.

ALABAMA

Mrs. Harrison T. Gill, 804 Jackson St., S.E., Decatur, Ala., can furnish for \$5 a lithographed *Index to Alabama Wills, 1808-1870*, a publication sponsored by the Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

CALIFORNIA

J. T. O'Connell, president of the Records Management Association of Southern California, 1335 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 15, reports that his organization has launched a survey of record retention practices of companies of all sizes located in the general area. Upon completion of the survey a standard record retention schedule will be issued for the convenient use and guidance of Southern California business concerns.

The Henry E. Huntington Library exhibited some of its valuable books and manuscripts on the settling of Virginia, in honor of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown.

A valuable collection of the papers of Mason Brayman, Governor of Idaho Territory, 1878-80, have come to the Bancroft Library of the University of California. Microfilms of the archives, dating from the 16th century, of one of the old water boards of Holland, the Hoogheemraadschap van Rijnland, Leiden, The Netherlands, have been presented to the University of California General Library at Berkeley. The Van Rijnland Water Board, which has existed since about the year 1200, sent the microfilms to the University for safekeeping in case the originals should be destroyed and to make the material available for research in this country.

COLORADO

The Air Force Reserve Records Center at 3800 York St., Denver, has been in operation about 4 years and now employs some 83 military and 1,300 civilian personnel. It consolidates in one center records that before the Korean War were handled in 8 different localities throughout the country.

When the fifth meeting of the Denver Interagency Records Administration Conference for the 1956-57 season was convened at the Air Force center, Brig. Gen. Winslow C. Morse, U. S. A. F., commanding, welcomed the IRAC members; and Maj. Howard F. Smart, president of the conference, described the center's functioning. The members were then taken on specially conducted tours of the large installation. Major Smart has now been placed on detached duty to enable him to complete the requirements for an A.M. degree at the University of Colorado.

Architects have drawn the plans for a 7-story State building to be erected at E. Colfax Ave. and Sherman St., Denver. The structure will have a basement and a subbasement, and it is expected that enough of its 125,000 square feet of floor space will be allocated to record storage to accommodate the State's record center.

Governor McNichols in July ordered the creation of a central data-processing and machine record section for the State government, to operate under John F. Healy, deputy director of revenue. Two of its functions will be to maintain an inventory of State property and to provide a full record of all taxable property in Colorado.

CONNECTICUT

Robert R. Metzdorf, curator of manuscripts for the Yale University Library, discusses "Manuscript Collecting for Historical Societies," in the Winter 1957 issue of *Manuscripts*, the journal of the Manuscript Society.

DELAWARE

The legislature this year passed several laws affecting the Public Archives Commission. One law provides that all agencies, departments, boards, and commissions of the State, or any county or municipality, shall deposit with the commission two copies of the best edition of every publication issued. Another law abolishes the State Library and provides that its material of historic interest shall be transferred to the State Archives. Yet another law appropriates \$16,000 for microfilming the records of the Corporation Department in the Office of the Secretary of State. This microfilming project is being undertaken by the Public Archives Commission.

The sum of \$30,000 is appropriated to the State Supreme Court for publishing the proceedings of the State Constitutional Convention of 1897. The State Archivist is empowered under this act to work with the justices of the court in the publication of this series of volumes.

The crowded condition in the Hall of Records should be greatly relieved

when the new State Board of Health building, authorized at this session of the Legislature, is built. Other State offices now occupying parts of the Hall of Records can then be moved to the former quarters of the State Board of Health, thus permitting the Public Archives Commission to expand its space in the Hall of Records, which was specifically constructed for archival purposes.

FLORIDA

The wide dispersion of the documentary materials of Hispanic Florida is emphasized in a brief but bibliographically helpful "Guide to Spanish Florida Source Material," prepared by Charles W. Arnade, assistant professor of history at the Florida State University, and published in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Apr. 1957.

GEORGIA

Mary Givens Bryan, director of the Georgia Department of Archives and History, is starting an audiovisual section with the purchase of a Bell-Howell film-sound projector and an open file cabinet for film storage. Managing Director Glenn C. Jackson of Station WAGA-TV, Atlanta, has announced a policy whereby the bimonthly film reports of U. S. Senator Herman Talmadge and Georgia's Governor Marvin Griffin will be turned over to Mrs. Bryan after their use on the air. In addition WAGA-TV expects to deposit with Mrs. Bryan's institution some 300 feet, or 90 minutes, of selected newsfilm reports of Georgia events. Some of the 11 other television stations in the State may also be expected to cooperate.

The Music Department of the University of Georgia at Athens has acquired the personal library and manuscripts of Guido Adler, the great music critic of Austria from 1898 to 1935.

ILLINOIS

The April issue of *Illinois Libraries* featured a biographical article about Margaret Norton, the retired State Archivist of Illinois, and carried her picture on the front cover. The Springfield-Urbana chapter of the American Society of Personnel Administration honored Miss Norton with a testimonial dinner on July 8 attended by 100 people; the Lieutenant Governor of Illinois made the presentation of an orchid, a framed brass plaque, and a sterling silver Paul Revere bowl. Miss Norton will travel abroad later this year.

The editors of a new edition of the papers of James Madison, now being compiled under the joint sponsorship of the University of Chicago and the University of Virginia, will appreciate information about the location of letters by or to James Madison or his wife, especially letters in private possession or among uncalendared manuscripts in the collections of public or private institutions. Please address The Papers of James Madison, 1126 E. 59th St., Chicago 37.

INDIANA

The Archives Division of the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, has received 616 volumes of historical records from the Land Office of the Auditor of State. Included are records of deeds, swamp lands, the Wabash and Erie Canal, the Michigan Road, surveys, field notes, and tract books. The auditor has retained original records of lands now owned by the State and microfilms of the surveys of United States lands.

At De Pauw University, Greencastle, the Department of Archives has the use of a ground-floor vault in the new million-dollar Roy O. West Library.

KANSAS

The 1957 session of the legislature by one act revised the powers of the State Records Board, simplifying the procedure for scheduling records for disposal on the request of an originating agency, and by another act authorized the State Historical Society to operate a State record center. But in the absence of any appropriation for it, such a center can not be established immediately. Budgetary considerations, incidentally, have led the society to make a charge of \$1 for issuing a copy of a census record or other record to be used for personal advantage.

The letters, papers, and photographs of Kansas statesman Arthur Capper have been deposited with the society by the Arthur Capper Estate and the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children, of Topeka. The collection is especially valuable for political and agricultural research.

Joseph W. Snell has joined the staff of the society as assistant manuscript cataloger; in addition to his work with manuscript collections he will assist in cataloging maps and photographs.

MARYLAND

The Maryland Historical Society has acquired 400 letters and papers of the Stone family of Charles County; in the lot are letters of Michael Jenifer Stone, Member of the First Federal Congress. Completion of the repair of the society's most valuable collection, the Calvert papers, was marked in April with a special exhibit. The repair project was made possible by a \$5,000 grant from the National Society, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

MASSACHUSETTS

In Haverhill, birthplace of John Greenleaf Whittier, a small vault in a brick building known as the Annex, behind the Haverhill Public Library, houses what is claimed to be the largest extant collection of Whittier materials.

The Women's Archives at Radcliffe College is cooperating with the A. N. Marquis Co. by extending research assistance in the compilation of a *Who's Who of American Women*, to be published next year. Elizabeth B. Borden, director of the Archives, announces the acquisition of papers of Miriam Van Waters, superintendent of the Framingham Reformatory for Women, and of

suffragette leaders Matilda Jocelyn Gage and Jane Norman Smith. Several well-known organizations — such as the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, and the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association — continue to increase the collections of their records at Radcliffe.

The Houghton Library of Harvard University has acquired from Samuel L. Barlow of New York, a descendant, an extensive collection of manuscripts, books, and pamphlets of Joel Barlow.

The course in record management given in the fall semester as part of the adult education program of the Massachusetts Department of Education is being conducted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Harold F. O'Neil, instructor, is an employee of the Records Management Division of the General Services Administration's Regional Office in Boston.

MICHIGAN

The Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library, announces a variety of interesting acquisitions. Among them are 2,200 family papers, ca. 1830-1940, of John Savage Porter, miniaturist and abolitionist, and his sons. The daughters of the late William W. Potter, justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, presented several thousand Potter letters and papers. Among recently acquired letters of Gen. Alexander Macomb is a carefully drawn map, about 1824, showing every town and settlement along the Detroit River, from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. Gifts of correspondence from Helen Bower, columnist of the Detroit *Free Press*, include letters from novelist Nora Waln, actor Robert Taylor, and musician Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong.

MINNESOTA

Frank H. Kaufert, dean of the University of Minnesota's forestry school, has been succeeded as head of the Forest History Foundation by Theodore C. Blegen, dean of the university's graduate school.

The Winter 1957 issue of *Manuscripts* contains the decision of Chief Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye of the U. S. District Court for Minnesota in the matter of manuscript notes of Capt. William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The decision, which denied U. S. Government ownership, may be appealed.

NEW YORK

The manuscript original of the Constitution of 1777 and a dozen other historical documents lent by the New York State Library were displayed at the Senate House in Kingston in observance of the 180th anniversary of the State's first Constitution, proclaimed in Kingston on Apr. 20, 1777.

The Iron Mountain Atomic Storage Corp. of Hudson, N. Y., operates a subterranean record repository in a converted iron mine 120 miles north of New York City. The entrance is guarded by a 28-ton bank-vault door.

Nahum M. Sarna has succeeded Gerson D. Cohen as head of the library

of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Incorporated under the presidency of Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, the library, of 170,000 books and more than 9,000 manuscripts, is said to be the largest library of Judaica and Hebraica in the world.

New York University's *Business Series Booklet* No. 29 (Mar. 1957), entitled *Planning Ahead for Paperwork Control*, records the proceedings of the third annual conference on record management, Sept. 1956, sponsored by the National Records Management Council and the university's school of business administration. The fourth annual conference, meeting in New York on Sept. 20, 1957, discussed whether paperwork is a liability or an asset. Applications for the NRMC's ninth annual research grant program, this year promising \$1,000 to each of three individuals, were expected to close on Sept. 30, 1957.

NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Box 1888, Raleigh, sells for 5 cents each a county outline map of North Carolina, 9" x 18", and a map of Civil War engagements in the State, 9½" x 22". The department distributes free, upon request, *Public Addresses and Papers of William Kerr Scott, Governor of North Carolina 1949-1953*, edited by D. L. Corbitt.

OHIO

The proceedings of the symposium on information retrieval, sponsored by Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Apr. 15-17, are being published by Interscience Publishers, Inc.

On July 1, John W. Weatherford, formerly manuscript librarian at the Ohio Historical Society, became director of libraries at Miami University, Oxford.

The Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio at Cincinnati has received the papers of the Gwynne family, prominent during the second quarter of the 19th century. Other acquisitions include the minute book, 1816-27, of the Female Auxiliary Bible Society of Cincinnati; the naval journals, 1823-26, of Augustus Strong; and the original journal of the Revolutionary patriot Capt. Isaac Anderson.

The new director of the Western Reserve Historical Society at Cleveland, Meredith B. Colket, Jr., has been for some years on the staff of the National Archives. He has conducted genealogical institutes for the American University and has served as an officer of the Columbia Historical Society.

PENNSYLVANIA

Henry J. Young has become Dickinson College archivist, curator of Dickinsoniana, and assistant professor of history at the college.

PUERTO RICO

The Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña, Archivo General de Puerto Rico, founded 1955-56, expects to acquire about 30,000 feet of records, including those of the Spanish Government of Puerto Rico, ca. 1750-1898, of the U. S. military and civil governments, 1898-1952, and of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from its founding in 1952. Important exclusions are notarial records, for the time being; registries of property; records of the municipality of San Juan, which has its own local repository; records of the municipality of Ponce, which may get its own local repository; and the archives and manuscript collections of the University of Puerto Rico.

RHODE ISLAND

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a graduate of Brown University, has given to that institution's John Hay Library 13 letters from Lincoln to Salmon P. Chase, Chase's proposals for an emancipation proclamation, and a Lincoln letter of 1864 to two alleged Confederate agents, laying down terms for the cessation of hostilities.

TENNESSEE

The East Tennessee Historical Society, building on the individual work of John Dougherty, a Knoxville physician, has undertaken a project to record voices and other sounds of significant regional interest.

The Tennessee Historical Commission has issued volume 4 of Robert H. White's *Messages of the Governors of Tennessee*, which covers the years 1845-57.

As an adjunct to its general record management program, the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is at work on a project that will, according to record consultant Belden Menkus of Nashville, develop a new and simple but comprehensive record system for use by local churches.

TEXAS

Immediate construction by the State of an adequate archives building is the first point in a 7-point program for 1957 adopted by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

The late Texas history authority Louis Wiltz Kemp has been honored by the establishment of two memorial funds, one to aid the San Jacinto Museum of History Association and one to advance the Southwest Collection of the Texas Technological College.

VERMONT

On Apr. 25, 1957, the Governor approved as law Senate Bill No. 35, "An Act relating to executive sessions, and minutes of meetings of legislative bodies, or state or local agencies, and to provide a penalty relating thereto." The statute requires the preservation of the minutes of business transacted at each

meeting, which shall be made available to any freeman of the State upon request, unless the reputation or good name of a person, the security of the State, or a proposed contract is involved.

VIRGINIA

In the *William and Mary Quarterly*, Apr. 1957, is a 13-page review article by Jack P. Greene of Michigan State University on "The Publication of the Official Records of the Southern Colonies." The writer recognizes the great achievements of the past 75 years and notes that, though many of the colonial records are still unpublished, projects are now under way for the eventual printing of most of them.

The Institute of Early American History and Culture sponsored a symposium on 17th-century colonial history, Apr. 8-12, at Williamsburg. Members newly elected to the council of the institute include Lyman H. Butterfield, editor of the Adams papers, and four prominent university professors.

On May 25, with the 22d general mailing of survey reports on European manuscript sources for Virginia history, William J. Van Schreeven and Francis L. Berkeley, Jr., announced suspension of the Colonial Records Project of the Virginia 350th anniversary celebration. Half or more of the compiled survey reports have not been distributed but the typescript may be consulted at the Alderman Library, the Virginia State Library, or the research office of Colonial Williamsburg. Edward M. Riley, director of the research office, summed up the significance of the project in a 5-column article in the *University of Virginia News Letter*, June 15, 1957.

The University of Virginia Library has acquired the correspondence of Jefferson with William Wirt about the Wirt biography of Patrick Henry. Two other recent acquisitions are the papers, 1676-1933, of the Johnson, Saunders, and Rutherford families of Maryland and Virginia; and 38 volumes of business records and correspondence, 1868-1932, of J. P. Morgan & Co. relating principally to the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads.

WASHINGTON

The University of Washington plans to enlarge its Swedish Historical Archives, which will eventually occupy a new wing of the library building.

Robert W. Nesbit, State Archivist, writes about "The State Archives of Washington," in the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, Apr. 1957.

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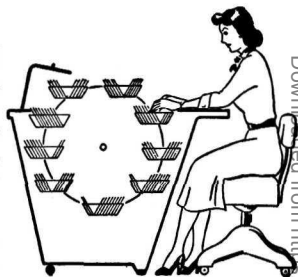
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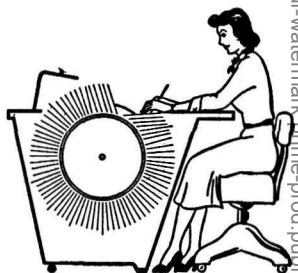


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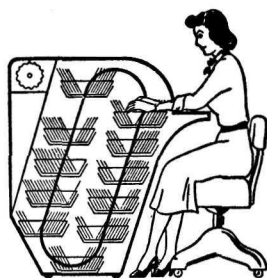


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