

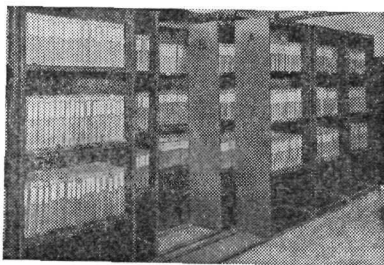
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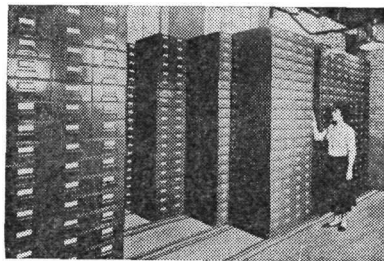
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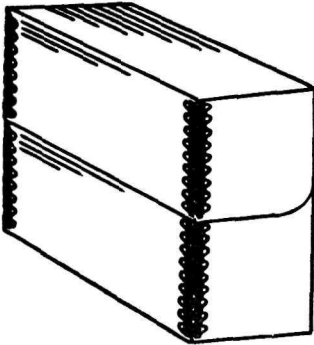
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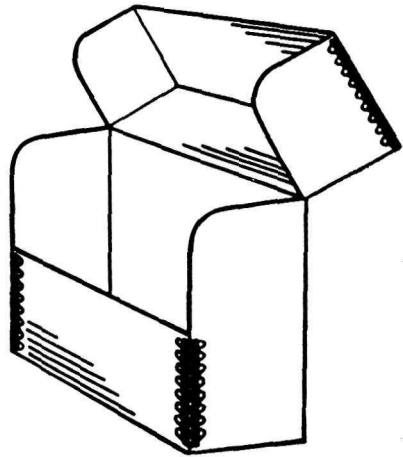
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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

The following members have joined the Society since our last reporting:

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COMMITTEES

Supplementing the lists of the Society's committees for 1957-58 (see our April issue, p. 225), the secretary announces that the chairman of the Audio-Visual Records Committee for the current year is John Flory, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.; and the chairman of the International Relations Committee is Theodore R. Schellenberg, National Archives and Records Service. As chairman of the Church Records Committee, the Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy has been succeeded by the Rev. August R. Suellow, Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, Mo. Other members of the Church Records Committee are Belden Menkus, Mabel Deutrich, the Rev. George Boyle, Alcuin Greenburg, Worth M. Tippy, Nelson Springer, Robert Shosteck, and Father Thomas T. McAvoy.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

MAY 22, 1958

The spring Council meeting was called to order at 11:00 a. m. on May 22, 1958, by President William D. Overman in the National Archives conference room, Washington, D. C. Present were the vice president, the secretary, and the treasurer; and Council members Lucile Kane, Wayne C. Grover, and Morris Radoff. The editor, G. Philip Bauer, and Council members David Duniway and Thornton Mitchell were unable to be present.

The secretary read the minutes of the December 1957 Council meeting, which were approved as read. Since the minutes of the annual business meeting of October 3, 1957, and of the Council meeting of the same date were published in the January 1958 issue of the *American Archivist*, it was voted to accept them as printed.

Several items of correspondence of general interest were read by the secretary, relating to archival developments in Kentucky, Arizona, and New Mexico. These were ordered filed for reference.

Reports of the officers followed. President Overman presented a question raised by Lester J. Cappon, 1957-58 chairman of the Committee on Professional Standards, as to whether the members of this committee should act as a committee with a different name for the election of Fellows of the Society. The consensus was that the intent of the Society's members was to assign this function to the Committee on Professional Standards, since its specified membership of all past Presidents of the Society conformed to the constitutional provision for the election of Fellows. On motion of Morris Radoff, seconded by Leon de Valinger, Jr., it was unanimously voted that the Committee on Professional Standards be charged with the annual election of Fellows in accordance with article 10 of the constitution as amended October 3, 1957.

A discussion ensued on the form of document that would be appropriate as evidence of the election of a Fellow. At the request of President Overman Mrs. Renze presented suggestions to the Council for consideration. A certificate was approved and the general format was tentatively agreed upon. The secretary was instructed to work out the necessary details in order to have the certificates ready in time for the announcement of the election of Fellows at the 1958 annual meeting. The Finance Committee was authorized to review and approve the costs involved in preparing the certificates, which it was agreed should be of a quality conforming to professional dignity.

The president also brought to the Council's attention that additions to the mailing list were occurring, mainly in the area of exchanges, that had not been cleared through the secretary's office. He restated the need for cooperation in this matter and asked that the editor, the book review editor, and the bibliography editor make prior clearance through the secretary's office on commitments for exchange subscriptions to the *American Archivist*, the secretary in turn to advise the treasurer and the printer of such additions.

Dr. Grover reported informally that during the summer, under the direction of Theodore Schellenberg, the National Archives would conduct field archival

workshops at the Federal record centers in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Clearfield, and Denver.

Mrs. Renze made a progress report on arrangements for the 1958 annual meeting. Mrs. Renze and Miss Taylor met with the Local Arrangements Committee in Salt Lake City late in February to assist in the plans for the meeting.

Mrs. Renze reported that Charles E. Hughes, Jr., had requested that the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1959 annual meeting in Philadelphia be appointed as soon as possible. A letter from Philip C. Brooks was read, asking that the invitation from the Harry S. Truman Library to hold the 1960 annual meeting at Independence, Mo., be considered for 1961 instead.

A progress report on the processing of the Society's archives was made by Mrs. Renze. Mrs. Elleine Stones, formerly of Detroit and now of Denver, has been doing generous volunteer work under the secretary's direction in further refinement of the inventorying and arrangement of the records. She has almost completed assembling the information that will enable the secretary to prepare a preliminary guide to the Society's record holdings. It was noted that there are some serious gaps in the series of correspondence of past presidents, and on motion of Leon de Valinger, Jr., seconded by Oliver W. Holmes, the secretary was urged to make every effort to obtain from past presidents such records as will complete the series. Morris Radoff and Wayne Grover stated that their correspondence had been microfilmed and passed on to Ernst Posner and that possibly that microfilm could be located for the record. Approval was voted to complete the secretary's file of the *American Archivist*, 1954-57, and to arrange for binding these volumes. The secretary's name is to be placed on the mailing list to receive an official record copy of the *American Archivist*.

The treasurer presented his report on finance and filed a record copy with the secretary. He also read the amendment to the agreement for indexing the *American Archivist*. On motion of Mr. de Valinger, seconded by Dr. Grover, the amended agreement was confirmed by the Council. An executed copy of the agreement is filed with the secretary. The treasurer explained to the Council that the cost of the *American Archivist* index will be divided by the probable number of sales and the sale price of the publication will be determined accordingly.

At 12:25 p. m. the meeting recessed for luncheon at the Cosmos Club, through the courtesy of Dr. Grover.

The Council reconvened at 2:20 p. m. in President Overman's suite at the Mayflower Hotel. The next order of business was a report by Oliver W. Holmes, chairman of the special Committee on the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize. The recommendations of the committee were presented and filed with the secretary, along with the records of the committee's deliberations. With suggestions for minor revision, the Council adopted the committee's report. On motion of Leon de Valinger, Jr., seconded by Morris Radoff, the secretary was instructed to prepare a resolution to adopt the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize Committee as one of the Society's standing committees.

A communication was read from Robert E. Kingery, chairman of the American Standards Association's Sectional Committee in the field of library work and documentation "Z39," extending an invitation to the Society of American Archivists to participate in the work of "Z39." The Council signified agreement in principle to the proposal, and President Overman named G. Philip Bauer to act as the Society's representative in this matter.

Several other matters of interest to the Society were then informally discussed. Among them were (1) the possibility of promoting and developing the class of sustaining memberships in the Society, (2) the placement service, and (3) the desirability of publishing a series of bulletins or reprints from the *American Archivist* of articles for which the recurring demand has exhausted the available supply. The subjects suggested for early consideration were Morris Radoff's articles on calendaring, an updated report of the Long Range Planning Committee, and Oliver W. Holmes' articles on business records. It was moved by Mr. de Valinger, seconded by Mrs. Renze, and concurred in by the Council that the question of such a bulletin be referred to the editor for a report to the Council at its December 1958 meeting.

The secretary reported that the State Records Committee would sponsor a preconference workshop in cooperation with the Microfilm Advisory Committee on Saturday, August 16, at Salt Lake City. These committees are especially interested in exploring the cooperative civil defense program as it relates to the preservation of vital State and local records. There followed an informal discussion of the proposed civil defense vital record preservation program. The secretary was instructed to assist the committees with their proposed plan and to clear arrangements with the program chairman.

The secretary also reported that the members of the State Records Committee believe there is a need for more formal cooperation through the Society's committees in areas of mutual interest between the National Archives record centers and the various State archival agencies and that perhaps a standing committee might be appointed to function in the area of Federal-State record relations. On motion of Dr. Grover, seconded by Miss Kane, the secretary was directed to explore the formation of such a committee and to report at the August Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

DOLORES C. RENZE, *Secretary*

WILLIAM D. OVERMAN, *President*

The annual bibliography of writings on archives and manuscripts, which formerly was published in our October issue will appear as it did last year in two installments in the January and April issues.

The "Georgia gavel," presented to the Society at its Columbus meeting in 1957 by Mary Givens Bryan, Director of the Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, was used for the second time at the annual meeting of the Society this year in Salt Lake City. Made in the 1850's of wood from a tree on the farm of Nancy Hart, Georgia's Revolutionary War heroine, the gavel

was presented to Alexander H. Stephens before the Civil War and was used by him as Vice President of the Confederate States and later as Governor of Georgia.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

A new division, the World War II Records Division, has been established within the National Archives. Its holdings consist of the records of the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force from 1939 to 1951; many of these records were formerly in the Departmental Records Branch of The Adjutant General's Office. Sherrod E. East, former head of that branch, is head of the new Division, and Philip P. Brower is head of its Archival Operations Branch, Wilbur J. Nigh of its Reference Branch, and Lewis M. Robeson of its Security and Services Branch.

The National Archives has recently issued the following preliminary inventories: no. 104, *Records of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics*, compiled by Vivian Wiser; no. 105, *Records of the Coast and Geodetic Survey*, compiled by Nathan Reingold; no. 106, *Records of the Bureau of Animal Industry*, compiled by Harold T. Pinkett; no. 107, *Records of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives: Subcommittee on the Works Progress Administration, 1939-41*, compiled by George P. Perros; no. 108, *Records of the House of Representatives Select Committee of Inquiry into Operations of the United States Air Services, 1924-25*, compiled by George P. Perros; and no. 109, *Records of the Bureau of Reclamation*, compiled by Edward E. Hill.

"Early Business Statistical Operations of the Federal Government," by Meyer H. Fishbein, is the feature article in *National Archives Accessions*, no. 54. Based on records in the National Archives, the article describes statistical operations pertaining to commerce and navigation, census enumerations, and agriculture, 1789-1890. Accessions for the year July 1, 1956-June 30, 1957, are described in the same issue.

As part of its program to facilitate the use of records in its charge the National Archives has published several guides prepared by the American Historical Association's Committee for the Study of War Documents. The first of these, the *Index of Microfilmed Records of the German Foreign Ministry and the Reich's Chancellery Covering the Weimar Period*, lists microfilm accessioned by the National Archives from the Department of State. The others are guides to German records microfilmed at Alexandria, Va.: no. 1, *Records of the Reich Ministry of Economics*; no. 2, *Records of the Office of the Reich Commissioner for the Strengthening of Germandom*; no. 3, *Records of the National Socialist German Labor Party*; and no. 4, *Records of the Organization Todt*.

Recent additions to the National Archives microfilm publications are the compiled service records of Confederate soldiers who served in organizations from the State of Florida (104 rolls), and population schedules of the 1820 Census for the States of Louisiana (3 rolls), Mississippi (2 rolls), and Pennsylvania (19 rolls).

Information about the microfilm and copies of the publications, as well as of a new list of publications, may be obtained from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

The membership of the National Historical Publications Commission now includes: Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, Chairman; G. Bernard Noble, Chief of the Division of Historical Policy Research, Department of State; Rudolph A. Winnacker, Historian for the Office of the Secretary of Defense; David C. Mearns, Chief of the Manuscript Division, Library of Congress; Felix Frankfurter, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court; Wallace F. Bennett, U. S. Senator from Utah; George P. Miller, U. S. Representative from California; Tracey E. Strevey, dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, University of Southern California; Guy Stanton Ford, executive secretary emeritus, American Historical Association; Julian P. Boyd, editor of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson*; Wilfred E. Binkley, professor of history and political science, Ohio Northern University. Philip M. Hamer is the Commission's Executive Director.

A formal meeting of the Commission, convened at the National Archives on the morning of June 17, 1958, was followed by a luncheon in the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the United States Capitol, in honor of editors, sponsors, and patrons of documentary publication projects. Franklin Floete, Administrator of General Services, presided at the luncheon; Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, gave addresses in praise of the Commission's program; and President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a commendatory letter.

At the luncheon Robert E. Cushman, former president of the American Political Science Association and former head of the department of government at Cornell University, was introduced as the editor in charge of the preparation of a documentary history of the ratification of the Constitution and its first 10 amendments. This project, under the direct auspices of the Commission, is financed by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Documentary publication projects already under way with help and encouragement from the National Historical Publications Commission now include those for publication of the Adams Family Papers, Lyman H. Butterfield, editor; the Francis Asbury Papers, Elmer T. Clark, editor; the John C. Calhoun Papers, R. L. Meriwether, editor; the John Carroll Papers, William D. Hoyt, Jr., editor; the Henry Clay Papers, James F. Hopkins, editor; the Benjamin Franklin Papers, Leonard W. Labaree, editor; the Alexander Hamilton Papers, Harold C. Syrett, editor; the Rutherford B. Hayes Papers, Watt P. Marchman, editor; the Thomas Jefferson Papers, Julian P. Boyd, editor; the Andrew Johnson Papers, LeRoy Graf and Ralph W. Haskins, editors; the James Madison Papers, William T. Hutchinson and William M. E. Rachal, editors; the James K. Polk Papers, Herbert Weaver, editor; and the Woodrow Wilson Papers, Arthur S. Link, editor.

Many of the editors and some of their assistants were present at a conference in the National Archives on the afternoon of June 17 to talk over their common interests. Julian P. Boyd presided.

FEDERAL REGISTER DIVISION

The Federal Register Division of the National Archives and Records Service announces the release of the 1949-53 compilation of Presidential documents published under Title 3 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. This publication is the third in a series begun in 1943. The two earlier editions contain similar Presidential documents published during the periods June 2, 1938-June 1, 1943, and June 2, 1943-December 31, 1948, respectively.

The new volume contains the full text of Presidential documents published in the *Federal Register* during the period January 1, 1949, through December 31, 1953, with tabular finding aids and a consolidated index. The documents included in the compilation are proclamations, Executive orders, reorganization plans, and certain administrative orders. These Presidential documents are by law prima facie evidence of the text of the original documents and are required to be judicially noticed.

Entitled *Title 3, 1949-1953 Compilation, of the Code of Federal Regulations*, the 1225-page volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at \$7.00 a copy.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY

The Library has published on microfilm the stenographic transcripts of Franklin D. Roosevelt's press conferences, which comprise a total of about 13,000 typewritten pages. There is one roll of film for each year, 1933-45, and each roll has been indexed. Less than 10 percent of the text of these press conferences had previously been published.

Important recent acquisitions of the Library are the papers of Wayne Coy, John M. Carmody, William D. Hassett, and Harley M. Kilgore. The papers of Wayne Coy are now available for research.

OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT

On June 25, 1958, the Bureau of the Budget approved the transfer of four Navy record management centers to the National Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration. Beginning on July 1 the Service assumed operational responsibility for the Navy's centers at Clearfield, Utah; New Orleans, La.; Alexandria, Va.; and Mechanicsburg, Pa. The Navy will continue to operate its military personnel record center at St. Louis, Mo.

On July 1 most of the former Army Military Records Branch in Alexandria, Va., was made part of the National Archives (see above). This removed it from the organizational structure of the Washington, D. C., Federal record center.

In May the seventh Records Management Handbook, *Protecting Vital*

Operating Records, was published. This fall, the eighth Handbook, *Forms Management*, is being released.

Correspondence management workshops are now being given in all parts of the country under the sponsorship of the National Archives and Records Service. By June 30 some 380 agency executives in Washington had received instruction and almost 1,600 Federal officials in the field had participated in the workshops.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Recent acquisitions of the Manuscript Division include about 6,000 personal papers of Alton B. Parker, New York State judge from 1886 to 1904 and Presidential candidate of the Democratic Party in 1904; a first installment of the papers of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., including over 200 letters, 1890-1918, from his father; and about 270 letters written by members of the Izard family, 1801-26, chiefly by Ralph Izard, Jr., son of the Revolutionary patriot and U. S. Senator from South Carolina. The Library has now acquired outright the Bradley family papers, some of which were deposited there in 1932. The collection comprises about 500 items, 1777-1881, and includes the papers of one of the first U. S. Senators from Vermont, Stephen Row Bradley. Additions to existing collections include about 1,000 more items pertinent to Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under President Wilson; 47 autograph letters and a signed tribute to Lincoln, by Edwin Arlington Robinson; and some 700 more letters of Harold L. Ickes, including correspondence with Hiram Johnson, Charles E. Merriam, and Frank Knox.

Five of the Library's collections of the papers of Presidents — those of Jefferson, Madison, Van Buren, Polk, and Lincoln — have been reproduced on microfilm. The Manuscript Division now has available over 80 rolls of materials of American interest microfilmed during the last 2 years at the Public Record Office in London and the National Register Office in Edinburgh. The joint program of the Library of Congress and the Committee on Documentary Reproduction of the American Historical Association, supported by a \$15,000 Ford Foundation grant, has resulted in the microfilming abroad of other foreign documentary materials, including unpublished inventories and catalogs in the libraries and archives of France, Italy, Austria, and the Netherlands.

A collotype facsimile of Lincoln's scrapbook of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, with corrections in Lincoln's hand, entitled *The Illinois Political Campaign of 1858*, was published by the Library on May 14 and can be bought for \$10 from the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C. Its introduction was written by David C. Mearns. The Card Division also has for sale, for 80 cents, a guide published by the Library in June under the title *Booker T. Washington; a Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress*.

C. Percy Powell of the Manuscript Division became research director of the Abraham Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission on May 18. Fred Shelley, librarian of the New Jersey Historical Society, will substitute for Dr. Powell during his absence from the Manuscript Division.

Lloyd Allen Dunlap, who was assistant editor of *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, published by the Rutgers University Press in 1953, has been appointed consultant in Lincoln studies and is assigned to the Manuscript Division.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

On March 31 the Council on Library Resources announced from Washington that it had contracted with the De Florez Co. of New York City and the Radio Corp. of America to design a book-cradle with an automatic page-turner to expedite copying from printed books by photography, television, or telefacsimile. Such a development, if successful, would undoubtedly find at least limited application to bound archival materials such as registers, account books, and letter books.

The *New York Times*, in an editorial on the lessons of the fire at the Museum of Modern Art on April 14 — when one person was killed, 30 persons were injured, and some costly art works were damaged or lost — concludes that the blaze will have done some good

if it calls public attention to the need for strict law enforcement as to flammable construction in fireproof buildings, to the hazards of even legal escape stairwells when doors are left open and to the danger of the slightest delay in sounding the alarm whenever a fire breaks out.

A booklet on a complete line of movable interior walls of steel and glass, which contribute to fire safety, can be had by writing to the E. F. Hauserman Co., 6800 Grant Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.

The American Standards Association, 70 East 45th St., New York 17, N. Y., has announced the appointment of the following subcommittees in the field of library work and documentation: abbreviation for periodicals; bibliographical references; indexing; proof correction signs; reference data for periodicals; statistics for libraries; and transliteration.

Some of the circumstances under which *microfiche* may be superior to microcard or ordinary microfilm are explained in the April 1958 issue of *American Documentation*. By the definition of W. de Haas, information officer of the library of the Technological University of Delft, the Netherlands, a microfiche is "a piece of flat transparent film," size 9 x 12 cm. or 3 x 5 in., "for reproducing pages or documents in microform." The usual number of pages reproduced on one microfiche is about 40, but the number may vary from about 32 to 125. The Microfiche Foundation (Microkaart Stichting), founded in 1954, endorses a simple reader bearing the trade name Dagmar.

A Society for the History of Technology is in process of formation. Applications for charter membership (\$10) may be sent to Prof. Melvin Kranzberg, Room 315, Main Building, Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland 6, Ohio. The first issue of the society's journal, *Technology and Culture*, is expected to appear about a year from now.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

E. N. Petersen, head of the Libraries Division of UNESCO and editor of UNESCO'S *Bulletin for Libraries* has announced to the International Council on Archives that he will be glad to publish in the *Bulletin* short articles, news items, and reviews of new publications on archives. The Council believes that, although *Archivum* carries such material, it would not be superfluous to publicize archival affairs among librarians through this *Bulletin*, which appears in four languages and is widely circulated. Articles or notes for publication in the *Bulletin* should be sent to Gustav Vaucher, Assistant General Secretary of the International Council (Archives d'État, Hôtel de Ville, Geneva, Switzerland), who will transmit them to the UNESCO *Bulletin*.

The fourth International Round Table of Archives met May 20-22, 1958, at Wiesbaden. The following countries were represented by the 37 official delegates: Germany (both West and East), Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the Soviet Union, and Yugoslavia. Portugal and Romania were represented for the first time.

FOREIGN NEWS

Australia

Having decided "to select and promote a small group of officers for the special task of developing a more systematic control over all departmental records," the Commonwealth Public Service Board issued this year at Canberra a 39-page printed outline of a departmental registrars training course. Chief Archivist I. Maclean of the Commonwealth National Library, Registrar I. Menear of the Department of the Navy, and Registrar R. Saunderson of the Department of Labour and National Service constituted the steering committee responsible for managing the course, which proceeded under the general direction of S. A. Moignard, Assistant Inspector (Departmental Training), Public Service Board, aided by N. J. Attwood, Assistant Inspector, Public Service Inspector's Office, Melbourne.

Belgium

Since May the address of the Archives Générales du Royaume has been Galerie Ravenstein no. 78, rue Ravenstein 18, Bruxelles I.

Canada

The National Air Photo Library at Ottawa, under the direction of E. J. Meek, now has some 2,620,000 aerial photographs available for general reference use. The collection was built up as the result of extensive air mapping, which now extends to all but 2 percent of Canada's land. The significance of the coverage can be realized from the fact that the land area of Canada is slightly larger than that of the continental United States.

Germany

According to a United Press dispatch from Munich, the Government took steps on April 28 to prevent the breakup by auction of a collection of 8,000

letters and notes, among them Napoleon Bonaparte's letters to his second wife, the Empress Marie-Louise. An auction house had hoped to receive about \$240,000 from a piecemeal sale of the documents, which had been owned by the Austrian Montenuovo family, descendants of the Empress.

Great Britain

As many as 48 repositories in England and Wales arranged silver jubilee exhibitions to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the British Records Association. At the Public Record Office in London a special exhibition of historical documents illustrated the work of the association's record preservation section.

India

Among the unusual activities reported from the National Archives of India for December 1957 was the repair of 52 birch-bark manuscripts. During the same month, 15,409 sheets of conventional records were laminated, 14,716 sheets were deacidified, and 2,710 sheets were repaired.

Israel

Except for certain material that remains at Mount Scopus, the holdings of the Jewish Historical General Archives were transferred last autumn from dispersed localities in Jerusalem to newly equipped quarters in the Yad Va-Shem Building on Har Ha-Zikaron (Hill of Remembrance). Daniel J. Cohen has succeeded the late Joseph Meisl as director.

Panama

The files of the *Panama Star and Herald*, "the oldest English language journal in continuous publication on the West Coast of the Americas," for the period 1849-1914 are being microfilmed in Panama under the technical direction of George T. Smisor of the University of California Library. Details may be obtained from N. A. Kovach Microfilm Department, 4801-9 Second Ave., Los Angeles 43, Calif.

CALIFORNIA

The Bancroft Library has acquired several holograph letters of Ambrose Bierce and 11 scrapbooks made by his physician, largely from Bierce's newspaper columns, 1882-1902. In honor of the late Eleanor Bancroft's distinguished service as an employee of the Bancroft Library, more than a hundred well-wishers have contributed over \$3,000 toward a memorial to her.

The California Historical Society is collecting the papers of Adolph Sutro with considerable success and would still like to know of Sutro items that have not been brought to its attention.

The national meeting of the Manuscript Society was held this year at Los Angeles, July 10-12, conveniently near the time of the meeting of the American Library Association at San Francisco, July 14.

On June 1 Robert Ormes Dougan succeeded Leslie E. Bliss as head of the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino. Mr. Bliss will continue to gather Southwestern material and will be available as a consultant.

COLORADO

A shift, begun June 30, from the use of standard file cabinets to the use of open-shelf files is expected to save \$90,000 a year in the Air Reserve Records Center, Denver, in handling records of over half a million reservists.

Dolores Blanche Kopel and Gerald H. Kopel, former assistant archivists on the staff of the Colorado Archives, now practice law under the firm name Kopel and Kopel. In May Mr. Kopel won the Nathan Burkan memorial competition sponsored annually by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers to stimulate interest in copyright law.

CONNECTICUT

Leon deValinger, Jr., State Archivist of Delaware, spoke on preservation and duplication of records, at the third conference of election officials conducted by the office of Connecticut's secretary of state. The meeting was held at the State Veterans Home and Hospital, Rocky Hill, on May 8 last.

DELAWARE

At the annual meeting of the Public Archives Commission on June 25, Mrs. Henry Ridgely of Dover was presented with a tooled leather album of pictures relating to Delaware's archival and historical progress. An officer of the commission since its inception in 1905, first as treasurer and for the past 30 years as president, Mrs. Ridgely declined reelection. David F. Anderson of Wilmington, formerly the commission's treasurer, is now its president, and Henry P. Cannon II of Bridgeville has become treasurer. George M. Fisher of Dover was reelected vice president. Other commission members, Mrs. Edward W. Cooch, Sr., and Mrs. James M. Tunnell, Jr., attended the meeting. At the end of the session Leon deValinger, Jr., State Archivist and director of the Delaware State Museum, reported on recent progress at the Hall of Records, the State Museum, and the Dickinson Mansion.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At the second meeting of the District of Columbia committee of the Forest History Foundation, held at the American Forestry Association headquarters on April 1, the committee discussed the nature and amount of documentary materials in the local area pertaining to forest history and the methods of preserving such materials. Special attention was focused on the need to establish a local depository for business and personal papers of this kind. Charles D. Bonsted, of Syracuse, N. Y., field representative of the Forest History Foundation was present at the meeting. Fred E. Hornaday, executive vice president of the American Forestry Association, is temporary chairman of the District of Columbia committee, whose other members are Ovid Butler, AFA's executive director emeritus; Solon J. Buck, historian and former Archivist of the United States; Henry Bahr, vice president and general counsel of the Na-

tional Lumber Manufacturers Assn.; A. Z. Nelson of that association's economics and statistics division; James C. McClellan, chief forester, and John C. Witherspoon, forester, American Forest Products Industries; Arthur B. Meyer, editor of the *Journal of Forestry*; Christopher M. Granger, former assistant chief of the U. S. Forest Service, and Charles E. Randell, present member of its Division of Information; John Shanklin, staff assistant in the Department of the Interior; Ernst Posner, former president of the Society of American Archivists; Harold T. Pinkett, an archivist in the Natural Resources Records Division of the National Archives; and Joseph Vance, a member of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. One member of the committee, G. H. Collingwood of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, died on April 2.

In mid-April the headquarters office of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced its acquisition of a collection of autograph letters, manuscripts, and documents representing every member of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. The announcement credited Thomas R. Proctor of Utica, N. Y., with completing the collection in 1905.

The Director of Naval History, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., is assembling information about unpublished documentary materials concerning the naval and maritime history of the American Revolution. The Department intends to publish a substantial documentary history of the naval aspects of the conflict. William Bell Clark of Brevard, N. C., is assisting in the project.

Robert Shosteck is the acting curator of the museum and archives opened at the new B'nai B'rith Building, 17th St. and Rhode Island Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

FLORIDA

Elwood R. Maunder, executive director of the Forest History Foundation, recently visited two repositories of forest history materials in the State: the Yonge Memorial Library at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and the Southern Business History Center at Florida State University, Tallahassee.

The southeastern section of the Society of American Foresters met in Panama City, January 30-31, 1958. The archives of the section, which has had a history committee since 1955, are at the University of Georgia, Athens.

The Panton, Leslie and Co. papers, including documents and correspondence of the Governors of Louisiana and West and East Florida and of other notables, have been deposited in the library of the Florida Historical Society, in memory of Marie Taylor Greenslade, who edited many of the papers for publication in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

IDAHO

In mid-July H. J. Swinney, director of the Idaho Historical Society, assisted as a lecturer in the summer seminar of the New York State Historical Association, at Cooperstown, N. Y.

ILLINOIS

The April 1958 issue of *Illinois Libraries* is entitled "The Manuscript Issue." The issue, which is dedicated to Margaret C. Norton, first State Archivist of Illinois, will be reviewed in a future issue of the *American Archivist*.

INDIANA

Margaret Pierson, State Archivist, is working with the Commission on Public Records and the State Office Building Commission in planning a central storage area for intermediate State records. Construction of the State office building will start in 1959.

KANSAS

Over 90 file drawers of the letters and papers of Alfred M. Landon have been deposited in the Kansas State Historical Society. A prominent businessman, Mr. Landon was a popular Governor of Kansas, 1933-37, and became widely known in 1936 as Republican candidate for President. With Mr. Landon's permission, the papers may be used for research.

KENTUCKY

Jacqueline Bull, archivist of the University of Kentucky, reports that many Kentuckians were gratified last spring by the passage of a law to provide for the care of the State's public records. By it Kentucky establishes a State Archives and Records Commission, composed of nine members appointed by the Governor. The commission, which has the power to appoint a Director of the Archives and Records Service, is charged with the duty of establishing procedures for selecting records to be preserved and to be destroyed, for setting up standards for microfilming public records, and for collecting and distributing departmental reports and publications.

MARYLAND

Roger Thomas, well known in the archival profession, died on June 16, 1958, at Annapolis, where he was a senior archivist at the Maryland Hall of Records. His wife, Elizabeth Winston Meade, also a member of the Society of American Archivists, survives him.

Mr. Thomas was born at Ashland, Ohio, on February 6, 1896. He took his B. A. degree at the University of Michigan in 1918 and his M. A. degree in 1922. Over the years he also studied at the Universities of Wisconsin, Chicago, and Texas and at Columbia, Boston, and Harvard Universities. He taught English at St. Mary's Seminary, 1918-21; rhetoric at the University of Michigan, 1921-22; comparative literature at the University of Texas, 1922-26; and English at Boston University, 1928-34. During the W. P. A. era, 1938-42, he was chief editor for the writers project in Massachusetts.

After Roger Thomas came to the Maryland Hall of Records in 1942 he

took an active part in the affairs of the Society of American Archivists. He served on several of its committees, was a member of the editorial board of the *American Archivist*, and was secretary of the Society for the years 1950-53. Mr. Thomas participated in the editing and production of the following volumes of the *Calendar of Maryland State Papers*, published by the Hall of Records Commission: No. 1, *The Black Books* (1943); No. 3, *The Brown Books* (1948); No. 4, *Part One, The Red Books* (1950); No. 4, *Part Two, The Red Books* (1953); No. 4, *Part Three, The Red Books* (1955); and No. 5, *Executive Miscellanea* (1958). He also published many book reviews in this journal, in the *Maryland Historical Magazine*, and in the *United States Quarterly Book Review*. He wrote the chapter on southern Maryland for *The Old Line State, a History of Maryland*, edited by Morris L. Radoff (Hopkinsville, Ky., 1956).

His quiet and friendly presence will be missed by our members.

MASSACHUSETTS

Construction has begun on the much needed new quarters for the Massachusetts Archives under the front lawn of the State House in Boston. According to reporter Robert Killam, writing in the *Boston Sunday Herald* for June 15, 1958, the building is scheduled for completion in May 1959.

Harvard University's war contract records, described by Robert W. Lovett in the January 1947 issue of this magazine, have been reduced from the contents of some 300 file cabinets to a basic core retained in 30 file cabinets. Through the helpful intervention of Rep. John E. Moss of California, chairman of the Government Information Subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives, the university was authorized to burn some of the routine housekeeping records and to transfer to the Office of Naval Research some of the other material.

MICHIGAN

The extensive papers of the late Blair Moody, U. S. Senator, now constitute part of the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan.

A list of the publications of the Michigan Historical Commission and of the Historical Society of Michigan may be obtained free upon request to the society, Lewis Cass Bldg., Lansing 13.

MINNESOTA

At the annual dinner of the Forest History Foundation, held this year on April 23 at the Minneapolis Club, Clifford L. Lord, president of the Association for State and Local History, bestowed the association's award of merit on the foundation. At the dinner also was announced the selection of three more fellows of the foundation: Robert E. Slaughter, president of the Central Lumber Co. of Stillwater, Minn.; August C. Krey of Austin, Tex., professor emeritus of history, University of Minnesota; and Ralph S. Hosmer of Ithaca, N. Y., professor emeritus of forestry, Cornell University.

Officers of the foundation for the coming year are as follows: president, Theodore C. Blegen; vice president, Ralph W. Hidy; secretary and executive director, Elwood R. Maunder; treasurer, Clarence G. Frame; assistant secretary, Clodaugh M. Neiderheiser; and assistant treasurer, Charles J. McGough.

MISSISSIPPI

Research in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is the title of an 11-page orientation pamphlet now being distributed by Charlotte Capers, the department's director, War Memorial Building, 120 North State St., Jackson. Another popular item available for distribution is a printed map folder, *Historical Mississippi*, which calls attention to some 65 places of historic interest in the State.

A list of the main collections of lumber industry archives now at the University of Mississippi is printed in the Spring 1958 issue of *Forest History*.

MISSOURI

Charles J. Ermatinger, librarian at the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library, Saint Louis University, has called the attention of the editor to an error in a news note that appeared under the heading *Italy* in the July 1957 issue of this magazine. Mr. Ermatinger has under his care reproductions of Vatican Library material; his institution has microfilmed nothing in the Vatican Archives.

On February 1, 1958, the total membership of the State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, was 10,802. Sarah Guitar and Floyd C. Shoemaker have compiled and edited for the society volume 18 of *The Messages and Papers of the Governors of the State of Missouri*. This volume contains the official papers of Gov. Phil M. Donnelly's second administration, 1953-57.

NEW YORK

Columbia University has acquired some 2,000 items deriving from the operations of the mayor's court in New York City, 1681-1819.

John H. G. Pell, head of a Wall Street investment firm and authority on the history of the Champlain Valley, has been elected to the board of trustees of the New York State Historical Association. Mr. Pell, as president of the Fort Ticonderoga Association, is active in promoting the Champlain Festival.

Nathaniel E. Stein of New York City has the largest individually-owned collection of fragments from Washington's "Discarded Inaugural Address" of 1789, a long manuscript that Jared Sparks dispersed as souvenir pages. The Spring 1958 issue of *Manuscripts* contains an article about the address, by Mr. Stein, president of the Manuscript Society.

The editorial principles that underlie such undertakings as the current compilation of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson* were discussed by the editor, Julian P. Boyd, before the Anglo-American Conference of Historians in Lon-

don, on July 10, 1957. Mr. Boyd spoke again on the same subject before the New York State Historical Association's local history workshop at Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., on September 7, 1957. The revised address may be read in the January 1958 issue of *New York History* under the quaint title "God's Altar Needs Not Our Pollishing."

NORTH CAROLINA

A kinescope recording of a program televised by station WUNC-TV to feature the North Carolina Department of Archives and History can be had by writing to the department at Box 1881, Raleigh. The hour-long program consists of an interview with Christopher Crittenden, Director, by a reporter who is conducted on a tour of facilities and operations.

Through funds donated in one instance by the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of Colonial Wars, and the other by the Virginia Dare chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists, two of North Carolina's archival treasures have been laminated: the manuscript Council Journal, 1743-1750, and the Minutes of the General Court, 1695-1703.

New appointees to the staff of the Department of Archives and History include three archivists, Carolyn Green, John L. Long, and James L. Fish; a historic site specialist, A. L. Honeycutt; and a museum curator, John D. Ellington. All were graduated within recent years from North Carolina colleges.

OHIO

Participants in a genealogical workshop sponsored by the Western Reserve Historical Society raised, on their own initiative, a fund of \$150 for the purchase of books of genealogical interest not heretofore among the society's collections.

The Ohio Historical Society has acquired about 300 letters, 1869-91, of William Tecumseh Sherman to his daughter Eleanor.

OREGON

The Oregon Historical Society has announced a centennial cataloging program, to reevaluate and recatalog its collections during the next 5 years. The program, financed with private funds, is under the direction of Kenneth W. Duckett, librarian, and Jeannette Stewart, chief cataloger.

PENNSYLVANIA

Richard H. Shryock has been named librarian of the American Philosophical Society. He has previously directed the Institute of the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

Pennsylvania State University's committee on Pennsylvania life and culture, of the university's social science research center and the university's general extension service, conducted a 6-day institute on Pennsylvania life and culture,

June 23-28. The theme was "Rediscovering our Resources," including manuscript resources. The Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission jointly sponsored the institute. Among the speakers were S. K. Stevens, the commission's director; S. W. Higginbotham, director of the commission's bureau of research, publications, and records; Milton W. Hamilton, senior historian of the Division of Archives and History, New York State Department of Education; and Charles W. Mann, Jr., curator of Pennsylvania State University's department of rare books and manuscripts.

RHODE ISLAND

The Rhode Island Foundation has made a grant of \$4,000 to the Rhode Island Historical Society to help it procure attractive modern exhibition space.

TENNESSEE

This magazine reported a year ago that the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was undertaking to develop a new and comprehensive record system for use by local churches. The program is now the full-time charge of Lloyd Barnes of the board's new department of church administration; and the board's record officer, Belden Menkus, concentrates his attention on the business and historical records of the board's Nashville headquarters.

Ben F. Gregory, record management analyst of the Office Methods Staff, Tennessee Valley Authority, Chattanooga, states in the June 1958 issue of *The Office* that TVA has 91,300 cubic feet of records remaining after 86,775 feet have been destroyed at an estimated saving of \$1,344,123.

VERMONT

The Vermont Historical Society has announced the acquisition of the papers of J. Gregory Smith, railroad entrepreneur and Civil War Governor of the State. At the society's summer meeting early in August Mabel E. Deutrich of the National Archives read a paper on Vermont's "native son," Adj. Gen. Fred C. Ainsworth (1852-1934), who introduced the card-index filing system for keeping records of U. S. Army personnel; and W. Neil Franklin, also of the National Archives, read a paper on "Materials in the National Archives Relating to Vermont."

VIRGINIA

The University of Virginia Library now has 2,000 papers, 1890-1957, relating to the Norfolk Creosoting Co.; 1,500 papers, 1890-1950, of Judson C. Dickerman; and 350 papers, 1827-84, of the Randolph family of Millwood, Clark County.

WASHINGTON

In the April 1958 issue of the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* Richard C. Berner, newly appointed curator of manuscripts at the University of Washington Library, describes that institution's holdings of the Port Blakely Mill Co. records, chiefly of the years 1876-1905.

WISCONSIN

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has published this year *In Support of Clio; Essays in Memory of Herbert A. Kellar*, a volume edited by William B. Hesseltine and Donald R. McNeil. Several essays in the volume are by members of the Society of American Archivists. The host of friends and acquaintances of Herbert Kellar will remember him as the director for many years of the McCormick Historical Association.

The Hugh Sinclair collection of the writings of Robert Boyle and Joseph Priestley has been acquired by the University of Wisconsin Library.

WYOMING

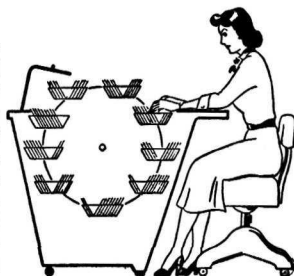
The University of Wyoming has a new geology building and a new library building. In the Western History Department of the library the university plans to collect and house records of the petroleum industry as an aid to the new Petroleum History and Research Center at Laramie.

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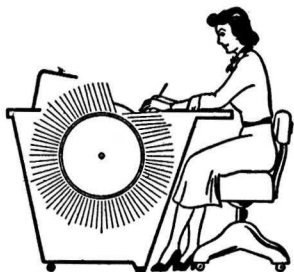


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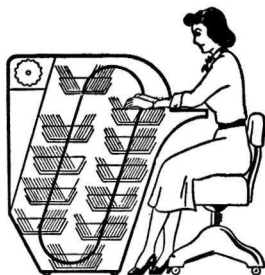


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