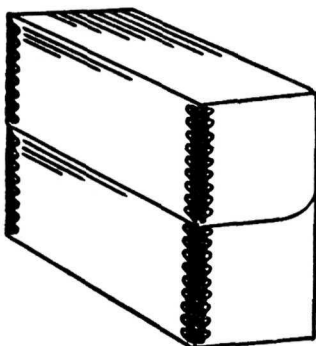


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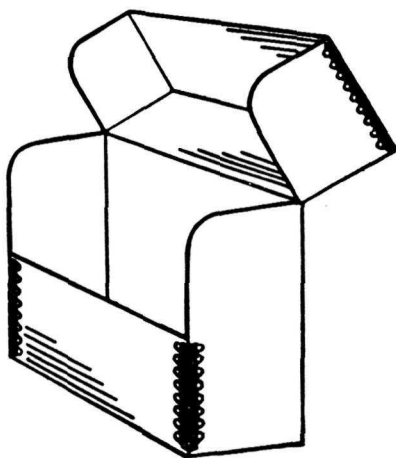
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# Record Management, 1860 and 1861; Two Opposing Evaluations

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**T**HE following quotations, both concerning records in the Office of the Register of the Treasury Department, have been furnished by Ken Munden of the National Archives.

The papers required by law to be kept on file in this office are so methodically and systematically arranged in the new file room that any paper, voucher, or settlement, can be found with facility and without trouble or delay, and I may say, without exaggeration, that since the foundation of the government the papers on file in the room set apart for such purpose have not been so conveniently and systematically arranged as now. The facility thus afforded to accounting officers, and others requiring reference to the vouchers and papers on file, is a matter of great importance to the operations of all the departments of the government, and more especially the treasury. —Report of F. Bigger, Register of the Treasury Department, to Secretary of the Treasury Howell Cobb, Nov. 27, 1860 (36th Cong., 2d sess., *S. Ex. Doc. 2*).

There is a large number of official books and papers belonging to this office contained in two rooms in the basement, which are in a condition discreditable to the department, and personally annoying every time they come under my notice. They have been during former years thrown indiscriminately together, and are now practically useless for any purpose. These ought to be put in order. Some of the ledgers also in one of the divisions have not been balanced for some years. The services of two temporary clerks, for a period of from eight to twelve months, might be profitably employed in performing this work; and there is a sufficient amount of money, which has accrued in consequence of vacancies in the clerkships, in this office to pay them. With the present force in the office this work cannot be done, and I do not feel authorized to employ others to do it without special directions from you.—Report of L. E. Chittenden, Register of the Treasury Department, to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase, Nov. 30, 1861 (37th Cong., 2d sess., *S. Ex. Doc. 2*).

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## SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

### MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

August 19, 1958

The meeting was called to order in the main banquet room of the Hotel Utah at 9:00 p.m. by President William D. Overman, with approximately 107 members in attendance. On motion of Thornton Mitchell, seconded by Sherrod East, it was voted to dispense with reading the minutes of the 1957 annual business meeting and to accept them as published in the January 1958 issue of the *American Archivist*.

The annual financial report, read by Treasurer Leon deValinger, Jr., showed receipts for the year ending June 30, 1958, of \$11,192.68 and expenditures of \$8,161.66. The treasurer's accounts had been postaudited by the committee appointed by President Overman; and the report of audit, by Fred Shelley, chairman, Jesse Boell, and Pierre Burnet, was adopted as read by Council member David Duniway. Mr. deValinger's complete and detailed financial report was then filed with the secretary. His summary annual report and the report of audit were filed with the secretary for publication in the *American Archivist*.

Mrs. Renze gave the secretary's report, and this was also filed for publication.

There being no other reports of officers, the report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by the chairman, Lola Homsher, who concluded by moving adoption of the resolutions and their recording in the minutes. Her motion was seconded by William J. Petersen and was adopted by the Society by voice vote.

The resolutions follow:

*Whereas*, the late Roger Thomas of the Hall of Records of Maryland was for many years a member of the Society of American Archivists, serving the Society with distinction as secretary through the years 1950-54; and

*Whereas*, the late Martin Schiller of the Municipal Archives of New York City, a youthful member of the Society, was able and promising in the archival profession, be it

*Resolved*, that the Society appropriately express deep sorrow to the respective families over these untimely deaths, and be this resolution recorded in the minutes.

*Whereas*, the Society has enjoyed many courtesies during its 22nd annual meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has benefited from devoted and diligent leadership during the past year, be it

*Resolved*, that the Society's secretary shall record in the minutes and shall express in writing the genuine appreciation felt by its members to:

(1) The officers, members, and staff of the Utah State Historical Society, the Genealogical Society of the Church of Latter-day Saints; the National Society of Daughters of Utah Pioneers; the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers; the

Nicholas G. Morgan, Sr., Foundation; the University of Utah; and the Church Historian's Office of the Church of Latter-day Saints for their gracious hospitality,

(2) All members of the Committee on Local Arrangements, under the chairmanship of Everett L. Cooley, for the excellent planning of the meetings, social events, and field trips and for other arrangements made for the personal comfort and enjoyment of members and guests,

(3) All members who assisted the Program Committee chairman, Christopher Crittenden, in the planning and execution of a fine and stimulating program,

(4) The general manager and staff of the Hotel Utah for their cooperation in making available its excellent facilities, and

(5) The officers for their diligence and devotion to detail and each of the Council members for his respective contributions, under the distinguished leadership of President William D. Overman, during the past year.

*Respectfully submitted,*

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Lola M. Homsher, *Chairman*

Nyle H. Miller

Paul O'Brien

William J. Petersen

Thornton Mitchell of the Council next presented the recommendations of the Special Committee (Messrs. Holmes, Cappon, Grover, and Radoff), pursuant to the committee's report to the Council in May 1958 concerning the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize:

1. That in the beginning, at least, the conditions of award of the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize be broadly phrased, leaving much latitude to the committee that must be established to choose the winners; and that this committee should later recommend such limitations as, in the light of its experience and future circumstances, it feels are necessary and wise.

2. That the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize be awarded from the income received from investment of the Society's Waldo Gifford Leland Prize Fund account for "an outstanding published contribution in the field of archival history, theory, or practice." It is further the sense of the committee that outstanding guides, other finding aids, and documentary publications and texts should be included among writings to be considered.

3. That the committee appointed to choose the winning contribution be empowered to pass over any year without making an award if no contribution appears that it feels to be worthy, in which case the committee may the following year make two awards if two publications deserving such recognition should appear; but if the amount of the award is not used the second year, it shall be added to the principal.

4. That a scroll or certificate also be given to the winner as possibly a more appreciated and permanent token than the monetary award.

5. That the award be announced at the annual meeting and be given for some publication of the previous calendar year and that, if any publications of that calendar year have been missed through delays in distribution or for other reasons and consequently have not been considered, they be considered along with publications of the following calendar year for the next award.

6. That the committee to be established be empowered to make the award in the name of the Society and not merely to recommend it to the Council for review and decision.

7. That a committee on the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize be established, to consist of three members appointed by the president of the Society, to serve for 3 years each, except that of the first three appointed, one, to be the first chairman, shall be designated to serve but 1 year and a second, to be chairman the second year, shall be designated to serve but 2 years. After the first year (1958-59) and during the course of the annual

meeting the president will, with Council approval, each year appoint one new member. The senior member each year shall serve as committee chairman.

Mr. Mitchell then filed with the secretary a copy of a formal resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, that a committee to be known as the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize Committee be incorporated in the Society's committee structure; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the *ad hoc* committee membership be extended to serve for the first year of operation (1958-59); and be it further

*Resolved*, that the committee shall be guided by the recommendations adopted by the Council which have just been reported.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Sherrod East, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

In the absence of retiring Council member Morris Radoff, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, his report was read by Dorothy Martin, who served, with Karl L. Trever, as a member of the committee. The candidates proposed for the 1958-59 slate of officers were the following: *President*, Oliver W. Holmes, Washington, D. C.; *Vice President*, Mary G. Bryan, Atlanta, Ga.; *Secretary*, Dolores C. Renze, Denver, Colo.; *Treasurer*, Leon deValinger, Jr., Dover, Del.; and *Council Member*, Herman Kahn, Hyde Park, N. Y.

Mr. Radoff's report on nomination returns reflected a lively and substantial interest on the part of the membership. The committee was pleased to find how strong the sentiment among the membership was for some of the candidates, thus making the committee's task less difficult than it might otherwise have been. A summary of the poll of members follows:

*President*: Dr. Holmes received 79 percent of the total ballots. The next leading candidate received three ballots.

*Vice President*: Mary G. Bryan received more than twice as many ballots as the second candidate and five times as many as the third leading candidate. While the vote for Mrs. Bryan was not so large as that for the candidates for other positions, the committee had to consider the fact that there were an unusually large number of candidates, 31 to be exact, who split the ballot for Vice President.

*Secretary*: Dolores C. Renze was named on 95 percent of the nomination ballots.

*Treasurer*: Leon deValinger, Jr., polled 90 percent of the nomination ballots. The next leading candidate was named on but two ballots.

*Council Member*: Herman Kahn was the leading candidate, receiving twice as many votes as the second runner and three times as many as the third candidate.

In view of the fact that a significant number of members had responded with suggestions for candidates, the committee found itself in unanimous agreement with the choices and accordingly on motion of Dorothy Martin, seconded by John Caton, the slate of candidates was accepted without dissent.

President Overman then called for nominations from the floor and, as none were made, there remained but one candidate standing for election to each office. A voice vote was taken, and the secretary cast the ballot to elect the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Dr. Overman congratulated the new officers and expressed his appreciation of the privilege of serving as president during the past year.

The secretary offered a motion, seconded by Mr. deValinger and concurred

in unanimously by the members, that the names of members elected as Fellows be officially recorded in the minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

DOLORES C. RENZE, *Secretary*

#### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

August 20, 1958

The first meeting of the 1958-59 Council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in the president's suite at the Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, by Oliver W. Holmes, newly elected president. Also present were Mary G. Bryan, vice president; Dolores C. Renze, secretary; Leon deValinger, Jr., treasurer; and David C. Duniway and Thornton W. Mitchell, Council members.

Reading of the minutes of the last Council meeting was dispensed with, although the secretary was asked to read the items of unfinished business held over from the Aug. 17 Council meeting.

The secretary reported that many requests are received from colleges, universities, individuals, and placement groups for information relating to careers in the general field of archives. These have increased enormously since the American Association for State and Local History published its brochure, "Your Job Opportunities With a Historical Agency." The discussion that followed resulted in Mr. deValinger's motion, seconded by Mr. Duniway and approved by the Council, that the secretary be authorized to explore the possibility of preparing a brochure that would more broadly outline career and job opportunities within the archival profession.

A letter from Ernst Posner reported that he and Father Browne plan to attend a meeting in September at Milan, Italy, of the Church Archivists of Italy. The letter was referred to President Holmes, who will convey official greetings to the Church Archivists from the Society of American Archivists, with the request that Dr. Posner and Father Browne present them at the meeting.

President Holmes named Lester Smith of the Buffalo Historical Society (formerly of the National Archives) and Lewis J. Darter of the National Archives and Records Service to serve under Chairman David Duniway, retiring Council member, as the Nominating Committee for 1959.

In the absence of the editor, G. Philip Bauer, a report was given by President Holmes on the proposal by the Waverly Press of Baltimore, Md., relating to publication of the *American Archivist*. The details of the proposal were discussed at length by the Council, which decided that no change in the publisher be made at this time. The Council directed the secretary to inform the Torch Press of the action taken.

Invitations pending for the 1960 annual meeting were reviewed, but no decision was made. The Council hopes to select a date for the meeting that will not conflict with the Stockholm meeting of the International Council on Archives. Further discussion was postponed until the December Council meeting.

A communication was read from Gerald J. Gruman of the History of

Science Department, Harvard University, relating to his editorial in *Science*, June 1958, entitled "Preserving the Stuff of History." Subsequent discussion brought out that the Council concurs in the importance and necessity of preserving source materials for the history of science; it agrees that there is merit in the proposal for a "Commission to Preserve the Papers of American Scientists." It does not, however, subscribe to the principle of establishing a "national history of science archives." Should enough serious interest be shown in the proposal for a commission, the president was authorized to appoint an *ad hoc* committee to join with designated representatives of other interested organizations and institutions to prepare recommendations for more specific action. President Holmes will communicate the Council's position on this subject to Dr. Gruman.

The secretary presented to the Council for consideration the three following recommendations, which had been handed to her before the meeting.

1. Resolution by the Committee on State Records pursuant to recommendations made in the preconference workshop, sponsored jointly by the State Records Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee on Microfilming:

*Whereas*, It is the consensus of the State Records Committee, Society of American Archivists, that there are many areas where close Federal-State relationships exist; and

*Whereas*, It is felt that the best interests of the Society can be furthered by the inclusion of a committee on Federal-State relationships in the regular committee structure of the Society; therefore;

*Be it resolved*, That the Council is hereby urged to adopt this resolution; and, that the president appoint a *six* member committee to consist of a chairman on the Federal level; *one* of the members of the committee to be the Chairman of the State Records Committee; and the remaining *four* members to be *two* on the Federal level and *two* on the State or local level.

The Council deferred specific action on this resolution until the December meeting but expressed general approval of the proposal for setting up such a committee.

2. The second matter related to workshop sessions at future annual meetings. A report sheet for an evaluation of results was distributed at the workshop (at which there were about 60 persons in attendance, representing a good cross-section of the membership and not at all confined to the area of State records). A summary tabulation of the responses showed that there was unanimous belief in the value of such a session; 99 percent felt that workshop sessions should be featured at annual meetings; 68 percent favored the practice of having them scheduled just before the regular meeting; 32 percent favored their incorporation as a part of the regular program. As to workshop content, 50 percent felt that emphasis should be on a few subjects, more thoroughly explored; 30 percent were satisfied with the program of the current workshop; and 20 percent wanted a greater variety of subjects and interests covered.

Comments on organization of the current workshop: Ninety percent thought it was well organized and planned; eight percent thought the morning session was more effective than the afternoon session; two percent thought that the planning was inadequate. A number of suggested improvements in planning and organization were offered and filed with the secretary for future reference.



The group consensus was that a full day is enough for a workshop program. The request for suggestions of subjects for future workshop sessions had excellent response. The ones recurring most often were: new developments and ideas on buildings and equipment; preparation of archives and record legislation; business archives; evaluation principles on fiscal, personnel, and other operating records; record management administration, techniques for counseling agencies on documentation; and records to be preserved on the local levels. General comments on the evaluation reports were to the effect that a syllabus or outline of topics should be distributed before the meeting and that a summary report should be made and distributed afterwards. The comment was made repeatedly that the informality of the workshop and the opportunity for everyone, novice or experienced professional, to be heard or pose a question was invaluable to the less experienced and newer members of the profession.

The idea of experienced members commingling informally with those who are learning the profession received enthusiastic endorsement from the workshop group. The complete survey materials have been filed with the secretary for future reference of workshop planners. A motion by David Duniway, seconded by Thornton Mitchell, that future workshops be considered as an integral part of the annual program and scheduled for the first part of the meeting, was concurred in by the Council.

3. The third recommendation for consideration related to enlisting the Society's support for the adoption of a uniform card record to be used in reporting historical sources on microfilm, as proposed by Richard W. Hale, Jr., editor of the *Guide to Photographed Historical Materials in Canada and the United States*, which is being compiled under the sponsorship of the Committee on Documentary Reproduction of the American Historical Association. Action on this question was deferred until the December Council meeting.

A motion by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Bryan and passed by the Council, adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

DOLORES C. RENZE, *Secretary*

Since our last reporting, the following have joined the Society as individual members: Adeline R. Beeson, Arlington, Va.; Julian P. Boyd, Princeton University; Virginia L. Close, Norwich, Vt.; Annette F. Cook, Canyon, Tex.; Doris E. Cook, Connecticut State Library; Helen E. Cook, Arlington, Va.; Alice Green, Amarillo, Tex.; Louise Heinze, New York City; James Hindle, Prince Frederick, Md.; George and Mary Ellis Kahler, Alexandria, Va.; Margaret E. Keillor, Salem, Oreg.; Donna May Pearce, Los Angeles; Mrs. John D. Peltz, New York City; E. H. Peterson, Humble Oil & Refining Co., Houston, Tex.; Carl L. Spicer, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library; Opal Thornburg, Earlham College Archives; Dorman H. Winfrey, Texas State Archives; and the following members of the National Archives staff: Arthur Reed Abel, William E. Bigglestone, Charles W. Ellsworth, Jr., and William H. Hernandez, Jr.

New institutional members in the United States include: Deere & Co. Library, Moline, Ill.; Eastern Mennonite College Library, Harrisonburg, Va.; Edison Institute of Technology, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Mich.; Folger

Shakespeare Library, Washington, D. C.; Kansas State College Library, Manhattan, Kans.; La Grange College Library, Ga.; University of Minnesota Library, Minneapolis; Port of New York Authority; Standard Vacuum Oil Co.; and the U. S. Navy's Vietnam Project Library, San Francisco.

The following members have joined from foreign countries: *Argentina* — Instituto Bibliotecologico, Buenos Aires; *Canada* — Aluminum Secretariat Library, Montreal, and Vancouver Public Library; *England* — Surrey County Council, Surrey Record Office; *Finland* — Military Archives (Sota-arkisto), Helsinki; and *Svvo-Karjalan Maakunta-arkisto*, Mikkeli; *Honduras* — Ernesto Alvarado García, Archivo Nacional, Tegucigalpa; *India* — Institute of Public Administration, University of Lucknow; and *Sweden* — Bruno Rosenberg, Stockholm.

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

Records recently accessioned by the National Archives include original Federal Government contracts that were filed with the Treasury Department, 1800-1894, and later transferred to the General Accounting Office; case records of the United States Surveyor-General for Arizona relating to private land claims based on Spanish and Mexican land grants in Arizona, 1871-1908; records of the Railroad Division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 1932-57; and general correspondence of the National Bureau of Standards, 1941-45, documenting the Bureau's wartime research programs.

Among recently issued National Archives microfilm publications are Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-81, from six additional agencies (49 rolls); Population Schedules of the 1820 Census for the State of Georgia (5 rolls); Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1820-60 (49 rolls); and Letters Received by the Secretary of the Navy From Officers Below the Rank of Commander, 1802-54 (226 rolls).

The National Archives has published two more guides to German records microfilmed at Alexandria, Va.: no. 5, *Miscellaneous German Records Collection* (Part I); and no. 6, *Records of Nazi Cultural and Research Institutions and Records Pertaining to Axis Relations and Interests in the Far East*. The guides were prepared by the American Historical Association's Committee for the Study of War Documents. The microfilm may be consulted at the National Archives and copies of it are available for sale. Additional information about the microfilm and copies of the guides may be obtained from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

### FEDERAL REGISTER DIVISION

The 1956 volume of the new series "Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States" is now on sale at the Office of the Superintendent of Documents for \$7.25. This volume contains transcripts of all the President's news conferences during 1956, his speeches, messages to Congress, and other utterances issued as White House releases. Among other documents the volume includes the President's address accepting nomination, his campaign speeches, and his radio and television remarks after the election victory.

The 1957 volume of the series was released on May 15, 1958, at a cost of \$6.75. The 1958 volume is scheduled for delivery the first week of April 1959.

#### RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The holdings of the Federal record centers in 1958 rose from 3,795,000 cu. ft. to 5,003,000 cu. ft., or 20 percent of all Federal records in existence.

A workshop on record disposition has been developed, using as visual aids a series of color slides, a presentation of flannel-board cards, and a group of exhibits. The participants must work out together several problems illustrating the principles taught, and each must undertake a project to improve record disposition in his agency. A report form is provided on which each participant can describe the results of his project. As a promotional device to explain the values of a record disposition program, the workshop should have as much utility outside the Government as in.

#### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Joseph C. Vance is the new Assistant Chief of the Manuscript Division. The staff of the Presidential Papers Section now consists of Fred Shelley, head; Russell Smith, assistant head; Elizabeth M. Thomas, editor of indexes; and a secretary and 11 arranger-indexers. Under the program for which Congress appropriated \$100,000 last summer, the staff will arrange, index, and microfilm 23 collections of Presidential papers.

The Manuscript Division has acquired a journal, Dec. 3, 1846, to July 17, 1848 (2 vols.), of Whig Congressman Artemas Hale of Massachusetts; 55 more pieces of the correspondence of Maine statesman William Pitt Fessenden; about 300 of the papers, 1869-1905, of Michigan feminist Olivia B. Hall; a group of about 2,000 papers pertaining to Allied Military Government in parts of Italy during World War II; 16,000 papers of the late Marquis James, journalist and biographer; 15,000 papers of Irving Langmuir, chemist; and the manuscripts of 28 poems and several prose works of the contemporary writer John Hall Wheelock. The Leonard P. Ayres papers have been augmented by more than 2,000 pieces, mainly concerned with Ayres' service as an Army statistician.

Four more registers of papers in the Library of Congress are now for sale in the Card Division: James J. Davis (35¢); George Fort Milton (30¢); Theodore Sherman Palmer (35¢); and Charles Pelot Summerall (30¢).

During this Lincoln sesquicentennial year the Library of Congress is making a special effort to collect and retain a full record of sesquicentennial observances. Historical, patriotic, and civic groups may cooperate by informing the Library of celebrations completed or planned, and by forwarding to the Library any commemorative issuances. All communications should be addressed to the Consultant in Lincoln Studies, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

#### AMERICAN LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS

Since 1951 a committee of the American literature group of the Modern Language Association has been working on a comprehensive survey of Ameri-

can literary manuscript holdings in libraries. The committee members in 1958 were Ernest Marchand of San Diego State College, H. Dan Piper of the California Institute of Technology, J. Albert Robbins of Indiana University, Herman E. Spivey of the University of Kentucky, and Joseph Jones of the University of Texas. Professor Jones, Department of English, University of Texas, Austin 12, Tex., is the committee chairman, and the committee's files are concentrated at Austin. With the assistance of a grant from the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis, the committee has employed Fred W. Hanes, a reference librarian from Indiana University, as a traveling representative.

The committee early decided that it would attempt to make a statistical rather than a descriptive report. To facilitate the collecting of data, the committee compiled a mimeographed booklet, *American Authors*, containing the names and dates of death of about 2,000 writers; and this booklet was then circulated to likely depositories with the request that manuscript holdings be checked under the following coded heads: *MS*, manuscripts of creative works; *J*, journals or diaries; *L*, letters written by the author; *C*, letters written to the author; *D*, documents; *MG*, books containing marginalia; *SC*, specially collected and preserved collections; and *X*, attributed but doubtful manuscript material.

By January 1959 the committee had digested its survey findings in a preliminary processed draft, which will be distributed to participating institutions for additions and corrections. The final text for a volume to be entitled *American Literary Manuscripts* should reach the University of Texas Press about June 1, 1959.

### NATIONAL UNION CATALOG OF MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Aided by a grant of \$200,000 from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., the Library of Congress has now begun the long projected national union catalog of manuscript collections. In 1948 the Society of American Archivists and the American Association for State and Local History, on the recommendation of the American Historical Association, established a Joint Committee on Historical Manuscripts to plan for a register of manuscripts. As a matter of practicality, the joint committee concluded that manuscripts would have to be described by group rather than by individual piece; the committee also favored a single national register rather than several regional registers. In 1951 the Library of Congress agreed to become the home of such a register or union catalog.

The idea of the national union catalog of manuscript collections has been endorsed by the American Historical Association, the American Association for State and Local History, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the National Historical Publications Commission, and the Society of American Archivists. An advisory committee representing these organizations will assist the Library of Congress.

The Library announced on Dec. 28, 1958, that it will gather the necessary information from manuscript repositories on standard forms or data sheets.

From these reports it will prepare catalog entries and publish catalog cards. Each entry will contain the description and location of a single collection and will list the persons, organizations, places, and subjects primarily represented in it. The printed catalog cards will be sold by the Library.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY

A revised issue of the *Directory of Historical Societies and Agencies in the United States and Canada* will appear in 1959. The new edition will give, for each institution, the name and address of the person to whom official correspondence should be sent, membership data, public hours, publication titles, and a statement of the kind of collections it has. All societies and agencies will be listed by State. The index will provide easy access to information on all organizations of a given class: church-affiliated agencies, ethnic and racial societies, genealogical societies, medical societies, and so forth.

The current officers of the association include: Clifford L. Lord of Columbia University, president; Alexander J. Wall of Old Sturbridge Village, secretary; S. K. Stevens of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, treasurer; James H. Rodabaugh of the Ohio Historical Society, association editor; and Bruce Catton, *American Heritage* editor. The four regional vice presidents are: Virginia L. Gambrell, Dallas Historical Society; Willard E. Ireland, the British Columbia Provincial Archives; James C. Olson, University of Nebraska; and Frederick L. Rath, New York State Historical Association. Correspondence should be addressed to Clement M. Silvestro, editor of *History News* and executive secretary, 816 State St., Madison 6, Wis.

The annual dues, heretofore \$2, will be raised to \$3 effective July 1.

#### TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

On Nov. 17, 1958, the National Science Foundation announced the establishment of a Research Information Center and Advisory Service on Information Processing. The new service, designed to foster closer cooperation among various interests concerned in developing and improving methods for the rapid and efficient handling of large volumes of information, will be operated jointly by the National Science Foundation and the National Bureau of Standards. Inquiries may be addressed to the Research Information Center and Advisory Service on Information Processing, Program for Documentation Research, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C.

On Dec. 12, 1958, the Council on Library Resources, Inc., announced that it was joining with the National Science Foundation to aid the American Institute of Biological Sciences, Washington, D. C., in experimental publication, on 5 in. x 3 in. microcards, of *Wildlife Disease*, quarterly journal of the Wildlife Disease Association. The purpose is "to explore a number of unknowns with respect to the application of microtext techniques to the publication of the results of research." Eventually other microform methods for presenting documentary material in microfacsimile — such as microfilm, microprint, and microfiche — may be tested.

Vernon D. Tate, executive secretary of the National Microfilm Association, and Verner W. Clapp, president of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., announced in February a \$15,000 grant to be expended in three principal ways: (1) to pay part of the individual expenses of key persons selected from various parts of the country to come to the association's annual convention, April 2-4; (2) to assure the assembling of a superior convention exhibit of experimental or unique technical equipment and literature; and (3) to underwrite the production and free distribution to convention registrants and to institutions of a 450-page *Guide to Micro-Reproducing Equipment*, edited by Hubbard W. Ballou of Columbia University Library.

Machine searching of metallurgical literature has been proved feasible after 3 years of a projected 5-year program conducted for the American Society of Metals by the Center for Documentation and Communication Research at Western Reserve University. The society's trustees have increased to \$22,000 annually the grant to Western Reserve's center. The increase will provide for the gradual transition from experimental to operational status of an eventual ASM Metals Information Center.

Folkways Records, 117 West 46th St., New York 36, N. Y., has issued "The Patriot Plan," 15 significant documents from the pre-Revolutionary era in print and in sound. The series is edited by Charles Edward Smith. The oral renditions, on two 12-in. long-playing records, are by Wallace House. The 15 selections start with the Mayflower Compact of 1620 and end with a letter of correspondence from the town of Boston, of 1772.

### UNITED NATIONS

A special dispatch printed in the *New York Times* for Nov. 5, 1958, quoted Marjan Stopar-Babsek, acting chief of the United Nations Archive Section, as saying that his office now controls about 6,000 cu. ft. of records, exclusive of some 5,000 cu. ft. deriving from the League of Nations. The section has 85,000 double-faced 16-in. disk recordings of all of the verbatim material that comes out of the General Assembly and its committees as well as what comes out of the councils of the United Nations. M. Stopar-Babsek was born in Yugoslavia. He studied law there and was employed in his country's foreign service before he joined the United Nations staff in 1946.

### PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

At the fourth consultation on history of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, held at Cuenca, Ecuador, Jan. 17-27, 1959, considerable attention was given to archival matters in the American countries. In two meetings of the Committee on Archives several proposals were approved: the holding of a conference of archivists in Washington, D. C., in 1961 to consider some of the basic archival problems of the American countries; the development of training facilities on the South American Continent; a statement of policy in regard to the alienation of records; and the formulation of rules for transcribing and editing historical documents. An *ad hoc* com-



mittee was appointed to arrange for the conference, to develop the training facilities, to obtain approval of the policy declaration in regard to the alienation of records, and to receive comments on the rules for transcribing and editing proposed by the Argentinean archivists. T. R. Schellenberg, Assistant Archivist of the United States, National Archives, who was a member of the United States delegation to the consultation, was made chairman of the *ad hoc* committee.

The declaration of policy regarding alienation approved by the Commission on History reads as follows:

*Whereas*, public, institutional, and private papers constitute part of the cultural patrimony of every nation, it is the declared policy of the undersigned custodian

(1) that he will collaborate with other custodians of the Western Hemisphere in safeguarding cultural papers;

(2) that he will make known to other custodians of the Western Hemisphere the legal safeguards established by his government to protect cultural papers;

(3) that he will inform the custodians of other countries in the Western Hemisphere of any violations of the legal safeguards established by their countries for the protection of cultural papers, and specifically apprise them of the removal of papers that have been illegally alienated;

(4) that he will not accept for deposit any cultural papers that have been illegally alienated; and

(5) that he will, to the extent of his ability, assist the countries of origin in recovering any cultural papers that have been illegally alienated.

## FOREIGN NEWS

### *Bulgaria*

A decree of 1951 setting up the State Archives ended the collecting and preserving of public records by libraries, museums, and monasteries. Between 1952 and 1956 more than 2,300 collections were absorbed into the State Archives, and about a fourth of the newly centralized materials have now been organized for research.

### *Canada*

From June 8 to July 3, 1959, Carleton University in Ottawa, in cooperation with the Public Archives of Canada, will offer a course in archival principles and administration. Lecturers will include W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist; Lewis A. Thomas, former Saskatchewan Archivist; R. N. Beattie, record manager for the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario; and George Boyle, former Archivist-Historian of the United Church of Canada. They will be assisted by specialists from the staffs of the Public Archives of Canada, the Public Archives Record Centre, and other Canadian Government departments. The course will cover basic archival techniques, with particular attention to Canadian problems. The tuition fee is \$72. Application forms and answers to queries about the course may be obtained from the Registrar, Carleton University, Ottawa 1, Ontario.

### *Czechoslovakia*

In 1958 the Czechoslovakian Republic's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, jointly with the corresponding U. S. S. R. ministry, published in both Prague and

Moscow *New Documents on the History of Munich*, a selection of papers, Mar.-Sept. 1938, from the Czechoslovak and Soviet archives.

### *Egypt*

William H. Willis, professor of Greek and Latin at the University of Mississippi, points out in the Winter 1958 *Harvard Library Bulletin* that while thousands of Greek papyri that survived in the climate of Egypt have been published, many more thousands await scholarly attention.

### *France*

The importance of thorough research in archival sources is brought out in "The Dilemma of the American Historian of Modern France," an article by David H. Pinkney of the University of Missouri in *French Historical Studies*, vol. 1, no. 1 (North Carolina State College Print Shop, 1958). This issue also contains "A Consular Report From Bordeaux: July, 1863," with an introduction by Carl L. Lokke of the National Archives, Washington, and an article on "Materials for French History in the Newberry Library," prepared by the staff of that Chicago institution.

Bertrand Gille and Didier Ozanam have been chosen by the French Government to direct a small group of historians and archivists in exploring the French sources of Hispanic-American history. Thus far preliminary surveys have extended to the obvious depositories in Paris, but the intention is to cover also French provincial archives and even records in adjacent French-speaking regions, such as Belgium. Although the eventual aim is to publish a substantial inventory, the mimeographed text of the initial studies will first be circulated.

### *Germany*

The leading article in *Archivmitteilungen*, vol. 8, no. 3 (1958), is "Die archivalische Quellenlage zur Erforschung der Geschichte der Novemberrevolution 1918," by Walter Nissen, director of the Merseburg branch of the East German central archives. Since the publication of the article, Herr Nissen has sought asylum in West Germany.

### *Great Britain*

As part of the work of the Survey of Sources for American Studies in the United Kingdom, a research group established in 1956 by the British Association for American Studies and the United States Information Service, a *Guide to Manuscripts Relating to America in Great Britain and Ireland* will be published by the Oxford University Press, probably this year.

In mid-1958 the Somerset Record Office opened its new repository at Oxbridge Road, Taunton. The County Archivist is Ivor P. Collis, F. S. A.

The Library Association, London, has issued as its *Pamphlet* no. 18 a 30-page discussion by Philip Hepworth of "Archives and Manuscripts in Libraries." The pamphlet sells for 5 shillings.

The format of the journal of the British Records Association is being changed for 1959 and the future. Henceforth *Archives* will be larger, in royal octavo, and each volume will have four instead of two numbers.



### Greece

The National Library at Athens has among its holdings the archives of the Greek War of Independence (1821), the records of the Philhellenic Committee of London, and the collection of the Greek scholar Constantine Asopius.

The Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies, also in Athens, invites visiting scholars to make use of its sources for the study of medieval and modern Greece.

### Italy

The Vatican Archives Center for Historical Research, headed by Martino Giusti, prefect of the Vatican Secret Archives, is receiving the cooperation of archivists and librarians throughout Europe in assembling copies of letters, bulls, and other papal documents created between 1198 and 1417. The center plans to list all papal documents from 1198 to modern times in an "Index of Pontifical Documents." It also plans to publish the documentary texts chronologically in a series of volumes.

### Japan

In 1945 the archives of the Japanese Army and Navy ministries, containing materials going back into the 19th century, were brought to the United States. Before the return of these records to Japan last year, some 400,000 pages of selected items were microfilmed on a Ford Foundation grant. The negative and one positive set of the film are now available at the Library of Congress in Washington. Another positive set of the film is in the National Diet Library in Tokyo.

### Netherlands

The titles of the collections of Arabic manuscripts in Dutch libraries have been compiled by P. Voorhoeve in a *Handlist of Arabic Manuscripts in the Library of the University of Leiden and Other Collections in the Netherlands* (Leiden, University Library, 1957).

### Panama

Documents reproduced by a UNESCO microfilm unit in Panama, Aug. 1957-Feb. 1958, are listed in a 53-page pamphlet that may be had upon request to the Directorate of Fine Arts, Ministry of Education, Panama: *Lista de materiales microfilmados en la Biblioteca nacional, en el Archivo nacional y en la Biblioteca de la Universidad de Panama*.

### Rhodesia and Nyasaland

V. W. Hiller, O. B. E., Director of the National Archives of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, retired on Dec. 31, 1958. T. W. Baxter, until then principal archives officer, is the new Director; E. E. Burke is now principal archives officer; and R. W. S. Turner is principal record management officer.

### U. S. S. R.

The Central State Archives of the U. S. S. R. Navy is located at 36 Khalturin St., Leningrad. The addresses of some of the principal record of-

fices in Moscow are: Moscow Province Historical Archives, 15 Ogarev St.; U. S. S. R. Central State Military History Archives, 3 Second Bauman St.; and U. S. S. R. Chief Archives Administration, 17 Bolshaya Pirogovskaya St. The last institution is open to searchers from 9:00 to 5:00 daily except Sunday.

### Venezuela

The John Boulton Foundation of Caracas is aiding J. Leon Helguera, a professor of history at North Carolina State College, to explore the sources for Venezuelan history in the United States and Canada. The foundation also plans to publish the papers of the South American patriot leaders Francisco de Miranda, Simón Bolívar, Antonio José de Sucre, and José Antonio Páez.

### ARIZONA

This spring marks the appearance of a new quarterly journal of history, *Arizona and the West*, edited by John Alexander Carroll. The annual subscription price is \$5, and the publication address is Library 318, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Albert James Diaz' "A Bibliography of Bibliographies Relating to the History and Literature of Arizona and New Mexico," in the *Arizona Quarterly*, Autumn 1958, provides an excellent introduction to the regional records of the Southwest.

### CALIFORNIA

A County Hall of Records, having an overall floor space of 415,000 sq. ft. and costing about 11.2 million dollars, will be built at the corner of Temple St. and Broadway in Los Angeles.

The Cave Johnson Coutts collection, ca. 1830-1930, and the David Jacks collection, 1855-1918, containing nearly 100,000 pieces each, have come to the Huntington Library. Other acquisitions of the library include papers of the railroad novelist Frank Spearman; letters, orders, and reports of Gen. Thomas W. Sweeny, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars; and papers of Henry Dalton, a pioneer southern Californian.

Marguerite L. Alstrom, city clerk of Monterey Park and author of a book published by the University of Southern California Press on administrative analysis techniques, explains in the January 1959 issue of *American City* how she keeps municipal council minutes.

### COLORADO

The second meeting of the Denver Interagency Records Conference for the 1958-59 season occurred on Nov. 19, 1958. Edward G. Campbell, regional director for Region 3, National Archives and Records Service, spoke on "The Workshop Approach."

The Air Reserve Records Center plans to install between May and October what will be the largest electronic brain (RCA 501) in the Denver area. The machine will be rented at \$20,000 a month.

## CONNECTICUT

A 61-volume collection of Greek manuscripts, including 50 volumes from the library of Sir Thomas Phillipps, has been presented to Yale University by the Jacob Ziskind Charitable Trust of Boston, Mass.

Robert E. Metzdorf, a member of the Yale University Library staff since 1952, has been named to the newly created post of Yale University archivist. According to the *New York Times*, the materials in his custody will consist of the official papers of the university, the official papers of appointees of the Yale Corporation, and other materials relating to Yale's operation and development. The archives are housed in the Sterling Memorial Library. In January Mr. Metzdorf was appointed editor of the *Papers* of the Bibliographical Society of America.

Jerry Patterson of the Yale University Library published in the June 1958 issue of the *Inter-American Review of Bibliography* a list of Yale's manuscripts significant for the national period of South America. James T. Babb's talk at the Los Angeles convention of the Manuscript Society, "Manuscripts at Yale," is published in the Fall 1958 issue of *Manuscripts*.

## DELAWARE

Information about the 1959-61 Winterthur program in early American culture, sponsored jointly by the Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum and the University of Delaware, may be obtained by addressing the Coordinator, Winterthur Program, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The 73d annual meeting of the American Historical Association convened at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, Dec. 28-30, 1958. The program included several sessions of interest to archivists and record managers. The now customary luncheon session of the Society of American Archivists was held on the opening day. The SAA president, Oliver W. Holmes of the National Archives, presided; and Julian P. Boyd of Princeton University, editor of the *Jefferson Papers*, read a paper entitled "Reflections on the Case of the William Clark Papers." On the second day Robert B. Eckles of Purdue University served as chairman of a session devoted to the implications of photocopy and microfilm for the scholar. W. Kaye Lamb of the Public Archives of Canada discussed "The Scholar and His Use of Microfilm"; Richard W. Hale, Jr., of Boston University told of progress on the "Guide to Photographed Historical Materials"; and Verner W. Clapp, president of the Council on Library Resources, provided stimulating comment. On the final day the AHA's joint session with the Conference Group for Central European History, under the chairmanship of Oron J. Hale of the University of Virginia, dealt with the documenting of Central European history. Paul R. Sweet, U. S. editor-in-chief of the *Documents on German Foreign Policy, 1918-1945*, discussed his project; Gerhard Weinberg of the University of Kentucky spoke on the "Nazi

Party and Military Records"; and Friedrich Engel-Janosi of the Catholic University of America described "The Habsburg Archives."

Shortly after the opening of Congress in January 1959, the United Press International reported that the chairman of the Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., of Missouri, would sponsor legislation better defining Government papers and documents (presumably current materials) that are open to public inspection.

Ernst Posner, past president of the Society of American Archivists, has resumed his teaching at the American University after almost a year abroad under a Fulbright grant. Much of his time was spent in Rome and other Italian centers, but a grant from the Guggenheim Foundation enabled him to visit archives in Portugal, Spain, and Germany. In Germany he gave a brief series of lectures at the Marburg School of Archives.

Members of the Manuscript Society from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia met at the Woodrow Wilson room in the Library of Congress on Jan. 17, 1959, and formed a regional chapter of the society. The following men were elected regional officers: president, John S. Mayfield, Bethesda, Md.; vice president, B. Floyd Flickinger, Baltimore, Md.; and secretary, Herbert H. Fockler, Silver Spring, Md. The chapter plans to meet quarterly.

To assist scholars and others interested in naval research, the Naval History Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington 25, D. C., has published a 7-page *Brief Guide to U. S. Naval History Sources in the Washington, D. C., Area*.

## HAWAII

Gov. William F. Quinn has authorized the Public Archives of Hawaii to inaugurate a record disposal program in the Territorial departments. It is planned to inventory and schedule the records in all offices. James Odell of the Federal Records Center in San Francisco has been lent to the Territory for 2 months to help set up the program. Agnes C. Conrad, Archivist for the Territory, reports that Elizabeth Wray, assistant archivist, is working with Mr. Odell and will supervise the continuation of the program. The Archives is interested not only in the destruction of useless records and the transfer of records of permanent value but also in determining the need for a centralized microfilming program and a record storage center.

## ILLINOIS

The State Historical Library acquired during 1958 a number of Civil War diaries and manuscripts. To the 2,000 manuscripts, 1840-87, of Nathaniel P. Banks already at the library, there have recently been added 116 letters pertaining to his career before and after the war.

The Southern Illinois University Library with the aid of the Southern Illinois University Foundation has acquired the important Croessmann collection of James Joyce materials.

## INDIANA

State Archivist Margaret Pierson reports that all State offices and institutions have been directed to present inventory lists of records on file in their offices and storage areas. Many records are being destroyed on authority granted by the Commission on Public Records. Those of historical value are being transferred to the State Archives.

## KANSAS

The Kansas State Historical Society has acquired the original field notes of John C. McCoy's survey of the Cherokee lands, 1836-37; the diaries of Thomas A. Bone, 1877-81; and letters and papers of Dr. Franklin L. Crane, an early settler of Topeka. The society has received, through gift from the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a body of military papers of Cavalry Capt. C. S. Bowman, who was a disbursing and ordnance officer in Kansas during the Civil War.

## KENTUCKY

Jacqueline P. Bull of the University of Kentucky writes on "The Archivist-Librarian" in the July 1958 issue of the *Newsletter* of the Association of American Library Schools.

## LOUISIANA

The State Archives and Records Commission, John C. L. Andreassen, Director, has issued *Preliminary Rules and Regulations Relating to the Transfer, Retention and Duplication of Public Records*, a 24-p. processed pamphlet.

The Louisiana Historical Association, 929 Camp St., New Orleans, is now issuing a monthly *News Letter*. The chairman of the association's publication committee is William R. Hogan, head of the department of history at Tulane University. The archives and record committee chairman is Louis E. Newman, 822 Perdido St., New Orleans.

A feature of the Southern administrators conference of the American Society for Public Administration, held in New Orleans last fall, was a consideration of the type of records that the future historian may have to use.

The theme of the second annual genealogical institute at Louisiana State University, Jan. 9-10, 1959, was Louisiana records. Mrs. John P. Chilton of Baton Rouge served as general chairman. Preston Moore, an associate professor of history at L. S. U., gave a talk on the records of Louisiana in the Archives of the Indies; Vergil L. Bedsole, head of the university's department of archives and manuscripts, told about French records of Louisiana; Mrs. G. H. L. Dunigan discussed State records in the National Archives; and John C. L. Andreassen addressed a dinner audience on Louisiana's archival program. In a panel on research in Louisiana records Mary Elizabeth Sanders spoke about colonial records, E. Russ Williams gave hints about the exploitation of Federal records and parish and municipal records, and Mrs. Gilbert Fletcher discussed the research possibilities of other records.

## MAINE

Both political parties appear to favor "right to know" legislation in Maine. Democratic Governor Clauson mentioned in his inaugural address of Jan. 9, 1959, the desirability of assuring public access to public records and meetings. A dispatch from Augusta to the *Boston Herald* declared a few days later that the State senate Republican majority leader, Allen Woodcock, Jr., would sponsor a bill designed to attain this end.

## MASSACHUSETTS

The manuscript diary of Thomas Newell, recording Boston events of 1773-74, was found recently by a 13-year old boy in an abandoned building in East Boston. The diary has been restored to the rare book section of the Boston Public Library, from which it had been missing for about 38 years.

A brief up-to-date listing of the manuscript collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society is published as *M. H. S. Miscellany* no. 5 (Dec. 1958; 15 p.).

The literary executor of Louise Imogen Guiney, Boston poet and scholar, has presented the main collection of Miss Guiney's manuscripts, notebooks, and letters to the Dinand Library of Holy Cross College, Worcester.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has deposited at the Houghton Library of Harvard University a collection of heterogeneous weather observations, 1774-1865.

Lawrence W. Towner, editor of the *William and Mary Quarterly* and associate professor at the College of William and Mary in charge of graduate studies in history, will serve as acting director of the sixth annual summer institute on historical and archival management, cosponsored by Radcliffe College and the department of history of Harvard University, June 29 to August 7. For details about the course, inquiries should be sent to Dr. Towner, Institute on Historical and Archival Management, 10 Garden St., Cambridge 38, Mass.

## MICHIGAN

The Horatio Seymour papers in the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, are described by Dorothy V. Martin of the Burton staff in "Archives of an Albany Family," in the July 1958 issue of *New York History*.

Michigan State University has acquired the more than 100,000 manuscripts of the Douglas C. McMurtrie collection, which deals with printing and the history of printing.

## MISSOURI

The January 1959 issue of the Concordia Historical Institute's quarterly magazine contains a guide to the institute's microfilm collection and a report on its filming activities. The inside back cover gives the names and addresses of the district archivists and historians who represent the institute in this Hemisphere.

On Nov. 21, 1958, the General Services Administration in Washington, D. C., announced that a contract had been let for the construction of a 1½-story building with about 488,000 sq. ft. of floor space, to house the Federal record center at St. Louis. The expenditure of some \$7,085,000 for the purpose was approved by Congress last year.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

A symposium on European libraries, archives, and research centers was held as part of the thirteenth annual Northern New England historical conference at Dartmouth College last October.

State Senator Edward J. Bennett of Bristol introduced a "right to know" bill into the New Hampshire Legislature on Jan. 14, 1959. The legislation is intended to guarantee public access to information about meetings and records of governmental boards and agencies.

### NEW JERSEY

Roger H. McDonough, Director of the Division of the State Library, Archives, and History of New Jersey, participated in the program of the assembly of State librarians held at the Library of Congress in November 1958. He described the development of the services his division renders to the legislators of New Jersey.

Rutgers University Library has recently acquired over a hundred items signed by New Jersey justices and governors and about a thousand papers, ca. 1767-1854, of the Williams family of Michigan.

### NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has no State Archives. When eight neglected old volumes, several of them court minutes of the third quarter of the 19th century, came to the attention of District Court Judge John B. McManus, he had them turned over to the University of New Mexico. The university librarian, David Otis Kelley, has placed them in the Coronado room in the library's division of special collections, of which Ronald De Waal is librarian.

### NEW YORK

Sidney Forman, archivist and historian at the United States Military Academy since 1946, has succeeded Col. William J. Morton, Jr., in the post of Academy librarian.

The Association of Records Executives and Administrators (AREA), at its annual meeting on Nov. 19, 1958, elected officers for 1959: Robert W. Humphrey, New York Stock Exchange, president; Norman L. Gullifer, New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., vice president; and Vincent A. Nunziato, Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, secretary-treasurer. Under the chairmanship of Norman L. Gullifer, AREA's second annual record management conference will be held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on Friday, May 8, 1959. The regular AREA meetings are held on the second Wednesday in each month in



the Winthrop room of the Roger Smith Hotel, 47th St. and Lexington Ave., New York City.

Henry J. Browne, former archivist at the Catholic University of America and onetime secretary of the Society of American Archivists, has returned from Italy. Father Browne is now professor of history at Cathedral College, 555 West End Ave., New York City.

### OHIO

Vault space for manuscripts and storage space for newspapers will be provided in the basement of a 3-story stack building to be erected this year in the rear of the addition now being built at the Western Reserve Historical Society headquarters in Cleveland. This April, when the Society for French Historical Studies meets in Cleveland, the delegates will visit the Western Reserve Historical Society to see its Norton Napoleon collection.

### OKLAHOMA

Ivie E. Cadenhead, Jr., associate professor of history at the University of Texas, has published in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, August 1958, a checklist of the part of the G. R. G. Conway papers that are held by the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art in Tulsa.

### PENNSYLVANIA

The John Dabney Shane collection — some 5,000 pieces relating in part to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania but chiefly to Presbyterian activities, 1785-1850, in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee — is now available for research at the Presbyterian Historical Society, 520 Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia 7.

A long, informative article on "Public Records in County Courthouses," by Martha B. Curtis, appeared in the July 1958 issue of *Pennsylvania History*. Formerly director of the State's Bureau of Land Records, Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, the author is now regional consultant on county records for the Remington Rand Division of Sperry Rand Corp.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has undertaken to arrange and have microfilmed some 3,500 pieces of the correspondence, chiefly 1853-76, of Simon Cameron. The papers are in the Historical Society of Dauphin County, Harrisburg.

At Pennsylvania State University, where Ralph McComb is librarian and archivist, the post of curator of Pennsylvania historical collections has been created. The first incumbent is Wallace F. Workmaster, formerly on the staff of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Charles W. David, director of the Longwood Library at Kennett Square, Pa., near Wilmington, Del., has announced that library's sponsorship of a proposed edition of selected Civil War correspondence of Rear-Adm. Samuel Francis du Pont, to be prepared by Rear-Adm. John D. Hayes, U. S. N. (Ret.), 1970 Fairfax Rd., Annapolis, Md. Du Pont commanded the South



Atlantic Blockading Squadron and led the memorable naval attack against Charleston in 1863. Though most of his letters are included in the large collection of Du Pont family papers now at Longwood, Admiral Hayes and Dr. David welcome communications from anyone knowing of extant materials elsewhere, particularly letters from Du Pont to his fellow officers.

Shortly after Charles E. Hughes, Jr., became City Archivist in Philadelphia he found some records "in a dusty pile in a corner of one of the offices of the Department of Streets." They turned out to be handwritten copies, 200 years old, of original records of early Pennsylvania real estate — the "Warrants and Surveys of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1682-1739." The material has now been laminated by W. J. Barrow of Richmond, Va., and bound in 9 large volumes.

### TENNESSEE

James E. Pike of the restoration and reproduction division, Tennessee State Library and Archives, hopes to have reproduced on film by January 1960 every extant issue of any newspaper printed in the State.

The Epworth Press, London, England, and the Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., have jointly published in 3 volumes *The Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury*, Elmer T. Clark, editor-in-chief. The undertaking is one of the projects that has had the active encouragement of the National Historical Publications Commission.

### TEXAS

The collection of frontier books and manuscripts assembled by the late Roy W. Aldrich is now at Sul Ross College in Alpine.

Bill Alcorn, commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas, outlines present research opportunities in the records there in the October 1958 issue of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.

Dorman H. Winfrey was appointed State Archivist on Aug. 1, 1958. Previously he had been a research associate with the University of Texas division of research in Texas history and the Texas State Historical Association. Work is scheduled to begin in Austin early in 1959 on the new State Archives building.

The San Jacinto Museum of History has acquired 43 manuscript letters from the personal papers of Sam Houston and 167 pamphlets and other items from the libraries of William Fairfax Gray and Peter W. Gray, father and son prominent in early Texas affairs.

### UTAH

For \$1 the Utah State Historical Society, 603 E. South Temple St., Salt Lake City 2, will furnish a copy of the January 1959 issue of the *Utah Historical Quarterly*. In it are five of the speeches delivered last August at the joint convention in Salt Lake City of the Society of American Archivists and the American Association for State and Local History: John W. Caughey's

"Toward an Understanding of the West," George D. Clyde's "History of Irrigation in Utah," Marshall N. Dana's "Reclamation, Its Influence and Impact on the History of the West," Paul Jones's "Reclamation and the Indian," and William Mulder's "The Mormons in American History."

### VERMONT

Last summer, in anticipation of a move of the U. S. District Court clerk's office into a new Federal building under construction on Pearl St., Burlington, the clerk's records received special scrutiny. Items over 85 years old and worth retaining will be transferred to the Federal record center at Dorchester, Mass.

Governor Stafford's budget message of Jan. 20, 1959, recommended suspending the publication of Vermont's series of *State Papers*. Editor Allen Soule has in preparation what, if it appears in print, will be the eleventh volume since 1918. Mr. Soule is also about half through indexing 82 volumes of manuscript State papers.

In a report to the legislature by the Vermont Public Records Commission, Director Olney W. Hill has proposed that a record center be set up in the basement of the National Life Insurance Co. building, a 5-story structure already bought by the State for \$850,000. The structure is diagonally across the street from the Statehouse in Montpelier. There is a possibility, too, that the Vermont Historical Society may be accommodated in the newly acquired premises when the original owners have completely vacated them.

Richard G. Wood of Montpelier, director of the Vermont Historical Society, has been named by Governor Johnson to head Vermont's Civil War Centennial Committee.

### WISCONSIN

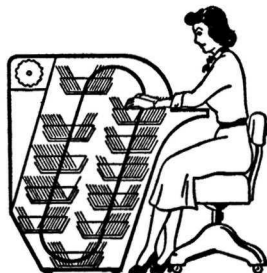
The late Herbert A. Kellar, who directed the McCormick Historical Association in Chicago for 36 years and thereafter the McCormick collection at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin from 1951 to his death in 1955, has been posthumously honored by the volume *In Support of Clio*, reviewed in this issue of our quarterly. Another assurance that he will be remembered is the acquisition by the State Historical Society of Kellar's papers, pamphlets, and books — the Herbert A. Kellar collection, which includes some three dozen filing drawers of manuscripts and his personal correspondence, 1910-55. A notable supplement to the McCormick collection is the Mrs. Emmons Blaine collection, filling 84 four-drawer legal size file cases, and consisting chiefly of manuscripts of Cyrus McCormick's daughter Anita, who married a son of James G. Blaine. These and other accessions are publicized in the Summer 1958 issue of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.

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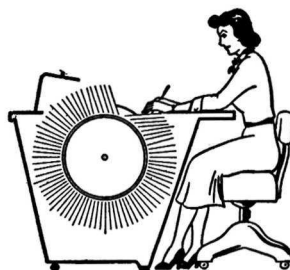
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