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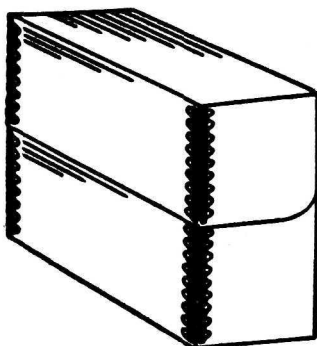
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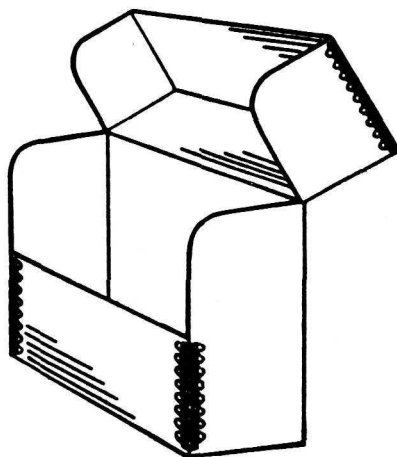
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THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

The joint annual luncheon session with the American Historical Association was held at the Mayflower Hotel on December 28, 1958. A last-minute change in room assignment crowded 92 luncheon guests into space meant for 35, with the further strain of 33 more members who came in after the luncheon to hear Julian Boyd of Princeton University deliver his address: "Reflections on the Case of the William Clark Papers."

The 1959 meeting of the Society will be held jointly with that of the American Association for State and Local History, Oct. 7-9, in Philadelphia.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

December 28, 1958

The meeting was called to order by President Holmes in the secretary's suite at the Raleigh Hotel at 3:15 p. m., Dec. 28, 1958. Besides the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, the editor, and Council members Grover and Kahn were present. The secretary had mailed the agenda to all Council members before the meeting.

The minutes of the August Council meetings were read and approved.

The reports of officers were then heard. President Holmes announced the appointment of the following committee chairmen: (1) Fred Shelley, program chairman for the 1959 annual meeting; (2) Ernst Posner, chairman of the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize Committee; (3) Kenneth Munden, chairman of the newly created Federal-State Relations Committee; (4) Philip Mason, chairman of the College and University Records Committee; (5) Lester K. Born, chairman of the Committee on Bibliography, and (6) William D. Overman, chairman of the Business Records Committee. Other committee appointments were discussed and President Holmes indicated that he hoped to complete his appointments at an early date.

The president reported on the current status of Honorary Members of the Society of American Archivists under Article 7 of the Constitution and suggested that the Council might consider some additional names at this time. Five persons were recommended. It was voted to defer action until the spring Council meeting, at which time the question would be placed on the agenda for further consideration.

The secretary reported on the need for some revision of committee category nomenclature and assignment of committees to specific areas. In consequence of this report she was directed to place the Committee on Fellows and the

Waldo Gifford Leland Committee in category 1; the new committee on Federal-State Relations was assigned to category 3. It was moved by Mr. Kahn and seconded by Dr. Grover that category 3 should be called "Special Archival Fields" instead of "Promotional Committees." The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The secretary also reported on her efforts to get help in preparing a brochure relating to opportunities in the archival profession. Since progress was not significant, the matter was left in her hands for further exploration and reporting at the spring Council meeting.

The secretary reported that no response had been received from her inquiry regarding a tentative invitation extended a year ago by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have the 1960 meeting in Boston. Since the 1961 meeting has tentatively been set for Independence, Missouri (Truman Library) it was the consensus of the Council that the 1960 meeting should be held in the East. Therefore, on motion of Mary Bryan, seconded by Wayne Grover, the secretary was directed to explore certain suggestions of the Council, to be reported on at the next Council meeting. Plans for the 1959 annual meeting are well under way, with the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia chosen as headquarters. The meeting will be held jointly with the American Association for State and Local History. Charles E. Hughes, Jr., is chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements for the Society.

Council members Grover and Kahn were excused by the president at 5:45 p. m. to keep previous appointments. A quorum remained; so the meeting continued in session. The treasurer next presented for the record the current financial report, which showed the Society to be soundly solvent. He also submitted the proposed 1958-59 budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, which was unanimously adopted by Council.

Mr. de Valinger reported on the current inventory of back issues of the *American Archivist*, which represents a valued source of income for the Society. He recommended that the Society should plan for an overrun of 75 to 100 copies for each issue to be designated as stock-inventory; also, that an advertisement for back issues be inserted in an early issue of the *American Archivist*, as was done several years ago. His recommendations were adopted. The hour now being 7:15 p. m.; the meeting was adjourned to 9:00 a. m., on Monday, Dec. 29, in the conference room of the National Archives.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

December 29, 1958

The Council met at 9:15 a. m., Dec. 29; and the regular order of business was continued.

The vice president was unable to be present but had filed a voting proxy with the secretary covering items on the agenda. Others present were: the president, the secretary, and Messrs. de Valinger, Bauer, Grover, and Kahn.

The treasurer reported on the status of exchanges of the *American Archivist*. The Council concurred in his recommendation that all proposed ex-

changes be cleared through the secretary's office for necessary administrative handling. The Council reaffirmed its long established policy of designating the National Archives Library as the depository for publications received by the Society through exchange.

The treasurer requested authorization to dispose of the remaining stock of directories of membership on hand. On motion of Dr. Bauer, the matter was left to the discretion of the Finance Committee.

The editor reported that beginning with the January issue the *American Archivist* would be copyrighted.

A sample format from the Torch Press for the forthcoming index of volumes 1-20 (estimated at 150 pages) was exhibited, with an estimate for printing 1,000 copies. The Council concurred in a motion by Wayne Grover, seconded by Leon de Valinger, to accept the Torch Press estimate of \$2,525. It was suggested that the cover conform to that of the *American Archivist*. The sales price for the index is to be set at \$5 to members and \$7.50 to subscribers and others.

The editor had no report to make on reprints of articles as recommended in the Council minutes of May 28, 1958, and asked that the matter be deferred until the next Council meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Renze, seconded by Mr. de Valinger, it was voted to amend the report and recommendation of the Council on the Waldo Gifford Leland Prize Committee (see minutes of the annual meeting, Aug. 19, 1958, in the *American Archivist*, 22: 251, Apr. 19, 1959) by inserting the word "incoming" before "president" in item 7 and by striking out the second of the related resolutions (which extended the *ad hoc* committee membership for the year 1958-59).

Mrs. Renze brought to the Council's attention an invitation to nominate candidates for grants to be awarded by the American Council of Learned Societies. She proposed that two names be placed in nomination by the Society. The Council acted affirmatively on motion by Mr. de Valinger that President Holmes write a letter, on behalf of the Society, submitting the two names to the A. C. L. S.

Richard Hale's microfilm report slip was submitted for review. Council expressed its sympathetic interest in Dr. Hale's endeavor but did not at this time feel prepared to endorse the format or to attempt to commit the membership to its use. The secretary was authorized to communicate the Council's views to Dr. Hale.

There followed a discussion of the recent conference on A. L. A.-S. A. A. matters, during which President Holmes made an extended report of papers by Dr. Bahmer of the National Archives and Dr. Robison of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. No conclusive action was taken although the matter of the A. L. A. (State libraries) brochure remains a matter of interest and concern to the State Records Committee. It was noted during the discussion that the A. L. A. has under advisement where to place its Archives Committee functions.

The secretary submitted to the Council a proposal from University Microfilms, Inc., of Ann Arbor, Mich., to reproduce the *American Archivist* by the copy-flo process. Since the Society's inventory of back issues constitutes one of its principal assets, it was determined that the contract as written could not be considered at this time. The secretary was, however, authorized to communicate with Mr. Power of University Microfilms, Inc., to see if he is interested in a revised contract that limits such Xerox reproduction to the complete series of volumes 1-20, and such single issues as are out of print, with certain other stipulations directed by Council.

Action on a proposal relating to post mortem awards was laid over until the next Council meeting.

In the absence of Council Member Duniway, President Holmes laid before the group a project proposal that Mr. Duniway urges for the Society's endorsement — an application to the Council on Library Resources, Inc., for a grant to conduct a survey in all State libraries having the State archival function. After extended discussion the Council referred the question to the State Records Committee for consideration and a recommendation to the Council, which could be considered at the spring Council meeting. The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Duniway regarding the matter.

At this point Messrs. Grover and Kahn were excused to attend other meetings.

The meeting continued, with Mrs. Bryan's proxy to handle necessary business.

The report that the legislature of New Mexico will soon consider a State Archives and Public Records Administration Act came up for discussion. A motion by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. Renze, was approved, authorizing President Holmes to write an appropriate letter on behalf of the Society expressing its interest in sound legislation and its desire to promote effective cooperation toward that end.

The Council voted to submit a request for a joint luncheon meeting next December with the A. H. A. at Chicago. Suggestions of a speaker were invited for the spring Council meeting. In closing, the Council designated Washington, D. C., for its spring Council meeting, the date to be in April or May, depending on the best time to insure maximum attendance. The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:05 a. m.

DOLORES C. RENZE, *Secretary*

Oliver W. Holmes, president of the Society, has appointed the following chairmen and members of committees:

Bibliography: Lester K. Born, *chairman*; Lester W. Smith, Grace Quimby, and Ernst Posner.

Business Records: William D. Overman, *chairman*; A. Albert Deter, Robert W. Lovett, Irene M. Strieby, James Katsaros, Jay R. McKee, and Joseph A. Greene.

Church Records: August R. Suelflow, *chairman*; Alcuin Greenburg, Melvin Gingerich, Arthur E. Leon, Robert Shostek, Belden Menkus, and Mabel Deutrich.

College and University Records: Philip P. Mason, *chairman*; Helen L. Chatfield, May Dornin, Ralph W. Hansen, William S. Wallace, and Leonidas Dodson.

Federal-State Relations: Kenneth W. Munden, *chairman*; Lewis J. Darter, Jr., Olney W. Hill, Morris L. Radoff, Philip C. Brooks, and Robert M. Brown.

Waldo Gifford Leland Prize: Ernst Posner, *chairman*; Lester J. Cappon, and G. Philip Bauer.

Nominations: David C. Duniway, *chairman*; Lewis J. Darter, Jr., and Lester W. Smith.

Professional Standards: William D. Overman, *chairman*; all living ex-presidents. (This committee selects the Fellows of the Society.)

State Records: Robert M. Brown, *chairman*; William N. Davis, Jr., H. G. Jones, Lola M. Homsher, and Gust Skordas. Mary G. Bryan acts in an advisory capacity.

Program Committee: Fred Shelley, *chairman*; others to be appointed.

Local Arrangements Committee: Charles E. Hughes, Jr., *chairman*; others to be appointed.

Morris L. Radoff, a member of the Society's new Committee on Federal-State Relations, represented the Society of American Archivists at an all-day conference convened in Washington on May 8 by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. This conference was concerned exclusively with that aspect of OCDM's record preservation program that seeks to develop, for the benefit of State and local governments, recommended legislation to (a) "remove impediments to records preservation," (b) "provide an adequate level of direction and guidance for records preservation activities," and (c) "provide for the establishment and maintenance of a State records and paperwork management program."

The conclusions reached at the conference, as summarized by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, are being given further study by the Committee on Federal-State Relations. Other organizations represented at the conference, or otherwise assisting OCDM in this program, included the American Municipal Association, the American Records Management Association, the Council of State Governments, the International City Managers' Association, the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, the National Association of County Officials, the National Association of County Recorders and Clerks, the National Association of State and Territorial Civil Defense Directors, the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, the United States Civil Defense Council, and the United States Conference of Mayors.

Since our last reporting the following members have joined the Society of American Archivists:

Delbert A. Bishop, Grandview, Mo.; Memory F. Blackwelder and Betty M. London, Raleigh, N. C.; Saul Citrone, IBM Corp., New York City; Dale Fields, Philadelphia; Bruce LeRoy, Washington State Historical Society; Ward A. Mingo, Sandoval, N. Mex.; James K. Owens, Syracuse, N. Y.; James A. Paulaskis, National Archives; and the Rev. Pascal M. Varieur, Holy Name College, Washington, D. C. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS: Alabama Polytechnic Institute Library, Auburn, Ala.; Ball State Teachers College Library, Muncie, Ind.; Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State University; Naval School of Hospital Administra-

tion, Bethesda, Md.; Price Waterhouse and Co., Los Angeles, Calif.; Department of Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.; and Virginia State Library, Richmond. FOREIGN MEMBERS: *Bulgaria*—Academy of Science, Sofia; *Germany*—Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München; *Ghana*—J. M. Akita, National Archives, Accra; *Madagascar*—Archives du Territoire, Tananarive; *Netherlands*—Gemeentelijk Archiefdienst, Amsterdam; *Pakistan*—National Hairdressers Federation, Karachi; *Poland*—P. K. W. Z., Warsaw; *U. S. S. R.*—Biblioteka Glavni, Moscow; and *Yugoslavia*—Izdavacko Knjizarsko Produzece, Zagreb, and Narodna in Univerzitetna, Jjubljana.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

Records recently accessioned by the National Archives include correspondence of the Office of the Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering and predecessor units (1940-54); records relating to the Bureau's discontinuance of Arlington Farm and the construction of research facilities at Beltsville, Md., and other localities (1933-43); and records of the Bureau's Division of Farm Machinery (1926-54) and of the Horticultural Crops Research Branch (ca. 1890-1952); machine tabulation listings of Federal real property holdings made in connection with the First, Second, and Third Inventories of Real Property Owned by the United States (1953-56) and the First Inventory of Real Property Leased to the United States Throughout the World (1956); records of the United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota (1869-1912); and records of the President's Committee on Scientists and Engineers (1956-58).

The National Archives has published one additional guide (no. 7) to German records microfilmed at Alexandria, Va. — *Records of Headquarters, German Armed Forces High Command (Part I)*. The microfilm may be consulted at the National Archives and copies are available for sale. The guides were prepared by the American Historical Association's Committee for the Study of War Documents.

Among recently issued National Archives microfilm publications are Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs from the Southern (7 rolls) and Western (4 rolls) Superintendencies, and from 12 additional agencies (96 rolls); Population Schedules of the 1820 Census for the State of Kentucky (14 rolls); Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1861-1902 (44 rolls); Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, 1848-91 (282 rolls); and Letters Received by the Secretary of the Navy from Officers Below the Rank of Commander, 1854-81 (274 rolls).

Additional information about the microfilm and copies of the guides to German records may be obtained from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, the National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

The late Dorsey W. Hyde, who was at one time Director of Archival Service in the National Archives, has been posthumously honored in the newly created Hall of Fame of the Special Libraries Association. He was president of the association, 1921-22, and vice president, 1923-25.

FEDERAL REGISTER DIVISION

The 1958 volume of the series *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States* has been put on sale by the Superintendent of Documents at \$8.25 a copy.

The volume contains transcripts of all Presidential news conferences held during the year, speeches, messages to Congress, and other material issued as White House releases. Included are items on Alaska statehood, the reorganization of the defense establishment, nuclear tests, space science and exploration, the advancement of scientific education, the voyage of the *Nautilus*, anti-American demonstrations in Latin America, the situation in the Far East and the Middle East, and mutual security.

This is the third volume in the series; volumes for the years 1956 and 1957 have already been released.

HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY

Significant parts of the Truman Presidential Papers were opened to researchers at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo., on May 11, 1959. Persons wishing to use the papers and other materials are requested to make advance application to Dr. Philip C. Brooks, Director of the Library, at Independence, informing him of the nature and purpose of their research. Students will usually be expected to include letters of introduction from their professors with their applications.

The papers opened — about 1½ million pages — include about three-fourths of two principal segments of President Truman's White House central files, files of some of his immediate staff, and a part of the papers representing Mr. Truman's service as a Senator. A collection of books, microfilms, and microprints are also available to users of the Library. These materials relate especially to President Truman's career, to the nature and history of the Presidency, and to the foreign relations of the United States in the first half of the 20th century.

The Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs has initiated a program of grants-in-aid. These will normally be grants of less than \$500 to provide travel and living expenses for short periods of work at the Library. Applications for the first group of grants were received by the Director of the Library up to May 15, 1959. Persons wishing to apply for later grants should state in detail their experience, the specific nature of their projects, the exact time and plan of their proposed study, and the names of three persons who know their work. Applicants will be judged on the basis of their experience, their knowledge of the subject field, their competence to do research in manuscript materials, the feasibility of their projects, and the probable usefulness of the results. Applications will be reviewed and awards made by a committee of the Institute.

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

Under the auspices of the Commission, 24 editors or other representatives of documentary publication projects now under way or expected to be launched

met with other interested persons at a luncheon conference in Washington on Dec. 29, 1958. Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States and Chairman of the National Historical Publications Commission, presided at the luncheon; and Julian P. Boyd, editor of the Jefferson papers, led the subsequent discussion. The editors present, representing 17 publication projects, made brief reports on the status of their work, with Dr. Boyd reporting first. These reports are summarized below.

Papers of Thomas Jefferson (Julian P. Boyd, editor): The project has reached volume 15 in a planned series of 50 volumes. Problems of scheduling have developed.

Adams Family Papers (Lyman H. Butterfield, editor in chief): Publication will begin with the diary and the autobiography of John Adams, scheduled for 1960; these will be published in complete form and as a single unit. Further plans are not finally determined. Publication of the lengthy diaries of John Quincy Adams and Charles Francis Adams may be postponed in favor of publishing next the rich and voluminous correspondence of the first three generations of the Adams family, beginning about 1760 and ending in 1889 with the death of the last of the third generation. This will be selective. A microfilm publication of the entire corpus of papers is now nearing completion.

Papers of John Carroll (William D. Hoyt, Jr., editor): Texts of more than 700 letters written by Bishop Carroll have been collected, others are being located, and the letters in Latin and some of those in French and English have been edited. It has been ascertained that the collection of papers of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, long reported to be in the hands of descendants, does not exist. Plans are being made for the publication of a first volume containing letters down to 1808.

Letters of Stephen A. Douglas (Robert W. Johannsen, editor): The project is so recent that plans for it have not been fully developed. More than 600 letters by Douglas have been found, and 16,000 letters received by him are in the Douglas papers at the University of Chicago. The editor intends to publish selected letters by Douglas, with a calendar of those not published. He does not intend to publish letters received, but will note them editorially when they are mentioned in letters by Douglas.

Papers of Benjamin Franklin (Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., associate editor): Volume 1, scheduled for publication Oct. 1959, contains Franklin's letters, newspaper essays, almanacs, pamphlets, and other writings through 1735. Volume 2, which the editors will complete this winter, will contain materials to about 1746, including a quantity of correspondence with Cadwallader Colden and William Strahan. A single chronological arrangement is planned for the whole project. This will entail publication of Franklin's autobiography in 4 installments. A separate edition of the autobiography, thoroughly annotated, may also be prepared.

Christopher Gadsden Papers (Richard Walsh, editor): This project, begun under the auspices of the South Carolina Historical Society and recently aided by a grant from the American Philosophical Society, is nearly complete. The few papers that have survived will form one rather small volume.

Albert Gallatin Papers (James O. Wettereau): A project has not been formally established. A survey of the papers and the preparation of a bibliography are in progress under the joint auspices of New York University and the New-York Historical Society.

Alexander Hamilton Papers (Jacob E. Cooke, assistant editor): The papers through 1788 have been edited and will be published in three to five volumes. Plans for publishing the papers of 1789 and the remaining years have not yet been completed, since it is not known how long it will take to edit the voluminous records Hamilton accumulated as Secretary of the Treasury.

John Jay Papers (Richard Morris): Columbia University has recently undertaken to assemble originals or photoreproductions of all papers written by or addressed to

Jay that can be found anywhere in the world and to establish itself as a center for John Jay studies. It plans to publish two volumes of previously unprinted Jay papers and a number of monographs.

Andrew Johnson Papers (Leroy P. Graf, editor): The project has been carried on by a staff at the University of Tennessee that must combine its activities with nearly full-time teaching. Johnson wrote relatively little; the main value of his papers is in the letters received. The papers through 1860 will probably fill the first volume, which is tentatively scheduled for publication in 1961. Copies of records in the National Archives are being assembled, and a microfilm of the Andrew Johnson papers in the Library of Congress is awaited as part of the recently undertaken microfilm publication of the Presidential papers in the Library.

James Madison Papers (William T. Hutchinson, editor): The project was undertaken jointly, 2 years ago, by the University of Virginia (with editorial quarters in the Virginia Historical Society) and the University of Chicago. The search for Madison papers is nearly completed, but the work of editing is not far advanced. About 14,500 documents have been accessioned by the Chicago office and copies of many others are there or on the way. A decision has been made to publish all the letters received by Madison before the period of his service as Secretary of State and after the end of his Presidency but to calendar rather than publish many of the letters addressed to him between 1801 and 1817. The publication will consist of about 22 volumes, of which volume 1 is scheduled to appear in 1960.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers (Herman Kahn): A calendar of all the papers relating to the conservation of resources has been prepared and microfilmed, and a selection of about a third of these documents has been published recently in two volumes. A volume of selected documents pertaining to foreign relations in Roosevelt's first administration is being prepared.

Woodrow Wilson Papers (John Wells Davidson, associate editor): This project, under the auspices of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, contemplates a comprehensive edition of Wilson's letters, speeches, and public papers. Its editor is Arthur S. Link of Northwestern University. Work so far has been directed chiefly towards the selection of materials from the Wilson papers in the Library of Congress, but soon an extensive search for original items (all the more important because Wilson made few copies of his letters before his Presidency) will be initiated. Publication will include texts or abstracts of some, at least, of the incoming letters.

Naval and Maritime Papers of the American Revolution: In the absence of Adm. E. M. Eller, Director of Naval History, Philip M. Hamer, Executive Director for the National Historical Publications Commission, announced that for this project, under the editorship of William Bell Clark, a very thorough search for relevant papers is in progress and copies of many papers have already been assembled.

Presidential Papers in the Library of Congress (David C. Mearns, Fred Shelley): The project is to consist of a complete microfilm publication of the 23 collections of papers of Presidents of the United States in the Library of Congress, with 23 printed indexes to the papers.

Papers Relating to the Ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights (Robert E. Cushman, editor): Organization of a staff of three persons was completed in September 1958. The project differs from most of the others in that it is defined by subject matter rather than by person. It is planned for publication in not fewer than eight volumes, of which volumes 1-3 will consist of official papers; volumes 4-7 will contain correspondence, newspaper essays, and other unofficial materials, in chronological order; and volume 8 will be composed of papers relating to the framing and ratification of the Bill of Rights. The editor is inclined to publish the Federalist essays as a unit but has not completely rejected the alternative, by which they would be interspersed chronologically among other essays on ratification.

Territorial Papers of the United States (Clarence E. Carter, editor): This project was undertaken as a Government enterprise under its present editor in the State

Department in 1931 and was later transferred to the National Archives. Twenty-three volumes have been published. Beginning with a volume for Wisconsin Territory, the letterpress edition, which is necessarily selective, will be supplemented by a much more extensive microfilm publication of nearly all known papers relating to the Territory in the National Archives. The microfilm is expected to hasten the work of editing the series.

In the absence of several editors unable to attend the meeting, Dr. Hamer spoke briefly of five projects.

1. The journal and letters of Bishop Francis Asbury have recently been published in three volumes, sponsored by the World Methodist Council and the Associated Methodist Historical Societies, with Elmer T. Clark as editor-in-chief.

2. Work on the papers of John C. Calhoun, at the University of South Carolina, has been interrupted by the sudden death of the editor, Robert L. Meriwether. [W. Edwin Hemphill has been appointed to succeed Dr. Meriwether.] Volume 1 is close to publication.

3. At the University of Kentucky, volume 1 of the papers of Henry Clay, with James F. Hopkins as editor and Mary W. M. Hargreaves as associate editor, is in press; and the preparation of later volumes is well advanced.

4. The papers of Rutherford B. Hayes, edited under the direction of Watt P. Marchman, will be published in groups and not as a single chronological series.

5. The papers of James K. Polk are being edited by Herbert Weaver of Vanderbilt University as a joint project of the university and the Tennessee Historical Commission. Work started slowly but is now well under way.

Dr. Grover, replying to a question from Dr. Boyd, described briefly the current publication of the public papers of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. This series is being compiled by the Federal Register Division of the National Archives and Records Service, with a minimum of annotation. Besides keeping current with the papers of each year, the Register hopes to extend the series back to the end of the period covered by Judge Rosenman's publication of the official papers of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The series is intended to provide for the Presidency a record comparable to the *Congressional Record* and the Supreme Court reports.

Dr. Hamer made brief reference to projects, under consideration but not yet established, for publishing the papers of James Monroe, John Marshall, Daniel Webster, and Robert E. Lee.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

On the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth Carl Sandburg, his biographer, gave an address before a joint session of Congress. That day also signaled the opening of a memorable Lincoln exhibit at the Library, with ceremonies in the evening at which Mr. Sandburg spoke in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium.

Several additions have been made to existing manuscript collections in the Library. Albert Whital Stern of Chicago has presented 13 early editions of the text of the Emancipation Proclamation for the Stern collection of Lincolnia. St. George L. Sioussat, former Chief of the Manuscript Division, has presented 67 additional papers, chiefly letters, of Duff Green, 1826-65. The Jacob A. Riis papers have been augmented by correspondence, scrapbooks, and

photographs; and 6,500 items have been added to the papers of Frederick Lewis Allen.

Four notable new groups of papers have been received. Lyman Bryson, moderator of the radio program "Invitation to Learning," has given a first installment of his papers (about 3,900 pieces); and Col. William S. Culbertson has given some 35,000 pieces, principally his correspondence and memoranda, 1906-58. The papers of Rear Adm. Stanford C. Hooper, "father of naval radio," have been added to the Naval Historical Foundation collection in the Library; they consist of over 10,000 pieces, 1916-52. Another important accession is a first installment of the papers of Jesse H. Jones, about 60,000 pieces, largely Mr. Jones' personal correspondence while he was Director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Secretary of Commerce.

The papers of Henry F. Pringle, 1943-45, received earlier as a deposit, have been made an outright gift to the Library. The family of the late Senator Taft has converted from a deposit to a gift the important collection of Robert A. Taft papers, about 300,000 pieces.

The microfilming of the Library's 23 groups of Presidential papers is proceeding steadily. The Zachary Taylor papers have been filmed on two rolls, positive prints of which may be bought for \$12 from the Chief, Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

Daniel J. Reed, director of libraries at the University of Detroit since 1953, has been appointed to be Assistant Chief of the Manuscript Division beginning June 15, 1959. Joseph C. Vance has acted temporarily as Assistant Chief since the transfer of Robert H. Land to the General Reference and Bibliography Division of the Library some months ago.

HUDSON-CHAMPLAIN CELEBRATION COMMISSION

The Hudson-Champlain Celebration Commission, with headquarters at Federal Hall, 15 Pine St., New York 5, N. Y., is a Federal commission authorized by act of Congress approved Aug. 8, 1958. John H. G. Pell, a New York businessman and president of the Fort Ticonderoga Restoration, is the chairman. On the Commission with him are 4 U. S. Senators (George D. Aiken, Vt.; Jacob K. Javits, N. Y.; Patrick V. McNamara, Mich.; and John O. Pastore, R. I.), 4 U. S. Representatives from New York (Emanuel Celler, Dean P. Taylor, Lester Holtzman, and John V. Lindsay), and 12 citizens of New York, Vermont, and New Jersey. The Commission is expected to coordinate the activities of such local groups as the Hudson Celebration Group, the Greater New York Five County Group, the Hudson Valley Council, the Albany County Hudson-Champlain Celebration, Inc., the New York Temporary State Commission on Historical Observances, and the Vermont Champlain Festival Committee. The year 1959 is the 350th anniversary of the voyages in 1609 of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain. The principal observances of the anniversary are scheduled to occur between May and the end of September.

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

U. S. Senators Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky and Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska replaced Senators John W. Bricker of Ohio and Edward Martin of Pennsylvania as members of the National Civil War Centennial Commission at its annual meeting in Washington, Jan. 6, 1959. The Commission sponsored a nationwide springtime assembly of organizations and people interested in the forthcoming centennial. President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, and Speaker Rayburn all sent greetings to the assembly, which took place in Richmond, Va., Apr. 16-17. The principal address, "A Centennial for All Americans," was delivered by Assistant Secretary of the Army Dewey Short. Another part of the program was the showing of an illustrated tape-recorded discussion of how the centennial plans will be coordinated with those of "Mission 66" of the National Park Service. Reporting on the legislative outlook, Congressman Fred Schwengel of Iowa stated that bills had been introduced in Congress calling for an appropriation of \$500,000 to microfilm Union and Confederate records at the National Archives and to design and produce a commemorative gold medal for public sale. Bell I. Wiley of Emory University, chairman of the Commission's advisory committee on historical and research activities, also spoke.

LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

In January 1959 Senator John Sherman Cooper, Chairman of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, launched vol. 1, no. 1, of *The Lincoln Sesquicentennial Intelligencer*. This newsletter, to appear periodically throughout 1959, reports events in the observance of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The March 1959 issue carried a memorandum of William E. Baringer, Executive Director of the Commission, acknowledging the extraordinary impact of Lincoln's birthday in Washington and throughout the country. Lincoln celebrations in February were so numerous that clippings about them were said to have come into the Commission's headquarters in the National Archives Building by the bale.

NATIONAL UNION CATALOG OF MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

The Librarian of Congress has appointed the following persons as an advisory committee for the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections: Curt F. Bühler, Modern Language Association; Lester J. Cappon, Institute of Early American History and Culture; A. Hunter Dupree, American Association for the Advancement of Science; Philip M. Hamer, National Historical Publications Commission; Oliver W. Holmes, Society of American Archivists; Clifford L. Lord, American Association for State and Local History; Horace S. Merrill, Southern Historical Association; Roy F. Nichols, Social Science Research Council; Arthur S. Adams, American Council on Education; Boyd C. Shafer, American Historical Association; Louis B. Wright, American Council of Learned Societies and Mississippi Valley Historical Association;

and John Cook Wyllie, Association of Research Libraries. The committee held its first meeting on April 10.

Lester K. Born, who served as coordinator of microreproduction projects at the Library of Congress from 1952 to 1956, has returned to supervise the establishment of the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts. A Fellow of the Society of American Archivists and current chairman of the Society's Committee on Bibliography, Dr. Born will head a new Manuscripts Section in the Descriptive Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress.

GUIDE TO PHOTOCOPIED HISTORICAL MATERIALS

Through photographic shortcuts in the collection of information and in publishing procedure, Richard W. Hale, Jr., of Boston University, editor of the *Guide to Photocopied Historical Materials in the United States and Canada*, has the work so well advanced that Cornell University Press may bring out the volume by the time the Society of American Archivists convenes in Philadelphia this October. Less than 2 years ago basic questionnaires about the project were distributed at the Columbus, Ohio, meeting of the Society. The *Guide* is sponsored by the Committee on Documentary Reproduction of the American Historical Association and supported by the Council on Library Resources, Inc. The compilation will list and locate collections of photocopied historical material and also provide other useful information for the archivist. The method used by Dr. Hale to expedite the project is described in *Industrial Photography* (Apr. 1959).

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Oceana, 80 Fourth Ave., New York 3, N. Y., is marketing at a price of \$20 an *Index Digest of State Constitutions* prepared by the Legislative Drafting Research Fund of Columbia University. A biennial pocket supplement will keep the digest current.

E. Kay Kirkham, author of *A Survey of American Church Records*, has devised three printed forms for convenient use in the compilation of family genealogy: a progenitor chart, a research work chart, and a family history chart. Upon request, Kay Publishing Co., 2690 Kenwood St., Salt Lake City 6, Utah, will furnish sample sheets of these.

The Siemag chart typewriter, a new development of West Germany imported into the United States exclusively by Continental Office Machines, Inc., 500 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y., can be used by the typist to type complex chart materials. The keyboard is equipped with normal uppercase alphabet and figures, but instead of lowercase letters the chart-typer, as it is called, has 27 different chart symbols.

American City (Feb. 1959) reports that the register of Hudson County, N. J., has replaced his worn maps in the county's plat books with reproductions on a moistureproof stabilized film, cleanable with soap and water — specially coated Dupont "Mylar" polyester film. The new product, called "Stabilene

Plat Film" was specially developed for the plat and map field by Keuffel & Esser Co., Adams and Third Sts., Hoboken, N. J. The list price was quoted recently as 85¢ per sq. ft.

The Fountain Pen and Mechanical Pencil Manufacturers' Assn. has changed its name to the Pen and Pencil Manufacturers' Assn. The industry produced in the United States during 1958 some 40 million fountain pens and 75 million mechanical pencils. The output of ball-point pens, on the other hand, reached the huge total of 350 million during the year.

Anyone who wishes to keep up with developments in the microcard field may obtain the *Microcard Bulletin*, which the Microcard Foundation publishes irregularly, by writing to the foundation at Box 2145, Madison 5, Wis. Bulletin 19 (Jan. 1959) contains "Microcards, 1944-1958: A Selected Bibliography," compiled by Albert James Diaz.

A New York savings bank is successfully using a facsimile transmitter telephone attachment that enables branch bank tellers to establish visual contact with central records and thus eliminates bookkeeping at branch locations. The device is said to have had its first application in the flashing of high-altitude weather data to jet airplanes.

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., of Washington, D. C., has awarded a \$201,531 contract to the Crosley Division of AVCO Manufacturing Corp. to develop "an experimental, integrated high-density direct-access photostorage and retrieval system for library materials." The work will be done at Crosley Division's Electronics Research Laboratory in Boston, Mass.

Among professional librarians an attempt is under way to maintain what amounts to a clearinghouse of information about micropublishing projects. At the 1958 conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco, a subcommittee on micropublishing projects was set up in the Association's Resources and Technical Services Division. The subcommittee chairman is R. C. Swank, Stanford University's director of libraries. The control point of the subcommittee's activities and files is the office of Richard Harwell, associate executive director of the American Library Assn., 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill. Mr. Harwell will also provide administrative supervision for an A. L. A. project on "Library Technology; a Standards Program on Supplies and Equipment." The Council on Library Resources, Inc., has made available a grant of \$136,395, which will enable the A. L. A. to sponsor: (1) compilation of a handbook of information about such standards as now exist for library supplies and equipment; (2) establishment of a free service for the answering of mail and telephone inquiries about such material; and (3) eventual inauguration of a testing laboratory and encouragement of research.

The eighth annual meeting of the National Microfilm Association at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, Apr. 2-4, stressed a "Centennial of Microfilm Progress, 1859-1959," thus commemorating the 100th anniversary of the microfilm patent granted to René Dagron, June 21, 1859. Copies of Hubbard W. Ballou's *Guide to Microreproduction Equipment* and Frederic Luther's *Microfilm; A History, 1839-1900* were exhibited. Copies of the April 1959 issue of *Reproduction Engineer*, "the only magazine devoted exclusively to the

in-plant graphic reproductions-visual communications industry and its engineers," were distributed as the official publication of the Society of Reproduction Engineers, 10525 Puritan, Detroit 38, Mich.

A method employed by the George Eastman House, Rochester, N. Y., to clean daguerreotypes has been endorsed by the Library of Congress (LC Press Release No. 59-36, Feb. 4, 1959). In contrast to the dangerous procedure of employing a solution of potassium cyanide to clean the silver-plated copper sheets, the Eastman method makes use of a solvent developed by the Missouri Historical Society. The new solvent — not chemically described — is said to be harmless to both plate and image, to remove stains completely without etching the plate, to bring out clearly the details of the picture, and to retain the mirror-like quality of the silver plate.

FOREIGN NEWS

Australia

The August 1958 issue of *Archives and Manuscripts*, the journal of the Archives Section of the Library Association of Australia, contains information about registrars in Commonwealth Government departments, an article on ecclesiastical archives in New South Wales, and an analysis of the principles of describing private papers. The analysis is a further contribution by T. R. Schellenberg of the National Archives of the United States.

Austria

Joseph Stummvoll, director general of the Austrian National Library, Vienna, is spending a 2-year leave in New York as head of the United Nations Library. Hans Pauer, who directs the Austrian National Library's portrait collection and picture archives, inspected picture collections in the United States during several months of this year.

Canada

Library and archival institutions throughout the Dominion are cooperating with the Microfilm Committee of the Canadian Library Association in a project "that never will be completed until all Canadian newspapers of historical importance have been filmed."

Elwood R. Maunder, director of the Forest History Foundation of St. Paul, Minn., met with the British Columbia Committee on Forest History last November. The University of British Columbia has appointed C. D. Orchard, retired chief forester of the province, to scout for collections of business and personal papers for the university library.

This year both the United States and Canada celebrated Apr. 12-18 as National Library Week. In anticipation, a special ceremony was held in the Parliamentary Library, Ottawa, Apr. 8. There the Hon. John Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, accepted from Roy P. Basler of the U. S. Library of Congress a group of Lincoln reproductions presented through the coopera-

tion of the Library of Congress and the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. Dr. Basler, in turn, received for the collections of the Library of Congress a microfilm of the Baring papers in the Public Archives of Canada. William Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist and Librarian, witnessed the exchange.

China

Publication of a rare book catalog of the National Central Library in Formosa (3 vols.) reveals that Director Chiang Fu-ts'ung and his staff brought from the mainland some 120,000 rare volumes and have preserved 2,586 Chinese manuscripts and 153 Buddhist scrolls.

Cuba

Jorge Quintana Rodríguez has been named Director of the National Archives in succession to Felix Lizaso. The formal announcement of the appointment of the new Director was dated at Havana, Feb. 1, 1959.

Denmark

Thirteen boxes of historic Greenland archives dating from 1780 appear to have been irretrievably lost en route to the National Library, Copenhagen. The consignment was aboard the *Hans Hedtoft* when the vessel went down after hitting an iceberg in the North Atlantic.

Egypt

One of the 44 Coptic treatises in the form of papyrus books discovered in the mid-1940's by peasants in Upper Egypt has been sold to the Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland. All the others, however, have been assembled in the Coptic Museum at Cairo. The find is discussed by French archeologist Jean Doresse in *The Secret Books of the Egyptian Gnostics*, to be published by the Viking Press sometime this year.

France

Charles Braibant, Director of the Archives of France and honorary president of the International Council on Archives, has announced that the 1960 course at the Archives Nationales for archivists, students from abroad, and persons attending the École des Chartes, will run from January to March. The main fields covered are: (1) doctrines, techniques, and methods; (2) the history of archives; (3) the historic content of archives; (4) the organization of archives in France; (5) the organization of archives abroad; and (6) the administrative and economic structure of France. The course outline, *Stage International d' Archives*, and other information may be obtained from the Director's Office, Archives Nationales, 60 rue des Francs-Bourgeois, Paris 3^e, attention of Albert Mirot or Robert-Henri Bautier.

Germany

At Frankfurt Remington Rand International Division of Sperry Rand Corp. operates Univac Europe, one of the earliest data-processing centers set up outside the United States. According to Robert H. Metz, writing in the *New York Times* for Feb. 24, 1959, the clients of the Frankfurt center keep pertinent files on punched cards, record the data on magnetic tape, and send the tape to the center for processing.

Great Britain

H. M. Stationery Office, London, is attempting to estimate the number of copies it should print of an up-to-date revision of M. S. Giuseppi's *Guide to the Public Records* (2 vols.), the original edition of which came out in 1923-24. The larger the printing the less will be the price of the revision. In the United States the *Library Journal*, Feb. 15, 1959, advised its readers to send information of advance demand to the Sales Section, British Information Services, 45 Rockefeller Center, New York City.

Some 240 medieval books and manuscripts were auctioned at Sotheby's in London on Feb. 23 for about \$136,822. An Associated Press dispatch of that date asserted that Hans P. Kraus, a New York dealer, paid £15,200 (\$42,560) for the Brudenell family's 15th-century transcription of Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. The manuscript, known as the Brudenell Chaucer Codex, consists of 308 leaves of vellum.

John William Bradley's *Dictionary of Miniaturists, Illuminators, Calligraphers and Copyists* (3 vols., London, 1887-89) was reprinted in 1958 at a selling price of \$55.

The trustees and governors of the John Rylands Library, Manchester, are appealing to the public for help in raising a supplement to its original endowment. For a number of years expenses have been increasing while basic income has remained static or has even slightly declined.

Frederick G. Emmison, County Archivist of Essex, has been named to the special faculty of the sixth annual institute on historical and archival management conducted at Cambridge, Mass., this summer.

India

Edward G. Freehafer, director of the New York Public Library, presented to India's Ambassador Mahomed-Ali Currim Chagla on Apr. 15, 1959, to be preserved in the National Archives of India, a 50-page manuscript of the recollections of Lajpat Rai, a leader for Indian independence who died in 1928.

Israel

The Central Zionist Archives, Jewish Agency for Palestine Bldg., 1 Ibn Gabirol St., P. O. B. 92, Jerusalem, is distributing a 30-page illustrated pamphlet about the archives. The pamphlet is in English.

Italy

Margherita Guarducci, professor of Greek epigraphy at Rome University, has completed a Vatican-sponsored research work, *The Grafitti Under the*

Confession of St. Peter's in the Vatican. The writings she studied and interpreted are rough inscriptions on stone or masonry.

From an Italian oceanographic research facility located at La Spezia will be developed a NATO center for basic oceanographic and submarine research. Scientists from Canada, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, West Germany, and the United States will participate.

Nigeria

University College, founded in 1948 at Ibadan, the largest Negro city of the African continent, has the most complete and comprehensive bibliographical collection in West Africa, an outstanding collection of Africana, and a unique collection of Arabica including 150 Arabic manuscripts from northern Nigeria. This is one of the findings of a survey made for the Carnegie Corporation of New York by Harold Lancour of the University of Illinois Library School.

Poland

Chopin's autograph manuscript of the Grand Polonaise and heroic treasures of royal Poland have been returned to Poland in two trunks — insured, it is said, for \$100,000,000. After a circuitous journey and a long sojourn in a bank vault in Canada, the property is back in Wawel Castle, Cracow, for the first time since 1939.

Spain

Last year the Dirección General de Archivos y Bibliotecas of Spain edited a 154-page catalog listing 522 official publications of Spanish archival, library, and related institutions. *The Catálogo de Publicaciones de la Dirección General de Archivos y Bibliotecas* is no. 22 in a special series, *Ediciones Conmemorativas del Centenario del Cuerpo Facultativo, 1858-1958*.

Tibet

Prime Minister Nehru of India, speaking in the Indian Parliament on Mar. 30, disclosed that during the recent Tibetan-Chinese friction in Lhasa several monasteries and some of their valuable manuscripts had been damaged. At a news conference on Apr. 5, in commenting on the reported shelling of the summer palace of the Dalai Lama, Mr. Nehru expressed the view that destruction of its art treasures and rare documents would be a great tragedy.

Yugoslavia

The Government has ordered the monastery at Granica converted to a museum; its artifacts, books, and manuscripts will be placed on public view. The marble monastery building dates from the fourteenth century. According to an R. N. S. dispatch from Belgrade, two other monasteries in the Byzantine style were converted to museums last year: the monastery at Visoki and the one at Pecs. Another monastery, at Trebinge in Herzegovina, may have to be dismantled and moved if it is to escape flooding from the backwater of a new hydroelectric development.

ALASKA

We salute the 49th State with the publication of this special report from Harland L. Clark, supervisor of record management, Department of Administration, State of Alaska, Box 2420, Juneau:

Luckily, the advent of statehood in Alaska occurred after a record management program had been established. Prior to statehood the bulk of the accumulation of old, obsolete, valueless records had been disposed of and a good start had been made on improving and standardizing of record filing. This is important, because essentially the changeover from Territorial status is a paperwork change. On top of the shifts usually implicit in the transition of Territory to State there has been added for Alaska the reorganization of the executive branch of the State government.

The chance and necessity to survey the records of the old governor's office brought to light many valuable archival papers and museum pieces. [The records of the Office of the Governor of Alaska, 1884-1958 were transferred to the Region 10 Federal Records Center in Seattle, Wash., in August 1958, and a preliminary inventory of them appeared early in 1959.]

Generally speaking, the state record management people continue as before to assist the various State departments prepare record inventories and schedules, and improve their forms, filing and other systems; but there is a bit more anxiousness now, since there will be considerable merging of functions under the reorganization. The new structure provides for only 13 major departments where some 35 operated before.

ARIZONA

A new building to house the Automatic Data Processing Department of the Army's Electronic Proving Ground was dedicated at historic old Fort Huachuca, Mar. 11. Experimentation and practical tests here are coordinated with the Army's Signal Research and Development Laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

CALIFORNIA

Morley Segal, a graduate student at San Francisco State College, is arranging for the California Historical Society the voluminous but hitherto unsorted papers of James Rolph, former mayor of San Francisco.

The California Historical Society has purchased the diary kept in 1852 by A. C. Jackson while he was serving on the U. S. Navy commission that established Mare Island.

The 11th triennial convention of Concordia Historical Institute of St. Louis, Mo., meeting jointly with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, which the institute serves as archives, library, and museum, was held in the 92-year old St. Paulus Lutheran Church in San Francisco on June 20.

Through a grant from the Borden Company Foundation, an annual prize of \$400 is now offered for the most meritorious work exploiting primarily the materials available at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, Palo Alto. Oliver H. Radkey, professor of history at the University of Texas, received the first award, for his book, published last year, on the agrarian foes of Bolshevism, March to October 1917.

The Westerners Foundation, College of the Pacific, Stockton, is expanding

the college's Western Americana collection in expectation of publishing source materials as well as current studies and reprints.

COLORADO

The Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, dedicated its library on Jan. 5, 1959. The larger part of three floors of one wing of the main academic building provide the library with 70,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Some of the features of the top floor will be a map collection, a microfilm collection, and a collection of materials by and about Academy-connected personnel.

Besides operating a seismic review department and an electronics laboratory, Tower Exploration, Inc., has constructed a new building, advertised as ready for use Mar. 31, 1959, specifically designed for the storage of magnetic tape, film, or seismic records. The firm is located in suburban Denver at 3600 South Huron St., Englewood, Colo.

The Denver Interagency Records Administration Conference held its third meeting of the 1958-59 season in the Bureau of Reclamation conference room, Denver Federal Center, on Jan. 21, 1959. Arthur E. Langland, data-processing representative of I. B. M., Denver, discussed "The Effect of Electronic Data Processing on Records Administration."

Under the presidency of William T. Hutchinson of the University of Chicago, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association went to Denver for its 52nd annual meeting, Apr. 23-25, 1959. Two of the principal subjects discussed on the opening day were "The Civil War; Historical Sources and Their Use," and "Modern Research Methods and Techniques."

CONNECTICUT

After a lapse of more than 12 years, work has begun again on the indexing of the legislative files to 1820, known as the *Connecticut Archives*.

Drastic judicial reform is soon to be applied to Connecticut's town and city court system, dating back to 1639. The General Assembly in March 1959 abolished 66 municipal courts, 102 trial justice courts, and the Danbury traffic court, effective Dec. 31, 1960. Under the newly authorized system there will be 44 appointed judges, who will divide the State into court circuits.

Collections of Arabic manuscripts in the United States are increasing in size and number, but there is no comparable acceleration in their cataloging or publication. Such is the observation of Nabia Abbott of the Oriental Institute in reviewing Leon Nemoj's checklist of *Arabic Manuscripts in the Yale University Library* (Yale University Press) in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, Jan. 1959.

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., of Washington, D. C., has made a grant of \$50,000 to Yale University "to seek a method of controlling space problems of large research libraries." John H. Ottemiller, associate university librarian, will supervise the study, which is expected to help other institutions faced with expanding collections and limited space.

Novelist John P. Marquand has given his correspondence to Harvard University and his literary manuscripts to Yale.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Representative Howard W. Robison of New York introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives in February to establish December 15 of each year as Bill of Rights Day. The first 10 amendments to the Federal Constitution were proposed by Congress Sept. 25, 1789, and ratified by Virginia, to complete the required number of States, Dec. 15, 1791.

In a message of Feb. 5, 1959, to Congress on various aspects of civil rights, President Eisenhower recommended legislation to empower the Attorney General of the United States to inspect Federal election records, and to require the retention of the records "for a reasonable period of time."

Senators Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky and Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska have been appointed to replace Senators Bricker of Ohio and Martin of Pennsylvania on the National Civil War Centennial Commission. The Commission has announced the formation of an advisory committee on historical and research activities composed of Bell I. Wiley of Emory University, chairman, Representative Fred Schwengel of Iowa, Avery Craven of the University of Chicago, and David C. Mearns of the Library of Congress.

Last summer the Folger Shakespeare Library acquired 185 volumes of an 18th-century handwritten transcript of the papers of the Strozzi family, who were important in the history of 16th- and 17th-century Florence. On the roof of a wing now being added to the Folger Library will be a sun deck where researchers and readers may relax but not read or work: "A place in the sun where a man can sit and think, or perhaps even dream, will be useful."

Of the four extant copies of the Gettysburg Address, only one is signed, dated, and titled by Lincoln. The late Oscar B. Cintas, who died in 1957, acquired this one for \$54,000 in 1949. An Associated Press dispatch from New York, Feb. 19, 1959, reported that Surrogate Joseph A. Cox had ended uncertainty about its fate, deciding, in accordance with a holograph but contested will of Mr. Cintas, that the item would go "to the White House in Washington to be deposited in the Lincoln Room."

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation of 45 East 65th St., New York 21, N. Y., has announced the opening at the Library of Congress of a Washington office for the Woodrow Wilson papers and letters project. Associate Editor John Wells Davidson, assisted by Helga Sandburg Golby, is examining the Library's Wilsoniana.

This summer at American University the sixth institute on record management was held June 1-12 under the direction of Herbert E. Angel, Assistant Archivist of the United States, Office of Records Management. The codirectors of the 13th institute in the preservation and administration of archives, June 15-July 10, are Ernst Posner, professor of history and archives administration at American University, and Theodore R. Schellenberg, Assistant Archivist of the United States, National Archives.

The settlement of an estate in Georgetown brought to light the original of Alexander Hamilton's shipping questionnaire and his holograph letter of Oct. 10, 1789, to Washington's friend and agent John Fitzgerald of

Alexandria, Va. The full texts of the questionnaire and letter and at least part of Fitzgerald's intended reply were published in the *New York Times*, Jan. 26, 1959.

The principle that the President and Cabinet members can withhold information from Congress and the country in the public interest was again explained, in a 142-page memorandum sent by the Attorney General of the United States to the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of the United States Senate. On Feb. 1, 1959, Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., of Missouri expressed objections to the principle.

Historic Decatur House, on Lafayette Square, was some months ago inherited from Mrs. Truxtun Beale by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Besides opening the premises to the public, the Trust has turned over to the Library of Congress some 2,000 manuscripts that had been handed down with the property. Among the papers are 70 letters from Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

Since the initial meeting in December 1957 of an Advisory Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States, the members have become official consultants to the Historical Division, Department of State. A summary of their views on the current status of the publication of diplomatic correspondence is carried in the historical news section of the April 1959 *American Historical Review*.

GEORGIA

In 1958 the legislature approved a new archives building for Georgia, but when Gov. Marvin Griffin went out of office Jan. 12, 1959, he had not granted to the secretary of state, who by law is the political head and overall administrator of Georgia's Archives Department, the authorized funds. Secretary of State Ben Fortson and State Archivist Mary Givens Bryan must start all over again to persuade the new administration, headed by Gov. Ernest Vandiver, of what needs to be done. Friends of Mr. Fortson and Mrs. Bryan hope that as soon as the State revenue is replenished Governor Vandiver will provide the funds for the already authorized construction. The newspapers of the State have been very vocal in stressing the urgent need for the new building. For example, an editorial in the *Augusta Chronicle* of March 24, 1959, said:

State archives are the records of past history. They are as important to the state as new industries because the future must be built always upon the foundations of the past. If there be no continuity of historic memories there is no inspiration for the kind of effort on the part of all citizens by which a still greater history can be carved out of the times in which we of today are living.

Director D. E. Gregory of the Georgia Historical Commission has announced the opening of a Confederate museum at Washington in Wilkes County, where Jefferson Davis met his disintegrating Confederate Cabinet for the last time. The building has been restored with \$31,000 allocated by Governor Griffin in 1958. The Governor also allowed \$50,000 last year for

the establishment of Midway Museum in Liberty County, where New Englanders settled before the Revolution. The site of Civil War Fort McAlister in Bryan County, near Savannah, has been donated to the Georgia Historical Commission by the International Paper Co., and if funds can be had the fort will be restored in time for the Civil War Centennial of 1961-65.

Under the auspices of the Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar lectureship fund, the Georgia Historical Society cooperated with Wesleyan College in a program at the college's Rivoli campus, near Macon, Apr. 17-18. At a panel session presided over by Charles H. Stone, librarian of Mercer University, the general theme of "Archives and Historical Libraries in Georgia" was discussed in the following papers: "The Georgia Department of Archives and History," by Carroll Hart, Assistant Archivist, Atlanta; "The Georgia Room in Wesleyan College Library," by Katherine Carnes, Wesleyan's librarian; "The Georgia Historical Library in Savannah," by Lilla M. Hawes, Director of the Georgia Historical Society; "The Special Libraries at the University of Georgia," by John W. Bonner, Jr., the university's Archivist; and "Source Materials at the Washington Library, Macon," by its librarian, Mrs. J. E. Powers. The Georgia Historical Society's president, Walter C. Hartridge, and its editor, E. Merton Coulter, also gave addresses.

ILLINOIS

Some items in the *Occasional Papers* series published by the University of Illinois Library School, Urbana, are distributed free. Joseph L. Wheeler's *The Effective Location of Public Library Buildings*, no. 51 in the series, sells for \$1.

Under the caption "Lincoln's Neighbors; a Dramatic Find," *Life* magazine for Feb. 9, 1959, pictures some of the daguerreotypes and other relics that came to light among the possessions of the late Mary Edwards Brown of Springfield, a great-niece of Mary Todd Lincoln.

The April 1959 number of *Illinois Libraries* is the Illinois State Archives issue. Theodore J. Cassady, Assistant State Archivist under Secretary of State Charles F. Carpenter, is the guest editor. An article by Mr. Cassady discusses the archival program in Illinois; one by John T. Caton, chief of the Records Management Division, discusses the State's record management program; Maynard Brichford, analyst, treats of the management and preservation of local records in the State; Marion D. Pratt, archives assistant, gives a report on land records; Ernest E. East, archives assistant, tells about the individual military records in the Illinois Archives; Emma M. Scheffler, cataloger, explains the utility of the card catalog there; and Wallace R. Bulpitt, document restorer, describes current repair and restoration facilities. The issue also contains a timely article, "Archives and Nuclear Warfare," contributed by Ken Munden of the National Archives in Washington.

INDIANA

The Civil War Round Table of New Albany is assembling data on the men from Floyd and Clark Counties who served in the Civil War. The group

plans to publish an illustrated book, with biographical and regimental information.

The Indiana University Foundation has acquired for the university's Lilly Library a unique collection built up by George A. Poole, retired head of a Chicago printery. The collection contains rare early manuscripts and imprints, which a special dispatch to the *New York Times* says strongly influenced early printing types.

IOWA

The Herbert Hoover Birthplace Foundation, Inc., is this year erecting the Herbert Hoover Library Museum in the Hoover Birthplace Park at the village of West Branch. Faced with native stone and roofed with slate, the one-story building will have a front length of 103 ft. and a depth of 42 ft. The simple white of the doors and wood trim will be relieved only by a reproduction of the great seal of the United States, in color, emblazoned on the tympanum over the entrance to the columned portico. Here, in a rural setting 175 miles west of Chicago, will be assembled the personal papers and memorabilia of the 31st President. They will be brought from the Leland Stanford University Library at Palo Alto, Calif. The material will include — according to announcement by the foundation — all of Mr. Hoover's papers, documents on metals, books, and records, except the "war and peace" documents gathered since the First World War and belonging to the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace. It is estimated that the treasures to be housed at West Branch will fill more than 1,000 filing cases.

KANSAS

Original minutes, 1857-68, of the board of trustees of Highland University, now Highland Junior College, have been lent to the Kansas State Historical Society for microfilming. Highland University, chartered in 1858, was the first institution of higher learning in Kansas. Former Congressman Errett P. Scrivner of Kansas City has deposited with the historical society correspondence, 1947-55, pertaining to Huron cemetery, a controversial burial ground of the Wyandot Indians within the present limits of Kansas City.

MARYLAND

Louis Henry Dielman, aged 95, died at New Windsor in March. At the turn of the century he worked as an assistant to the State librarian. In Baltimore he became importantly connected with the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Peabody Institute, and the Maryland Historical Society. His major contribution to the latter is his enormous Maryland name index. During his whole life he collected name cards that are now invaluable in the field of Maryland genealogy.

The commissioner of the Land Office, who has custody of the original patents, warrants, and surveys of Maryland, moved in September 1958 to the new State Office Building in Annapolis.

The second record center for the use of the Records Management Division of the Hall of Records was expected to open about June 1 in the State Office Building in Baltimore. The first record center in the new State Office Building in Annapolis was occupied by the Records Management Division in September 1958.

The *Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Archivist of the Hall of Records*, covering the fiscal year from July 1, 1957, through June 30, 1958, was distributed in April 1959. At that time *The County Courthouses of Maryland* (Publication no. 12 of the Hall of Records Commission) was in the hands of the printer. A second volume, *The County Records of Maryland*, which will be the commission's Publication no. 13, will appear in 1960.

A typographical error in the *American Archivist* (Jan. 1959, p. 68) has been called to the editor's attention. During fiscal year 1957 the Microfilm Department of the State of Maryland completed 514 rolls of film, not 54 rolls.

MASSACHUSETTS

In succession to the late Edward J. Cronin, who died on Nov. 24, 1958, Joseph D. Ward took office as secretary of state, Jan. 21, 1959. To head the Archives Division, Secretary Ward appointed Richard Dunstan Higgins, a member of the Society of American Archivists, who for the past 3 years had served as Secretary Cronin's administrative assistant and who had been State Archivist from 1950 to 1956. During World War II he saw combat duty in Europe in the Corps of Engineers, and later he was assigned to the staff of the Paris edition of *Stars and Stripes*. Both he and Secretary of State Ward eagerly look forward to the day late this year or early in 1960 when the new State Archives Building will be opened.

The American Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Virginia Historical Society, assisted by a \$20,000 grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., of Washington, D. C., are sponsoring a study of the independent historical society in today's world. From October of this year Walter Muir Whitehill, director and librarian of the Boston Athenaeum, will be on leave to devote his full time to the project.

In keeping with its development of a Women's Archives, Radcliffe College has announced sponsorship of a biographical dictionary of American women, *Notable American Women, 1607-1950*, to be compiled under the editorship of Edward T. James, recently associate editor of "Supplement Two" of the *Dictionary of American Biography* (vol. 22).

The following institutions outside Cambridge are cooperating in this summer's program for the sixth annual institute on historical and archival management, sponsored by Radcliffe College and the department of history of Harvard University, June 29-Aug. 7: Federal Records Center, Massachusetts Historical Society, Massachusetts State Archives, and Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Boston; Essex Institute and Peabody Museum, Salem; Adams National Historic Site, Quincy; Saugus Iron Works; Old

Sturbridge Village; and Graphic Microfilm Service of New England, Waltham.

Howard Mumford Jones, editor-in-chief of the John Harvard Library of the Belknap Press of the Harvard University Press, has announced the coming publication of the first full and authentic text of Ralph Waldo Emerson's *Journals*, transcribed from the originals in Harvard University's Houghton Library and edited by William H. Gilman and associates.

MICHIGAN

Frank N. Elliott, formerly of the Wisconsin Historical Society, is the first curator of history in the museum newly set up in the former library at Michigan State University, East Lansing. Dr. Elliott is assembling both artifacts and manuscripts related to Michigan history.

In working under Lewis G. Vander Velde, director of the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan, Robert M. Warner, research assistant, will divide his time between looking for manuscripts and compiling a new manuscript guide.

Roscoe O. Bonisteel, 200-206 Wolverine Bldg., Ann Arbor, is making a collection of the papers of Gov. Alexander J. Groesbeck.

The Clarence M. Burton Memorial Foundation, through Frank Burton of Detroit, has made a second gift of \$500 to the Historical Society of Michigan.

The Detroit chapter of the American Records Management Association presented at the Pick-Fort Hotel, Detroit, May 7 and 8, a spring program on the general theme, "Today's Records Tomorrow." The announced speakers and their topics included: A. M. Pelham of Wayne State University, record administration; Irving D. Masselo, vice president of Frank M. Knox Co., forms; Mona Shepherd, vice president of Leahy & Co., correspondence management; William Riley of the U. S. Department of Commerce, office machines and supplies; Frank B. Holst of the Univac Division of Remington Rand, electronic data processing; John Dethman of the Ford Motor Co., record management *do's* and *don'ts*; and Robert D'Amelio of the Michigan State Highway Department, work measurement and paperwork standards. The following supplementary participants were named: Vernon Beal, Michigan Historical Commission; John Britt and Dale S. Kuebler, Ford Motor Co.; Adelaine Callery, Detroit Board of Education; Carolyn Starkweather, Standard Accident Insurance Co.; Harold Heintz, Michigan Bell Telephone Co.; Frank U. Nelson, Michigan State Highway Department; Del Ziadek, Michigan Records Center; John D. McEwen, Wayne County; John E. Miller, Chrysler Corp.; Thomas Cortright, Diebold, Inc.; and Wallace Worten, Photostat Corp.

MINNESOTA

The controversial field notes of the Lewis and Clark expedition, found some months ago in the desk of Gen. John Henry Hammond in the St. Paul attic of his daughter, the late Sophia V. H. Foster, have now been turned over to an heir, her nephew Louis Starr. An account in the *New York Times* for Mar.

27, 1959, citing an interview with Mr. Starr in Princeton, N. J., leaves the impression that although there has been no intention of donating the material to the Minnesota Historical Society, yet he personally hopes to keep the material intact and to see that it is eventually made available for research in some institution. A dealer has reputedly offered \$20,000 for the lot.

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society on Apr. 21 the program focused further attention on the controversial Lewis and Clark field notes. With the society's president, Leonard Lampert, Jr., presiding and St. Paul attorney Walter N. Trenerry acting as debate chairman, Robert H. Bahmer, Deputy Archivist of the United States, discussed "The Case for Government Ownership," and Paul M. Angle, director of the Chicago Historical Society, presented "The Case Against Government Ownership."

MISSISSIPPI

In calling attention to the establishment of a Microfilm Division within the State Department of Archives and History the January 1959 issue of *The Micro Photo Reader* (Micro Photo, Inc., Cleveland 12, Ohio) mentions that the department is planning the filming of Mississippi newspapers, 1858-68. In order to get full coverage, Charlotte Capers, who directs the Department of Archives and History at Jackson 5, Miss., will be glad to learn of the location of any Mississippi newspaper files for this period.

The department is devoting much of its energy and staff time toward the development of an outstanding State historical museum in the Old Capitol Restoration, now in progress. The restored building will provide a historic setting for a State historical museum, which is being planned by Miss Capers, with the consultation and advice of leading museum experts in the nation. Dr. Arnold B. Grobman, director of the Florida State Museum, has been consulted on plans and policies for the museum; and a two-man team of museum exhibit planners from the National Park Service spent the month of May in Jackson, working with Miss Capers on 25 exhibits chosen for the museum.

MISSOURI

Representatives from Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, and Nebraska were called to a regional meeting of State Civil War centennial commissions at St. Louis, Feb. 11, 1959. Officers of the National Civil War Centennial Commission held the rally to further the centennial plans in these particular States.

The first consultant to the Freedom of Information Center newly set up at the University of Missouri is journalist Edwin Moss Williams. According to a dispatch to the *New York Times* the center "will collect, study and disseminate facts concerning the suppression of news with the principal objective of making all public information available to the public."

NEBRASKA

W. D. Aeschbacher, director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, has announced receipt of the records of the Milldale Ranch Co. and important

segments of the papers of folklorist Louise Pound, Lincoln editor James E. Lawrence, and George W. Berge and his son Wendell Berge, the last a former Assistant U. S. Attorney General. John E. Gilmore of California has presented materials, chiefly on Cass County, Nebr., collected by his father and has established a \$2,000 fellowship for their study.

NEVADA

The July 1958 issue of the *Nevada Historical Quarterly* publishes the notes made by Flora Isabelle Bender on a journey across the plains from Nebraska to Nevada Territory, May 7 to Aug. 4, 1863. The Nevada Historical Society obtained the manuscript from her nieces.

NEW JERSEY

A telephone call to State Librarian Roger McDonough from a friend in New York that certain New Jersey documents, apparently official, were being offered for sale by a New York dealer alerted New Jersey authorities to the absence from the State House of the will of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and about 30 legislative acts signed by Gov. Woodrow Wilson in 1911 and 1912. The New York dealer, who had bought the items for \$315, readily restored them to the office of Secretary of State Edward J. Patten. The seller of the documents, already serving a prison term in Pennsylvania for grand larceny of wills from the Philadelphia City Hall, has been indicted in New York on additional counts involving the New Jersey property.

Howard C. Rice, Jr., chief of the department of rare books and special collections in the Princeton University Library, edited for the *Bulletin* of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio (Oct. 1958) several Barthélemi Tardiveau items relating to the development of the Ohio Valley about 1783.

NEW MEXICO

Through the courtesy of Secretary of State Betty Fiorina, the editor has received a copy of New Mexico's Public Records Act of 1959 (Ch. 245, 24th Legislature): "An Act relating to the care, custody, preservation and disposition of public records; creating a state commission of public records, a state records administrator, and a records center; making an appropriation; providing a penalty; and repealing" certain sections of existing statutes. The act was sponsored by State Rep. A. T. Montoya and State Sen. Ward A. Minge. The 7-member commission set up under the legislation must employ as State record administrator "a competent, experienced person professionally trained as an archivist and records manager," who need not be a resident of New Mexico at the time of his employment. Santa Fe is specified as the location of the record center, and the administrator is clothed with full responsibility, under the commission, for carrying out the purposes of the act.

NEW YORK

James J. Heslin, formerly assistant director and librarian of the New-York Historical Society, was appointed associate director and librarian on Jan. 28,

1959. The board of trustees reelected President LeRoy E. Kimball for another term of 3 years.

Wagner Lutheran College, Staten Island, is seeking contributions for a new library with a large room or section to house the Edwin Markham collection of books, manuscripts, and personal correspondence.

James K. Owens, formerly of the National Archives and Records Service, has become Archivist of Syracuse University. Ultimately he will develop an archival program for the university's records. But during his first year he will be primarily concerned with the arrangement and description of the more than 450 file drawers of gubernatorial papers given to the university by former Gov. Averell Harriman. These papers should prove an invaluable resource for the 2-year research study of the Harriman administration that is being carried out under the auspices of the university's Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

A 21-room stone mansion in Salisbury Park, East Meadow, Long Island, is being converted into Nassau County's first historical museum and library. Research rooms and historical materials will be located on the second floor.

The New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, will hold its 12th annual seminars on American culture, July 5-18.

Edward J. Lazare, rare book librarian for New York University, is in charge of the Fales Library collection, temporarily located on the third floor of the Hafner Bldg., 31 E. Tenth St., New York City. The \$200,000 collection of books and manuscript material representative of English and American authors from the 18th century to the present was given to the university in March 1959 by DeCoursey Fales, a retired banker.

Winslow Carlton, chairman of the board of directors of the lower East Side's Henry Street Settlement, has presented to the library of the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University, the Helen Hall Settlement papers, so called from Miss Hall's 25-year direction of Henry Street Settlement. A description of the material has been compiled by Susan Jenkins Brown.

Mary Davenport Seymour, curator of the theatre and music collection at the Museum of the City of New York since 1927, has won the 1959 Kelcey Allen award. The presentation scroll noted her achievements as an archivist and historian of the theater.

A New York County grand jury that had spent more than a year investigating charges of graft and corruption in New York City's Department of Public Buildings publicized 13 recommendations in March 1959, including the following relating to improved record administration:

Exclusive control of the records should be vested in one or more individuals designated by the Commissioner [of the Department of Buildings]. The records should be so maintained as to make it physically impossible for anyone other than those in charge to have access to them.

A member of the department should be permitted to obtain records only upon a written requisition, which should be submitted to the individual in charge.

The requisitioned records should be obtained from the record room or section by

the individual in charge and no one else. This procedure is designed to preclude the possibility of unauthorized access to other files.

Requisitions for records should be recorded, so as to keep a permanent file of the identities of those who obtained these records.

The person in charge of the records should be required to submit to the Commissioner or his deputy a list of requisitioned records which were not returned after a certain period of time.

A system should be devised which would reflect the contents of the various files and which would thus help to keep them intact.

The theme of the second annual conference of the Association of Records Executives and Administrators (AREA) at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on May 8 was "Space Savings in a Space Age." Robert W. Humphrey of the New York Stock Exchange, the association's president, greeted the conference. The morning addresses were given by Herbert Angel, Assistant Archivist of the United States, Office of Records Management, and Mona Shepherd, vice president of Leahy & Co. Six workshop seminars were conducted in the afternoon.

NORTH CAROLINA

W. A. Bradley of Waynesville has presented to the headquarters of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, Tenn., a sizable group of records principally concerned with logging operations, 1895-1930, in what is now the park area. It is expected that these records and perhaps transcripts of land condemnation proceedings will be housed in a new museum building to be constructed within 2 years.

House Bill 26, strengthening the hand of the State's Department of Archives and History in operating a record management program, became law in March 1959. State Archivist H. G. Jones and Public Records Examiner Alex M. Patterson have begun an active county program. A county record handbook is scheduled for early publication.

Elaborate ceremonies, Apr. 8-14, marked the formal opening of the Tryon Palace Restoration at New Bern. Gertrude Carraway is the director.

Planning at the University of North Carolina for the next decade contemplates a Special Collections Library that will accommodate the rare book collections, the North Carolina collection, and the Southern historical collection. The manuscript division of the university library has received by gift from a New York attorney, Preston Davie, a group of about 150 unusual manuscripts, 1560-1780, bearing on the history of the two Carolinas.

Materials in the North Carolina collection are described in the 15,500 entries of Mary Lindsay Thornton's *Bibliography of North Carolina*, 1589-1956 (University of North Carolina Press, 1958. \$7.50).

OHIO

The Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, occupying quarters in the University of Cincinnati Library, welcomed a collection of over a hundred original Hamilton County deed books, 1796-1860, which might have been

destroyed except for the cooperation of such persons as Ohio State Archivist Bruce Harding, Hamilton County Recorder Gilbert Shaver, and Irwin Rhodes, of the Legal Documents Committee of the Cincinnati Bar Association. The society acquired by gift during 1958 a 7,500-piece collection that includes such treasures as the private papers and accounts (28 vols.) of Timothy Kirby (1797-1874), lawyer and land agent for the Bank of the United States, and 13 wooden boxes of that institution's papers, 1820-45. Using for the first time its Chester F. Kroger memorial fund, the society bought three outstanding manuscripts of 1783 relating to Barthélemi Tardiveau's interest in developing the Ohio Valley.

Eva Maude Tilton, assistant catalog librarian at Kent State University, as part of her graduate work there in 1957 compiled two lists of micro-opaque publications, one by author and one by subject. This year Scarecrow Press, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., is scheduled to publish her union listing.

James H. Rodabaugh, head of the division of history and science at the Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, is a member of the faculty named for the Radcliffe-Harvard sixth annual institute on historical and archival management.

The 10th anniversary of the founding of the American Jewish Archives on the campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, was marked on Mar. 25 by the appointment of the head of the Archives, Jacob R. Marcus, as first occupant of the college's Adolph S. Ochs chair of American-Jewish history.

The library of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, is collecting manuscripts and other materials relating to the Spanish Civil War.

On Feb. 3, 1959, in Cleveland, Federal Judge James C. Connell held that subpoenas for records must not be general but must be specific "with reasonable particularity as to what the documents pertain," and that to require certain labor leaders to bring all their records before a Federal grand jury investigating the vending-machine and juke-box business would be a violation of the 4th Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

PENNSYLVANIA

With the active cooperation of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Free Library of Philadelphia has been having its files of the *Public Ledger* microfilmed. Thus far, after 3 years of filming, the files for 1837-1926 have been reproduced.

The Dreiser collection at the University of Pennsylvania was the principal source of the Theodore Dreiser letters, 1897-1945, selected for publication in 3 volumes by the university's press this year.

Philadelphia has been chosen to become the control point for a system of electronic computers designed to minimize the clerical task of keeping records of Marine Corps supplies and materiel.

The National Storage Co., Inc., 296 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh 21, has its principal storage facilities carved out of solid limestone, 220 ft. under ground,

some 55 miles from Pittsburgh. One of the important customers for such storage space is the Westinghouse Electric Corp. The National Storage Co. has issued a pamphlet, illustrated in color, "Could Your Business Survive?" It also distributes a record security form and a price list.

Mary Cary, curator of the Swarthmore College peace collection since 1951, is retiring this month. The new curator will be Mrs. Earle Edwards of Swarthmore.

RHODE ISLAND

The first fully "automated" post office in the country will be built and equipped in Providence by Intelix Systems, Inc., of New York. The cost is expected to be 20 million dollars.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The editing of the papers of John C. Calhoun, begun by the late Robert Lee Meriwether of the University of South Carolina, will be continued by W. Edwin Hemphill, now editor of the publications of the South Carolina Archives Department. Dr. Hemphill comes from Richmond, Va., where he served as director of the history division in the Virginia State Library and editor of *Virginia Cavalcade*.

VERMONT

The State of Vermont Commission to Study State Government (Act No. 283, 1957), commonly referred to as the "Little Hoover Commission," released in February 1959 its report to the General Assembly. This report, entitled *The Operation of Vermont State Government* (115 p.) recommends the liquidation of many commissions and the assignment of their duties to some present major department or to the proposed new Department of Administration. The Public Records Commission would be abolished and a Division of Public Records would be created as one of the seven divisions of the new Department of Administration. Although the 1959 legislature may not implement the report, the present record program in Vermont would be expanded in the recommended reorganization to include two additional functions: (1) to maintain a record center to hold little-used departmental records for later disposition or transfer to archives; and (2) to collect and maintain records of ownership of land by State departments, agencies, and institutions.

VIRGINIA

The letters of Chief Justice John Marshall to his wife are being edited by Dr. and Mrs. H. Norton Mason, 2300 Grove Ave., Richmond.

According to the Washington *Sunday Star* for Feb. 8, 1959, the Virginia Civil War Commission has designated Louis H. Manarin, Jr., to compile the volume of Robert E. Lee's wartime letters and orders that the commission hopes to publish in April 1961. Mr. Manarin is a candidate for the doctorate at Duke University, where he has interested himself in the evolution of the South's military policy.

The Virginia State Library has had Micro Photo, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, microfilm some 1½ million pages of its Virginia newspaper holdings. The files were sent from Richmond to Cleveland for the filming and then discarded. The library has a positive film copy, and the negative is retained by Micro Photo, Inc., which is permitted to supply positive copies to persons or institutions who may arrange for them.

James M. Smith is acting director of the Institute of Early American History and Culture this summer. Director Lester J. Cappon is on leave in Great Britain working on a book to be entitled "Historical Manuscripts; Their Acquisition, Arrangement, and Accessibility for Research." Leonard Tucker, an institute fellow, is also abroad, like Dr. Cappon, on a grant from the American Philosophical Society. Soon to be published by the University of North Carolina Press is Edmund S. Morgan's *The Constitutional Rebellion; Sources and Documents on the Stamp Act Crisis, 1764-66*. This will be the first in the institute's newly inaugurated series of documentary volumes dealing with crucial colonial issues.

Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., has for sale at \$2 a facsimile edition of a 1754 pamphlet, *The Journal of Major George Washington*. James R. Short and Thaddeus W. Tate, Jr., wrote the introduction and notes; and Richard J. Stinely provided the illustrations. The collaborators are members of the Colonial Williamsburg staff. Information about a 6-week seminar for historical administrators, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., may be had from the Coordinator, Seminar for Historical Administrators, 2000 K. St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C. The seminar this year is being held at Williamsburg, June 15 to July 24.

The "Monthly News Note" issuing from the Manuscripts Division of the University of Virginia Library itemizes in chronological order the manuscripts received during the preceding month, lists the prints and photocopies acquired during that period, and gives the names of donors and depositors. During the second half of 1958, two collections of about 15,000 items each and numerous lesser collections were added. A very large addition in 1959 was the 20,000-item collection of British educator Samuel Higginbottom, 1874-1958.

This spring the Virginia Colonial Records Project Survey's *Reports* nos. 505-614 were distributed from Charlottesville. They cover some of the materials in the British Museum and at the Public Record Office, London, examined during the latter half of 1956.

WASHINGTON

Attorney Edgar Eisenhower of Tacoma, on behalf of his brother Dwight D. Eisenhower, has presented to the Washington State Historical Society the large-print text, with President Eisenhower's handwritten corrections, read by the President in his address to Colombo Plan Nations at Seattle, Nov. 10, 1958. The State historical society has also received an important part of the papers of Hiram Martin Chittenden (1858-1917), Army engineer. In de-

scribing the papers in the Jan. 1959 *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, the society's director, Bruce LeRoy, mentions that other source materials bearing on Chittenden's career are at the University of Washington and the Missouri Historical Society.

WISCONSIN

The note in our January 1959 issue about the new director of the State Historical Society requires some clarification: When Director Clifford L. Lord left in early September 1958, Associate Director Donald R. McNeil, not a candidate for the directorship, became acting director. Subsequent announcement has been made that Leslie H. Fishel, Jr., will arrive about Aug. 1, 1959, to assume the post of director. Dr. Fishel has been serving as the director of the Oberlin College Alumni Association, Oberlin, Ohio.

WYOMING

Leigh Ortenburger, 3031 Emerson St., Palo Alto, Calif., is trying to verify traditions about an attempt of 1877 or 1878 to ascend the Grand Teton. He would like to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of diaries or other papers of S. J. Kubel, who for 30 years or so was the chief engraver for the U. S. Geological Survey.

The 35th Wyoming Legislature, which met in January and February 1959, passed a law that reorganizes archival and historical work in Wyoming. On July 1 the Centralized Microfilm Department was merged with the Wyoming State Archives and Historical Department. The new law strengthens the archival and record program on State, county, and municipal levels. It also abolishes the Historical Landmark Commission and assigns its work to the Archives and Historical Department. The former administrator of the Centralized Microfilm Department, Dorothy K. Taylor, will head the Archives and Records Division. Lola M. Homsher is director of the expanded Archives and Historical Department.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THREE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

The following international congresses of interest to archivists will be held at Stockholm, Sweden in August 1960:

1. The Fourth International Congress of Archives,
August 17-20
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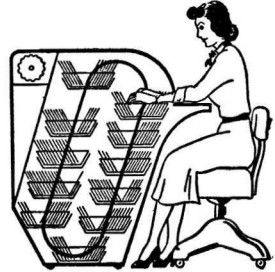
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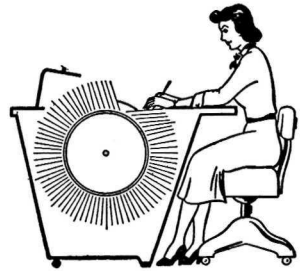
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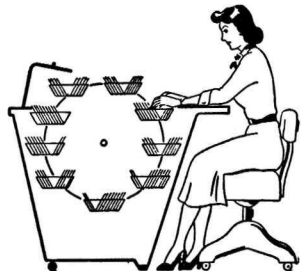
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