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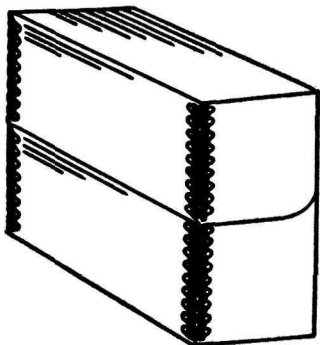
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CHANGE OF EDITORSHIP

The retiring editor of the *American Archivist* welcomes his successor, Kenneth W. Munden. Everyone who knows Mr. Munden will agree that the Society is to be congratulated upon its selection of so able and energetic a man to manage its publications. Elizabeth Hawthorn Buck, who has been the main editorial strength of the journal for eight years, has generously agreed to continue her most valuable service, as also has our excellent Book Review Editor, Henry P. Beers.

Handy B. Fant, who has served diligently and well as News Note Editor since 1956 has asked to be relieved; and his place will be taken by Dorothy Hill Gersack. News for future issues should be addressed to her at Room 18W, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

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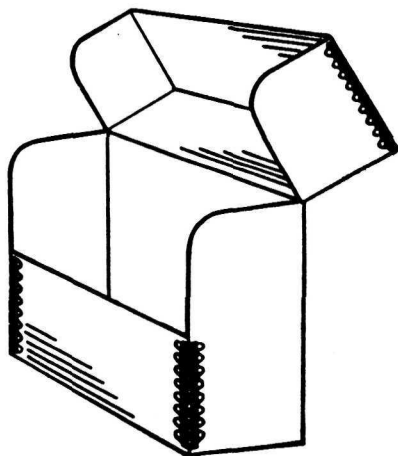
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

June 12, 1959

The Spring Council meeting was called to order by President Holmes on June 12, 1959, at 10:15 a.m. in the National Archives. The following were present: Mary G. Bryan, vice president; Dolores C. Renze, secretary; Leon deValinger, Jr., treasurer; G. Philip Bauer, editor; and Council members Lucile Kane, Wayne Grover, and Herman Kahn.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with since they had been submitted to the Council in writing for approval. Mrs. Bryan, seconded by Miss Kane, proposed that for the American Council of Learned Societies grant one candidate be selected rather than two, as had been previously decided. The motion was unanimously carried.

To ensure action on items of essential business, it was agreed that the reports of officers should be made the last matter of business for the day.

Mrs. Renze and Mr. deValinger reported in detail on the revised proposals for a contract with University Microfilms to reproduce copies of out-of-print issues of the *American Archivist*. Since all points of difference had been resolved, the secretary was authorized on motion of Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Kahn, to return the executed contract to University Microfilms and to handle particular transactions under its terms.

The question of posthumous awards was again directed to the Council's attention by a letter from Morris Radoff. Action on the question was deferred until the next meeting in order that Mr. Radoff could be asked to present more information on his proposal.

On motion of Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Renze, it was voted to confer honorary membership in the Society of American Archivists on two former Presidents of the United States — Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman — in recognition of their eminent services to archival economy and their interest in the preservation of sources for research in American history.

At the request of President Holmes, Mrs. Renze reported informally on the recommendations of the first Long Range Planning Committee as reflected in the secretary's record. The committee's chairman was Christopher Crittenden of North Carolina. Most of its recommendations have been adopted by the Council in the past 5 years, but it seemed obvious that much remains to be done. The reactivation of the Advisory Committee on Long Range Planning was discussed and on motion of Mr. deValinger, seconded by Mr. Kahn, was ap-

proved. The president was authorized to appoint such a committee, with the concurrence of the vice president. The committee is to report to the Council at appropriate intervals; its first report is due not later than the 1960 annual meeting; and it must report annually thereafter. The Committee is to serve until it is discharged by the Council.

President Holmes called for a report on David Duniway's proposal that the Society of American Archivists request support from the Council on Library Resources for a plan to study State archival practices in State libraries. This had been referred to the Society's State Records Committee for study and recommendation. Robert M. Brown, chairman, had reported: "The members of the Committee on State Records have read the proposal and it is the recommendation of five of the six committee members that the proposal should not be adopted in its present form." After full discussion of the proposal, the Council adopted the committee's recommendation.

Mrs. Renze presented invitations received for the next several annual meetings and urged that the Council make decisions for several years in advance. The Council voted unanimously to accept invitations as follows:

- 1960, Massachusetts: Invitation extended on behalf of the State of Massachusetts by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, at Boston.
- 1961, Missouri: Invitation extended by Philip Brooks, Director of the Truman Library, at Independence.
- 1962, New York: Several invitations pending.
- 1963, North Carolina: Invitation extended through Christopher Crittenden on behalf of the State Department of Archives and History, the North Carolina Literary Society and Historical Association, the history departments of the leading colleges and universities, and other organizations concerned, to join in the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the granting of North Carolina's charter.

The dates for the meeting of the International Council on Archives in Stockholm are Aug. 17-20, 1960. After some discussion of designating the Society's official delegates, action was deferred until October.

The Council approved plans for a joint luncheon meeting of the Society of American Archivists and the American Historical Association, to be held in Chicago on December 28, 1959. Bell Erwin Wiley will speak on the role of the archivist in the Civil War Centennial.

The secretary and the treasurer reported on some problems relating to the tax exemption of the Society as an educational nonprofit organization. On motion of Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Renze was directed to study the matter and prepare for consideration by the Council a draft to clarify the educational and scientific purposes of the Society of American Archivists as set forth in the Constitution.

A proposal by Mrs. Renze that the Society of American Archivists apply for constituent membership in the American Council of Learned Societies was taken under advisement. President Holmes was delegated to investigate and report on the matter at the next Council meeting.

A request was made to the Council for "clarification of intent" on whether election of Fellows is restricted to individual members of the Society. A motion by Herman Kahn, concurred in by the Council, expressed the Council's

opinion that *individual members* alone are eligible for election as Fellows. In the Council's opinion, however, the Leland Award is not so restricted.

A communication was received from the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission, signed by Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, as chairman, inviting the Society through its Council "to set up a liaison committee to work with our Commission on matters of common interest." President Holmes was authorized to appoint an *ad hoc* liaison committee, with not more than 7 members.

President Holmes referred to the Council a proposal he had received that the Society of American Archivists cooperate in a research project on microfilm and other forms of photocopy. The Council authorized Mr. Hale, chairman of the Society's Committee on Microfilming, to represent the Society in the development of the project. Mr. Hale will be asked to report at the October meeting.

Miss Kane was asked to keep the Council informed on the meeting relating to the appraisal and evaluation of manuscripts in monetary terms, which is to be held in Madison, Wis., late this year or early in 1960.

A letter from Clifford L. Lord, president of the American Association for State and Local History, inviting the S. A. A. to join with his association and several others in a conference at Cooperstown, N. Y. in September, was favorably received. Leon deValinger, Jr., and Herman Kahn were delegated to represent the Society at this conference, and it was voted to allow them necessary travel expense.

After a luncheon recess the Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in room 910 of the Raleigh Hotel.

The secretary recommended that, in accordance with requests from several members, consideration be given to reestablishing the practice of issuing annual membership cards for members in good standing. The Council deferred action on this matter until it should be made clear that a substantial number of the members wanted such cards.

The matter of a bond for the treasurer was presented; and on motion by Mrs. Renze, seconded by Mrs. Bryan, the treasurer was authorized to secure bond at the expense of the Society, in the sum of \$5,000, the bond to be held by the secretary.

Reports of officers were next heard. President Holmes discussed relations with Civil Defense officials, which are being handled by the Committee on Federal-State Relationships. Kenneth Munden, Morris Radoff, and Robert Brown are following the OCDM projected program closely and will keep the Council advised on any necessary action.

A progress report was made by President Holmes on archives relating to the history of science. At an informal meeting at the National Archives, presided over by Henry E. Guerlac, president of the History of Science Society, a decision was reached to organize a representative meeting in Washington in the spring of 1960 to decide on the nature of the proposed program and the organization needed to carry it out. A preparatory committee to plan for this meeting was proposed. Mr. Holmes, in accordance with authorization given him at the Salt Lake City Council meeting, reported that he had named

Herman Friis of the National Archives to represent the Society on the preparatory committee.

Vice President Bryan reported on H. R. 6197, a bill introduced by U. S. Representative Schwengel for the Legislative Committee of the Civil War Centennial Commission, "to authorize and direct the Administrator of General Services to publish on microfilm the original military and naval records of the Civil War, both Union and Confederate." After a discussion, on motion of Mrs. Bryan, seconded by Miss Kane, the Council voted (with Mr. Grover abstaining) that the Society should recommend the legislation through a letter from the president on behalf of the Society. The primary points that the Council wished emphasized were outlined and President Holmes agreed to prepare a letter embodying the Council's view that the bill, if passed, will:

- Stimulate the study and writing of Civil War history in both its national and local aspects by making the contents of these records widely available in State repositories where serious research and writing on the Civil War in connection with the centennial will be done, and save scholars the expense of trips to Washington;
- Save the unique original documents in the National Archives from wear and tear due to heavy use during the centennial years and to repeated laboratory handling in making photostats and microfilms from the same records for different scholars; and
- Provide security copies that will ensure preservation of the contents of the records in case the originals should be damaged or destroyed.

Mr. deValinger gave the treasurer's report and filed a financial statement through June 5. He pointed out that while the Society is solvent, extreme care must be exercised to keep expenditures down, in the face of increased postage rates, printing costs, and other costs.

The secretary submitted reports on activities of committees, especially the committees on Federal-State Relationships, State Records, Church Records, University and College Records, Business Records, Audio-Visual Records, and Microfilm. She reported receipt of the records for the first three years of the College and University Archives Committee, from Dwight Wilson, its first chairman. These will be placed in the Society's archival holdings. She reported also on meeting in Philadelphia on June 9 with the Local Arrangements Committee and the Program Committee for the 1959 meeting.

Mrs. Renze brought to the Council's attention the need for an annual directory of members for committee use and for public relations; this need not be a formal publication but could be processed by her office.

Mr. Bauer reported that the index to the first 20 volumes of the *American Archivist* is being typed and will go to the printer in August and may be issued before the October meeting. He also reported on cost estimates for reprints of special articles. An article 8 pages long, with cover, would cost: for 500 copies, \$89.40; for 1,000 copies, \$114; and for 2,000 copies, \$163. The secretary was asked to prepare for the Fall Council meeting a list of the articles in greatest demand for reprinting.

Mr. Bauer notified the Council that his term as editor will end in October and that he wishes to be relieved then. He proposed the name of Kenneth Munden for appointment by the Council as the next editor of the *American Archivist*. On motion of Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Kahn, the Council

voted to appoint Mr. Munden as editor for a 3-year term, 1960-62, provided he was willing and in a position to undertake this important and demanding assignment. A vote of appreciation was extended to Mr. Bauer on motion of Mr. Grover, seconded by Mrs. Bryan, for his handling of the Society's journal during the past 3 years. Special thanks were also expressed for the fine work of the associate editor, Elizabeth H. Buck; the review editor, Henry P. Beers; the news note editor, H. B. Fant; and the Committee on Bibliography.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Holmes at 5:50 p.m.

DOLores C. RENZE, *Secretary*

Since our last reporting, the following members have joined the Society:

James deT. Abajian, San Francisco; Ralph Burcham, Olympia, Wash.; H. C. Garwood, Stetson University; Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art, Tulsa; Dorothy G. Harris, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College; Matson Holbrook, Denver; Don C. Holland, Nationwide Insurance, Columbus; Isabelle Loughlin, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., New York City; John E. Perry, Jr., Cooperative G. L. F. Exchange, Inc., Ithaca, N. Y.; John W. Ryan, University of Wisconsin; Claude E. Spencer, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Carl J. Stapf, Vermillion, S. Dak.; Arthur L. Taylor, Smith-Corona Marchant, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.; and L. Evans Walker 3d, National Archives. Foreign Members: *Bulgaria*, Academie Bulgare des Sciences, Sofia; *Canada*, University of New Brunswick Library, Fredericton; Mabel Tinkiss Good, Montreal; Mrs. M. I. Higginson, Saskatchewan Power Corp., Regina; and Hiroshi Sakamoto, International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal; *France*, Archives du Department de la Seine, Paris; *Israel*, Ester Sedan, Hashomer Hatsair Archives, Merharia; *Mexico*, Manuel B. Trens, Ciudad Universitaria, Mexico City; *The Netherlands*, J. La Brijn, Delft; and *Rumania*, Biblioteca Centrala de Stat a R. P. R., Bucarest.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

The National Archives has recently accessioned a subject file of the Division of Geography, Bureau of the Census, 1870-1950, and correspondence of officials and other records of the Bureau during the period 1900-1956; irrigation and drainage records of the Soil Conservation Service and its predecessors, including some early correspondence of the Bureau of Public Roads, 1898-1952; records of the Governor, Government Secretary, Lieutenant Governor, and other officials of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, 1917-49; records of the Forest Service, consisting of deeds, judgments, and Attorney General's opinions pertaining to land acquired by the United States for national forest purposes, 1951-57; and over 45,000 photographs made or collected by the Army Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground, showing U. S. Army ordnance, 1917-41.

Preliminary inventories recently issued by the National Archives are no. 112, *Records of the Commodity Exchange Authority*; no. 113, *Records of the House of Representatives*; no. 114, *Records of the Bureaus of the Third and Fourth Assistant Postmasters General, the Bureau of Accounts, and the Bureau of the Chief Inspector of the Post Office Department*; and no. 115, *Records of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service*. The two-volume inventory of the

House of Representatives records covers 79 Congresses and contains a 137-page subject index.

Among recently issued National Archives microfilm publications are Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs from the Central (16 rolls) and Michigan (9 rolls) Superintendencies, and from three additional agencies (25 rolls); Population Schedules of the 1820 Census for the States of Tennessee (4 rolls) and Virginia (14 rolls); Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-87 (43 rolls); Letters Received by the Secretary of the Navy From Officers Below the Rank of Commander, 1881-84 (18 rolls); Domestic Letters of the Department of State, 1861-66 (9 rolls); and the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1861-65 (128 rolls).

Two additional guides to German records microfilmed at Alexandria, Va., have also been published: no. 8, *Miscellaneous German Records Collection (Part II)*, a collection that consists of material on economic subjects; and no. 9, *Records of Private German Individuals*, among whom are Dr. Walter Luetgebrune, Dr. Theo Morell, and Gen. Karl Haushofer. 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.

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

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

At its June 24 meeting the Commission noted with approval the publication last year of the 1956 and 1958 volumes of the *Public Papers of the President* and recommended to the Administrator of General Services that, as circumstances permit, the National Archives and Records Service extend the series backward to cover President Truman's administration.

Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts has succeeded to the seat on the Commission recently vacated by Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES

In July Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gave his personal papers for the period of his association with President Eisenhower to the Administrator of General Services, to be housed in the projected Eisenhower Presidential Archival Library. Plans for the building are being prepared so that ground can be broken and construction begun on October 13 of this year and so that, when the President leaves the White House, his papers can be transferred direct to Abilene. The National Archives and Records Service, which will have the responsibility for administering the Library when it is turned over to the Government, is working closely with the architects on the plans.

Since the opening in May of parts of the Truman collection at Independence, Mo., a considerable number of scholars have already begun to work in the papers.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Recent manuscript acquisitions include: 29 checks made out by Abraham Lincoln, 1859-60, and one check drawn by the administrator of Lincoln's estate; 20,000 papers of Morison R. Waite, Chief Justice of the United States, including 21 docket volumes, 3 letter books, court assignment sheets, and Waite's manuscript opinions; 7,800 papers of Elmer Davis, radio commentator and Government official, including correspondence, 1893-1951, and radio scripts, 1940-55 (except Office of War Information scripts); and 20,000 papers of Judson King, organizer and director of the National Popular Government League. Other acquisitions are a small but valuable group of papers of Mark Sullivan, journalist; and the first installment of the papers of Thomas Cleland, contemporary figure in the field of book production.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has given to the Library a collection from Decatur House, of papers of Edward Fitzgerald Beale and his son Truxton Beale, 2,000 items in all. The more interesting and historically important letters are those written to Edward Beale by Thomas Hart Benton and Benton's daughter and son-in-law, Jessie and John C. Frémont. The collection also includes two of the elder Beale's journals, kept in 1853 and 1858-59, diplomatic correspondence of the younger Beale, and originals and transcripts of manuscripts written by Commodore Stephen Decatur and Commodore Thomas Truxtun.

In the program under way to microfilm Presidential papers at the Library of Congress, the William Henry Harrison papers, 1785-1932, have now been reproduced on 3 rolls. These may be ordered from the Library's Photoduplication Service for \$20. Fred Shelley, in charge of the Presidential project, writes of the Chester A. Arthur papers in the May 1959 issue of the Library's *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*; and briefly discusses the microfilming program in the July 1959 issue of *D. C. Libraries*, publication of the D. C. Library Association.

In accordance with recommendations made during the fourth consultation of the Commission on History, Pan American Institute of Geography and History, at Cuenca, Ecuador, a committee on historical bibliography has been set up, with the Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress, as a permanent address. The Foundation's Director, Howard F. Cline, serves as the committee president. One of the features of the first meeting of the committee, June 15-17, was a talk by T. R. Schellenberg of the National Archives on the role of the archivist in support of bibliographers and historians.

SOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

In view of the increasing concern about the loss and dispersal of primary sources for the history of science and technology, a committee headed by Nathan Reingold of the Library of Congress, with members from the National Academy of Sciences, the Society of American Archivists, the National Historical Publications Commission, and the History of Science Society, is planning a conference sometime this winter to consider policies and programs for a national program to preserve such manuscripts.

THE PAPERS OF JOHN C. CALHOUN

W. Edwin Hemphill, editor of the *Papers of John C. Calhoun*, will welcome further information about any Calhoun papers, addressed to him at the University of South Carolina, Columbia 1.

THE PAPERS OF WOODROW WILSON

August Hecksher, president of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, announced this summer an advance grant of \$175,000 from the Ford Foundation for work on the publication of Wilson's papers.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Virginia State Library will publish the complete data of William J. Barrow's study of the deterioration of paper in book-stock. The study was financed by the Council on Library Resources, Inc., and has been partly reported in an article by Virginia State Librarian Randolph C. Church, "Is There a Doctor in the House?" in *Publisher's Weekly*, Jan. 5, 1951, and an article by W. J. Barrow and Reavis C. Sproull, "Permanence in Book Papers," in *Science*, Apr. 24, 1959. Under a new grant, the study will be carried forward at the Virginia State Library to find methods "for producing permanent book papers at a cost comparative with present papers, and of applying to existing book stock the preservative measures derived from the earlier study."

The Recordak Corp., subsidiary of Eastman Kodak, is marketing a 24-lb. portable microfilm camera with a lightweight carrying case. Operating at a speed of about 46 images per minute, the machine will reproduce about 2,500 pages on the 100 ft. of film carried in the film unit. Documents up to 12 in. wide and of any length can be handled.

The Joint Libraries Committee on Fair Use in Photocopying — a committee of the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, and the Special Libraries Association — is trying to clarify some of the problems of legal rights arising in the photocopying of collected materials. A 2-year grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., has enabled the committee — headed by Edward G. Freehafer, Director of the New York Public Library — to retain as counsel the New York firm of Webster, Sheffield & Chrystie.

University Microfilms, Inc., of 313 N. First St., Ann Arbor, Mich., taking advantage of new techniques and equipment, can now publish small editions of books, from 1 to 500 copies, at economical prices. "For example, 50 copies of a hundred-page book, press-printed and bound like our Xeroxed O-Ps, cost only \$93.75, or \$1.88 per copy. One-hundred copies of the same book would cost \$106.25, or \$1.06 per copy — about a penny a page."

Minneapolis Honeywell's Datamatic plant in Boston is reportedly building a computer that will scan the 3,000,000 Blue Cross health insurance contracts in the New York area at least twice a day to find and handle the 65,000 that must be daily serviced. The machine will be able to scan 40,000 documents a minute.

By combining a typewriter-like keyboard with an electronic computer, a so-called "sinotype" has been pioneered to expedite the reproduction of Chinese characters, which run up into the thousands in contrast with our 26-letter alphabet. Instead of composing from lead type, as on a linotype machine, the new device produces a photographic film of images of the complex characters. It may eventually revolutionize publishing in Chinese.

An Associated Press dispatch from Annapolis, Md., July 28, 1959, reported that Maryland engineers and architects apparently have stopped mold from growing on old records of the Land Office in the new State Office Building at Annapolis. The solution was to cut off damp outside air from the record room, which originally was designed as a conference room rather than a record storage room.

In answering the question "How Does Air Pollution Affect Books and Paper?" W. H. Langwell writes in the *Proceedings of the Royal Institution of Great Britain* (vol. 37, no. 166, 1958):

... the damage to modern paper by air pollution may be quite serious, but there are several ways, some cheap and simple, by which this damage can be lessened or prevented. The prevailing idea that permanence of paper depends on the amount of resistant cellulose it contains is only partly correct; under suitable storage conditions, and in the absence of mechanical wear and tear, cheap and inferior papers could have a long life.

The Air Pollution Control Association, 4400 5th Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Pa., collaborates with the U. S. Public Health Service and the Library of Congress in sponsoring *APCA Abstracts*, a monthly abstracting of literature on air pollution. The Library of Congress Science and Technology Division has compiled for the U. S. Public Health Service this year volume 2 of *The Air Pollution Bibliography* (176 p.), which can be had from the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.

UNITED NATIONS

A draft resolution submitted by the United States and cosponsored by Chile, Costa Rica, and Mexico in favor of freedom of information was attacked by the representative of Afghanistan at a session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in Mexico City Apr. 20, 1959. Part of the resolution, offered by the United States solely to put the council on record as supporting the principle of freedom of information, was quoted in the *New York Times* of April 21:

Everyone has the right to knowledge and expression; governments have the responsibility to protect and encourage the free flow of information; the press and other information media should be the servants of the people and not of the state; media should report honestly and with responsibility; everyone has the right to full information about the United Nations and its associated organizations.

It is likely that a convention on freedom of information will be discussed at the United Nations General Assembly in the fall of 1959.

FOREIGN NEWS

Afghanistan

The U. S. Department of State arranged for Director Richard S. Logsdon of Columbia University Libraries to visit Afghanistan and advise educational and governmental leaders there. The planning of a national archives program was one of the objectives of his projected 9-week stay in Kabul.

Egypt

The Institute of Arab Manuscripts, Rue Boustane, Cairo, has finished microfilming some 15,000 Arab manuscripts in the libraries of the Near East and Europe. The institute publishes catalogs, sponsors the *Révue de l'Institut des Manuscrits Arabes*, and encourages scholarly research.

Eire

In a trip abroad this past summer, Father Henry J. Browne of Cathedral College, New York City, visited the Dublin Castle State Paper Office. He reports a series of records from 1780, most of them unexploited, on emigration to America.

Germany

A feature story in the *Waterbury* (Conn.) *Sunday Republican*, Mar. 1, 1959, describes "The U. S. Document Center, Berlin" as located in a villa on a secluded side street in West Berlin. It is reported to contain a large number of official documents of Nazi Germany, including 10 million memberships cards issued by the Nazi Party. "Historians and clerks are still sorting and studying the documents, none of which is accessible to the general public."

Great Britain

Giles E. Dawson, resident scholar at the Folger Shakespeare Library, has received a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies to examine English town records for entries relating to traveling players, 1500-1642.

Home Secretary R. A. Butler told the House of Commons on July 23 that the impounded diaries of the Irish Nationalist Sir Roger Casement had been placed in the Public Record Office, where qualified scholars would be permitted to use them. Sir Roger was hanged for treason during World War I. The general public may not be permitted to see the diaries for a hundred years more, according to a news report from London.

Israel

The second conference of the Israel Archives' Association, Apr. 13-14, 1959, met in Jerusalem under the honorary presidency of G. Herlitz. State Archivist A. Bein, the chairman, outlined the importance of archives in the cultural life of Israel and announced that Jerusalem and Haifa are setting up municipal archives and that Tel-Aviv may follow suit. State Archives Director P. A. Alsberg explained the necessity of appraising archival material. Director M. Shilo, Archives of the Israel Defense Army, discussed and illustrated the relation of writing material to the permanency of documents. The conference

urged that government institutions and the public devote more attention to archives, voiced the need for professional training in an academic atmosphere, endorsed the extension of a law of 1955 for the registration of private archives, and decided that the association should prepare a guide to the archival material in Israel.

Italy

A large cylindrical stone container holding some 30 bronze tablets inscribed in Greek was found early this year at the site of the ancient city of Locri in Southern Italy. The decipherment of what appear to be public archives is expected to throw light on the administrative, political, and religious life of Magna Graecia.

Mexico

Roscoe R. Hill of Washington, a fellow of the Society of American Archivists and a specialist in Latin American history and culture, arrived in Mexico on May 26, 1959, to begin a series of visits in the Caribbean area to archives, libraries, and educational institutions. Bearing a letter from the Archivist of the United States and traveling under the auspices of the International Educational Service of the Department of State, Dr. Hill went on from Mexico to Central America, but in Guatemala he became ill and had to return home. One of the objects of his trip was to publicize the conference of archivists that is expected to be held in Washington in 1960.

U. S. S. R.

A 4-volume collection of the letters of Dostoevski has been published in Moscow. News agencies report that it took 25 years to make the collection, which is said to contain much fresh material.

CALIFORNIA

The Arthur H. Clark Co., Glendale 4, has announced that it is distributing for Pageant Press a new edition, limited to 500 sets, of *The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents*. The edition (73 vols. bound in 36) sells for \$400.

Stanford University, Palo Alto, has established an Archive of Recorded Sound. Housed in the music department's headquarters at the Knoll, campus residence of the university's late president Ray Lyman Wilbur, the collection includes cylinder recordings going back to the pioneering days of Thomas A. Edison. It has some 10,000 disk recordings, including about 2,000 Victor Red Seal records. As yet, however, it has only a relatively small number of tape recordings.

CONNECTICUT

The American Council of Learned Societies has announced the award of a grant-in-aid to Jacob J. Finkelstein, assistant professor of near eastern languages at the University of California, Berkeley, for the study and publication of the Late Old Babylonian legal records in the Babylonian collections at Yale University.

Archivist Doris E. Cook reports that a collection of some 800 letters and papers relating to the ship *Canada* has been given to the Connecticut State Library. Among the items are ship's papers and correspondence of Edward A. Russell, Capt. Ratcliffe Hicks, and others, concerning the *Canada* and other ships, 1835-58.

DELAWARE

The 16-member Delaware Civil War Centennial Commission, created by the General Assembly, was organized at a meeting held in the Governor's office at Dover, Apr. 28, 1959. The following officers were chosen: chairman, Luther D. Reed, executive director of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation of Wilmington; vice chairman, James Q. duPont, Wilmington; and secretary, Leon deValinger, Jr., State Archivist, Dover.

The printed prospectus for "Old Dover Days," May 2 and 3, 1959, discussed the Hall of Records, repository of the Public Archives of Delaware, and some of the outstanding documents there. The Kent County Court House, also in Dover, was noted because of its exhibit of eighteenth-century wills and deeds.

Emile F. duPont, president of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, announced on May 12, 1959, that the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library will be established in a new building to be opened by next summer on the grounds of the original Du Pont powder mills along the west bank of Brandywine Creek near the city of Wilmington. Books, manuscripts, and other historic papers from Longwood Library—including Du Pont letters and manuscripts donated by members of the family—will be combined with the library of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, which contains the archives of the first century of the Du Pont Co., 1802-1902. The resulting library of source material on the industrial development of the Brandywine Valley will become an outstanding center of research in early American industry.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

With registrants from Maine to California in attendance, the ninth annual American University institute of genealogical research met in the National Archives Building, July 13-31, under the guidance of Meredith B. Colket, Jr., director of the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland.

The sixth and latest edition of *Library and Reference Facilities in the Area of the District of Columbia* is for sale for \$2 at the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

GEORGIA

During the summer the Georgia Department of Archives and History carried out a campaign to educate the public in the value of records of religious congregations and denominations throughout the State. Lacking funds to microfilm local records, Secretary of State Ben W. Fortson and Mrs. Bryan

made an advantageous arrangement with the Genealogical Society at Salt Lake City, Utah, to perform certain technical reproduction work. Through the courtesy of the Mercer University Library, headed by Charles H. Stone and designated by the Georgia Baptist Historical Society as the repository for Georgia Baptist records, as many pre-1900 church records as could be made available from interested congregations and denominations were temporarily assembled and microfilmed for the Department of Archives and History and the Genealogical Society. Spencer King, head of Mercer's history department, Beatrice F. Lang, county archivist on Mrs. Bryan's staff, and photographer Rolf Suter assisted in the operation. The Department of Archives and History plans to retain the negative microfilm and to sell at nominal cost to the churches and denominations whatever copies they may desire.

ILLINOIS

Personal papers of Richard Oglesby, three times Governor of Illinois, were destroyed when a grandson's house in Elkhart, Ill., was burned.

INDIANA

The State Archives has acquired 10,000 sq. ft. of storage space for State records in the Kentucky Avenue Warehouse, Indianapolis, owned by the State of Indiana.

Irene M. Strieby, a member of the Society of American Archivists, library consultant of Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis, is one of the 20 persons — 13 living and 7 dead — elected to the Special Library Association's first "Hall of Fame."

IOWA

The State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, planned to transfer its quarters to its new Centennial Building between June and September of this year. The legislature has appropriated \$85,000 to furnish and equip the new headquarters. The total cost of the building and equipment is about \$500,000.

KANSAS

Why the original of a Thanksgiving Day proclamation issued in 1878 by Gov. George T. Anthony of Kansas happened to be in Missouri is not known, but the circuit court of Henry County in the latter State took the logical step of sending it to the Kansas State Historical Society. Rolla Clymer, publisher of the *El Dorado Times*, has deposited with the society 53 boxes of his letters and papers, 1919-58.

KENTUCKY

The family of the late Augustus Owsley Stanley (1867-1958) has given to the University of Kentucky Libraries his books and approximately 12,000 of his papers. He was a member of the International Joint Commission — United

States and Canada, from 1830 to 1954, and after 1933 its chairman. Earlier he had been successively a Member of Congress, Governor of Kentucky, and U. S. Senator.

LOUISIANA

The history and music departments of Tulane University, 1958-63, plan to establish an Archive of New Orleans Jazz. Their program calls for making tape recordings of interviews with jazz musicians and persons now or formerly associated with New Orleans jazz music; collecting photographs, correspondence, clippings, scrapbooks, or other data related to the interviews; collecting pertinent commercial records; recording some contemporary music; collecting sheet music; collecting or microcopying published books and magazines; and assembling a New Orleans jazz bibliography. William Russell, a musician, music teacher, and jazz critic, will collaborate with Richard B. Allen, a collector of New Orleans jazz, in annotating the interviews and doing the major work of establishing the archives.

On May 28 of this year the lower house of the Louisiana Legislature passed a bill appropriating \$300,000 to the State Archives and Records Commission for constructing and equipping a State archives and record center building. The upper house, however, indefinitely postponed action on the legislation.

MARYLAND

The Archivist of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, John Joseph Gallagher, edited for the *Catholic Historical Review* (Jan. 1959) 31 original Theodore Roosevelt letters that are in the Archdiocese Archives.

The extensive biographical and genealogical files built up by the late Baltimore and Ohio Railroad attorney William N. Wilkins have been given to the Maryland Historical Society. Harold R. Manakee has been chosen as the society's assistant director.

MASSACHUSETTS

W. H. Bond of the Houghton Library, Harvard University, has compiled a supplement to De Ricci and Wilson's *Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the United States and Canada*. After submission to the publication committee appointed by the Bibliographical Society of America, the supplement should go to press during the winter.

In May, Elizabeth B. Borden announced her resignation as director of the Women's Archives at Radcliffe College. She moved to the Radcliffe Admissions Department July 1. Her successor is Dr. Barbara M. Solomon of Radcliffe.

The February 1959 issue of the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, dedicated to William Hickling Prescott, contains "A Checklist of Prescott Manuscripts," by Jerry E. Patterson. The principal Prescott collection is at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

In less than 2 years after the establishment of the Roper Public Opinion Research Center at Williams College, about 42 other survey research organizations, some foreign, have decided to send the raw data of their studies there, and the operating staff has grown from 3 persons to 10.

Harold F. O'Neil, Chief of the Organization and Manpower Division, New England Region, GSA, will offer his course, "Introduction to Records Management — I," to a special group this fall. Students will be employees of the record service of the Raytheon Co., a major electronics manufacturing and research organization with headquarters at Waltham. The company archivist, the record center staff, and over 30 division and plant record coordinators will be enrolled. This and similar inservice training for Massachusetts industry is administered by Joseph A. Minahan of the Division of University Extension, Massachusetts Department of Education. James E. Barrett is the manager of Raytheon's record service.

MICHIGAN

The April 1959 newsletter of the Historical Society of Michigan urged strong legislative support of the Michigan Historical Commission, which this year needed funds to begin the systematic repair and restoration of such holdings as the Territorial papers and the correspondence of Governors Brucker, Fitzgerald, Dickinson, and Van Wagoner. Among these governors' papers, damaged in the fire at Lansing a few years ago, 25,000 pieces were so charred and water-damaged that it has not been practicable to let the public consult them.

A supplement to William S. Ewing's *Guide to the Manuscript Collections in the William L. Clements Library* is being distributed free to anyone who purchased the *Guide*.

Dorothy V. Martin, curator of manuscripts for the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library, died on June 24. She had been at Detroit for 8 years, and before then had worked at the National Archives in Washington and the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio. She held degrees from Ohio State University and the University of Illinois. A long-time member of the Society of American Archivists, Miss Martin had contributed to this and to other professional journals.

A Dorothy V. Martin Memorial Fund has been established to purchase an important manuscript for the Burton Historical Collection. Contributions payable to the Detroit Public Library should be mailed to the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit 2.

MINNESOTA

The papers of the late forester G. Harris Collingwood, including his correspondence, notes, and diaries, have been temporarily deposited at the Forest History Foundation. The foundation is seeking financial aid to analyze and organize the papers before their final placement. Charles D. Bonsted has left

the foundation's staff to become assistant to the president of Harpur College, Endicott, N. Y.

State Archivist Robert M. Brown, a member of the Society of American Archivists' Committee on Federal-State Relations, represented the Society at a conference convened in Chicago on June 19 by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

MISSISSIPPI

William D. McCain, former State Archivist, now president of Mississippi Southern College, is chairman of the new nominating committee of the Mississippi Historical Society.

A collection of papers, 1810-93, of the Vick-Phelps families of Mississippi, has been given to the Department of Archives and History. The Department has also acquired the Rosenstock collection of Jefferson Davis' books, documents, and other historical items.

Mrs. Julius Melton of Clinton, a genealogist in the Department of Archives and History, has been named president of the Mississippi Genealogical Society.

MISSOURI

By a resolution passed in June at its San Francisco convention, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod now officially has a Department of Archives and History. Although the synod has supported the work of Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, provided it with a building, and designated it as the synod's official historical depository, the institute until this summer had never been officially one of the synodical departments. Its operations, services, and purpose will remain unchanged.

NEW JERSEY

In this Hudson-Champlain celebration year, the New Jersey Historical Society is reprinting as no. 12 in its series of *Collections* a document on Hudson's voyage of 1609, the journal of Robert Juet, first published in London in 1625.

Between 1955 and the time of his death, in May of this year, the late John Foster Dulles, a graduate of Princeton, sent 25 cartons of his personal papers to that university's Firestone Library. A short time before Mr. Dulles' death, the Department of State and Princeton University announced that the John Foster Dulles Library of Diplomatic History will be established at Princeton. Some of Mr. Dulles' friends have provided funds for a 2-story, hexagonal annex to the Firestone Library. The annex, also to be furnished and maintained by the donors, will contain Mr. Dulles' papers, microfilm copies of his official correspondence, and — according to the *New York Times* of May 25 — the papers of Woodrow Wilson and James V. Forrestal already at Princeton. A research associate of the Firestone Library, Philip A. Crowl, at present on the staff of the Department of State, will arrange for the micro-

filming of selected departmental papers at Princeton's expense. Although the Department will control access to official material, Mr. Dulles is understood to have expressed the desire that his own papers be liberally opened to *bona fide* users. His will provides that Princeton University shall have such documents, records, or papers as his executors choose, together with \$10,000 toward maintenance of the gift.

William H. Gaines, Jr., recently associate editor of the *Papers of Thomas Jefferson* at Princeton University, was named librarian of the New Jersey Historical Society effective July 1. He will have charge of the society's manuscripts as well as its book collections.

NEW MEXICO

Correction: Ward Alan Minge of Casa San Ysidro, Sandoval, is not a State legislator and has never held political office. It was he, however, who suggested to State Rep. A. T. Montoya the sponsorship of New Mexico's Public Records Act of 1959, mentioned in the July issue of this magazine. Afterwards, says Mr. Minge, "I lent him guidance and support as needed in my capacity as a historian and through my connections and interest in the Society of American Archivists."

NEW YORK

Besides housing books and periodicals, the William Green Human Relations Library in the Jewish Labor Committee Building, 25 East 78th St., New York City, will collect papers pertaining to the role of labor in society. When the new library was dedicated, Apr. 20, 1959, George Meany, head of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, gave the principal address.

New York City's Board of Estimate on June 11, 1959, approved a \$40,000 contract with the firm of Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury to draw preliminary plans for a \$4,000,000 archive and record building, to contain 200,000 sq. ft. of storage area, in the vicinity of the existing Municipal Building at Chambers and Centre Sts. The old Rhinelander Building at 238 William St., now used for city records, will be demolished in the course of an urban renewal project now under way.

A recent change in New York statutes permits the adjutant general of the State to lend to a public corporation or agency or a historical society — under such conditions as he prescribes — books, records, relics, or other property in the adjutant general's Bureau of War Records.

Once again the American Management Association's summer program was held on the campus of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. Five seminars were offered during the period, August 24-28. Robert A. Schiff, president of the National Records Management Council, Inc., New York City, served as chairman of the seminar on surveying cost reduction opportunities and techniques in office management.

NORTH CAROLINA

On June 9, State Archivist H. G. Jones spoke to the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds, at Asheville, about the county record program. Betty M. London has left and Mary Deane Stevenson has joined the archives staff, and Elizabeth C. Levings has been appointed at the record center.

An indexed volume abstracting the wills and other records of Currituck and Dare Counties, 1663-1850, is for sale for \$7.50 by the compiler, Gordon C. Jones, 1 Winding Way, Mount Holly, N. J.

OHIO

Commenting that the Federal population census schedules for Ohio before 1820 are not known to be extant, the news bulletin of the Western Reserve Historical Society for June 1959 remarks that the library of the Ohio Historical Society at Columbus has "an extremely detailed tax list of 1810 for Ohio," which can be used as a substitute for the missing 1810 Federal population schedules.

OREGON

During the early months of this year the already excellent photographic resources of the Oregon Historical Society were increased by the following notable acquisitions: 5,000 glass-plate negatives, 1900-1926, from the files of the *Oregonian*; about 25,000 glass slides produced from 1891 to 1922 by George M. Weister, a Portland photographer; 1,297 noncurrent negatives and prints dated from 1880, from the Columbia Studio, Portland; and more than 15,000 negatives from the Erickson Studio, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, Va., reported in its *Newsletter* of May 22, 1959, a 2-day session in Bethlehem, Pa., under the chairmanship of Kenneth G. Hamilton, of a group interested in the scholarly exploitation of the Moravian Archives at Bethlehem. Bishop Hamilton of the Moravian Church is himself the Archivist there. Guests at the gathering included Edmund deS. Brunner and Sigmund Diamond, Columbia University; Lester J. Cappon and Lawrence W. Towner, Institute of Early American History and Culture; William Fenton, New York State Department of Education; Emerson Greenaway, Free Library of Philadelphia; Frederick Merk, Harvard University; Roy F. Nichols, University of Pennsylvania; Clifford K. Shipton, American Antiquarian Society; Vernon D. Tate, U. S. Naval Academy; Frederick B. Tolles, Swarthmore College; Nicholas B. Wainwright, Historical Society of Pennsylvania; and Walter Muir Whitehill, Boston Athenaeum. Gillian M. Lindt, an instructor at Douglass College (N. J.) and a doctoral candidate at Columbia University, has received a

fellowship from the Social Science Research Council for investigating methods of utilizing Moravian Church archives in sociological research.

RHODE ISLAND

At an auction at Sotheby's in London, England, on April 20, John Fleming of New York reportedly bought for \$6,160 (£2,200) what is believed to be an unpublished account of the 1675-76 Indian uprising in Rhode Island.

SOUTH CAROLINA

J. Harold Easterby has published a brief description of the new building of the South Carolina Archives Department, "designed specifically to house the state's official historical records," in *South Carolina Schools*, May 1959, p. 26-28. The Department, of which he is the director, is to occupy its new quarters early this autumn. Copies of the article, while the supply lasts, may be obtained by others who are planning archival buildings from the Department or from the State Department of Education, Columbia 1, S. C.

TENNESSEE

Herschel Gower of Vanderbilt University and Jack Allen of George Foster Peabody College for Teachers are editing the journals of Randal McGavock, to be published by the Tennessee Historical Commission.

TEXAS

State Archivist Dorman H. Winfrey reports that ground-breaking ceremonies were held on May 11, 1959, for the new State Library and Archives Building. This will occupy a site east of the capitol in the 1200 block between Brazos and San Jacinto Sts., Austin; and, besides the library and archives, it will house the Texas General Land Office. The facade will extend 257 ft.; the depth of the main part of the building will be 67 ft.; and from this, a wing, like the leg of a "T," 48 ft. wide, will run back 111 ft. The several stories will provide an overall floor space of 95,000 sq. ft. The building will be semi-classical in design, "with a flame-treated granite exterior trimmed in polished granite." H. Clinton Parrent, Jr., architect for the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and Dan M. Robison, Tennessee's Librarian and Archivist, served as consultants to the architects, Adams and Adams of San Antonio.

Robert S. Maxwell, director of the Bureau of East Texas Research, Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, reports the bureau's acquisition of the papers of the Foster Lumber Co. of Fostoria, 1906-56.

VERMONT

The Guy Omeron Coolidge papers, which have been acquired by the Vermont Historical Society, are described in the June 1959 issue of the society's monthly *News and Notes*. The papers pertain to Coolidge's "attempts to revise his work on the French influence of Vermont."

VIRGINIA

The manuscript division of the University of Virginia Library has acquired the papers of Judge Duncan Lawrence Groner, some 6,000 items, 1930-57. The Virginia Colonial Records Project's *Survey Reports* nos. 615-638 and nos. 1391-1393 have now been distributed. The former set covers correspondence of the 1770's and 1780's in the British Public Record Office; the latter set describes the Wyatt manuscripts deposited in the British Museum by the Earl of Romney.

WEST VIRGINIA

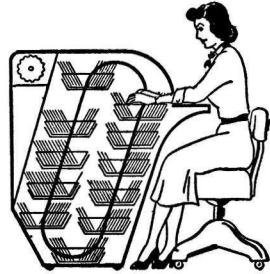
Charles Shetler, curator of the West Virginia Collection at West Virginia University, Morgantown, has sent out an appeal to all concerned with West Virginia coal mining, asking their cooperation in preserving and making available materials on the history of the industry, including labor in the coal fields.

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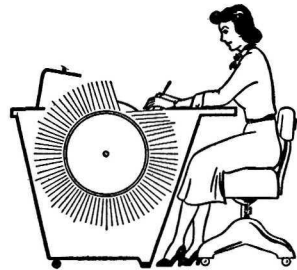
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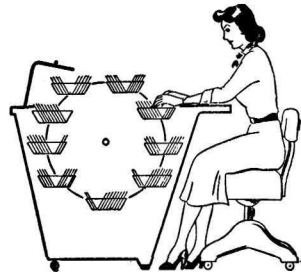
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