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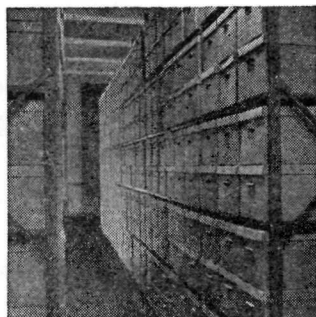
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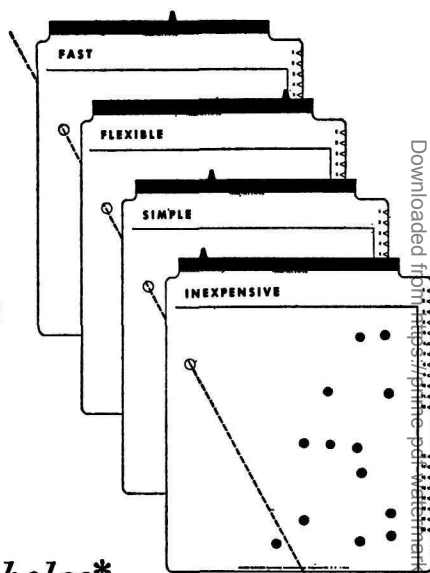
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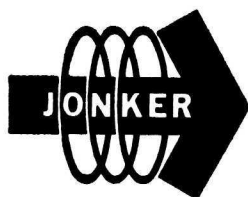
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News Notes

DOROTHY HILL GERSACK, *Editor*

National Archives

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

26th Annual Meeting

The 26th annual meeting of the Society will be held in Rochester, N. Y., Sunday through Tuesday, September 30–October 2, 1962. The Sheraton Hotel, 111 East Avenue, Rochester, will be headquarters for the meeting. On Sunday, September 30, there will be at least two afternoon workshops, one on records management and one on university archives. Sunday evening, after a buffet supper, will be free for committee meetings, some of which will be open to the Society membership. The formal sessions of Monday and Tuesday will be held both at the hotel and at points elsewhere in the city to schedule them in relation to planned tours. The annual dinner, presidential address, and business meeting are scheduled for Monday evening, October 1. The Program and Local Arrangements Committees have made it known that this annual meeting will present an unusual opportunity to study the application of audiovisual techniques to both records management and archival work. The secretary of the Society will furnish the members (by mail as far in advance of the meeting as possible) with detailed program information and a list of participants. Members wishing to register in advance may do so with the secretary, in accordance with procedures she will specify by mail; and registration at Rochester will begin at the hotel on Sunday morning.

Winter Luncheon Meeting

The Society will hold its 1962 winter luncheon meeting in Chicago on December 29, during the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. Leon deValinger, Jr., will preside as 1962–63 president. The luncheon address, "A Brave Man or a Foolish One," will be given by John A. Munroe, chairman of the department of history, University of Delaware. Further information about this meeting will appear in our October issue.

New Members

INDIVIDUAL: Robert P. Eckles, Lafayette, Ind.; Mario D. Fenyo, Washington, D. C.; Ronald W. Goetsch, Amherst, Wis.; Carl J. Goette, Kingston, N. Y.; Lowell H. Hattery, Washington, D. C.; John Daniel Hayes, Annapolis, Md.; Willard C. Heiss, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rolland L'Allier, West Branch, Iowa; Byron H. Levene, Springfield, Ill.; John W. Manigaulte, Bayside, N. Y.; James Stirrat Marshall, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Stephen C. Morton and George P. Perros, Washington, D. C.; John F. Stach, St. Paul, Minn.; A. Douglass Walker, Rye, N. Y.; Walter W. Walker, Phoenix, Ariz. INSTITUTIONAL: Archive–Library Department, American Medical Assn., Chicago, Ill.; Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H.; Records Management Institute, New York City; Sisters of Mercy Generalate, Washington, D. C.

Deaths of Members

SOLON JUSTUS BUCK, aged 77, second Archivist of the United States (1941-48), fifth president of the Society of American Archivists (1945-47), Assistant Librarian of the Library of Congress (1951-54); on May 25, 1962, at Washington, D. C. Born in Berlin, Wis., on August 16, 1884, Dr. Buck held B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D. degree in history from Harvard University. As a teacher of history he was, in the period 1908-35, on the faculties of the Universities of Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, and Pittsburgh. He was president of the Agricultural Historical Society, 1928-29, president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1922-23, treasurer of the American Historical Association, 1936-58, director of the Minnesota Historical Society, 1914-31, and director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, 1931-35. His service in the National Archives, which culminated in his appointment by President Roosevelt in 1941 as Archivist, began on August 30, 1935, as Director of Research and Publications. His leadership in the National Archives found expression in archival concepts—particularly those relating to the arrangement and description of archives—that have been generally adopted in American archival practice. He was a pioneer in the development of records management programs in Federal agencies, and he instituted Government-wide procedures for the prompt disposal of useless papers. He and Ernst Posner developed for the American University courses in the history and administration of archives that became prototypes for most such courses in the United States, and he had the vision, after World War II, to propose an international organization of archivists—a proposal resulting ultimately in the organization of the International Council on Archives in 1948. He was a founding member of the Society of American Archivists, held many of its offices in addition to its presidency, and was throughout his active career a devoted supporter of Society programs and projects.

In June 1948 Dr. Buck became Chief of the Division of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress and incumbent of the Library's chair of American history. From 1951 until his retirement in 1954 he was Assistant Librarian and the Library's representative on the National Historical Publications Commission.

Dr. Buck was the author of many books and articles in the historical and archival fields. His 1946 presidential address, "The Archivist's 'One World'" (*American Archivist*, 10:9-24; Jan. 1947), was a clear challenge to archivists to respond to the needs of the times. His books included *The Granger Movement* (1913); *Travel and Description, 1765-1865* (1914); *Illinois in 1818* (1917); *The Agrarian Crusade* (1919); *Stories of Early Minnesota* (1925); and *The Planting of Civilization in Western Pennsylvania* (1939). On the two last of these works Elizabeth Hawthorn Buck collaborated. He edited the Minnesota Historical Society *Bulletin* (now *Minnesota History*) from 1914 to 1931 and the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* from 1931 to 1935.

On April 9, 1960, Dr. Buck made his last public appearance. The occasion was the unveiling of his portrait in the National Archives conference room. An account of that ceremony and the text of his remarks to those gathered to honor him were published in the *American Archivist*, 23:369 (July 1960), and the addresses given at that time by Theodore C. Blegen ("Solon Justus Buck—Scholar-Administrator") and Ernst Posner ("Solon Justus Buck—Archivist") appeared in the same issue, p. 259-269.

LEO PASCAL, aged 52, an archivist at the National Archives for two decades and an amateur automobile historian and collector of automobiliana for three decades; on March 18, 1962, at Washington, D. C. An obituary appears on p. 362-364.

AMERICAN RECORDS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

The seventh annual conference of ARMA will be held October 4-6, 1962, at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, N. J. Information about the conference will be furnished upon request by Sara Horowitz (arrangements

chairman), Division of Employment Security, Trenton Trust Building, 28 West State St., Trenton, N. J.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

National Archives

The National Archives has published two preliminary inventories of parts of its holdings: no. 134, *Records of the Bureau of Public Roads*, compiled by Truman R. Strobridge; and no. 135, *Records Relating to Civil War Claims, United States and Great Britain*, compiled by George S. Ulibarri and Daniel T. Goggin. It has also added two leaflets to the series designed to answer questions frequently asked in reference letters: *Compiled Military Service Records in the National Archives and Genealogical Sources Outside the National Archives*. The *Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War*, compiled by Kenneth W. Munden and Henry Putney Beers, has been completed; publication and cost will be announced. ¶ The American Historical Association's Committee for the Study of War Documents has prepared and the National Archives has published the following additional guides to German records microfilmed at Alexandria, Va.: no. 30, *Records of Headquarters, German Army High Command (Part III)*; no. 31, *Records of the Office of the Reich Commissioner for the Baltic States, 1941-45*; nos. 32 and 33, *Records of the Reich Leader of the SS and Chief of the German Police (Parts I and II)*; no. 34, *Records of German Army Areas*; no. 35, *Records of the National Socialist German Labor Party (Part III)*; no. 36, *Miscellaneous German Records Collection (Part III)*; and no. 37, *Records of Headquarters, German Navy High Command*. ¶ Among microfilm publications recently completed by the National Archives are Miscellaneous Letters Received by the Secretary of the Navy, 1801-84 (647 rolls); Notes From the Russian Legation in the United States to the Department of State, 1809-1906 (12 rolls); Interior Department Territorial Papers: New Mexico, 1851-1914 (15 rolls); and Miscellaneous Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-89 (9 rolls). ¶ Further information about the microfilm and copies of the publications may be obtained from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

The Library was dedicated on May 1, 1962, and the exhibit areas are now open to the public.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

Mrs. Nathan Straus has given the Library the papers of her husband relating to his service as U. S. Housing Administrator, 1937-42, and to other aspects of his career before and after these dates. Scrapbooks, copies of speeches, and other writings, chiefly on housing questions, and correspondence with President Roosevelt and others are included. Other recent accessions include papers of Henry T. Hackett, President Roosevelt's Hyde Park friend and attorney; a collection of over 3,000 books and pamphlets of Rooseveltiana

assembled by Jerome K. Wilcox, librarian of the City College of New York until his death last year; and a large collection of books on the New Deal period, presented by Rexford G. Tugwell, Under Secretary of Agriculture in the Roosevelt administration.

Harry S. Truman Library

Nineteen scholars who had done research at the Library met there on March 30-31, 1962, to discuss both the use of materials in the Library and the use of the oral interview. Dean Acheson, Oscar Chapman, and other members of the Truman administration joined in the concluding session of the conference in considering the interviewing process. ¶ Recent additions to the holdings include papers of John W. Snyder, Charles S. Murphy, Frank Waring, Fred J. Lawton, Lowell Mason, Philip Kaiser, Mon C. Wallgren, John C. Houston, Tom L. Evans, Warner Gardner, John T. Gibson, and Herschel V. Johnson; records of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services; and microcopies of the transcripts of Sidney Shalett's interviews with Alben W. Barkley. ¶ The Board of Directors of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute has authorized \$10,000 for the coming year for the issuance of grants of \$1,000 or less to enable scholars to carry on research at the Library. Applications for winter grants should be submitted before October 1 and for summer grants before April 1. Applications and inquiries should be addressed to the Director, Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Mo.

Office of the Federal Register

The 1962-63 edition of the *United States Government Organization Manual*, revised as of June 1, 1962, will be put on sale early in July. It may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at \$1.50 a copy.

Office of Records Management

Extensive aid has been provided by the Office to various congressional offices. Complete paperwork procedures were developed for the Select Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives. The records of several Senators have been deposited in the Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Va. ¶ Detailed records control schedule for the Interstate Commerce Commission is nearly complete. It represents the first agencywide records appraisal for a major regulatory agency. ¶ Eight-day seminars for records analysts, covering the whole range of paperwork management, continue to be used by the Office as a training device. Recent participants include the Inspector General of Turkey, the Chief of General Administration for the Yugoslav Province of Slovenia, and the current-records analyst for the Philippine Government.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Manuscript Division

The papers of Joseph Edward Davies (1876-1958) have been received as a gift from his daughters. Numbering about 50,000 pieces, the papers relate to Davies' work as Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. and to Belgium, special envoy of President Roosevelt (1943) and President Truman (1945), and special adviser to President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at the Potsdam Conference (1945). ¶ Some 18,000 papers of Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and many other works, have been presented by his daughter. They include family letters, an extensive correspondence with patrons and fellow artists, early diaries and sketchbooks, scrapbooks, and photographs. ¶ Records of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, 1842-1961, have been received. These records, approximately 30,000 pieces, now form the largest segment of the Library's "Suffrage Archives"; they include correspondence with leaders in the suffrage movement and files on subjects of interest to the organization. Also received and added to the Suffrage Archives, are some 8,000 personal papers of Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1927) and a large group of papers of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, Henry B. Blackwell, Lucy Stone, Alice Stone Blackwell, and other members of the Stone and Blackwell families. ¶ Smaller groups added to the holdings include 23 original manuscripts and reproductions of 42 additional papers of or relating to Robert Morris, "financier of the American Revolution"; and about 100 letters received between 1881 and 1905 by Robert Roberts Hitt (1834-1906), shorthand reporter of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, Assistant Secretary of State in 1881, and longtime Member of the House of Representatives from Illinois.

Other News

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, 1959-61, will be published by J. W. Edwards Publishers, Inc., 2500 South State St., Ann Arbor, Mich., about August 1, at \$9.75. The first volume will contain about 1,200 pages and will describe about 7,000 collections, indexed by name, topic, and repository.

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

Colorado

As part of the "vital-essential records program" the State Archives' central microfilm unit, directed by Dorothy K. Taylor, began on March 1 to microfilm the project plan files and correspondence of the Highway Department. George E. Warren is working intensively in the county record program of the State Archives. Papers of Gov. Clarence Morley and records of U. S. relief agencies in Colorado during the 1930's (the CCC, WPA, and PWA) have been processed respectively by James Davis and James Wickens, Univer-

sity of Denver graduate students. State Archivist Dolores C. Renze announces the appointment of Cornelia P. Briggs as archivist assistant. ¶The Denver Interagency Records Administration Conference held an open house at the Federal Records Center on March 28 to display the old and new parts of the center, the open-shelf filing, the flat-filed maps and drawings, and the new loud-speaker paging system.

Connecticut

Personal papers (70,000 items) of John W. Davis, Democratic presidential candidate in 1924, have been given to the Yale University Library.

Delaware

The University of Delaware Library, Newark, has received some 75,000 personal and business papers of Willard Saulsbury, U. S. Senator from 1913 to 1919, which include also some papers of his father, Willard Saulsbury, Sr., also a U. S. Senator, 1859-71. ¶The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington 7, has issued a new edition of the statement of its manuscript holdings (May 1962). This is an expansion of the description of the collections given in Philip M. Hamer's *Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in the United States*, necessitated by the consolidation, since the publication of that *Guide*, of the Longwood Library and the Library of the Hagley Museum to form the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library. Copies of the statement are available without charge from the Library.

Georgia

On June 7 Gov. S. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia broke ground for the projected 16-story Georgia Archives Building, made possible by a \$6,600,000 bond issue recently signed for its erection and equipment. Secretary of State Ben W. Fortson, Jr., chairman of the Archives Building Committee, presided at the ceremony, which was attended by Herbie L. Simmons, Regional Director, NARS, representing Archivist of the United States Wayne C. Grover, and by representatives of several State Archives. Some of Governor Vandiver's remarks (quoted from a press release of June 7) after the groundbreaking follow:

... Ladies and Gentlemen, ... this program today marks the realization of a great dream by our able Secretary of State, the Honorable Ben Fortson; our esteemed State Auditor, Mr. B. E. Thrasher, Jr., and our dedicated Archivist, Mrs. Mary Givens Bryan.

With the assistance of many people too numerous to mention, they have labored long and hard for this project.

I say they have labored in the best interests of their state.

Now we can be sure that thousands of priceless historical documents may be safely preserved.

Now, Georgia can put into effect a money-saving records management program, as recommended by the Governor's Commission on Economy and Reorganization several years ago.

Now, we can have adequate storage facilities to save for posterity the valuable records of our state government.

To all who have helped in making this dream a reality, I want to express my sincerest gratitude.

I am sure that all Georgians will be proud of your efforts.

Thank you for joining me in getting the building underway.

As Mary Givens Bryan, Archivist of Georgia, wrote the editor of the *American Archivist*, "... this is a dream come true." It is expected that the building (see architect's sketch, frontispiece) will be completed by June 1964. At that time this journal will carry a more complete description of it.

Guam

A records management act was passed by the sixth Guam legislature on February 3. It provides a records program for the executive branch of the government, to be administered by the director of finance. Records may be authorized for disposal by the director, the attorney general, and the agency head concerned.

Illinois

Adlai E. Stevenson's papers concerning the 1948 gubernatorial campaign and those for his term as Governor of Illinois, 1949-53, have been given to the Illinois State Historical Society. The society now has the papers of ten former Governors of the State. ¶Records Control, Inc., sponsored a seminar at the Palmer House, Chicago, March 29-30. It covered cost-cutting techniques, handling of old and new records, records personnel, and the status of information retrieval.

Kentucky

Charles F. Hinds, Director of the State Archives and Records Service, reports that by an act to reorganize the State government, recently passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Bert Combs, the State Archives and Records Service was put under the Department of Finance and the State Archives and Records Commission, which has final authority for records destruction, was given advisory functions in all other records matters. The commission is now to include the commissioner of finance as chairman and eight other members: the State auditor, the chief justice of the State Court of Appeals, the chairman of the Legislative Research Commission, the attorney general, one representative for all five State colleges, and one representative each from the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Historical Society, and the Kentucky Librarians Association. Appropriations for the State Archives and Records Service have been regularly increased. The Service received its first appropriation, \$8,500, in fiscal year 1960-61; the 1961-62 appropriation of \$21,910 was supplemented by a Governor's emergency grant of \$7,000; and the 1962 legislature appropriated \$41,810 for 1962-63 and \$43,515 for 1963-64. The present goal of the Service is to prepare retention and disposal schedules for records of State governmental units, after a survey by administrative and archival analysts, who are both inventorying the records of State agencies and studying administrative practices of State government. ¶Kentucky has not had a records building, but Chapter 171.480 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes provides for a State Archives and Records Center. It will be built

when the requirements are determined by the present survey. On July 1 the first archivist will be appointed for the Archives Division of the State Archives and Records Service. He will compile, with the cooperation of the University of Kentucky Libraries, the first annual checklist of Kentucky State documents, now at the university and in the offices of State government.

Louisiana

Louisiana Studies Institute, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, announces the publication of volume 1 of *Louisiana Studies*, a journal devoted to the South. The institute collects papers and documents relating to Louisiana and encourages and supports research activities related to the Louisiana scene.

Maine

A campaign for funds to build a \$300,000 museum and archives on the campus of the University of Maine has been launched by the Maine Forest and Logging Museum Association, Inc.

Maryland

Director Morris L. Radoff, Maryland Hall of Records, is a member of the seminar in Maryland history established by the Historical Society to promote research in its manuscript collections and to strengthen its publication program. Inquiries should be sent to the director of the seminar, K. R. Greenfield, The Ambassador, Apt. 1012, Baltimore 18. ¶ James W. Foster, director of the Maryland Historical Society since 1942, died in Baltimore on April 30, 1962, at the age of 71. He had edited the *Maryland Historical Magazine* before becoming director of the society. ¶ C. Frank Poole, records management officer of Baltimore, has recently issued the 1961 *Annual Report* (10 p., processed) of the Records Management Division, Department of Legislative Reference, City of Baltimore. Mr. Poole will be happy to send copies to persons requesting them.

Massachusetts

Charles van Ravenswaay, former director of the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, became president of Old Sturbridge Village on June 1. Etta Falkner, former director of the Old Gaol Museum, York, Maine, is now librarian at Old Sturbridge. One division of the library has a large collection of manuscripts, account books, ledgers, and daybooks, 1790-1840. ¶ An article by John Harris in the *Boston Sunday Globe* (Mar. 11, 1962) describes the records, particularly the papers of U. S. Presidents, in the Massachusetts Historical Society. ¶ The State legislature has enacted two laws dealing with archives and records (chapter 18 of the acts of 1962). The first, which was introduced by Secretary of State Kevin H. White, specifies the duties of the State Archivist and requires that all holders of the post be properly qualified. The second (chapter 427), which was drafted and introduced by State Archivist Richard Hale, creates a records conservation board to insure that records move properly to eventual destruction as

obsolete or to storage in the Archives. Leo Flaherty has been promoted to the new post of Curator of the Archives.

New Hampshire

An article in the *Burlington (Vt.) Free Press* (Jan. 18, 1962) reports that the Verney Foundation, Bennington, has given to Dartmouth College a complete microfilm of the papers of the Verney family, prominent in England since about 1550. The papers, kept in Claydon House near Aylesbury, England, are reproduced on more than 65,000 frames. Identical microfilms of the collection have been given also to Yale University and the British Museum.

New Jersey

The John Foster Dulles Library of Diplomatic History at Princeton University, built by his friends as a memorial to the former Secretary of State, was dedicated on May 15. The library, a two-story hexagonal addition to the university's Firestone Memorial Library, will house Dulles' personal papers (given to the university before his death), copies of State Department documents relating to his six-year tenure as Secretary of State, and records relating to The Hague Peace Conference of 1907, the World War I peace treaties, the creation of the United Nations, and the meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers at London, Paris, and Moscow after World War II.

New Mexico

The Dorothy Woodward Memorial Research Room and the new archives vault of the State Records Center were dedicated on March 17 by Gov. Edwin L. Mechem. The vault houses the public records of the State and earlier jurisdictions, 1826-1950.

New York

The University of Rochester Library has bought at auction a collection of eighteenth-century French documents, chiefly secretary's copies of the archives of the Comte de Maurepas, French Minister of State under Louis XIV and Louis XV. They include records relating to French naval, diplomatic, and economic history. Letters and manuscripts of Francis Bellamy, author of the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and letters of Theodore Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland, Edward W. Bok, Hamlin Garland, and Daniel Webster have also been added to the library's manuscript collection. ¶Dorothy Ganfield Fowler was appointed as the first archivist of Hunter College on July 17, 1961. She is now surveying archival materials preserved in the library, at alumnae headquarters, and in the college offices and departments. As the program grows, a full-time archival staff will be necessary. The December 1961 issue of *Here at Hunter* gives details about Dr. Fowler's appointment. ¶Donald C. Anthony became head of the Manuscripts and History Section of the New York State Library on March 12. He will supervise historical manuscripts and local history collections, review the present holdings, select books and manuscripts for purchase, and plan and

supervise reference services. ¶ According to a UPI dispatch from New York, April 6, letters written by astronaut John H. Glenn were to be offered for sale as "historical documents" by the Parke-Bernet Galleries in April. The letters were said to be worth at least \$500. ¶ The fifteenth annual seminars on American culture, designed for amateurs and conducted by the New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, July 1-7 and 8-14, includes sessions on conservation of rare books, manuscripts, prints, and paintings during the first week and on the "historical interpretation of photography" during the second week.

North Carolina

The Division of Archives and Manuscripts has accessioned the official papers of Gov. Luther H. Hodges for the year 1960 and has processed the records of the Office of State Comptroller and State Treasurer from the Colonial period through the nineteenth century. ¶ The Division has just issued a revision of its leaflet, *Genealogical Research in the North Carolina Department of Archives and History*. ¶ The State Records Management Section will complete the inventories and disposal schedules for the records of all State agencies before it turns its attention to such problems as files management, form controls, and correspondence workshops. ¶ A grant of \$15,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation will permit the publication of two additional volumes in the series *The Records of the Moravians*, edited by Minnie J. Smith. Volume 8 of the *Records* is still available from the State Department of Archives and History, at \$3. ¶ North Carolina's 1962-63 maintenance budget for the Department of Archives and History is \$500,000, up from the 1961-62 budget of \$490,000.

Oregon

Lewis and Clark College, Portland, has begun an oral history program, directed by Arthur Throckmorton. ¶ The Forest History Society has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Louis W. and Maud Hill Family Foundation of St. Paul, Minn., for its research and writing project on the history of cooperative efforts to deal with forest fires in the Pacific Northwest. George Thomas Morgan, Jr., who will do the research and writing, will use the University of Oregon as his research base for the next two years. The University of Oregon seeks original records of fire-prevention organizations, correspondence and personal papers of important leaders in the movement, old pictures, and government and private reports and bulletins dealing with the fire problem. Mr. Morgan expects to record (on tape) interviews with persons who have valuable information on forest protection history. Information regarding source materials and persons to be interviewed should be sent to Mr. Morgan, 330 North Broadway, Turlock, Calif., or to the Forest History Society, 2706 West Seventh Blvd., St. Paul 16, Minn.

Texas

The \$2,500,000 Texas Archives and Library Building, at Austin, was dedicated on April 10. Built of granite from the same quarry as the State

Capitol, the building has outer walls that architects call "sunset red" and is 257 feet long, 67 feet wide, and 60 feet high. The archives and library occupy 66,000 square feet of the building and the General Land Office uses 34,000 square feet. There are four floors in the main building and seven stack floors. The Archives Division has its search and reading rooms on the first floor and stores more than two million archival items on the second and fourth floors of the stacks. ¶According to the *New York Times* (Apr. 22, 1962) Katherine Anne Porter, author of *Ship of Fools*, has announced that she is giving her manuscripts and papers to the University of Texas at Austin, where they will be available in the library along with papers of Alfred and Blanche Knopf, Stark Young, and Lillian Hellman. Miss Porter's papers are voluminous, for she has kept almost every letter received during her long life. ¶The Hall of State in which the Dallas Historical Society is housed will soon be air-conditioned.

Vermont

The Historical Society, on behalf of the Library of Congress, is looking for private papers of Zachary Taylor. When Union forces invaded Louisiana under Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, troops of the Eighth Vermont Infantry seized the plantation of Richard Taylor, Zachary's son. Among the effects taken were the papers of the former President. A letter from an unidentified soldier, who had lived in Randolph, was printed during the war in the *Vermont Watchman and State Journal*. It gives the clue: "I think I will send home the private [Zachary Taylor] papers by mail, if I do not let anyone have them."

Virginia

The James Monroe Memorial Library at Fredericksburg was dedicated on April 23. The structure is a red-brick wing attached to Monroe's law office, which was opened to the public as a museum in 1928. The new center for the study of the fifth U. S. President houses about 20,000 items, including books, some personal papers and other manuscripts, and memorabilia such as clothing, jewelry, paintings, and furniture. Monroe's correspondence is kept in steel files, and the more valuable items are stored in a vault. The James Monroe Memorial Foundation raised \$85,000 in private donations from Virginians, and in 1960 the Virginia General Assembly voted \$25,000 more toward the cost of the wing. ¶Saul K. Padover has edited and supplemented James Madison's 1787 diary, reorganizing in topical order the material originally published in chronological order. The book, published by the Washington Square Press under the title *To Secure These Blessings*, is for sale at \$7.50.

Wisconsin

The State Historical Society has received the papers, 1934-56, of Wilbur J. Cohen of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and correspondence and extensive research files (chiefly records of the Enforcement Division of OPA) of Marshall B. Clinard. The research files were

used in the preparation of Mr. Clinard's doctoral dissertation on urbanization and criminal behavior and of his book *The Black Market*. Also acquired were records of the Comstock family, including diaries and correspondence of Gen. Cyrus Ballou Comstock, Army engineer and friend of Ulysses S. Grant; and two collections relating to U. S. Senator Joseph R. McCarthy—papers of Senator Ralph E. Flanders (approximately 10,000 letters received in 1954 from McCarthy's friends and foes when Flanders led the movement to censure McCarthy) and papers of William A. Roberts, 1942–56 (relating to the suit brought by Drew Pearson against McCarthy and others in 1951, in which Roberts' law firm represented Pearson). ¶The Society's Mass Communications History Center has had contributions of papers from 124 persons, including H. V. Kaltenborn, Fredric March, Louis Lochner, Marquis Childs, John Hightower, Merriam Smith, John Fischer, and Moss Hart. Material received includes correspondence, diaries, fan mail, radio scripts, dispatches, cartoons, and audio disks. ¶Jim H. Hannah has been appointed systems and procedures analyst for records management with the State Department of Administration's Bureau of Management. He will be responsible for the completion of a State-wide records inventory and scheduling program.

Oral History, Bancroft Style

Elaborate work was also done in the way of originating or creating material wherever such a course was deemed advisable. The time for this was opportune. There were throughout this vast area hundreds of prominent men making history, each in his own way and in his own locality, and many of these experiences, personally or through agents or employes, I wrote down, taking their words from their own mouth, thus bringing their narratives into my collection in the form of manuscript dictations.

—HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT, *Retrospection Political and Personal*, p. 315 (New York, 1912).

Achilles' Heel

According to *Carolina Comments* (Mar. 1962) the mail received over the years by Christopher Crittenden has often borne "strange or funny addresses." Among them are the following: State Oxygen History; N. C. Department of Archives of History of Brir Creek Baptist Church Constituted in 1783, in Wilkes Co., N. C.; To Wherever the records of the Revolutionary Soldiers are kept; Department of Agriculture and History; The Archeries of N. C. History; Hall of Records—Divorcee; State Department of Architects and History; The Old Paper Records Office; Bureau of Archilles and History; and Department of Hawkeyes.

Editor's Forum

Of Interest and Assistance

TO THE EDITOR:

. . . we do find articles in the *American Archivist* of interest and of assistance in our archive work . . . especially all the articles on the archival theory and on archival general problems . . . [for instance,] Lester J. Cappon's article, "Tardy Scholars Among the Archivists," in *American Archivist*, vol. 21, no. 1, or Paul Lewinson's paper, "Toward Accessioning Standards—Research Records," in vol. 23, no. 3. We pay a great attention to all the articles dealing with managing American modern records as well. In this connection I should like to remember the articles "Maximum Records Management" and "The Corporate Secretary Looks at Records Management" in the *American Archivist*, vol. 23, no. 4. Our attention to the articles discussing the modern records problems is due to . . . troubles we have to meet and we know that American archivists have a good experience in this matter.

The *American Archivist*, vol. 22, no. 4, with its articles on the German records is worth mentioning too.

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Documentary Enterprises: Guidance by Remote Control

TO THE EDITOR:

The accompanying memorandum by Mr. H. G. Jones, Archivist of North Carolina, reports such a happy issue of a long search, guided in part by remote control, that it may be worth reporting in your Forum. It is another reminder that fugitive materials, sometimes of first importance to editors at work on the numerous large-scale documentary enterprises now current, continue to lurk just out of sight in public archives as well as in private attics. And it is a reminder also of how heavily dependent these editors are on the skill, vigilance, and hard work of custodians of the manuscript sources of history.

L. H. BUTTERFIELD
The Adams Papers

Memorandum by the Archivist of North Carolina

The rediscovery of a significant historical document has been made in the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. The original manuscript draft of John Adams' "Thoughts on Government" has been found in the David L. Swain Papers where for many years it remained unrecognized for its originality.

The document, a six-page holograph, unsigned and not addressed but prepared early in the spring of 1776 for William Hooper, was carried to North Carolina by Hooper and turned over to Thomas Burke, chairman of a committee to frame a State constitution. In 1845 Burke's papers were given by his daughter, Miss Mary W. Burke, through Dr. James Webb of Hillsboro to Governor Swain for the North Carolina Historical Society Collection at the University of North Carolina. About 1868 Mrs. Swain withdrew some of the papers of her late husband. Some of the withdrawn papers were sold and perhaps given away, and one portion was turned over to the State of North Carolina. This latter portion eventually found its way to the North Carolina Historical Commission (now the State Department of Archives and History), and among this collection was the Adams manuscript. While historians had generally known about (and used) a hand copy of the document as contained in the Burke Letterbook in the Archives, the original manuscript in the Swain Papers had not been recognized for its significance. Upon inauguration of the project to publish the Adams Papers by the Massachusetts Historical Society, however, a new search was undertaken by the Archives staff and, with the assistance of Dr. Carolyn A. Wallace of the Southern Historical Collection in Chapel Hill, who helped unravel the wayward path of the Swain Papers over the past century, the original document was located. A photocopy was thereupon furnished to the editor in chief of the Adams Papers, Dr. Lyman H. Butterfield, who wrote Mr. H. G. Jones, State Archivist, as follows on November 8, 1961:

In few words, to our great satisfaction, . . . you have recovered the long-lost original manuscript of the very first version of John Adams' influential plan and the germ of his first important publication on constitutional law, entitled *Thoughts on Government* (Philadelphia, 1776).

This fills in a sad gap in the record of his work as a writer and political thinker. I will not repeat here what I have said about the problem in the recently published *Diary and Autobiography of John Adams*, q.v. at vol. 3, p. 331-333, but you may wish to place this reference with the manuscript. You may also wish to crow a little about your find, and I think you would be justified in doing so. . . . I am therefore adding a point or two for you to make use of if you care to.

Of four markedly variant versions of his plan for new state governments, written in the early spring of 1776 and widely read by those who were engaged in constitution-making, the original manuscripts of two are now known: those composed for and given to William Hooper and John Penn respectively, the first of which is now in the North Carolina Archives and the second now in the Massachusetts Historical Society's Washburn Collection. The version Adams prepared for George Wythe was printed as *Thoughts on Government* and has been from time to time reprinted, as in Adams' *Works*, edited by his grandson C. F. Adams, vol. 4, p. 193-200. The version prepared for and sent to Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant for use in the New Jersey constitutional convention has never been located, but one may still hope.

Since Adams neither dated nor signed his letter nor indicated its addressee's name, and since it was pulled out of its context when removed from Burke's papers, it has remained for a long time unrecognized for what it actually is—the first of John Adams' several attempts to place a constitutional groundwork under the new states just coming into being, to provide a constructive counterpart, one might say, to the necessarily destructive work which Thomas Paine's tremendously influential pamphlet *Common Sense* was doing in the spring of 1776.

Researchers' Visits to English Local Record Offices

TO THE EDITOR:

As so many members are in close touch with advanced researchers, some of whom visit English local archives, may I appeal to members to offer one simple suggestion to those intending to travel across the Atlantic—that they should make appointments, preferably by letter but even a phone call will help. American historians are always welcome, but slightly less so if they descend without warning and ask to see the county or borough archivist personally, who may have to drop urgent or overwhelming work for the desired interview. Advance notice will also give the archivist time to consider the researcher's problem—stated *briefly* please!

F. G. EMMISON

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County Hall, Chelmsford*

Laffite "Documents"—Challenge of Validity

At the suggestion of Philip M. Hamer, former president of the Society of American Archivists, the editor invited the then Director of the Missouri Historical Society to present in these pages the facts concerning certain spurious Jean Laffite documents. In response to the editor's invitation, Frances H. Stadler, manuscripts librarian of the Missouri Historical Society, has sent us the following statement:

Charles van Ravenswaay, Director of the Missouri Historical Society, reports that in 1948 a man announcing himself as John Laffite, a descendant of the famous pirate, came to his office to show him photostats of letters, family Bible pages, and other manuscript material pertaining to the pirate. These photostats (the originals were not offered for study) indicated that the original Jean Laffite had moved to St. Louis, Mo., around 1835, taken the name of John Lafflin, lived in St. Louis until his death in 1854 near Edwardsville, Ill., and was buried at Alton, Ill.

The Missouri Historical Society acquired prints of the photostats for further study. None of the dates, names, or situations shown in the Bible references or other papers could be confirmed by any source material in the collection of the Society. Postal markings on the photostated letters were pronounced counterfeit by several persons whose philatelic specialty is stampless covers.

Offered as further evidence of Laffite's life in St. Louis was a photograph of a family portrait, alleged to have been painted by Manuel de Franca, who was active in St. Louis between 1845 and 1865. This group picture showed a bearded man, a bonneted lady, and two small boys, all in costume typical of the 1890's. Each of the two books, *The Journal of Jean Laffite*, Vantage Press, 1958, and *Jean Laffite, Gentleman Rover*, by Stanley Clisby Arthur, Harmanson, 1952, contains an illustration described as a family portrait of the Laffites, c. 1840, by De Franca. These are two entirely different pictures, both extremely clumsy, and neither in the style of De Franca, whose works are well represented in the Missouri Historical Society's collections.

The photostated "documents" were drawn on by Mr. Arthur in his book, and excerpts from them were reproduced as illustrations in it and in the *Journal*. According to a letter to Mr. van Ravenswaay dated February 8, 1951, Mr. Arthur was convinced of the authenticity of the letters, finding that "many of them coincided with United States District Court and other records. The Joseph Robidoux and Manuel Lisa, too, seem genuine and check with data here."

One of the letters photostated was in Spanish, dated May 6, 1820, and signed

Manuel Lisa. It was examined by Richard E. Oglesby, Department of History, Eastern Illinois University, in the course of a doctoral study of Lisa. Mr. Oglesby wrote: "The one purported to have been written by Lisa 6 May 1820, is not in his handwriting. Manuel always wrote in a businessman's scrawl, with pointed letters, and a notable lack of legibility. The letter is in a laboriously forced hand, with smooth flowing letters . . . the signature is definitely not Manuel's . . . The whole business about the buried Spanish doubloons . . . rings hollow to me. It is not in keeping with Lisa's blunt and forthright manner that he should keep a hoard of buried treasure around. He was always short of cash . . ."

Mr. van Ravenswaay corresponded with Mr. Arthur, Mr. John A. Laffite, and Mr. Dale M. Titler of Wayside, Miss., concerning the validity of these documents. In a letter of October 26, 1961, Mr. Titler wrote to Mr. van Ravenswaay: "I understand that these 'papers' which once 'filled a trunk' are no more, having been 'destroyed by fire.'" Not long ago, a resident of Kansas City reported the rumor that John A. Laffite had been known to visit antique book stores there to purchase blank pieces of old paper.

In correspondence between Mr. van Ravenswaay and John A. Laffite, the spelling of Mr. Laffite's signature changes from Lafitte, in 1848, to Laffite, in 1950. In this correspondence, Mr. van Ravenswaay directly challenges the validity of the portrait, and, obliquely, that of the documents. Mr. Laffite was vague about the whereabouts of the originals of the papers, which he claimed he could not show because of contracts with researchers who were preparing them for publication. (Some letters, moreover, were "faded, and beyond description to be readable.")

It is Mr. van Ravenswaay's opinion that the two recently published books about Jean Laffite, Arthur's *Jean Laffite, Gentleman Rover*, and *The Journal of Jean Laffite—The Privateer—Patriot's Own Story*, are based on a series of forged documents, and constitute a historic fraud, even though they may have been published in good faith.

Editorial Staff

Jackson S. Saunders of Edgewater, Md., has joined the editorial staff as art editor. ¶ We regret to inform our readers that Morris Rieger, Harold Larson, and Herman Goldbeck, who have contributed substantially to our abstracts department, find that they cannot continue this work. Members of the Society who would be willing to abstract archival periodicals printed in English, German, or the Scandinavian languages are asked to communicate with the abstracts editor, Lester K. Born, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C. ¶ Mario Fenyo of the National Archives has agreed to assist the abstracts department with respect principally to materials published in Italy and France. Our continuing abstracters include Bogomir Chokel, Cleveland Collier, Hope Holdcamper, Icko Iben, and George C. Reeves.

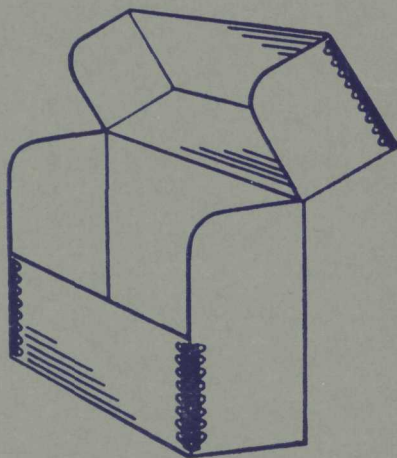
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