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**Awards.** Chairman Herman Kahn (598 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn. 06511). Distinguished Service Award: Chairman Herbert E. Angel (8919 Brickyard Rd., Potomac, Md. 20854), C. Herbert Finch, A. Carroll Hart; Gondos Memorial Award: Chairman Frank B. Evans (National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408), Mary C. Lethbridge, Herman J. Viola; Waldo Gifford Leland Prize: Chairwoman Jean F. Preston (Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, Cal. 91108), Leonard Rapport, Walter Rundell, Jr.; Philip M. Hamer Award: Chairman Lester J. Cappon (The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton St., Chicago, Ill. 60610), Nicholas C. Burckel, Lucile M. Kane.

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## Deaths

**JOSEF C. JAMES.** It was my pleasure to know Josef C. James for nearly thirty years. I met him in 1944 in a special training unit of the U. S. Army at Camp Holabird, Maryland. Here he, I, and several other Blacks with graduate degrees were assigned by the army to teach semiliterate draftees the fundamentals of an elementary education in six weeks. This assignment, many of us felt, was probably based less on the army's hope of attainment of an ambitious educational goal than on its habit at that time of underdeployment of black capabilities in racially segregated units. The black cadremen of Camp Holabird included men who later were to hold positions such as professor of philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania, president of a college, member of the cabinet of the governor of Maryland, and, of course, director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library.

J. C. (as he was known to all his friends) was appointed to the staff of the National Archives in 1946—the year that I resumed service in the agency after peripatetic military assignment. His appointment therefore gave me a pleasant opportunity to renew the friendship of army days. At the National Archives for some fifteen years I had frequent contacts with J. C. as he creditably performed varied assignments in records description, reference service, accessioning, and exhibit

work. Meanwhile the circle of his friendships widened as staff members came to know him and his sterling qualities. They liked to hear his affable, resonant voice, see his eager smile, observe his amiable demeanor, and experience his constant cordiality. They recognized these characteristics as hallmarks of a remarkably congenial colleague.

Although I had fewer contacts with J. C. after his resignation from the National Archives in 1961, I was pleased to see him from time to time and hear of his varied experiences as associate director of admissions at Howard University and later as an officer in civil rights programs of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. I remember distinctly the pride that he had in becoming a Federal Executive Fellow at the Brookings Institution in 1969. This, however, was surpassed by the satisfaction that came with his appointment in 1971 as director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library. Although his health permitted him to serve only a short time at this famous repository of documentation of the Roosevelt era, it must have been gratifying to him to have this experience not only because of its prestige, but also because his first professional work had been with a New Deal documentary project—the Massachusetts Historical Records Survey. In my last conversation with J. C. in October 1973, when he was suffering great pain, he spoke fondly of activities and plans of the library. To the end he was lively in spirit and full of faith.

Josef C. James will be missed in official and friendly circles. His many admirers in many places join in solemn tribute: *Ave atque vale!* [Harold T. Pinkett]

MAIZIE HARRISON JOHNSON. The Society of American Archivists lost a dedicated and talented member of the profession on March 3, 1974, when Maizie Harrison Johnson died at her home in Falls Church, Virginia. Recognized at the National Archives as an authority on the preparation of finding aids and microfilm publications, she was the author of numerous preliminary inventories and microfilm pamphlets relating to military records, and she supervised the writing of many others. One of her outstanding achievements was the preparation of a four-volume preliminary inventory of the records of United States Army Commands, 1821–1920, which was published recently. Other staff members assisted with this inventory, but the project truly was the work of Maizie Johnson, who supervised and directed the inventorying of these complex records, reviewed and edited the thousands of series' descriptions, and wrote the introduction and other editorial notes.

Although Maizie did not become an archivist until mid-career, her thirteen years at the National Archives were extremely productive, and she had a great knowledge of nineteenth-century military records. Born in Connecticut in 1916, Maizie graduated from the Teachers' College of Connecticut in 1938 and taught elementary school before her marriage to Lewis R. Johnson. In 1945 the Johnsons moved to the Washington area, and Maizie began her government career at the Census Bureau. While subsequently working as an

administrative assistant at the Naval Research Laboratory, she enrolled in George Washington University and received a master's degree in history in 1961. The following October she joined the National Archives, where almost her entire career was spent in projects work in the Military Archives Division. At the time of her retirement last November, she was the assistant chief of the Old Military Branch, in charge of the projects section.

Maizie was a dynamic individual who possessed a seemingly boundless enthusiasm for her work. Those who worked for or with her knew how talented she was and how much she loved the work she performed so well. Although she received many awards, including the government's Meritorious Service Award, Maizie's greatest reward was the knowledge that by arranging and describing thousands of series, she had made these records accessible to scholars and other researchers who otherwise would have been unaware of their existence. [Elaine C. Everly]

### Minutes

*Council Meetings, December 29 and 30, 1973.* President F. Gerald Ham called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M. on December 29, 1973, at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco. Also present were Vice President James B. Rhoads, Treasurer Howard L. Applegate, and Council members Richard C. Berner, Ann M. Campbell, Elsie F. Freivogel, A. Carroll Hart, and Hugh A. Taylor. Acting Secretary Judith A. Koucky and Editor Edward Weldon attended without vote. Council members Ruth W. Helmuth, Mary Lynn McCree, and Walter Rundell, Jr., were absent.

The Council approved as corrected the Council minutes of September 25, 26, and 28, 1973, and accepted the Executive Committee minutes of November 27 and 28, 1973.

*Officers' Reports.* President Ham said that he had communicated the Society's concern about the proposed disestablishment of the Maine State Archives to the governor of Maine, the chancellor of the University of Maine, and the head of the Maine Archives Advisory Board. Reports which he had recently received indicated that the recommendations of the Maine Management and Cost Survey Commission regarding the archives would probably not be implemented. The Council agreed with the president that the ad hoc study group formed on September 28, 1973, should report to the Council on the advice which Warren King and Associates, consultants to the Maine Management and Cost Survey Commission, had given regarding the archival and records management programs of states which had used the firm's services.

On the subject of joint committees, President Ham informed the Council that he had contacted the presidents of the American Records Management Association and the Association of Records Executives and Administrators concerning the creation of a joint committee on records management. While the details still had to be worked out, it