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Recent Deaths.

ARLINE KERN CUSTER, a Fellow of the Society, editor of the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*, and a nationally recognized authority on manuscript cataloging and indexing, died at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, September 18, at the age of sixty-five.

Custer came to the Library of Congress in 1962 as index editor of the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* and was named editor in 1963. Eight vol-

umes of the *NUCMC* are tangible evidence of the contribution that she made not only to the Library of Congress but to the world of historical scholarship as well. They will serve well as a monument to her energy and ability.

Born September 27, 1909, in the area which had only recently been converted from Indian Territory to the state of Oklahoma, Custer used to delight in saying that while she was an Okie, her two elder brothers were Indians. When she was still little more than an infant her father, a farmer, moved his family to Southern California, where she grew up on a small turkey-raising ranch. She attended the public schools of Los Angeles, and then went to the University of California at Los Angeles (B.A., 1930), and to Berkeley (M.L.S., 1931).

Custer was a founder and the first archivist of the Archives of American Art, during her tenure as librarian of the Detroit Institute of Arts (1954–56). In 1956 she and her husband moved to Washington, D.C., where she held positions with the Office of Strategic Services, the U.S. Department of the Interior Library, and the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. It was her detailed and exhaustive index of Lincoln's biography and literary remains that led to her appointment as index editor for *NUCMC* with the Library of Congress in 1962.

Elected a Fellow of SAA in 1969, she was also a member of the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the Oral History Association, the American Association of State and Local History, the American Library Association, and the state library associations of California, Michigan, and the District of Columbia. In the ALA she chaired numerous committees and worked on executive committees.

She is survived by her husband, Benjamin A. Custer, chief of the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress.

HERMAN G. GOLDBECK, a member of the Society and a former archivist with the National Archives and Records Service, died October 2 in Annandale, Virginia, at the age of sixty-eight. A native of Milwaukee, he was a graduate of San Diego State College and received his master's degree in American history at the University of California at Berkeley.

Since his retirement in 1972, Goldbeck was doing research on a projected novel about his World War II experiences. A rifleman with the Fifth Infantry Division and later an officer and special agent with the Counter Intelligence Corps, he served in Iceland, Great Britain, France, and Germany.

Following his return to civilian life, Goldbeck began his federal government service as a personnel specialist and job analyst with the Veterans Administration in Chicago, later transferring to Washington, D.C.

He joined the German Military Documents Section, Departmental Records Branch, Department of the Army, in 1949, serving as assistant chief and then chief of the section and its successor units, the Captured Records Section and the Special Collections Branch, which became a part of the Modern Military Records Division of the National Archives in 1958.

In 1962 Goldbeck transferred to the Office of Records Appraisal as a senior records appraisal specialist, serving there until 1967, at which time he returned to the Modern Military Records Division as assistant director for reference. He remained in that capacity until 1971 when he again joined the Records Appraisal Division.

He was also a member of the Organization of American Historians and was a par-

ticipant in the National Archives Conference held in Washington on November 12-13, 1968. His paper, "The German Military Documents Section and the Captured Records Section," is published in *Captured German and Related Records: A National Archives Conference*, edited by Robert Wolfe (Ohio University Press, 1974).

Herman Goldbeck is survived by his wife, Eileen.

DONALD E. SPENCER, *National Archives and Records Service*

KENNETH W. RICHARDS, New Jersey state archivist and head of the Bureau of Archives and History, New Jersey State Library, a member of the Society, died October 17 in Trenton, New Jersey, at the age of fifty-two.

Richards was born in New York City, where he attended Andrew Jackson High School and did undergraduate work at Columbia University. He was a graduate of Rutgers University, with bachelor's and master's degrees in history. He received a certificate in library science from Simmons College, Boston, where he did additional graduate work in archives administration.

From 1943 to 1945 he served in the U.S. Army in the 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, and he did overseas duty as radio operator and gunner in England, France, Netherlands, and Germany. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944-45.

Richards was reference librarian at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library in Washington from 1948 to 1953, when he joined the staff of New Jersey State Library as a senior reference librarian. In 1963 he became head of the library's Archives and History Bureau. He was secretary of the State Records Commission and a member of the Steering Committee of the Middle Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. He was also a member of the National Micrographics Association, the Association of Records Managers and Administrators, the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Records Archivists, the New Jersey Historical Society, and the New Jersey Library Association. He was a past president of the Trenton chapter of Civitan, the national service organization.

His publications include biographical sketches for various encyclopedias, and articles in the *American Archivist* and other professional journals.

Richards is survived by his sister, Mrs. Carol Langdon, of Omaha, Nebraska.