

that hotels which provide the public space required by the Society for meetings are not in the budget category.

Hearing no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

ANN MORGAN CAMPBELL, *Executive Director*

Recent Deaths

CHESTER L. GUTHRIE, archivist, medical administrator, records management specialist, management systems consultant, and member of the Society of American Archivists for more than thirty years, died of cancer at his home in Sebastopol, California, on April 6, 1978. Born in the small agricultural community of Perris, in Southern California, he became interested in the colonial history of Mexico and ultimately received his doctorate in Latin American history from the University of California in 1937. During the next forty years he made important contributions to the management of archives, records, and paperwork in general, but never lost his fascination for gardening, cabinetwork, and other manual arts in which he was also expert.

In September 1937 he became one of the early members of the National Archives staff, serving as an archivist successively in the Division of Classification and the Division of Interior Department Archives. Joining the United States Naval Reserve in April 1943 as an officer in the Medical Service Corps, he was assigned to the Administrative Division of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, where, among other management duties, he was responsible for administering the bureau's segment of the Navy's new records management program until he was released from active duty in May 1946.

Guthrie then moved to the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans Administration. There he directed medical administrative services in the VA District Office and later in the VA Area Office in San Francisco. He resigned in October 1949 to become director of the Medical Administrative Services Division of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in Washington. In these positions he broadened his experience in the management of records and paperwork.

In November 1950 Chet Guthrie returned to federal service in the National Archives and Records Service, which had just become a part of the General Services Administration. From then until his retirement nearly two decades later he had a significant role in the development of the records management program recommended by the two Hoover Commissions on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. He participated in all aspects of the work of the Office of Records Management—records centers, microfilming, surveys of agency records programs and problems, and development of regulations and instructional material. His last major assignment in the office was that of deputy assistant archivist for records management, where his sound and logical leadership was a major factor in earning the confidence of the federal agencies he assisted.

Following his retirement in February 1969, Guthrie established his own management systems consulting company in the Washington area, serving as its president until his return to California in 1972 and thereafter as chairman of the board. During his federal service and later in his own company, Guthrie had

consulting assignments abroad in Bolivia, Ethiopia, and the Virgin Islands. He was a frequent contributor to historical and management journals and was a worker in various professional organizations. He was active until the last, organizing and making prime contributions to a two-volume reference manual for program and information officials, recently published by the Commission on Federal Paperwork; but characteristically he did not allow this task to interfere with the rehabilitation of an old apple orchard at his retirement home in Sebastopol.

Herbert E. Angel, *Potomac, Maryland*

WILLIAM H. WORK, a member of the Society and former State Archivist of Pennsylvania, died October 27, 1977, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty. A native of the Wheeling, West Virginia, area and a veteran of World War I, he did undergraduate work at Colgate University, received his bachelor's degree in history at Franklin and Marshall College, attended law school at the University of Virginia, and was awarded the master's degree in history by the University of Pennsylvania.

For some twenty-six years, from 1924 to 1950, Bill Work was associated with his father, H. B. Work, in administering a Lancaster, Pennsylvania, agency involved in the sale of textbooks and maps. He also assisted in the supervision of a small health and accident insurance company. During the early 1950s, he was involved with records and accounting activity at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Work joined the staff of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as an assistant archivist in 1956. He was promoted to the post of associate archivist in 1961, and in 1964 became Chief of the Division of Archives and Manuscripts (State Archivist), Bureau of Archives and History, PHMC. He served in the latter capacity until his retirement in 1971.

In 1964-65, he was responsible for the successful transfer of the valuable records of the commonwealth from their old depositories in the Pennsylvania State Education Building to the spacious and modern quarters in the twenty-one floor archival tower, William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building, Harrisburg. Along with greatly increasing the volume of records and manuscripts held by the Archives, Work played an important role in the initiation of Pennsylvania's County Records Program and in the development of the commonwealth's Municipal Records Program. His accomplishments as well as his adherence to sound archival principles were recognized in 1970 when the SAA awarded its Distinguished Service Award to the Division of Archives and Manuscripts (Pennsylvania State Archives), PHMC.

Bill Work is survived by his wife, Mary.

Harry E. Whipkey, *Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*