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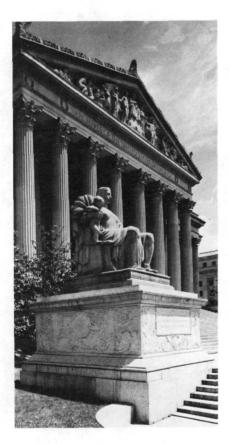
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#### **Technical Notes**

#### CLARK W. NELSON, Editor

**Photosensitive Glass with Color.** Corning has developed a family of glasses that reproduce colors much like photographic film.

Researchers believe the polychromatic glasses are the first photographic medium having true color permanence. They said, though, that the glasses so far are not suitable for reproduction of continuous tone photographs.

At the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society held this year in Anaheim, California, a Corning research fellow reported that color patterns can be imposed in a transparent glass or in an opaque glass, or that the same glass can have both transparent and opaque colored sections. The color patterns may be developed in a thin layer or in thick sections through the bulk of the glass, he said.

None of the polychromatic glasses are yet commercialized. Possible applications cited by Corning scientists are permanent information storage for archives, photomurals, projection slides, portrait and scenic photographs, art reproductions, art objects, and coloring agents for paints, fillers, and glasses.

Also, it was reported that the capability of reproducing color or opacity in three dimensions within a solid transparent medium may lead to new applications in photographic contour mapping, modeling, and "sculpture," including holography.

It appears possible, as well, that the color versatility of the new glass will permit a single glass to replace many glasses of different colors in such products as sunglasses, stained glass, decorative architectural glass, and tableware.

However, since the new glasses are the first really permanent photographic medium, the researchers pointed out that development continues in this area. If color fidelity can be achieved for continuous-tone reproduction, archival applications become a potential. Museums, for example, almost always photograph their artifacts as a record, and polychromatic glasses could be used for permanent photographic storage.

Except for their remarkable ability to take on colors, the new glasses have properties similar to those of window glass. The only presently known way to destroy the colors in a piece, short of destroying the piece itself, is to heat it above 400°C. (about 750°F.), scientists said.

The researchers said that processing of the glass requires two exposures each to ultraviolet light and heat. The first light exposure can be performed at room temperature. The second exposure can be done at room temperature, too, followed by heat treatment at about 450°C. Or, alternatively, the second light exposure and a heat treatment at about 300°C. can be performed simultaneously. Thus, observed the scientists, ordinary film negatives can be used as masks for exposures to the ultraviolet light.

Readers are encouraged to send contributions to this department and should address them to Clark W. Nelson, Archivist, Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota 55901.

Inventors of the glasses are S. D. Stookey, director, fundamental chemical research, and J. E. Pierson, senior technician, both of the Corning Glass Works research laboratories. Stookey invented photosensitive glasses, in which one-color images are developed by light and heat, and also the general category of glass-ceramic materials, one of which is used in Corning Ware products. Also he is the co-inventor of photochromic glasses, which darken in outdoor light but regain their transparency indoors and at night.

Examples of the polychromatic glass were shown at a chemical society poster session prepared by P. R. Segatto, manager of electrical-electronic group projects; B. M. Wedding, development associate-physics; G. A. Luers, senior engineer-physics; and Joseph Ference, senior engineer-development engineering.

Additional information about the new glasses, which are still in laboratory development, is available from the Materials Department, Sullivan Science Park, Corning Glass Works, Corning, New York 14830 (telephone: 607-974-9000).

**Restaurator Revived.** Restaurator, the international journal focusing on the preservation of archival and library material, has been reorganized and has acquired a new publisher, Munksgaard International Publishers Ltd., of Denmark, which will deliver the remaining issues of Volume 2 to present subscribers. The issues will be included in a double issue as Numbers 3 and 4, scheduled for publication in August–September 1978.

For 1979, *Restaurator* will be published regularly as a quarterly journal. Subscription price for Volume 3, 1979: DKr. 260.00 plus postage DKr. 16.00 (total US \$51.00) payable in advance. Prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuation.

Business correspondence including subscription orders and advertisements should be sent to Munksgaard International Publishers, Ltd., 35, Nörre Sögade, DK-1370 Copenhagen K, Denmark. Editorial correspondence and manuscripts should be sent to the editor, Paul A. Christiansen, Librarian, University Library, Scientific and Medical Dept., 49, Nörre Allé, DK-2200 Copenhagen N., Denmark.

Smithsonian Storage Box Report. Richard H. Lytle, Archivist of the Smithsonian Institution, has sent the following:

The Smithsonian Archives recently considered changing from standard Hollinger boxes to new foil-covered Hollinger boxes. Although increased protection against fire was of course desirable, the archives space does have smoke sensors and sprinklers, and fire protection was a minor consideration.

More important, we wanted protection against water damage; the most likely occurrence would be a roof leak over a small area, but the leak might persist overnight or even over a weekend until discovered. The possibility of a sprinkler system malfunction is another potential threat.

Reading Arthur E. Kimberly's "New Developments in Record Containers" from the *American Archivist*, we were impressed with the box's resistance to fire and water. Yet, a doubt remained about water resistance, since in the NARS test reported by Kimberly, water was used to extinguish the fire and boxes were quickly removed from the test chamber. We wanted to know what would happen if the box were subjected to modest amounts of water over rather long periods of time.

The Smithsonian Conservation Analytical Laboratory tested the standard and the foil box (and a non-archival box). To our surprise, the water-resistance performance of the foil box in this test was considerably inferior to the standard Hollinger box. The Smithsonian Conservation Analytical Laboratory's test was as follows: Approx. 200 g newsprint was placed in each Hollinger box. Tap water was then allowed to drop through pinholes onto each box, resulting in the following weight gains due to moisture:

box	water through pinholes	gain/initial wt. box	gain/initial wt. newsprint
foil-covered	2.9 1	196 g/449g	45.5 g/201 g
other Hollinger	5.5 1	50.5 g/418.5 g	2 g/199.5 g

Therefore, the foil-covered box showed less water resistance than the other Hollinger box, even worse than a non-archival box: its board is very absorbent, there are two corner holes that admit water and exposed edges to absorb it.

We concluded not to purchase the foil-covered boxes because they do not give adequate protection against exposure to slowly dripping water which persists over some time.

The possibility remains that this was a defective box. Visual examination of two other boxes supplied at the same time reveals the same characteristics which turned out, in the test, to be undesirable. We thought of asking for more boxes to test, but concluded that if the problem is one in the manufacturing process, what is needed is a random sample of boxes from the assembly line.

It should be noted that the Smithsonian Conservation Analytical Laboratory results do not necessarily contradict the finding that the boxes resist sprinkler or fire-hose water used over short periods of time to extinguish a fire. And the boxes may well be the best production box available for fire protection.

We asked the Hollinger Company to comment on these test results. They noted that we may indeed have received a defective box, and they pointed out that the Smithsonian results do not invalidate the box's superiority in the fire/water extinguishing situation. They also added that they could make a box to meet the special water threat situation envisaged by the test.

The full test report can be obtained from the Conservation Analytical Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560. Please refer to report Number 3013.

Water Warden. A unique water saving device which saves up to 50 percent of the lavatory water used in large buildings and which can be installed in less than a minute has been developed by the Chemworld Corporation, a six-year-old sanitary supplies, chemicals, and restroom maintenance firm.

Called the Water Warden<sup>™</sup>, the patented flush valve element is described as the first practical, simple device available to save water without disrupting service or creating sanitary or plumbing problems. Shaped roughly like a rimless wheel with the diameter of a silver dollar, the Water Warden fits snugly into the top of a conventional Sloan flush valve of the kind seen almost universally in public places.

At a cost of only \$3.25 per unit, the Water Warden reduces the water required per flush from 6.5 gallons to only 3.3 gallons in a urinal, and from 9.3 to 4.5 gallons in a toilet.

According to Chemworld, the Water Warden cuts the cost of restroom water 50 percent, without reducing the efficiency of the Model 750 Sloan flush valve's operation. It is designed to maintain the same high pressure needed for effective cleansing action.

Other benefits of the Water Warden cost-saving system are: no interruption of normal toilet facilities services during changeover; janitors or maintenance men can install the Water Warden during routine rounds; no special training is required for installation; Water Wardens can be purchased as required with no large capital outlay needed or special equipment for installation; no rusting or corrosion, since each Water Warden is made of heavy-duty non-corrosive plastic material; no follow-up maintenance is required; Water Wardens are designed never to need replacement; they are vandal proof; there is no visual deterioration; the sanitary and clean appearance of the Sloan valve is maintained, with no exterior protrusions; grit, sand and other solid material from well water is washed away with each flush by a whirlpool effect; and the Water Warden cuts down on clogging or malfunctioning of the flush valve.

It is estimated that each fixture in a commercial or public building requires about seven gallons of water, on the average, each time it is used. It is also estimated that each working person uses a fixture four times during the working day. Added to this are the times each fixture is used by daily visitors to the building. Since the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends one toilet per fourteen persons occupying a building, an efficient water-saving device on each fixture can amount to dramatic annual savings.

For further information contact: Chemworld, P.O. Box 4753, Hayward, California 94545 (telephone: 415-785-7474).

**Barrow Laboratory Support Ends.** In its annual report, the Council on Library Resources paid tribute to the productive association that had lasted twenty years with the Barrow Laboratory. Because of its own funding situation and the increasing costs of the independent laboratory, the council has regretfully concluded that it can no longer support the pioneering endeavor it had begun under the direction of William J. Barrow. It noted that although Barrow's work had correctly identified the cause of modern paper's deterioration, the specifications he developed for a durable paper had been little utilized by book publishers of today. Fortunately, the library cards that eventually utilized his research results are now common in many libraries. In the years since Barrow's death in 1967, his laboratory has developed a morpholine vapor-phase deacidification process that was only recently licensed by the Research Corporation. Any return on this final venture will be devoted by the council to further research.

Much of the equipment Barrow used for his studies has been placed on loan to the Carnegie-Mellon Institute of Research, Carnegie-Mellon University, for use in its forthcoming program in paper preservation.

With the end of this adventure in paper research, we can all be grateful that there have been among us such spirits as Bill Barrow. His curiosity and enthusiasm for questioning the ideas of his day caused others like the council to support him and ultimately direct the scientific community to a better appreciation of the real problems in paper preservation.

**Preservation Meetings.** This year has seen a number of meetings focusing on photographic preservation. In Washington, D.C., the thirty-first annual Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers (SPSE) Conference, April 30–May 5, 1978, held a session on "Stability and Preservation of Photographic Records." Klaus B. Hendriks, Public Archives of Canada, chaired the session and presented the "Challenge of Preserving Photographic Records." Five other prominent individuals discussed Cibachrome, Polacolor, and regular color photography from a preservationist's viewpoint.

The International Center of Photography in New York City sponsored a twoday conference on the permanence of color. Chaired by Henry Wilhelm of the East Street Gallery, the session dealt with the challenge of the technology and the photographer's and collector's dilemma in working with it.

The International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House and the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, New York, sponsored a six-day workshop on the preservation and display of B&W and color photographic collections. This intensive workshop covered all aspects of the problems that these materials present.

**Restoration Papers.** Robert Hauser has published A Survey of Papers Used by American Print and Book Conservators. Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, the twenty-nine-page study includes the identification of 101 papers used by those surveyed in their conservation work; comments and information about the paper suppliers; documentation in depth about those papers most frequently cited (sample included); and a supplement on Japanese hand paper making today. Copies are available for \$8.50 (\$9.50 if billing required) from Busyhaus, P.O. Box 422, North Andover, MA 01845.

**Bankers Box/Records Storage Systems.** A new, factory-applied adhesive joint has strengthened the LIBERTY #11 and #12, the letter and legal size transfer files of the series, according to an announcement from Bankers Box/Records Storage Systems, a leading designer and producer of records storage equipment.

After extensive testing, the new adhesive joint has been found superior to the tape joint previously used. The change will enhance the durability of the boxes during records transfer.

The most popular transfer file for sixty years, the LIBERTY Box comes in twenty-three sizes to fit most business records.

For further information about the product improvement and other Bankers Box products, write Bankers Box/Records Storage Systems, 2607 N. 25th Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131 (telephone: 312-671-3119).

**Freeze Dry Service.** Recognizing the possible need for a freeze dry service, American Freeze-Dry, Inc., White Horse Pk., Audubon, NJ 08106 (telephone: 609-546-0777) has been organized. Utilizing the effective technique on books, manuscripts, and other valuable materials, American will assist in reclaiming such items after they have been soaked by plumbing leaks, fire fighting, or flood waters. The firm will provide cost estimates for its service, and, if necessary, send a representative to the scene to make arrangements for storage, shipping, etc.

**Preservation Work.** The proceedings of a symposium sponsored by the Cellulose, Paper, and Textile Division of the American Chemical Society appeared in 1977 as part of its Advances in Chemistry Series. Edited by John C. Williams, the 403-page work is entitled *Preservation of Paper and Textiles of Historical and Artistic Value.* The work is divided into three sections: Care and Preservation of Books and Manuscripts; Care and Preservation of Textiles; and Estimation of Permanence. The twenty-five papers of the symposium are found within these sections and cover such topics as morpholine deacidification, methylmagnesium

carbonate deacidification, dielectric and microwave and energy for drying frozen materials. The clothbound volume lists for \$38.

**Energy Conservation and Fire.** Energy conservation has given rise to new products, new materials, and new methods. We now see automatic vent dampers, heat reclaimers, and a rebirth of solid-fuel-fired stoves and furnaces. How does one judge the fire safety aspects of these products and materials?

Author Steve Mazzoni, chief engineer, Fire Protection Division, Underwriters Laboratories, Northbrook, Illinois, discusses this subject in *Safety Considerations* of *Energy Saving Materials and Devices*. Originally presented at the May 1978 Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) Technical Seminars, copies of the talk, printed as TR 78–6, are available for \$3.25.

Is Energy Conservation Firesafe? (TR 78–8) authored by Ronald K. Melott, Melott and Associates, Beaverton, Oregon, and presented also at the May SFPE Technical Seminars, is available. Melott cites such issues as: manufacture and use of combustible insulation; improper installation (from a fire safety view) of all types of insulation; return to solid-fuel-fired stoves and furnaces; use of equipment in ways not contemplated by designers, and "do-it-yourself" concepts that may ignore potential fire hazards. Copies of this TR 78–8 cost \$2.50.

To order write: Society of Fire Protection Engineers, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston, MA 02110 (telephone: 617-482-0686).

**Vellum.** The Library of Congress recently mounted an exhibit containing forty outstanding examples of printing on vellum. Vellum has long been used for fine manuscripts and books. It is a thin, specially-treated, animal skin, usually lamb, calf, or kid.

As part of the exhibit, a sixteen-page catalog, entitled *Printed on Vellum*, has been issued. It features an essay on the production and use of vellum along with a listing of the exhibit items. Copies of the catalog may be obtained from the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Two versions are available: one containing a sample strip of vellum costs \$4.00, and another without the strip is \$2.00.

**Micrographic Certification Program.** Representatives of the National Micrographics Association organized the Institute of Certified Micrographic Professionals at an April 1978 meeting. The new institute has been formed to provide standardized testing of knowledge in micrographics.

ICMP's goal is to improve the professional standing of persons in the micrographics industry through the establishment and maintenance of standards in this technical field.

Those involved in the institute's organization represented chapters of the National Micrographics Association located in Chicago, Denver, New York, St. Louis, and San Diego. The ICMP is incorporated in the state of Colorado. It will be directed by representatives of the founding chapters as well as those from other groups within the NMA.

The functions of the institute have been described as twofold: (1) the maintenance of areas of knowledge in micrographics, and (2) the administration of examinations to applicants desiring certification. The institute does not plan to involve itself in training or education programs. It will promote its certification standards in existing micrographic training programs in universities, colleges, and vocational schools.

For further information contact William Fischer at ICMP, 8206 East Lehigh Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80237.

**Archival Storage Boxes.** Process Materials Corporation has announced a new archival quality storage box in their technical bulletin LS–159–BX of this year. It is a folding box made from single-wall corrugated board in a solidly dyed light gray color, averaging approximately 70 pts. in caliper.

The paper in the box is a 100 lb. test and is of a special acid-free quality, buffered against acid migration.

The boxes come flat for easy storage and transportation. Their assembly is supposedly easy, with no fasteners or supports required. The narrow side panels of the assembled box have triple walls for extra strength and rigidity.

The pH value of the box is a minimum of 7.0. At present, the new archival storage box is made only in lettersize as #12105. Its inside dimensions are  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{4} \times 5$ . Fifty of these boxes, packed flat in a carton, weigh 40 lbs./carton. A single carton sells for \$50.00. The price decreases according to the number purchased until it reaches \$41.25/carton when ordering 50 cartons (2,500 boxes). Further details are available from: Process Materials Corp., 329 Veterans Blvd., Carlstadt, NJ 07072 (telephone: 201-935-2900).

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The cabinet is compact. Its length is 36 in., height is 30 in., depth 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in.; three shelves are 12 in. wide. Cabinets are shipped fully assembled; nothing to install except the shelves. Write Butrick Manufacturing Company, P.O. Box 159, Akron, OH 44309, (telephone: 216-253-1757).

**Poole's Retirement: A Comment.** Frazer G. Poole, Preservation Officer, Library of Congress since 1967, retired in January 1978. His contribution deserves a comment in this department of *The American Archivist*. He received the Distinguished Service Award for the establishment and development of LC's preservation program. Since its beginnings ten years ago with a staff of 3, it

today has 130 people, making it one of the largest centers specifically focusing on the problems of preservation in the archival and library world. During his career at the Library, Poole was its representative to all national and international preservation bodies. As a result, his writings and talks have had considerable influence around the globe. He also has been LC's representative in the construction of the James Madison Memorial Building, in Washington. Poole has further formulated an integrated and total approach to the preservation of LC's vast collection of library materials. He has developed at the Library a base that should enable his colleagues who follow him to examine more scientifically and to solve those ever present problems of preserving the resources in their charge.



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The several sections of the News Notes Department include brief reports of events, new programs, publications, education and training opportunities, accessions and openings, historical editing projects, and other news of professional interest to members of the Society.

The reporters listed below have furnished much of the information for this department. In addition, News Notes have been abstracted from publicity releases and newsletters sent to *The American Archivist* and to the National Archives Library. More current information about training opportunities, professional meetings, and legislation can be found in the S.A.A. Newsletter.

The success of News Notes is proportional to the cooperation and assistance received from members and institutions. These are therefore urged to send information for publication direct to the editor, *The American Archivist*, National Ar-

The Society of California Archivists, at the request of the State Records Advisory Board of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, has created, by a poll of its membership, a list of priorities for funding of archival programs in the state. The priorities, in order, are: local government archives, processing previously accessioned material throughout the state, statewide survey of public and private holdings, regional conservation centers, restoration of documents, coordination of existing educational programs for professional archivists, and new archival education programs.

The Case Western Reserve University Archives held its ninth annual college and university archives workshop, June 11-16, 1978. The workshop, offering both introductory and advanced sessions, was attended by fifty-one archivists from the United States and Canada. Lecturers for chives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408, or to one of the following reporters: news of State and Local Archives to Julian L. Mims, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Box 11669, Capitol Station. Columbia. S.C. 29211; news of Manuscript Repositories to Peter I. Parker, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Manuscripts Department, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; news of Scientific and Technical Archives to Maynard J. Brichford, University Archivist, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois 61801; news of Religious Archives to F. Donald Yost, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20012; and news of Regional and State Archival Associations to Alice M. Vestal, Special Collections Department, Main Library, Room 610, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221.

the introductory sessions included Philip Mason, Wayne State University; Robert Warner, University of Michigan; William Bigglestone, Oberlin College; and Kermit Pike, Western Reserve Historical Society. Lecturers for the advanced sessions included Hugh Taylor, Province of Nova Scotia; Mary Lynn McCree, University of Illinois; Harley Holden, Harvard University; and Charles Atcher, University of Kentucky. Plans for the tenth annual workshop, to be held June 17-22, 1979, are under way.

Gale E. Peterson has been appointed director of the Cincinnati Historical Society.

Forty-one participants met recently at a conference held at **Cornell University** to discuss SPINDEX, a set of computer programs for archives and records management developed by the National Archives and Records Service over the past decade. Those attending discussed the wide variety and great number, now over fifty, of applications of the SPINDEX package. The National Archives announced that a new and more sophisticated package, SPINDEX III, will be available in late 1978. Cornell University will publish the proceedings of the conference.

The meeting also named a steering committee to explore the formation of a SPINDEX users group and the convening of regular meetings of SPINDEX users. The committee will report at the 1978 annual meeting of the SAA.

A statewide oral history conference was held at the **Idaho Historical Society** state museum on May 20. Conferees discussed means of coordinating and promoting oral history in the state, a matter of special importance since the state legislature has appropriated money for a coordinator of oral history.

In cooperation with the history department at Boise State University, the society conducts a course entitled "Working with Archives and Manuscripts." Students in this course learn basic archival principles and acquire practical experience arranging and describing selected holdings in the society's manuscript collections and archives.

The Conference of Intermountain Archivists (CIA) held its annual meeting May 18-19 in Reno, Nevada. The first session, "Smile When You Say That, Pardner," included brief descriptions of the facilities and programs of each institution represented. Other sessions included discussions of public relations and interarchival loans, and a business meeting. Among other motions passed at the business meeting were one to compile a list of railroad records in the area and one to admit archivists from Colorado to membership, but not at this time to admit those from other states.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Martin Buber's birth, the Summer 1978 issue of the *LBI News* (of the **Leo Baeck Institute**) contains photographs of Buber and transcriptions of selected documents of the philosopher and theologian. The main article of the issue is a description of Buber's and related papers at the institute. The Manuscript Society met in Ottawa, Ontario, on May 24-27. Among the sessions was one entitled "The Fire and the Water" which discussed the effects of a 1952 fire on the Library of Parliament and preservation of water damaged books and manuscripts. Another session covered the B. C. West, Jr., replevin case.

The Minnesota Historical Society began, in 1977, a full-time microfilming program. Among projects under way are the filming of census indexes created at various times, church records, the papers of Frank B. Kellogg, U.S. secretary of state, and the papers of George William Featherstonhaugh (1790-1866) an Englishman who emigrated to the United States in the early 1800s. Another project is the filming of a checklist of the records of state and local governments in the archives. The checklist, which summarizes series descriptions, will provide an easily distributed finding aid for the archives.

The society has begun to offer miniclasses on how to use the extensive resources in the Division of Archives and Manuscripts. The classes, lasting from fifteen to twenty minutes, introduce researchers to such topics as genealogical research, railroad records, and the state archives.

The Montana Historical Society had been providing courtesy storage space for the American Legion in Montana. As space became more precious with the increase in museum and other material, the society had to ask the Legion to remove its material. This forced an inventory which yielded substantial rewards when much of the material was found to be of research value, and the archives eventually accessioned forty feet of records. The accessioned records date from the Civil War through the 1950s and include correspondence files, photographs, a cemetery register of veterans buried in Montana, records of the Grand Army of the Republic, and records of Spanish American War veterans organizations in Montana.

At the National Archives and Records Service the Japanese Diet is having microfilmed 1.2 million pages of records of the post-World War II American occupation forces. The project which began in May 1978 is expected to take about six months. The Gerald R. Ford Committee has collected \$6.75 million of the \$7 million goal for the construction of the Ford Library and Museum. Construction on the Museum will begin in Grand Rapids in the spring of 1979.

Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, conferred its distinguished achievement award on Oliver W. Holmes, a 1922 graduate, for his role in the development of the National Archives.

A \$2 million endowment recently raised for the friends of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library will be used to support special activities, The endowment honors Lady Bird Johnson.

Throughout the fall months, the Harry S. Truman Library is holding weekly educational programs on World War II combat and propaganda film and sound recordings.

In a major change of declassification policy, President Carter signed Executive Order 12065 on June 29, 1978. The new order replaces E.O. 11652, signed by President Nixon in 1972. Under the new order more control will be exercised over the initial classification of material, and the declassification of classified records will be accelerated. The schedule for automatic declassification of records in the custody of the National Archives will be changed from thirty to twenty years, increasing substantially the amount of material in the National Archives subject to declassification review. In signing the order, the President said that records "classified under prior orders that are over twenty years old will be reviewed and-in almost all cases-released as quickly as possible."

For the first time since 1957, the total volume of federal government records dropped significantly in the fiscal year 1977. The figure went from 34.2 million cubic feet at the end of fiscal 1976 to 33 million a year later. Except for a very slight drop in 1971, there has been a steady increase in the volume following fiscal 1957's total of 23 million cubic feet.

The National Archives will release three teaching packages this fall for use in secondary schools. The units are: "World War I—The Home Front," "The New Deal and the Great Depression," and "World War II—the Home Front." Included in each package are thirty-five or more reproductions of National Archives documents plus a teacher's guide suggesting lessons and assignments.

The records grant program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission has recently prepared a much-expanded pamphlet, Suggestions for Applicants. The ten-page Suggestions includes a discussion of the records program application review, advice for preparation of the records grant proposals, a sample budget and cover sheet, a reference bibliography, and other information frequently requested.

At a conference in April at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, sponsored by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, preliminary steps were taken toward the formation of a national organization of historical editors. Suggestions for the organization should be sent to either John Y. Simon, Editor, Papers of Ulysses S. Grant, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901; or Linda Grant DePauw, Editor, Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20052.

The Nebraska State Historical Society is organizing a Center for Archives and History at Chadron State College and another at Kearny State College. The two centers will work in conjunction with the State Archives.

As a result of recommendations made at the 1977 convention of the Society of American Archivists, the **Nevada Historical Society** has made its security regulations more stringent. Patrons will now register before being given research materials, and will be limited in the amount of material they may use at one time.

A new organization, the Greater Newark Oral History Association is attempting to coordinate and support all oral history efforts pertaining to the Newark, New Jersey, area. It seeks contact with anyone in the region working on oral history. Those interested should get in touch with Charles F. Cummings, Supervising Librarian, New Jersey Reference Division, Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

The Executive Board of the New England Archivists held its summer meeting at Wellesley College on 23 June 1978. Among issues discussed were the relative advantages of incorporating as an educational or professional group, particularly in regard to tax status. Both the Internal Revenue Service and private attorneys will be consulted.

In a move to implement a Society of American Archivists grant proposal, the New England Archivists have agreed to conduct short workshops at which SAA curricular materials can be used and evaluated. The board agreed that these workshops would provide a useful way both to cooperate with the SAA and to fulfill an educational role, which the board considers most important.

The Old U.S. Mint, in the French Quarter of **New Orleans**, will be restored as a historic property adapted for museum, educational, and commercial uses. Included in the building will be a section housing the state museum's library and the **Colonial Archives of Louisiana**. The mint was given to the state of Louisiana by the federal government in 1966.

In a recent reorganization of the entire Northern Arizona University Libraries, the Special Collections Department was moved from the main library into a space almost six times as large in the Learning Resource Center on the South Campus. While an area of the building still provides a general study room for the South Campus, most of the space now houses the Special Collections Department.

The Northern Illinois Regional History Center, supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has been established at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. The center's staff has begun an intensive three-year program to accession historical materials, especially manuscript collections, and will emphasize agricultural, business, and religious history in the first year. J. Carroll Moody, chairman of the History Department, is coordinating and directing the project.

The **Permian Basin Petroleum Museum**, Midland, Texas, will add an archives and manuscript collection to its already existing museum programs. The center will include a reading room, storage area, and fumigating equipment. The collections will be based on the documents of oil history assembled by S. J. Myres in his research.

The Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College has been awarded a grant by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for a project entitled "Archives of Women's Organization." The project will provide for the arrangement and description of Women's Organization records already accessioned by the library, and plan for the accession of records now being created.

The **Special Library Association** met in Kansas City, Missouri, June 10-15, for its sixty-ninth annual conference. The principal topic was "Managing for Change," and the meeting was addressed by management specialists. Other topics at the conference included copyright law, library education, communication, women in management, and the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services. The archivist of the New York *Times*, Chester M. Lewis, was elected to the Hall of Fame.

The Association of St. Louis Archivists meets three times a year. The Winter 1978 meeting met in a business archives: American Car Foundry, ACF Industries, where David Young has been processing the papers of a corporation which resulted from the merger of several companies making equipment for the railroad industry. The spring meeting was held at the National Civilian Personnel Records Center.

The tenth annual South Atlantic Archives and Records Conference met in Columbia, South Carolina, May 10-12. The South Carolina Department of Archives and History was host to 129 archivists, manuscript curators, and records managers from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The two-day program consisted of workshops on the new copyright law, certification of archivists and records managers, forms management, state archival reference policies and procedures, grants to historical repositories, and local records programs. In addition, workshops were conducted by South Carolina archives staff members on mylar encapsulation of documents, microfilm processing, and document indexing with SPINDEX II.

The library of the Virginia Military Institute has received a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and an accompanying matching grant from an anonymous donor for the repair, deacidification, lamination, and microfilming of the archives of the institute from its founding in 1839 through the end of the Civil War. These records reflect the growth of the Virginia Military Institute in the ante-bellum period when it trained many of the military and political leaders of Virginia and the South. Such series as "Superintendent's Letters Sent and Received" are filled with correspondence with Southern leaders of the period. It is hoped that additional funds can be found to microfilm and treat all records of the administration of General Francis Smith, an 1833 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, who served as superintendent at V. M. I. from its founding until 1889.

#### ACCESSIONS AND OPENINGS

University of Arkansas, Library, Special Collections. Openings: papers (1941-60) of James William Fulbright, Senator from Arkansas (1945-75); papers (1912-75) of Arthur Brann Caldwell, attorney for the Department of Justice (1941-68), who served as chief, War Department Military Intelligence Division, Japanese Section, during World War II, chief, Civil Rights Section, Department of Justice (1952-57), and assistant to the assistant attorney general for civil rights (1957-68); records (1882-1956) of the Arkansas Republican Party State Central Committee; and records (1969-70) of the Ar-Constitutional Convention. kansas Accessions: papers (ca. 1930-67) of Orval Eugene Faubus, governor of Arkansas (1955-67); papers (ca. 1926-76) of Charles Morrow Wilson, reporter, correspondent, editor, and author of more than thirty-six books.

University of California-Riverside, Museum of Photography. Accessions: stereo negatives and stereographic cards (1850-1950) of the Keystone View Corporation of Meadville, Pennsylvania. **Essex Institute,** James Duncan Phillips Library, Salem, Massachusetts. Accessions: papers (ca. 1776–1920) of the Bowditch family of Salem, including the papers of Nathaniel Bowditch (1773– 1838) author of the famous, and still used, *Practical Navigator*; and the papers of William T. Bowditch (1819–1909) an abolitionist and advocate of women's rights.

Idaho State Historical Society. Accessions: photographic archives of the College of Idaho, Caldwell; photographs (1939) by Ralph Frazier documenting the filming of the MGM movie Northwest Passage; photographs (1964–74) by Bob Lorimer, reporter for the Idaho Statesman; building permits (1910–75) of Boise; and records (1926–52) of the Idaho State Chamber of Commerce. Microfilm: records of the Episcopal church in Idaho for the last 110 years.

**Iowa State Historical Society.** Accessions: papers of Thomas E. Martin, congressman and senator from Iowa (1939–61), who served on the Military Affairs and Ways and Means Committees; papers of Henry O. Talle, congressman from Iowa (1939–59).

Library of Congress, Music Division. Accession: letters (1951-52, 1956-57) of singer Ethel Waters with annotations by her secretary, Floretta Howard.

Louisiana State Archives and Records Service. Accession: records of the State Constitutional Convention and its Constitutional Convention Records Commission documenting the creation of the state constitution which went into effect on January 1, 1975.

National Archives and Records Service. Accessions: records (1974–77) of the Privacy Protection Commission; records (1974–77) of the National Commission on Electronic Fund Transfer; minutes (1968–75) of the Federal Power Commission; case files (1954–72) of the Urban Renewal Demonstration Program; and records (October-December 1969) of the Northeast Corridor Intercity Travel Survey.

Archives Branch, Federal Archives and Records Center, Philadelphia. Accession: records of the District and Circuit Courts for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Gerald R. Ford Library. Accession: papers of William Seidman, assistant to the President for economic affairs.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt Library.** Opening: papers (1903–67) of Claude R. Wickard, who served with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (1933–40), as under-secretary and secretary of agriculture (1940–45), and as administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration (1945–53).

Harry S. Truman Library. Accession: papers (1950–76) of H. Graham Morison, assistant attorney general, Claims Division (1948–50) and assistant attorney general, Antitrust Division (1950–53).

Nebraska State Historical Society. Accessions: papers (1816-80) of Benton Aldrich of Nehma County, farmer and founder of the Clifton Library Association; probate records (1895–1977) from Thurston County Court; records (1920–27) of the Nebraska League of Women Voters.

Northern Arizona University, Special Collections Department. Accessions: papers (1902–76) of Emory Kolb, longtime resident of the Grand Canyon, including photographs and early motion pictures of the canyon; papers (1967–76) of Congressman Sam Steiger; correspondence (1880s–1920s) of the Babbitt family, pioneer mercantile family; papers (1920s– 70s) of Ellsworth Schnebly, Arizona educator; and financial records (1930s–50s) of Francis Decker, one of Arizona's first C.P.A.'s.

**Rockefeller Archive Center.** Opening: records of the Rockefeller Foundation to twenty years ago. The foundation's records were previously available for research through 1941.

Western Reserve Historical Society. Accession: records (1853–1911) of the Cleveland Police Courts. These records are some of the earliest public documents for Cleveland and were found in a seldom used attic storage area above the abandoned jail cells at the Central Police Station. Cooperation between the city courts, the Ohio Historical Society, and the Western Reserve Historical Society has assured the preservation of the long forgotten records.

#### **RELIGIOUS ARCHIVES**

**Baptist.** The North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection, Wake Forest University, has recently microfilmed the 1962–78 records of the First Baptist Church, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, completing the microfilming of this congregation's post-1929 records.

The spring 1978 edition of The Oklahoma Baptist Chronicle consists of J. M. Gaskin's The Child Care Ministry of Oklahoma Baptists. Gaskin, state director of history, has been responsible for expanding the program of oral history among Oklahoma Baptists. Recently E. W. Thornton resigned as archivist for Southern Baptists at Oklahoma Baptist University. Eunice Short has been appointed to replace him.

W. Hubert Porter is serving as interim director of the American Baptist Historical Society, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, following the resignation of James Leachman as director and librarian. Other new staff members are Faye Pullen, Nancy M. Roman, and Janet M. Hazlett. The staff reports that a microfilm reader-printer is being purchased.

Catholic. The Chancery Archives of the Archdiocese of San Francisco took possession of three fully remodeled rooms last April to house their historical collection. James T. Abajian assumed his position as archivist on July 1. These new developments are an outgrowth of the 22 November 1974 statement by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on the accessibility of ecclesiastical archives and the resulting action by the sixth Archbishop of San Francisco, the Most Reverend John R. Quinn. A brief descriptive guide listing the major record collections in the San Francisco Chancery Archives appeared in The Americas, January 1964.

The Archives of the Archdiocese of Chicago has recently accessioned the papers of Rev. Msgr. J. Gerald Kealy, first rector of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary at Mundelein, Illinois; papers of Rev. Msgr. Malachy P. Foley, rector of the Seminary, 1944-66; a complete fifty-year file of *The New World*, Archdiocesan weekly; papers and programs of the Bellarmine Society at the Seminary, 1924–66; correspondence from the office of *Chicago Studies*, a journal published by the seminary's faculty and guests, 1961–78; and papers pertaining to the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, 1930–78. The archivist, Rev. M. J. Madaj, reports that archival material to 1926 has been processed.

The Archives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson is now located at 777 Valley Road, Clifton, New Jersey 07013.

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Maher has recently been named archivist for the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**Christian Church.** The Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, has erected a 24,000 square-foot library which includes new space for the archives of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The new head librarian is Les R. Galbraith.

Episcopal. The library and archives of the Diocese of Massachusetts reports these accessions: records of the Episcopal City Mission, 1960–72; papers of the Rt. Rev. Anson P. Stokes, Jr., bishop of Massachusetts, 1956-70; papers of the Rt. Rev. Norman B. Nash, bishop of Massachusetts, 1947-56; and divorce/remarriage documents acquired by the suffragan bishop's office, 1947-75. Following changes in 1977, the staff consists of Dorothy D. Jones, librarian; Robert L. Howie, Jr., registrar-historiographer; and Ruth S. Leonard, library consultant. A new 8'  $\times$  14' vault has been acquired for restricted records, and a records management program has been established in diocesan offices.

**Evangelical Convenant.** An active program of microfilming, oral history, and arrangement of photographs marks the current endeavors of Covenant Archives and Historical Library, Chicago, Illinois. The church records of all congregations founded before 1930 will be on microfilm by the end of the summer of 1978. The oral history program involves gathering religious and social history of the Swedes in various communities. To enhance the value of the microfilm collection, a printer has been acquired.

Jewish. Publications relating to American Jewish history, announced by the American Jewish Archives, are: Tracing Your Jewish Roots by Malcolm H. Stern (free); Index to the Picture Collection of the American Jewish Archives, edited by Jacob R. Marcus; a 1971-77 supplement to the Manuscript Catalogue of the American Jewish Archives; a selective guide to over twelve hundred collections of the American Jewish Archives, written by James Clasper and Carolyn Dellenbach; and a comprehensive Index to the American Jewish Archives, volumes 1-24, by Paul F. White and edited by Jacob R. Marcus, covering 1948–72. Among manuscript collections inventoried under a National Endowment for the Humanities grant are records of the American Council for Judaism, 1942-68; records of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1893-1976; records of Hebrew Union College, 1875-1947; records of the Jewish Institute of Religion, 1921-50; records of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1873-1952; and records of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, 1926–65. In addition, the NEH grant project includes the inventorying of the papers of many prominent Jewish leaders.

The Jewish Historical Society of Raritan Valley, New Jersey, incorporated November 1977, is engaged in the locating and preservation of organizational archives and personal papers. It plans exhibitions, an oral history program, a newsletter, and a series of small grants for local research projects. At its first annual meeting, in May 1978, Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, genealogist of the American Jewish Archives and president of the American Society of Genealogists, spoke on "The Jewish Experience in Colonial America."

A grant from the Charles E. Merrill Trust has made possible the planning phase of the Jewish Film Archive and Study Center, to be located on the Brandeis University campus.

The American Jewish Historical Society, in cooperation with Brandeis University and the Jewish Media Service, seeks to establish a unique national Jewish film and videotape archives open to scholars and the general public. Nucleus of the center will be the Rutenberg and Everett Yiddish Film Library, already in the society's possession.

Lutheran. The first year of archival work is proceeding for the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, Salisbury, North Carolina. Much original material and many printed reference works have been donated and a microfilm reader-printer is to be purchased for use of researchers and genealogists using the registers of the Lutheran Church now being microfilmed. A recent publication is the North Carolina Synod Through 175 Years, 1803-1978, by H. George Anderson, president, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina. An NHPRC grant permitted the hiring of Johanna Mims, a professional archivist, for the year 1978.

Mennonite. The Historical Society of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference received archival materials from fourteen organizations, such as the Adult Education Board, the Bishop Board, the Lancaster Mennonite Conference, and the Youth Service Committee. A number of personal collections were also received, and nearly fifty congregations contributed record books, programs, old deeds, correspondence, and other materials. A new publication is *Pennsylvania Mennonite* Heritage, an illustrated quarterly focusing on historical backgrounds of Mennoniterelated groups originating in Pennsylvania.

Methodist. During 1977, all records, minutes, and historical materials of the Birmingham Board of City Missions from its beginning, 4 March 1903, became a part of the holdings of the Commission on Archives and History of the North Alabama Conference. These missions include the Eva Comer Home for boarding girls; the Ensley Community Center for underprivileged families, mostly foreigners of the 1920s; Bethlehem House for the community, predominantly black; and Sunset Unlimited, a home for senior citizens. In addition, all issues of the Advocate, church paper of the North Alabama Conference, 1891-1976, have been microfilmed.

**Reformed.** The Archives of the Reformed Church in America, located in the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Jersey, is undertaking a survey of the records located throughout the denomination and is establishing a records management program for the synod, according to Russell L. Gasero, newly appointed denominational archivist, who replaces John W. Beardslee III. Newly acquired are three reels of microfilm containing correspondence regarding Ferris Seminary, 1898-1945, an institution established by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church as a training school for Japanese women.

Seventh-day Adventist. A sixty-reel microfilm collection of early Adventist correspondence and documents, produced by University Microfilms International, has been added to the holdings of the General Conference Archives. Washington, D.C. This collection contains 800 pieces of correspondence of William Miller, 1812-49, the leading preacher in the mid-nineteenth-century Advent movement. It also contains publications of such Adventist groups that branched from the Millerite movement as the Advent Christians, Seventh-day Adventists, Evangelical, and "age to come" Adventist groups. Other accessions include personal papers of prominent Adventists and the continuing flow of administrative records under the records management program. An additional  $15' \times 16'$  vault is being renovated adding 240 square feet to the vault complex of 1,316 square feet in three other vaults. A guide to holdings is available.

Society of Friends. The Archives of the Northeastern Yearly Meeting of Friends has recently accessioned sixteen cassette tapes by Robert J. Leach on the history of Nantucket Friends; minute books, 1913-69, Smithfield, Rhode Island, guarterly meetings; vital records, 1915-61, Winthrop, Maine, monthly meeting; minutes books and records, 1871-73, 1876-79, 1944-69, Litchfield, Connecticut, monthly meeting; and minutes, 1890-1955, Maple Grove, Maine, monthly meeting. This archives is located at the Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence.

The Quaker collection housed in Watson Library at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, has accessioned records of the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, from 1803. These records supplement those manuscript records already held by the Quaker Collection for the Wilmington yearly Meeting of Friends. United Church of Christ. The Connecticut Conference Historical Committee has microfilmed the Missionary Society of Connecticut Papers, 1759–1948. The original material is on file at conference headquarters and the microfilm edition is available from the Microfilm Corporation of America.

Wheaton College. The papers of evangelist William "Billy" Sunday and his wife, Helen, are now available to researchers at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and at Grace Schools of Winona Lake, Indiana. The Sunday collection contains correspondence, sermon notes, photographs, tabernacle plans, book manuscripts, and other records from the life of the early twentieth-century revivalist. Billy Sunday's correspondence includes letters from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Cecil B. DeMille, Theodore Roose-velt, Calvin Coolidge, Woodrow Wilson, Mel Trotter, and J. C. Penny, among many others. A large portion of the material deals with Mrs. Sunday's participation in her husband's career. After his death she engaged in an active speaking ministry until her death in 1957.

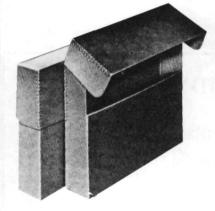
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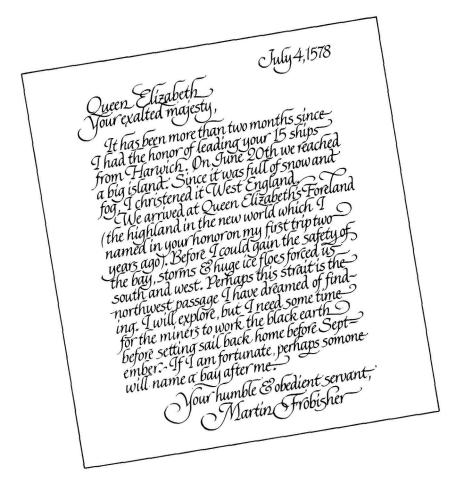
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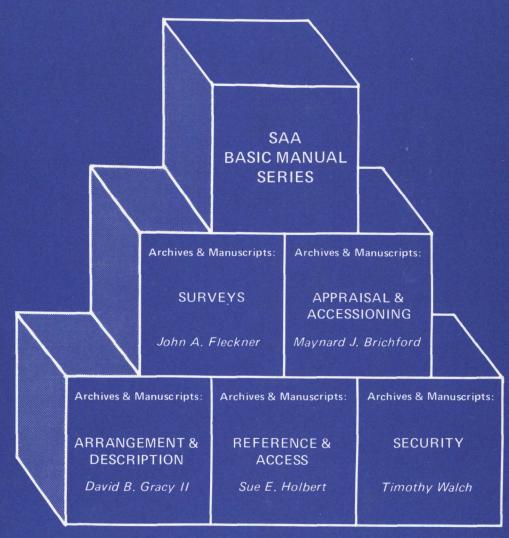
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