

friends. All miss him—and I suspect each carries special memories of Fred, in which there is pleasure that he passed our way and sadness that only in memory can he do so again.

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Jane Addams Papers

Nancy C. Prewitt

I lost a dear friend this winter with the passing of Nancy C. Prewitt, retired Associate Director of the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection at the University of Missouri–Columbia. I admired her professionalism, her willingness to volunteer, her strength of character, and the depth of her convictions. Many of us are in her debt.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Nancy spent virtually all of her professional career with the Western Manuscripts Collection, which she joined in 1946. At that time, WHMC was a one-person repository with little to distinguish it from the myriad other small archival institutions in the United States. Nancy left WHMC temporarily in 1948, returning ten years later as assistant director. It was still a one-person operation.

During the next twenty-three years, WHMC evolved into a modern, progressive repository under Nancy's leadership. Collections, for example, grew markedly with the addition of modern political collections documenting Missouri's contribution to national government: organizational, labor union, and business records providing a source for the history of local, state, and regional activities; and many excellent individual manuscript collections. Between 1958 and 1981 the repository added nearly 1,200 collections.

By the close of Nancy's tenure, Western Manuscripts had developed a capable, proficient staff and a budget to support expanding archival programs. Among her achievements, Nancy took the most pride in the transformation of

WHMC into a nationally recognized and respected territory. She could claim an equal measure of credit for teaching scores of novice archivists, for instilling in them a sense of dedication, and for motivating them to contribute to the profession.

Nancy was active in the Society of American Archivists, the Midwest Archives Conference, her community, and the university; but what is most important is that her career in all of its features was marked by enthusiasm, intellectual curiosity, and loyalty to her work. She served the archival community honorably. I will miss her.

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Karl L. Trever

Karl L. Trever, founding member and Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, editor of the *American Archivist* from July 1949 through October 1956, and a staff member of the National Archives from 1936 to 1964, died of a heart attack in Arlington, Va., on 24 October 1983. Karl was 80 years old and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Myra, one son, two daughters, a sister, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Born in Halle, Germany, in 1903, of American parents, Karl grew up in Appleton, Wis., where his father was a history professor at Lawrence College. He obtained a bachelor's degree from that institution in 1923 and a master's degree two years later from the University of Wisconsin. He taught history and political science from 1923 to 1933, including a stint at Illinois Wesleyan University (1926–30) and another at Boston University (1930–33). While in Boston, Karl completed three years of further graduate work at Harvard toward a doctorate in history.