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ARCHIVE NOTES

A joint Committee on Research in Philanthropy has been formed under the auspices of the Foundation Center and the Council on Foundations in order to increase the quality and quantity of scholarly research on philanthropic activities and institutions in our society. In order to further research in this area the Committee is promoting the archival preservation of foundation records. In this regard the Committee is seeking archival agencies which are interested in serving as depositories for foundation records. In this regard the Committee is seeking archival agencies which are interested in serving as depositories for foundation records. The Committee also hopes that foundations will pay the depositories for necessary expenses in receiving and processing the materials. They are compiling lists of interested repositories for distribution to the members of the Council on Foundations. If your archives is interested in serving as a repository for local foundations, write to Hugh F. Cline, Chairman, Joint Committee on Research in Philanthropy, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J. 08540.

The American Association of State and Local History has prepared a new brochure entitled, "So You've Chosen To Be a History Professional," which is directed towards undergraduate and graduate students and others interested in pursuing jobs within the profession. "History professional", according to the AASLH's definition, means "everyone from an exhibit designer in a history museum to an academic historian." After a survey of some 50 agencies, historic preservation and archives work are the fastest-growing fields in the profession. Single copies of the 20-page pamphlet are available at not charge. They can also be ordered postpaid in bulk quantities at the rate of 25 for $7.50, 50 for $11, and 100 for $20. Write to: Careers Brochure, AASLH, 1400 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

The Tennessee State Museum has launched a statewide artifact-collection drive preparatory to the opening of the new facility in Nashville in 1980. Over 47,000 square feet is designated for exhibits and unless more contributions of artifacts are made, the museum will not be able to fill up the exhibit space. If you have material for the museum or information relating to Tennessee artifacts, write: Tennessee State Museum, War Memorial Building, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

The Library of Congress will stop filing new entries in its card catalogues on January 1, 1980, and begin to rely almost altogether on automated data to provide access to the collections. From that date forward, the library will possess two catalogues — the "frozen" manual one and a new multipart one that will include all records in the MARC data base and records catalogued at that time.

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The editor of *Essays in Public Works History* is seeking documented articles relating to the broad field of public works (transportation, water, waste collection and disposal, public buildings, parks, military installations, and the public works-engineering profession). For further information write: Suellen M. Hoy, Public Works Historical Society, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, Illinois 60637.

From *History News*: May 1 is the deadline for submission of entries to state chairmen for the AASLH awards program. Awards of merit and certificates of commendation are presented annually in seven categories — state and provincial historical societies; regional, county, and local historical societies; specialized subjects societies; junior historical societies; audiovisual and periodical; individuals; and miscellaneous organizations. In addition, the Albert B. Corey Award is presented to a small, local historical agency in recognition of its total program. Books are not eligible for awards, but authors are eligible under the individual category for their contribution to the field through their publications. Guidelines and more specific information for submitting awards are available from the state or regional chairmen. The chairman for Region 5 — South Atlantic Area — is James W. Moody, Jr., Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, 205 E. Zaragoza St., Pensacola, Fla.

The Society of American Archivists will publish an updated version of its *Education Directory* in 1978. Institutions listed in the 1976 *Directory* will be contacted for the latest information about their programs. Other institutions offering education in archives and manuscripts administration should contact SAA's headquarters office if they wish to be included among the listings. SAA, The Library, P. O. Box 8198, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

The National Archives and Records Service will sponsor its Institute: Introduction to Modern Archives Administration on June 5-16, 1978 at the National Archives in Washington. The Institute is designed to present theory, principles, and techniques of archives administration to persons holding responsibility in the fields of archives, manuscripts, records management, and the management of special collections. For more information write Modern Archives Institute (NNHP), National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History will host the spring meeting of the *South Atlantic Archives and Records Conference*, May 11-12 in Columbia. Contact Charles Lee, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, P. O. Box 11669, Columbia, S.C. 29211.

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The National Historical Publications and Records Commission has issued information on its student intern program for 1978. The volunteer intern program is designed for upper level undergraduate or graduate students with background in American history, American studies, or archives administration. The students selected will receive academic credit and work with the Commission in editing and proofreading, verification of information about holdings of archives and manuscripts repositories, and entry of data into computer data base. Details of the program can be obtained by writing or calling: Dr. Nancy Sahli, Coordinator, Guide Project, NHPRC, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408 (202-724-1630); or Ms. Mary A. Giunta, Archivist, same address, at 202-523-3092.

The Committee on the Preservation of Library Materials, Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association, has a list of ongoing courses and workshops in binding and restoration. This list is apparently kept current. It has two parts: the first includes 13 "basic awareness" courses suitable for librarians and others, given for one to three college credits; the second includes 10 courses of study leading to certificates or degrees in book or art restoration. The Committee's report, Preservation Training and Information-1977, gives all pertinent information for the courses and programs. Write: Carol R. Kelm, RTSD Executive Secretary, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

The Winthrop College Archives: A Manual of Policies and Procedures is available to interested institutions and individuals at a cost of $5.00 per copy. Direct orders to: Archives and Special Collections, Dacus Library, Winthrop College, Rockhill, South Carolina 29733.

For those of you who may not have heard, the Georgia Department of Archives and History was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of American Archivists. Department Director Carroll Hart accepted the award at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society held recently in Salt Lake City, Utah. President Jimmy Carter and Georgia Secretary of State Ben W. Fortson, Jr., sent congratulations to Miss Hart and her staff. In the nomination for the Award, the Department was cited for its "Distinguished history of achievement in facility expansion, program development, professional competence and influence, and expanded services to state and local governmental agencies and to the public sector."

The Georgia Department of Archives and History has announced the dates and program for the Twelfth Annual Institute. The four week institute will be held in Atlanta from July 24 to August 18, 1978. Instructors are experienced archivists and records managers from a variety of institutions.
Emphasis is on appraisal, arrangement, and description of both governmental and private records. Enrollment is limited to 18 participants. Applications will be accepted beginning in February and the deadline is May 15, 1978. Fees are $225 for non-credit and $576 for six quarter hours graduate credit from Emory University. Housing is available at a modest rate. Contact the Training Officer, Archives Institute, Georgia Department of Archives and History, 330 Capitol Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Society of American Archivists Basic Manual Series: Archives and Manuscripts: Surveys, John A. Fleckner; Archives and Manuscripts: Appraisal and Accessioning, Maynard J. Brichford; Archives and Manuscripts: Arrangement and Description, David B. Gracy II; Archives and Manuscripts: Reference and Access, Sue E. Holbert; and Archives and Manuscripts: Archival Security, Timothy Walch. A set of five are available for $12.00 to SAA members, $16.00 to others. Individual manuals: $3.00 members, $4.00 others. Order from SAA, The Library, P. O. Box 8198, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Chicago, Ill. 60680. Also, available from the SAA is an updated Directory of Regional Archival organizations.

If you need information for potential donors, a good model is the brochure of the Nebraska State Historical Society entitled "Manuscripts in the Archives." The pamphlet explains the importance of records and manuscripts, describes the Society's program for preserving private papers, and invites donations. A sample copy is available from the Manuscripts Curator, Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

Recent groups formed to study Black Genealogy include: African-American History Association, c/o Carole Merritt, 2777 Bent Creek Way, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 37311, which has begun publication of an excellent newsletter; Yamacraw (or Savannah) Unit of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, c/o W. W. Law, 710 W. Victory Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31405; and available from the University of Georgia's Center for Continuing Education, Independent Study is James D. Walker's "Black Genealogy How To Begin," a booklet that accompanied his series in 1977 on WGTV.

The foremost library and archives documenting the consumer movement in the United States has been awarded a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The announcement by the Center for the Study of the Consumer Movement valued the grant at more than $150,000 if all the matching funds are received. To date, funds have been received from the Rockefeller Foundation, Governor Averell Harriman, and individuals. They will be used to conduct historical documentation of Consumers Union and the consumer movement.
Consumers Union provided initial funding to establish the Center for the Study of the Consumer Movement. The purpose of the Center is to locate, evaluate, and preserve materials of historical significance; to supplement this documentation with manuscript histories and scholarly taped interviews; to arouse the interest of consumer advocates in the history of their past; to assist scholars in the field to use the primary source materials available, and to encourage them to initiate historical studies based on such materials.

The Center houses a unique collection of personal papers, CU records, books, periodicals, oral history interviews, and films relating to the consumer movement and its important personalities over the last four decades. Located at CU's Mt. Vernon headquarters, the Center is open to scholars, consumer activists, researchers, authors, and others interested in the development of the consumer movement.

The Center is interested in information on the locations of materials relating to the consumer movement which have already been given to other repositories and in the preservation of endangered records. Information and requests for the Center's free Newsletter should be sent to Sybil Shainwald, Director, Center for the Study of the Consumer Movement, Consumers Union, 256 Washington Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550.

The Tennessee Archivists have drafted and adopted articles of organization and have elected officers and are now an official archival group. They have begun to collect dues so that they can publish a newsletter and sponsor workshops. They will play an active role in the Annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists to be held in Nashville October 3-6, 1978. Their mailing address is: Tennessee Archivists, Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tn. 37203.

The Society of American Archivists announces competition for four Society awards to be presented at the 1978 annual meeting in Nashville. The awards will recognize accomplishments which occurred during 1977. The selection of the winners of each award will be made by an appropriate subcommittee of the Committee on Awards chaired by Mary Jane Dowd. Individuals and institutional members of the SAA are welcome to nominate themselves or others for any of the awards. A complete description of the Society's Award policy appears in the American Archivist, volume 39, no. 3 (July, 1976) pp. 415-420. All nominations for SAA Awards should be sent to Mary Jane Dowd, Civil Archives Division (NNF), National Archives, Washington, D. C. 20408, by June 1, 1978.

Since October, 1977, “Vanishing Georgia”, the historic photographic preservation project of the Georgia Department of Archives and History,
has copied historic photographs in the following counties: Floyd, Murray, Lumpkin, Habersham, Stephens, Clarke, Wilkes, Richmond, Bulloch, Chatham, Glynn, Ware, Lowndes, Dougherty, Sumter, and Muscogee. Counties scheduled through July are: Bibb (Macon, 2nd week in June), Baldwin (Milledgeville, 4th week in June), Greene (Greensboro, 1st week in July), Spalding (Griffin, 3rd week in July). If you have photographs of potential historic value, wish to view those already copied, or simply learn more about the project, contact the "Vanishing Georgia" staff. Georgia Department of Archives and History, 330 Capitol Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Telephone: 656-2361.

The Georgia Historical Society in Savannah has announced the schedule for the Board of Curators’ meetings for 1978. All meetings will convene at Hodgson Hall at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates: June 9, September 22, and December 8.

The Georgia Department of Archives and History, in cooperation with Duke University and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, has undertaken a project to film the Georgia county records housed in the Manuscript Collections at Duke. The project, which began on April 20, is expected to take four weeks and will concentrate on the filming of the early records of Greene County.

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