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An Association for Documentary Editing was formed in St. Louis in November 1978 following the creation of a steering committee at Hyde Park last April. Its constitution states that the organization's purpose is to "encourage excellence in documentary editing" and to promote a "broader understanding of the principles and values underlying the practice of documentary editing." Officers elected are: President, Arthur S. Link, Woodrow Wilson Papers; President-Elect, Lester Cappon, Newberry Library; Director of Publications, Robert Rutland, James Madison Papers; Secretary-Treasurer, Carlene Bickford, Documentary History of the First Federal Congress. Annual dues are \$15.00 (\$7.50 for students, retired, and unemployed persons). Contact Charlene Bickford, Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052.

Access Reports has published a New Summary of Freedom of Information and Privacy Laws of the 50 States. The volume includes current information on freedom of information and privacy laws in all 50 states. It is available for \$15.00 (\$10.00 to subscribers to Access Reports) from PLUS Publications, Inc., 2626 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20037.

The College and University Archives Committee of the Society of American Archivists has prepared extensive guidelines for college and university archives. Printed in the January 1979 issue of the SAA Newsletter, the guidelines cover everything from administration to appraisal/accessioning to public service to records management, and should be quite useful to both developing and fully developed university archives programs.

Portland State University is now offering a two-year degree field in Public History as one of several fields available to students seeking an MA degree in history. Public History is defined as "the profession of history outside the classroom." Students in the program will work closely with faculty in Anthropology, Business, History, Journalism, Urban Studies, and with special faculty from the Oregon Historical Society. Upon completion of the program students will be prepared for careers in state and local museums and historical societies, government and historical archives, and the related fields of urban planning and design. For further information write Public History, Department of History, Portland State University, P. O. Box 751, Portland, Oregon 97207.

The Society of American Archivists is now making available for circulation its Information Central Files. Information on job descriptions, salaries, freedom of information, procedural guides and manuals, public records, newsletters, college and university archives, and much more is available on loan for up to ten days. Write to Deborah Risteen at SAA headquarters, 330 S. Wells St., Suite 810, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The Southern Life Histories Editing and Indexing Project is seeking to complete its collection of Southern Life Histories, collected by the WPA Federal Writers' Project. Many of the Histories are already in the Project's collection in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of any Southern Life Histories is urged to contact Jerrold Hirsch, UNC at Chapel Hill, Wilson Library 024A, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has ruled that transcripts and secretarial notes of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger are government property. Kissinger had donated the papers to the Library of Congress as though they were his own. He is appealing the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The University of Washington has published its Manual for Accessioning, Arrangement and Description of Manuscripts and Archives. It is a two-part manual dealing with both theory and practice. The manual contains instructions for developing intellectual control at successive levels, beginning with the accession and proceeding through subgroup, series, folder, and item. Send \$5.00 to University of Washington Libraries, FM-25, Publications Office, Seattle, Washington 98195.

The Greene County (Alabama) Historical Society has published A Goodly Heritage: Memories of Greene County. The volume is fully indexed and illustrated. It is available for \$15.00, plus \$0.80 for postage and handling, from Greene County Historical Society, 111 Kirkwood Drive, Eutaw, Alabama 35462.

The Louisiana State Legislature appropriated \$7,000,000 in 1978 for the construction of a new archives building in Baton Rouge. Construction is expected to begin during the 1979-1980 fiscal year. The facility will have in excess of 115,000 square feet, including over 100,000 cubic feet of space for archives and over 90,000 cubic feet for records storage, three times the capacity of the present facility, a converted warehouse. Temperature and humidity controls, fumigation, deacidification, and repair facilities will also be included. The modern facility will insure the centralized location and preservation of the state's permanent records.

A new photographic archives has been opened in the University of South Alabama. Approximately 65,000 negatives, both glass and film, document life in southern Alabama between 1876 and 1963. Prints may be made from the negatives. Additional information on the collection is available from Michael Thomason, University of South Alabama Photographic Archives, History Department, HUMB 344, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama 36688.

The Winthrop College Archives and Special Collections has recently published A Guide to the Records Relating to Winthrop College. It is available for \$2.00 from Ronald Chepesiuk; Archivists; Dacus Library; Winthrop College; Rock Hill, South Carolina 29733.

Resources of American Music History. Repositories with music-related materials before 1940 which have not been contacted by the project are urged to write to Dr. D. W. Krummel, 3140 Music Building, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801. The project is particularly interested in learning the whereabouts of collections of sheet music and other published music, manuscript music and archives of musical organizations, programs, scrapbooks, and early sound recordings. The project, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, is producing a reference guide which is scheduled to appear in the summer of 1980.

In Vol. VI. no. 1, of Georgia Archive, an announcement was printed about the Women's Records Project which listed the wrong address. Persons interested in the project's work should write to Women's Records Project of Georgia, Inc.; 300 West Peachtree Street, N.W.; Suite 16DE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Phone inquiries should be directed to Darlene Roth at 525-6807.

The Washington University School of Medicine Library Archives has recently published an Oral History Abstract Catalog (St. Louis, Spring 1979). This catalog consists of the abstracts of 30 oral history interviews conducted between 1969 and 1978 with faculty and alumni of the Medical School about their scientific and clinical work and about the history of the Medical Center. Topics covered include women's rights, medical education, medical school administration, malpractice, Medicare, soaring medical costs and scientific research in various fields. Medical specialties include surgery, obstetric and gynecology, neurophysiology, family practice, ophthalmology, hospital administration, anatomy, cytology, internal medicine, electrophysiology, psychoacoustics, speech audiometry, plastic surgery, orthopedics, gastroenterology, pharmacology, preventive medicine, public health, health care research, pediatrics, pediatric surgery and pathology. Catalogs may be purchased for \$1.00 by contacting: Archives Section; Washington University School of Medicine Library; 4580 Scott Avenue; St. Louis, Missouri 63110.