Short Subjects: News Reels

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1Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language. 2nd college ed., s.v. "record" and "document."


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News Reels

Troupe County Historical Society in conjunction with LaGrange College has undertaken an ambitious archive and preservation project, which includes a million-dollar restoration plan to establish a three-story archival facility. An executive director is being hired to train and work with a staff of four professional and paraprofessionals supple-
mented by student interns and community volunteers. For further information, contact the society at P.O. Box 1051, LaGrange, GA 30241.

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Another million-dollar program is underway at Vassar College to expand the manuscript collection and offer courses in the use of manuscripts and other primary sources. The endeavor includes the recent purchase of the papers of Elizabeth Bishop, a Vassar graduate and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet. In addition to drafts of her poetry, the papers include correspondence with such figures as Marianne Moore, Robert Lowell, and Eudora Welty.

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Through the use of a SPINDEX program and the generosity of the Whitney Foundation, Cornell University has cataloged and recently opened to researchers thousands of photographs, nitrate negatives and drawings from Willard D. Straight's years in China (1901-1912). Manuscripts from this collection were arranged, described and microfilmed in 1974. The catalog provides keyword access to a visual record of art, agriculture, warfare, railroad construction, and politics of an oriental nation emerging from centuries of dynastic rule and coming under Western influence. While Straight was not a professional photographer or artist, his career as newsman, diplomat, financier, publisher and army officer gave him the experience from which to draw a detailed record of his environment.

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John Hill Hewitt: Sources and Bibliography, prepared by Frank W. Hoogerwerf, was recently published by Emory University. Hewitt was a musician, composer, and writer who lived in Augusta, Georgia during the Civil War and in Savannah, Georgia in 1872. This monograph contains biographical information, an inventory of the John Hill Hewitt Papers in the Special Collections Department at
Emory and in collections in other repositories, and bibliographies of Hewitt's publications and of studies about him. Copies of this publication may be ordered for $5, checks payable to Emory University. Please address inquiries and orders to Richard W. Cruce, Library Development Officer, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

For the first time, over one million news photos from the files of Underwood Photo Archives, Ltd. are on sale to the public. Underwood has provided material for newspapers, magazines and textbooks since 1896. Most of the prints are 8x10, black and white shots and are priced from $3 to $200. They may be viewed at the company's San Francisco archive and gallery, where they are being cataloged and cross-referenced. For further information, write Underwood Photo Archives, Ltd., 3109 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, CA, 94123, or phone (415) 346-2292.

The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board is one of twenty-six state boards to receive a $25,000 grant from NHPRC to conduct an assessment of records programs in the state during the calendar year 1982. The Society of Georgia Archivists is cosponsoring the Georgia project by providing forums for public discussion and supervising dispersal of funds. At the first of the year four task forces were formed and, subsequently, their plans and budgets were approved by the board. The task forces and their chairpersons are (1) Gary Fink of Georgia State University--State Governmental Records; (2) Russell Mobley of Georgia Department of Archives and History--Local Governmental Records; (3) Louise Cook of Martin Luther King Center--Manuscript Repositories; (4) Don Schewe of Carter Presidential Papers Project--Coordination of Archival Functions. Each task force plans to survey appropriate Georgia repositories by mail or in person, to draw conclusions, and to issue a report to the board by August. After more public discussion in the fall, a final report will be issued by the board. For further
information, contact Edwin Bridges, project coordinator, Georgia Department of Archives and History, 330 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, GA 30334.

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The Appalachian Regional Commission has awarded a grant to the Georgia Department of Archives and History for a records management project for local governments in north Georgia. A consulting group has been hired to develop retention schedules for local records. These schedules will be valuable to local officials in the rest of the state for they are required by law to develop a records management program by 1 January 1984.

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An exhibition on the history of black families in Georgia will be on display this year at the Atlanta Public Library, the Atlanta Historical Society, the Atlanta University Center, and the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The African-American Family History Association assembled the exhibition with funds from a NEH grant. For more information, contact AAFHA at 2077 Bent Creek Way SW, Atlanta, GA 30311.

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Winthrop College Archives and Special Collections (Rock Hill, SC) and the University of Liverpool are cosponsoring a summer program entitled "Archives Abroad." The program is designed to introduce American students to British 18th and 19th century record sources, such as business, government, and court records. After a week of academic instruction at the University of Liverpool, the students will spend three weeks of practical work in one of the eleven participating British repositories. Winthrop College will award three hours credit for successful completion of the program to its junior and senior students. Cost will be approximately $1,160 excluding airfare. For further information, please contact Ann Y. Evans, Archives and Special Collections.
Hollinger Corporation of Arlington, VA recently announced the marketing of durable folders and sleeves that are both transparent and flexible. Made of 400D Mylar, they are electronically-sealed on three sides to facilitate low cost encapsulation. The envelopes will come in letter, legal, map, and newspaper sizes. The folders which come in letter and legal sizes are punched for binders.

The Eisenhower Library has published Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Selected Bibliography of Periodical and Dissertation Literature. The bibliography contains annotated entries plus author and subject indexes. The 162-page work will sell for $3.25 and may be ordered from the Sales Desk, Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, KS 67410.

A useful tool for South Carolina historians and genealogists is Ron Chepesiuk's A Guide to the Perry Belle Bennett Hough Collection in the Lancaster County Library. The ninety-six-page guide, published in 1981 by the Lancaster County Historical Commission, may be obtained for $6 plus postage and handling from the Lancaster County Library, 313 S. White Street, Lancaster, SC 29720.

To aid Georgia genealogists the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society has published Coweta County Marriages (1866-1979), Vol. II. This 216-page volume includes all black marriages for the county plus additions and corrections to Vol. I. The book, which sells for $25 plus $1.50 postage, may be ordered from the society at P.O. Box 1001, Newnan, GA 30264.
The Guide to the Charles Holmes Herty Papers, compiled by Monica J. Blanchard and prepared with the assistance of NHPRC, is now available from the Special Collections Department of the Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, Atlanta GA 30322. The papers of Charles Holmes Herty--chemist, forest researcher, and native of Milledgeville, GA--comprise sixty-four linear feet and document his activities in forest, pulp, and paper research, in the chemical industry, in medical and health research, and in national defense and chemical warfare. This 127-page guide, including biographical and series notes, inventory of the collection, and index, may be purchased for $4, checks payable to Emory University. Please address inquiries and orders to Linda M. Matthews, Reference Archivist/Assistant Department Head.