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The Copyright Office is pleased to announce issuance of Circular 38c containing the complete text of four international copyright conventions to which the United States is a party: Buenos Aires Convention of 1910; Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of Their Phonographs, Geneva, 1971; Universal Copyright Convention, Geneva, 1952; University Copyright Convention, Paris, 1971. Copies of the new 35 page booklet may be obtained free of charge by writing the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559.

Microfilm copies of the Copyright Office Catalog of Copyright Entries, first series, originally published under the title of Catalogue of Title Entries, from July 1, 1891, through June 28, 1906, numbers 1-782, are now available. The sale price of the complete set of 21 reels of 35mm positive microfilm is $230. Orders for and inquiries concerning the microfilm copies should be addressed and remittances made payable to the Chief, Photoduplication Services, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, Attention: Dept. C.

A series of leaflets devoted to the conservation of books, manuscripts, prints and drawings, and other library and archival materials has been prepared by the Office of the Assistant Director for Preservation, Administrative Department, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, in response to the many requests received each year for information on these topics. Leaflets available: (1) Selected References in the Literature of Conservation; (2) Environmental Protection of Books and Related Materials; (3) Preserving Leather Bookbindings; and (4) Marking Manuscripts. Order from the Assistant Director for Preservation.

Transcribing and Editing Oral History by Willa Baum is the newest publication of the American
Association for State and Local History. The oral history book provides instructions for keeping records, transcribing, auditing, editing, indexing, completing final copies, and offers practical examples in twelve chapters. Includes a bibliography and a 33 1/3 RPM record of one of the sample transcripts. $6.76 (128 pages) from AASLH, 1400 Eighth Ave. S., Nashville, Tn. 37203.

The Michigan Archival Association has published three papers from its spring 1975 meeting. Records Appraisal contains "The Appraisal of Public Records" by David J. Johnson; "Uses of History and Theory in the Appraisal of Business Records" by Francis X. Blouin, Jr.; and "Appraisal of Manuscripts" by Joseph F. Oldenburg. Available from the Michigan Archival Association for $2.00. Write Tom Elliott, P. O. Box 568, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556.

The Index to volumes 36-53 of the Florida Historical Quarterly has been published and is available from the Florida Historical Society, University of South Florida, Library, Tampa 33620. $12.50.

The May, 1977, issue of Historical Foundation News (Vol. 33, No. 2) is an excellent reference aid. It concerns the writing of wills for people who wish to make donations of their papers to archives and historical societies. It gives sample paragraphs for inclusion in such wills. Write for form No. 3579 from the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian Reformed Churches, Montreat, N.C. 28757.

Records Retention and Disposition Schedules, a survey report which includes forms now in use in various state archival and records management programs, has been published by the Society of American Archivists. The report, a project of the Society's State and Local Records Committee, provides selected samples of current forms which a subcommittee determined to be exemplary. J. D. Porter, State Archivist of Oregon, chairs the committee. Julian Mims, Assistant Director for Local Records of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, chaired the subcommittee which compiled the report. ($2.00 members, $4.00 nonmembers) Available from SAA, Box 8198, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Chicago, Ill. 60680.
The Historical Office of the Department of State has recently published a summary of the policies and practices of over one hundred countries concerning access to unpublished diplomatic records. An analysis of the compilation indicates that current United States regulations which mandate the declassification and opening of almost all policy records of the Department of State when they are thirty years old are among the most liberal in the world. Copies of the summary compiled by Arthur G. Kogan can be ordered from David F. Trask, Historian, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

A recent article in Association Management encourages associations to preserve their historical materials and to seek the assistance of qualified archivists. The journal is the publication of the American Society of Association Executives. Written by Faye Gamel of the Southern Labor Archives, Georgia State University, Atlanta, reprints are available from SAA headquarters, Box 8198, University of Illinois, Chicago 60680.

In early 1978, formerly out-of-print issues of GEORGIA ARCHIVES will be available. The Society of Georgia Archivists will make available microfilm copies of Volumes 1-5 (1972-1977). Price lists will be sent on request. Order from Box 261, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

Historical Markers: A Bibliography by Raymond F. Pisney is a first! It includes over 2,500 citations of works concerning historical markers and is indexed. Cost: $12.00. Order from McClure Press, Box 936, Verona, Va. 24482.

Available in November will be A History of Georgia from the University of Georgia Press. Six historians from the University's Department of History have collaborated to write this new history of Georgia covering the earliest discoveries by the Spanish to the election of President Carter. Foreword by President Carter. ($12.50)

Also available from the University of Georgia Press, Athens 30602, is their Fall, 1977, catalog with listings of the newest publications about Georgia and the South. (Free)
North West Georgia Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly for July, 1977 (Vol. 9, no. 3) is a complete issue concerning the Cherokee Indians in northwest Georgia. Historical as well as genealogical information. Excellent. $2.00 from the Society, P. O. Box 2484, Rome, Ga. 30161.

The Russell Amendment is the new, official newsletter of the Richard B. Russell Memorial Library in Athens, and Vol. 1, No. 1, arrived in July. Its purpose is to keep researchers and friends abreast of developments in the Library. Write: Richard B. Russell Memorial Library, the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. 30602.