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NEWS REELS

Grant projects in the Southeast which have been funded by NEH include: \$19,965 to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Southern Historical Collection for cataloguing and rehousing 20,000 photographs; \$20,154 to Birmingham Public Library (Ala.) for the arrangement, description and access to Birmingham Water Works Co. records, 1880-1955; and \$7,452 to Hattiesburg, Miss., for the preservation, arrangement, description, and access to the city's non-current records. The South Carolina Historical Society at Charleston has received \$1,000 for consultant services to improve archival methodology and \$129,673 for the arrangement and description of numerous collections pertaining to the history of slavery and commercial and cultural activities.



The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board has received reports from each task force assigned to the NHPRC needs assessment grant. The Manuscripts Task Force has surveyed repositories, compiled a directory, and made recommendations for programs to be implemented--primarily by the Society of Georgia Archivists. Based on its survey, the Local Governmental Records Task Force recommended training and records storage programs which will require the cooperation of state and local institutions. The State Governmental Records Task Force will provide the director of state archives with an assessment of the needs of that institution based on several types of interviews and surveys. The Coordination of Archival Functions Task Force has gathered collection and processing policies, found a means by which archives can order supplies in small quantities, and called for a council of Georgia archival repositories to pursue ideas of cooperation among archival institutions in the state.



The Western History Collections at the University of Oklahoma have received a unique grant that will provide increased access to their rich holdings. With \$203,000 from the U.S. Department of Education, the center will enter 45,000 published holdings in a national on-line bibliographic service. "The effect of the national listing will increase the accessibility of the Western History Collections to national and international scholars," said John Ezell, curator of the collections, which are a part of OU's Bizzell Memorial Library.



Two separate funds have been established to promote the celebration of Georgia's 250th anniversary in 1983. The Semiquincentenary Commission has been appropriated \$100,000 in state funds for projects sponsored by groups of individuals rather than state agencies. Those planning events should contact the commission at 501 Whitaker Street, Savannah 31499. In addition, the commission in conjunction with NEH is providing up to \$32,000 in matching grant money to encourage projects on the theme "Founders, Followers, and Legacies in Georgia History." For information, contact the Georgia Endowment for the Humanities, 1589 Clifton Road, NE, Emory University, Atlanta 30322.



The Everett McKinley Dirksen Congressional Leadership Center has offered a challenging opportunity to institutions with congressional records. The center will provide matching funds to selected institutions for activities connected with acquisition, conservation, arrangement, description, and use of congressional archives. Those in the Southeast who are interested in submitting a joint proposal to the Dirksen Center contact Linda Matthews, Special Collections, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. 30322.



Matching grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Georgia Council for the Arts enabled Georgia Department of Archives and History to co-sponsor an exhibit on the art of early Southeastern Indians, which opened 1 October 1982 at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. The exhibit features 100 objects of embossed copper, carved wood, and polished stones from the archaeological collections of four museums.



The Association for Documentary Editing is currently conducting a membership drive. The group offers a quarterly newsletter, a job placement service, an annual fall meeting, and projects such as a forthcoming guide to the principles of documentary editing. For more information, contact Mary A. Giunta, ADE Membership Committee chairperson, at (202) 523-3092 or (202) 724-1090.



The archives department of Georgia State University in Atlanta will be moving in the fall of 1982 to the newly renovated Alumni Hall. The former Municipal Auditorium has undergone a \$5 million program of alterations, and the archives will be occupying a 4,000 square foot area on the ground floor of the building, just inside its Piedmont Avenue main entrance. With expanded stack and office areas and laboratory and exhibit space, the new facilities will enable the staff of the Southern Labor Archives, the University Archives, and the Johnny Mercer Collection to better serve donors and researchers.