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SHORT SUBJECTS



NEWS REELS

The Atlanta Historical Society received a \$75,000 General Operating Support grant from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency within the National Endowment of the Arts and Humanities. The grant will allow the historical society to send out traveling exhibits and to organize public workshops on the care of artifacts and manuscripts.

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Florida State University received a \$23,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) for the publication of the Black Abolitionists Papers. The Florida State Historical Records Board also received \$5,000 over a two-year period from the NHPRC to hold meetings for grant review and planning of records programs.

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The Mississippi Department for Archives and History has been awarded a grant of \$30,450 from the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities to establish a project entitled "Mississippi Midscape Extended-The Spanish Tradition." The project, scheduled to begin in October, is designed to interest the public in Mississippi's colorful colonial beginnings, a topic

that has previously received little attention. The first phase will include lectures by scholars, giving an overall view of the colonial period. The second phase, which will focus on the influence of Spain on Mississippi, includes translation of provincial records that are in the Department for Archives and History and selection of material for program presentations.

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The North Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board, Raleigh, NC received \$6,100 over a three-year period from the NHPRC to hold meetings which seek to improve grant review processes and plan for improved records programs in the state.

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In 1987, the Florida State Archives will receive a total of \$48,443 in grant monies from the Library Services Construction Act to undertake three projects designed to increase public access to the collections. The first project will produce a guide to the archives. Afro-American resources in the Florida State Archives and the State Library of Florida is the focus of a second grant-sponsored guide. The third project will provide consultant assistance to plan the preservation of and a catalog description for 1,500 16-mm films produced by the Florida Development Commission during the 1950s and 1960s.

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The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg has been awarded an Archival Fellowship grant from the NHPRC. The university has selected Alan K. Virta, senior manuscripts cataloguer for the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts Collections project at the Library of Congress, as the fellow.

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The Florida Historical Society has received a grant from the Institute of Museum Services for the conservation of its photograph collections, one of the

largest in Florida, numbering over 210,000 images. It includes the Gene Hyde Collection which covers the history of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County since 1938. There are also many Seminole Indian photographs in the society's files.

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The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks has published its Guide to the Mike Gravel Papers, 1957-1980 by Barbara M. Tabbert. The papers primarily document the years 1969-1980 when Gravel served in the United States Senate as the junior senator from Alaska. The guide is available for \$12 by writing the library, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-1005, or telephoning (907) 474-7261. Make checks payable to Elmer E. Rasmuson Library.

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In April of this year, the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge dedicated a new state-of-the-art archives building. Transfer of records into the new facility will begin as soon as possible. Appropriately, the dedication takes place the year the state celebrates its 175th year of statehood. Statewide celebrations will mark the state's anniversary and a seminar marking the occasion will be held in the new home of the archives.

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Carla Kemp, University of Florida, would like to establish an archival network via the electronic mail service in BITNET. Anyone interested in the network should contact Ms. Kemp at the University of Florida Library, Gainesville, FL 32611, telephone (904) 392-6547, or through the BITNET network ID CYZEU3Q, Node: NERVUM.

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The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has announced the publication of the Guide to Kentucky Archival and Manuscript Repositories, the first in a series of planned publications based on information

gathered by the NHPRC-sponsored Kentucky Guide Project. This introductory volume provides a brief overview of 285 public and private repositories in Kentucky, supplemented by appendices and a thorough index. To order the volume, write: Barbara Teague, Kentucky Guide Project, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602-0537.

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The Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta, Georgia officially opened for research 27 January 1987. Former President Carter cut the ribbon in a ceremony held in the main research room. More than six million pages of material documenting the Carter administration are now available for use by researchers.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin will reorganize the administration of its museum and archives following the recommendations of Dr. William Morison of the University of Louisville, who was hired as a consultant. Following the renovation of the Child Development Center on campus, the Archives and McCombs Collection will join with the museum in new quarters under the administration of the director of the university's library.

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