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President's Column

The 2002 board of the Society of Georgia Archivists is hard at work on many projects which will benefit the members and organization. Before I address these happenings, I wish to extend the thanks of the whole Society to Susan Broome and the 2001 board for their fine and productive leadership. I hope the 2002 board can be as successful in achieving its goals as its predecessors.

The first major event of 2002 was the spring workshop, organized by the Education Committee, led by Chair Laura Micham. Building on the success of Susan Kornfield's session at the SGA annual meeting, the Education Committee put together an all-day workshop on copyright, which was held May 31 in Decatur.

The Membership Committee is hard at work on a number of fronts. Due to the necessary vote on the increase in dues, renewals to members were sent later than usual, extending the deadline for inclusion of names in the directory. Membership Committee Chair Nancy Davis Bray and Administrative Assistant Linda Davis are at work now, reminding late renewals to submit their dues in order to be listed in the membership directory. For those of you who have not renewed, please do so. Nancy is also heading a task force to investigate membership satisfaction with the benefit of the Society.

Sheila McAlister and the hard-working members of the Scholarship Committee

have already selected the recipient of the Hart Scholarship which provides tuition to attend the Georgia Archives Institute. Next on the agenda is the Ed Weldon award, which pays registration fees for attendance at the Society of American Archivists' meeting which will be held in August in Birmingham, Alabama. The third award is the the Larry Gulley Scholarship, which pays expenses for attendance at the annual SGA meeting and one year's membership in the organization (see story and application on pages 14-15.)



Susan Dick

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The Society of Georgia Archivists' annual meeting in Decatur promises to be very interesting and educational. Glenn Eskew presides over the planning of the annual meeting, whose theme for this year is Politics in Archives.

As you can see the Society has many irons in the fire. All of this hard work is to sustain a healthy,

vibrant, and intellectually stimulating professional organization of archivists in Georgia and neighboring states. Volunteers are welcome to join in the fun. New professionals looking to get their feet wet and seasoned professionals interested in revisiting old stomping grounds are encouraged to contact the committee chairs or any of the officers to see how they can contribute to an exciting and busy year. ❖

Society of Georgia Archivists: Preserving the past and the present for the future

SGA membership entitles you to

- Publications such as *SGA Newsletter* and *Provenance*, the journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists;
- Reduced rates for society sponsored workshops and activities, such as the annual meeting in the fall;
- An annual directory of members;
- Nominating and voting rights governing the election of Board members and approval of major policy initiatives.

For a membership application, you can visit the Society of Georgia Archivists website at www.soga.org/members.html, contact Administrative Assistant Linda Davis at (404) 687-4615 or admin@soga.org, or contact Vice President/President-Elect Nancy Davis Bray at (478) 445-6847 or vicepresident@soga.org.

Specifics Regarding the *SGA Newsletter*

The Society of Georgia Archivists is a non-profit organization established to provide an effective means of communication and cooperation among all individuals employed in archives and manuscript repositories in the state; to promote the preservation and use of the manuscripts and archival resources of the state; to increase the knowledge of archival theories and practices; to encourage the publication of finding aids; and to cooperate with professionals in related disciplines.

The *SGA Newsletter* is issued four times a year and has approximately 200

subscribers/members. All subscriptions are for the calendar year and are based on membership dues to the Society of Georgia Archivists. Members of SGA and related associations are encouraged to send in announcements of jobs, workshops, conferences, or other information to share. Appropriate and newsworthy notices will be printed as space permits.

The *SGA Newsletter* invites advertisements for archival products and services as space permits and at the editor's discretion. Ads must be accompanied by a check made payable

to the Society of Georgia Archivists. Deadlines for submissions for articles and camera-ready advertisements are March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, and Nov. 15.

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Calendar of Events

Exhibitions

Words and Music - and War! (Web Exhibit) (http://www2.gasou.edu/special_collections/exhibits/patriotic/), Georgia Southern University. For additional information, please call (912) 681-5417

January 13 - December 31, 2002 - **Berry College Archives Centennial Exhibit.** For additional information, please call (706) 238-5886

April 22 - November 22, 2002 - **Vintage Baseball Cards from the Collection of Senator Richard B. Russell.** Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies, University of Georgia. For additional information, please call (706) 542-5766

April 27 - July 5, 2002 - **Freedom's Journey: The Declaration of Independence and Beyond.** Jimmy Carter Library and Museum. For additional information, please call (404) 331-3942

May 1 - December 31, 2002 - **Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America.** Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site. For additional information, please call (404) 331-5190 ext. 3008

Workshops and Training

June 27-28, 2002 - **Style Sheets - EAD Part 2** (SAA workshop), Ft. Worth, TX

August 19-20, 2002 - **Society of American Archivists Preconference Workshops**, Birmingham, AL. (Please visit <http://www.archivists.org/prof-education> for more information.

August 19-20 - **Archival Perspectives in Digital Preservation.**

August 19 - **Echoes of the Old South: African American Family History and**

Genealogy and Archival Reference Services.

August 19-20 - **Encoded Archival Description.**

August 19-20 - **Beyond the Static Finding Aid: Delivering EAD with Freely Available Open Source XML Tools.**

August 19- **Designing and Conducting User Studies.**

August 19 - **Holdings Maintenance: Basics of Housing & Storing Collections.**

August 20 - **XML for Archivists and Librarians**

August 20 - **Preservation Management of Machine-Based Audiovisual Collections.**

August 20- **Copyright: The Archivist and The Law**

November 13, 2002 - Pre-conference Workshop for Society of Georgia Archivists 2002 Annual Meeting, Decatur. **Funding Resources and Grant Writing**

Lunch & Learn Series at Georgia Department of Archives & History

For more information, call (404) 651-6474

July 9, 2002 - **City of Atlanta Resources.**

August 13, 2002 - **Metro Atlanta Resources.**

September 10, 2002 - **Georgia Resources.**

Lecture Series at Georgia Historical Society

For more information, call (912) 651-2125

June 20, 2002, 7PM - **Ralph Emerson McGill: Voice of Southern Conscience,** Leonard Tell of Georgia State University



The Calendar of Events is submitted by Laura Botts. Contact her at lbotts@gamusichall.com

This calendar includes exhibits and events at archival repositories and other institutions that could interest SGA members. Remember that schedules can and do change. Call ahead to confirm dates, times, fees, etc. Please send calendar items to Laura Botts, Georgia Music Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 870, Macon, GA 31202-0870. Fax: (478) 750-0350.

July 18, 2002, 7PM - **Lee in the Shadow of Washington,** Richard McCaslin of High Point University

August 15, 2002, 7PM - **Highbrows, Hillbillies, and Hellfire: Public Entertainment in Atlanta, 1880-1930,** Steve Goodson of the State University of West Georgia

Archival Meetings

August 19 - 25, 2002 - Society of American Archivists 2002 Annual Meeting, **Archival Roots: Our Foundation and Our Future.** Birmingham, Alabama. For more information, visit <http://www.archivists.org/conference/index.asp>

November 13-15, 2002 - Society of Georgia Archivists 2002 Annual Meeting, Decatur. Theme: **Politics and Archives.** For more information, visit <http://www.soga.org/am/2002/am.html>

Preservation News

Preservation News is submitted by Christine Wiseman. She can be reached at cwiseman@solinet.net



By Christine Wiseman

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, a unit of the National Park Services, is encouraging the "submission of grant proposals that focus on the

Preservation News is a quarterly column intended to disseminate timely and newsworthy information about preservation in libraries and archives. News items are collected from printed sources (newsletters, journals, press releases), information gathered at conferences and meetings, electronic mailing lists, and websites. Priority is given to items of particular interest to archivists and librarians in the Southeastern U.S. Topics include reports on developments in the field, training opportunities, new publications and services, and information on funding sources and grant deadlines. Please submit your preservation news to Christine Wiseman at 800-999-8558 extension 4936, or cwiseman@solinet.net.

protection of cultural resources against acts of terrorism" for its 2002 grant cycle. The National Park Service web site is temporarily unavailable, call 318-356-7444 for information.

New Regional Art Conservation Center

The Williamstown Art Conservation Center is collaborating with the High Museum of Art to establish the Atlanta Art Conservation Center (AACC), the first regional conservation center in the Southeast. The AACC will specialize in treatment of paintings, furniture, decorative objects, sculpture, frames, and art on paper. See www.rap-arcc.org under "what's new" for the full press release.

Online Conservation Referral Service

The American Institute for Conservation's guide to Conservation Services is now online at <http://aic.stanford.edu>. Included are helpful tips on working with a conservator, and a searchable feature that allows anyone seeking conservation services to find established conservators in their geographic area.

Irradiated Mail

The Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education (SCMRE) has issued a report on the effect of irradiation on materials, including materials of cellulosic composition. This may impact libraries sending

collection items through the mail in the light of recent increased screening and irradiation for anthrax. The full report can be found at http://www.si.edu/scmre/mail_irradiation.html.

Preservation Microfilm Records on the Web



The microfilm records of the libraries participating in SOLINET's Cooperative Preservation Microfilming Projects (CPMP1 - CPMP5) are almost all now accessible and linked through the SOLINET website. By following a few easy steps, users and researchers can search the topics alphabetically to find out what has been filmed and which institution holds the microfilm. Please note that, because CPMP5 is currently in progress, those libraries may not yet display records. Search options and instructions head up the listing at http://www.solinet.net/preservation/preservation_template.cfm?doc_id=84. ❖

Correction

The obituary for Richard D. Eltzroth, published in the Winter 2002 issue of SGA Newsletter, stated incorrectly that he died in November, 2001. The correct date was September 11, 2001.

Institutional Profile : Wesleyan College

Wesleyan College Archives
 Willet Memorial Library
 Wesleyan College
 4760 Forsyth Road
 Macon, GA 31210
www.wesleyancollege.edu

Founded in 1836, Wesleyan College is the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. Although the formal archives program was established in 1980, the archival collection began shortly after the college was founded.

Because the archives chronicle the history of Wesleyan, major collections include official papers of the college. These collections include items of historical interest to the college, such as photographs, diplomas, essays, books, faculty publications, programs, and clothing.



*Willet Memorial Library.
 Photo: www.wesleyancollege.edu*

Papers of prominent or highly successful alumna form the basis of a collection rich in women's history. Alumnae collections include Sarah Branham Matthews, MD, the doctor who isolated the meningitis strain thus allowing for the development of a treatment; Eugenia Rawls, actress, author, friend and confidant of Tallulah Bankhead; Betty Thompson, internationally known journalist; and Reverend Dr. Charlene Kammerer, Bishop of the United Methodist Church.

Patrons use the Wesleyan College Archives to research women's history, women's studies, and history of education. There is currently an exhibit featuring women writers and women of achievement.

The archives is open to the public Monday through Friday 8:30 am until 5:00 pm by appointment and Saturday by appointment only. For more information, contact Tena Roberts, Archivist, at TRoberts@WesleyanCollege.edu. ❖



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Membership Spotlight : Greta Reisel Browning



Name: Greta Reisel Browning

SGA Member Since: Fall 2001

VITAE: A.B. in History, Washington University in St. Louis; M.A. in Public History, North Carolina State University

I started in the archival profession as an Assistant Archivist at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis. I have also worked as a private archivist for an individual, arranging a family photograph collection and creating archival portrait and photograph albums to house the collection. While studying Public History at North Carolina State University, I held a Public History Fellowship that allowed me to intern at the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough (NC). Among other duties, I conducted oral histories with local African-American

residents in order to help document the community's African-American business history.

Upon completing my graduate studies in May 1999, I processed the Marion Clawson Papers at the Forest History Society in Durham and also worked as a digital projects archivist at NCSU's Special Collections and University Archives. In the fall of that year, I became an archivist at the American Dance Festival Archives in Durham. In June 2001, I

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Regional News

Alabama Update is submitted by Tim L. Pennycuff. Contact him at tpennycu@lister2.lhl.uab.edu



Alabama Update

By Tim Pennycuff

Probate Court of Mobile County, Archives Dept. (Mobile)

A recent update to the Court's Web site added an index to marriage licenses from the mid-1890s through the present day. Real property records from 1984 to the present may also be searched on-line at the Court's web site at <http://www.mobile-county.net>.

An indexing project of the Court's Miscellaneous Books A-Z has discovered interesting documentation on Mobile's history. To date volunteers have worked through Volume G and have already identified over 4,000 records pertaining to slavery, 200 bonds (including marriage), 600 marriage contracts, and 800 steamboat records. Other records identified include wharf sales and repairs, building contracts, medical license, and documents relating to estates and ledger accounts.

Staff will soon begin a final check of estate records and a newly created index; over 42,000 cases have been verified to date. The project began in 1992 and has been made possible through volunteers of the Genealogical Society of

Utah. Filming is planned for the summer.

Troy State University Dothan (Dothan)

Troy State University Dothan has created the Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture (AWHC) to preserve and document the history of the Wiregrass region of Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and Northern Florida. Alabama Congressman and Dothan native Terry Everett has pledged his papers and support, as has the National Peanut Festival and Landmark Agricultural Park. AWHC also intends to work with donors in counties in Southwest Georgia and Northwest Florida.

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joined Russell Library at the University of Georgia Libraries as a Processing and Oral History Archivist.

Currently, I am a member of SAA and SGA. While in North Carolina, I was active in the Society of North Carolina Archivists.

JOB DESCRIPTION: At the Russell Library, my duties include processing and referencing collections. I also administer the oral history collections.

MOST ENJOYABLE ASPECT OF YOUR

JOB: I enjoy learning about the

people of Georgia's past and present. I also like the challenge of making sense of someone else's correspondence and files!

FAVORITE PASTIME: I enjoy dance—whether it be dancing ballet, watching dance performances, or researching dance history. I have danced since I was a child, and luckily I have found a ballet school in Athens where I can continue one of my favorite pursuits.

COMMENTS ON WORK OR

PROFESSION: I decided to become an archivist because I love the challenge of putting pieces of the past together and simultaneously learning about a variety of subjects

on any given day. To me, the past is created by individuals. The closest I could be to learning about these people and making the evidences of their lives available to others was to become a public historian. ❖



Membership Spotlight is submitted by Sheila McAlister. Contact her at mcalists@libris.libs.uga.edu

Internet Corner

Reaching out to Kids

By Pamela Coleman

Many archives are reaching out to younger audiences, primarily to get students interested in history at an earlier age. The sites chosen here encourage users to interact with history and include presentation ideas that you may be able to use on your web site. In addition, most have teacher's guides, so that the material can be incorporated into the classroom. There are many more sites like these available on the internet.

George Washington Interactive Portrait for Kids

<http://georgewashington.si.edu/kids/portrait.html>

Using Macromedia Flash, this site offers an interesting way to explain

details in an important portrait of George Washington. The game takes the user to "missing details" through a series of carefully worded clues. A less snappy version is also available in HTML.

The American Experience Wayback U.S. History for Kids

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/kids/>

This site, produced by the Public Broadcasting System, encourages kids to "interview" important historical figures, play trivia games, react to photographs, and get in-depth information on different periods in history, all in a very colorful, easy-to-read format.

America's Story

<http://www.americasstory.com/cgi-bin/page.cgi>

Internet Corner is submitted by Pamela Coleman. She can be reached at pcoleman@sos.state.ga.us



The Library of Congress created this site featuring content from American Memory and other Library of Congress sites. Geared towards younger audiences, adults will also find the presentation and content very interesting. There are fun games and activities illustrated by photographs, audio and video files, to enhance the content.

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Dr. Marty Olliff, formerly at Auburn University, serves as the first director of the AWHC. Additionally, he will establish an undergraduate minor of archival studies in the TSUD history department. You may contact the AWHC at <http://www.tsud.edu/archives> or at (334) 983-6556, extension 327.

University of South Alabama Archives (Mobile)

As part of the celebration of the City of Mobile's Tricentennial, the University of South Alabama Archives received a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation to produce a free-standing traveling Tricentennial exhibit for use in the branches of the Mobile Public Library.

Additionally, the Friends of the Archives recently published *Down the Years: Articles on Mobile from the Gulf Coast Historical Review*.

Archivist Elisa Baldwin secured an NEH Preservation Grant to provide funding to box and shelve Circuit

Court records that have been stored in large metal cabinets for upwards of a century. The Archives has also started transferring to cassette nearly 200 reel-to-reel tape recordings, which will be indexed and copied onto CDs. The result will be accessible material ranging from interviews with George Wallace to speeches by national figures and visitors to the University.

Women's Missionary Union (Birmingham)

Amy Cook, the new Librarian of the Hunt Library and Archives of the Woman's Missionary Union, is responsible for directing the overall library and archives program and managing the Alma Hunt Museum. The repository holds corporate records of WMU, a missions organization founded in 1888 as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and special collections pertaining to missions history and missionary biographies. The corporate museum aims to interpret and enhance the understanding and appreciation of the contributions of

WMU to the cause of missions. WMU may be contacted (205) 991-4046 or library@wmu.org.

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries

The Alabama Department of Archives and History, Auburn University, and the University of Alabama will serve as the central digitizing centers for a grant awarded to the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries. The Cornerstone Project: Building the Foundation for Sharing Unique Treasures is a collaborative initiative that will make accessible historical treasures from repositories across the state. As a first priority approximately 15,000 items will be digitized to enrich Alabama Moments, an online guide that encourages teachers to introduce Alabama into the state history curriculum required of all 10th and 11th grade students.

The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries will coordinate the program to assure that students, teachers, and other citizens, as well as scholars throughout the world, can explore Alabama's unique historical treasures online. The project will result in a comprehensive Web-based digital collection of documents, images, recordings, maps and multimedia that highlight U.S. and Alabama history.

Last but not least, please remember that the next meeting of the Society of American Archivists will be held in Birmingham this August. Be sure to mark your calendars for August 19-25. We hope to see each and every one of you! ❖

Internet, continued from page 7**British Broadcasting Corporation History for Kids**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/index.shtml>

Illustrated by cartoons, this site takes visitors on interactive tours of periods in history, showing day-to-day details of buildings, clothing, tools, and lifestyles of the many groups who contributed to the history of the United Kingdom. The games are fun to play, although it is very easy to get lost in the site.

The British Library ATM (Automatic Treasures Machine)

<http://www.education.bl.uk/atm/index.html>

This web application contains a large number of images of different treasures from the library's collections, together with a short introduction to each one. Every time you visit the page, a different treasure will be displayed. But if you can't wait for another day, just hit the 'more' button on the ATM and see a new treasure selected at random just for you. ❖

Washington Beat

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND NHPRC

BUDGETS: President Bush submitted his FY2003 budget to Congress on February 4, 2002. The National Archives budget was \$263.933 million, an 8.1% increase. Included is a \$4.5 million increase for the electronic records initiative, \$1 million to operate and maintain the Archival Research Catalog, over \$3 million for security, and \$3.25 million for repairs at the Lyndon Baines Presidential Library. Unfortunately the NHPRC did not fare as well, taking a 22% cut in last year's appropriation with a budget of \$5 million.

ELECTRONIC RECORDS: The Society of American Archivists (SAA) responded to the National Archives' October 10, 2001 notice of advance rulemaking concerning electronic records on January 4, 2002. The statement, prepared by the Electronic and Government Records Sections and endorsed by Council, did not support Public Citizen's

request to retain the entire content, structure, and context of electronic records. Instead, SAA suggested that the policies, procedures, and documentation of the Archives and other government agencies indicate the specific qualities to be retained to ensure the record's ongoing value. SAA also endorsed the idea of applying the requirements in 36 CFR 1234.22 to all records produced and received with electronic information systems, since it felt that the "text document" category was useless for purposes of the proposed regulation. Finally, SAA noted that electronic record retention would support the business needs of government, including public access, and that printed copies often did not retain all of the important elements of evidence in the original electronic record. A copy of SAA's complete statement can be found at the SAA web site at <http://www.archivists.org/>.

REPORT ON FEDERAL

RECORDKEEPING RELEASED: The National Archives released "Report On Current Recordkeeping Practices in the Federal Government" on December 14, 2001. It is based on surveys conducted by the Archives and SRA International, Inc., an information technology firm. Over 40 agencies participated in interviews and focus groups, while over 475 responded to an Internet survey, and NARA conducted a series of records systems analyses on selected business processes in the agencies. The report concluded that while certain kinds of records, such as case files, were well-managed, most employees are unsure whether

The Washington Beat is submitted by Jim Cross. Contact him at jcross@clermson.edu



electronic information is actually an official record, and so most of this information fails to be transferred to the Archives. This is particularly true regarding e-mail. When electronic records are saved, they are usually printed out and stored on paper. Also, most agencies have never integrated records management into their business processes, so most electronic records are not scheduled, and many permanent paper records never make their way to the Archives. Records management staff are small, budgets are tight, and training is lacking.

FIRE AND THEFT AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES FACILITIES:

On December 4, 2001 an arson fire broke out at the National Archives storage facility in Suitland, Maryland. Most seriously damaged were State Department passport files, although records from the Coast Guard and Navy, as well as constituent correspondence for four members of Congress, also suffered some water damage. The Archives is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the arsonist(s). On March 13, 2002, Shawn Aubitz, a former archivist at the National Archives' Philadelphia

Washington Beat reports on federal legislation and agency initiatives and actions of interest to archivists. Resources used to write the column include "Washington Update" from NCC; THOMAS, the Library of Congress' federal legislation database; The Federal Register; Peter Kurilec's "Records and Archives in the News," press releases from federal agencies, including the National Archives and the Library of Congress; and postings from the Archives & Archivists Listserv, among others.

branch archives, plead guilty to the theft of hundreds of documents and photographs valued at \$200,000 from the branch. The material included 64 presidential pardons, autographed photographs of Apollo astronauts, and an 1863 warrant seizing Arlington, the estate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. The material was sold on eBay and through magazine advertisements and dealers; 59 documents and 316 photographs have been recovered so far. The thefts, which occurred from August 1996 to July 1999, were discovered in March 2000 by a

National Park Service employee. After an investigation by the Archives' Inspector General Office Aubitz was fired. He was charged with the thefts on February 11, 2002, and has been assisting authorities to recover the stolen material.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPES RELEASES: On January 9, 2002 the National Archives released compact discs of thirty-eight dictabelt sound recordings of conversations between Eisenhower and individuals such as John Foster Dulles and reporter John

Gunther. These conversations occurred during the period September 1949 to June 1950, while Eisenhower was president of Columbia University and cover a variety of topics, including Eisenhower's political ambitions and philosophy. Four hours of tapes from President Kennedy's administration were opened to the public on February 6, 2002. Taped in both the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room, the tapes include a December 5, 1962 meeting where Kennedy discusses nuclear stockpiling and deterrence with his advisors. On February 28, 2002 the National Archives opened 500 hours of Nixon tapes. Approximately 426 hours are of conversations in the White House from January to June 1972, with another 69 hours of Cabinet Room tapes. The tapes include discussions of Nixon's trip to China, the Vietnam War, Watergate, the possibility of Henry Kissinger becoming Secretary of State, and the assassination attempt on Governor George Wallace. Free finding aids on compact disc are available which include the date, time, location, names of participants, and an outline of the conversation recorded. In a related development, the National Archives has received copies of over 20,000 pages of summaries of telephone conversations held between January 1969 and August 1974 from Henry Kissinger; the originals are held by the Library of Congress but have been sealed since their donation in 1976. It will take approximately a year to open the documents to the public; the 10,000 summaries for the period September 1973-1977 released by Kissinger last year are still being reviewed.

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RELEASE: On January 3, 2002 approximately 8,000 pages of material from the Reagan Papers, previously withheld by the White House, were made available to researchers at the Reagan Library. They included office files of some of Reagan's assistants, such as James Baker III, Richard Darman, James Cicconi, and Lyn Nofziger. Another 59,850 pages were authorized for release on February 8, 2002, at the same time the government filed a motion to dismiss a suit against Executive Order 13233; the actual release of the papers occurred on March 15, 2002. These papers included staff members and office files, as well as material from the National Security Council and the Subject Files of the White House Office of Records Management. This will leave only 1,000 pages of the 68,000 originally held back unavailable to the public, and 150 pages under review.

NARA SEEKS COMMENT ON

REGULATIONS: On January 23, 2002 the National Archives requested comments on proposed regulations regarding government-wide disbarment and suspension (non-procurement) and government-wide requirements for drug-free workplaces (grants). The Archives joined a number of other agencies in proposing the new rules, which were published in the January 23, 2002 *Federal Register* beginning on page 3265 and will affect NHPRC grant applications and grantees. Comments were due by March 25, 2002. The February 6, 2002 *Federal Register* includes revised grant regulations for NHPRC beginning on

page 5542. The proposed rule removes outdated information and expands sections for greater clarity and conformity with the National Archives' current guidelines. It also puts the regulations into "plain language." Comments on the proposed rule were due April 8, 2002. Finally, the Archives is proposing changes in the rules for obtaining copies of the Nixon White House tape recordings in NARA's custody. The modified rules, which would allow copies of all of the White House tapes to be made and permits self-service copying of the tapes, were published in the March 15, 2002 *Federal Register* beginning on page 11632. Comments are due by May 14, 2002. The proposed rules can be accessed at the National Archives site; the URL is www.nara.gov/nara/pubcom.html.

OTHER NATIONAL ARCHIVES NEWS:

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Clinton Presidential Library was held in Little Rock, Arkansas on December 5, 2001. Completion of the 145,000 square foot facility is scheduled for 2004. Stephen Garfinkel, Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) since 1980 and chair of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group (IWG), retired on January 3, 2002 after serving over 30 years in the federal government. The IWG released an interim report to Congress on its efforts on March 20, 2002. According to the report, 18,000 pages of material related to Japanese war crimes have been opened for research, with another 60,000 pages under review. The report also

highlights some of the records opened by the IWG and those records previously opened but not used so far by researchers. Copies of the report can be found at <http://www.nara.gov/iwg/report02.html>. The 1930 Federal population census will be released April 1, 2002. It consists of 4,254 rolls of microfilm, with 1,587 rolls being Soundex indexes for twelve Southern states.

AMERICAN MEMORY ADDITIONS: The final release of the Abraham Lincoln Papers was added on March 4, 2002. The 20,000 documents (61,000 images) and annotated transcriptions of nearly 10,000 documents, most of which date from the 1850's to 1865. The Library of Congress had earlier announced the addition of a related collection, the Horatio Nelson Taft Diary, to the site on February 13, 2002. "Washington During the Civil War: the Diary of Horatio Nelson Taft, 1861-1865" contains 1,240 images and a complete transcription of the diary. Taft was an examiner in the U.S. Patent Office who had a close relationship with the Lincoln family, due to his sons being regular playmates of Willie and Tad Lincoln. It includes a report on Lincoln's assassination based, in part, on the account of his older son, Dr. Charles Sabin Taft, who was at Ford's Theater that night and became one of the attending physicians. The diary also includes information on daily life in Washington—his family life, events, the arrival of various regiments, and daily news reports of battles. On February 15, 2002 the Library announced several additions to the site. "'Suffering Under a Great Injustice': Ansel Adam's

Photographs of Japanese-American Internment at Manzanar" consists of 209 prints and 241 negatives taken by Adams in 1943. Prints and negatives are displayed side-by-side in order to demonstrate Adams's darkroom technique, in particular how he cropped the prints. The photographs depict the internee's family life, work, and recreational activities. The presentation also includes digital images of the first edition of Adams's book on Manzanar, *Born Free and Equal*.

"Chicago Anarchists on Trial: Evidence from the Haymarket Affair, 1886-1887" has over 3,800 images of artifacts, broadsides, manuscripts, photographs and prints relating to the meeting, bombing, trial, execution of four of the accused and the pardon of the remainder.

Included in this presentation from the Chicago Historical Society is the transcript of the proceedings from the murder trial and images of an unexploded bomb casing. Mystic Seaports' collections form the basis for "Westward by Sea: A Maritime Perspective on American Expansion, 1820-1890." It includes business papers, diaries, letters, logbooks, maps, nautical charts, paintings, photographs, and published narratives of voyages and travels associated with the settlement of Alaska, California, Hawaii, the Pacific Northwest, and Texas.

SMITHSONIAN PHOTOGRAPHS: The Smithsonian Institution has begun a new initiative to create a National Center for Photography as part of the museum complex. A general survey of the Institution's 13 million-strong photograph collections, to be held in May 2003 in the Arts and

Industries Building, will kick off the initiative. It is hoped that the Center will have both exhibition educational space, and will allow both in-person and virtual access to the collections. Film and video may be added at a later date, if the Center is successful. The Center needs at least \$3 million in seed money to become a reality.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13233: Steve Hensen, President of the Society of American Archivists, spoke out against the order on December 16, 2001, in an op-ed piece in the Washington Post. Public Citizen filed a motion for summary judgement in the District Court for the District of Columbia on February 8, 2002 as part of the November 28, 2001 suit against Executive Order 13233 brought by it, the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the National Security Archive, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and two Presidential historians. The Justice Department filed a motion to dismiss the same day. On March 1, 2002 the Society of Professional Journalists and eight other media, publishing, and historical organizations, joined a friend of court brief filed by The American Association of Publishers, Inc. on February 28, 2002 to overturn the order. The organizations argue that the executive order is an abuse of power, an avoidance of public accountability, and a conflict of interest, since the only Presidential papers scheduled for release during President Bush's current term are those of his father. Representative Stephen Horn of California, chairman of the Subcommittee on

Government Efficiency, sent a "Dear Colleague" to other members of the House on March 7, 2002, declaring his intention to introduce legislation to overturn the Executive Order. The "Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2002" is tentatively scheduled to be introduced on April 11, 2002, as is a hearing on the proposed legislation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: In a summary report released on January 31, 2002, the Justice Department noted that the FY2000 FOIA requests reached an record annual high, with over 2 million requests received by the federal government. This represented a 13.5% increase over the requests for FY1999. The cost of processing requests—over \$250 million—also set a record high. Somewhat over half the requests were granted, and there was an 8.5% increase in the backlog of requests, in spite of efforts to reduce it. The three top cabinet-level departments receiving requests were the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Agriculture. The top agency was the Social Security Administration, in part due to the popularity among genealogists of access through its "Application for Social Security Number" form. Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, asked the General Accounting Office (GAO) on February 28, 2002 to determine whether the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act were being carried out properly by federal agencies. He also requested GAO to evaluate the effect of Attorney General Ashcroft's October 12, 2001

FOIA policy memo on the implementation of FOIA.

DOE DOCUMENTS ORDERED

RELEASED: On February 28, 2002 Judge Gladys Kessler of the U.S. District Court in Washington ordered the Department of Energy to release 2,100 documents relating to Vice President Cheney's energy task force by March 25. The order came in response to a suit by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed in December 2001. The Energy Department has indicated it will comply with the order. On March 5, 2002 Judge Paul A. Friedman of the U.S. District Court in Washington directed seven agencies—the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Interior, and Transportation, as well as the

Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Management and Budget—to release documents relating to the task force. The suit is unrelated to that filed by the General Accounting Office.

COPYRIGHT: On February 19, 2002 the Supreme Court agreed to hear *Eldred v. Ashcroft* in the Court's next term. The case will determine whether or not the 1998 Copyright Extension Act, which extended copyright terms by an additional twenty years, is constitutional. The original suit was filed on January 11, 1999 in the District Court of the District of Columbia, where it was summarily dismissed on October 28 of that same year. It was appealed to the District of Columbia Circuit Court on May 22, 2000, and the

appeal was denied on February 16, 2001, as was a petition to rehear the case later in the year. The petition requesting the Supreme Court to hear the case was filed on October 11, 2001. On December 13, 2001 the American Library Association, the Association of Law Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, the Digital Future Coalition, the Medical Library Association, and the Society of American Archivists (SAA) filed an amicus curiae ("friend of the court") brief supporting the request to the Supreme Court to hear the case and overturn the appeals court's decision. The brief relied heavily on enumerating the problems archivists and historians face when dealing with excessive copyright terms. ❖

Employment Opportunities

Archivist 2 - Georgia Department of Archives and History

POSITION TITLE: Archivist 2

LOCATION: Archives and History, 330 Capitol Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30334

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

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Works with Records Management staff and staff in other state agencies to ensure smooth operations of accessioning procedures. Prepares records in MARC format, using established bibliographic,

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

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To apply for the Larry Gulley Scholarship, please fill out and mail in application on the next page or on-line application located at <http://www.soga.org/scholarships/lgsa.html>. Application deadline is **August 16**. For more information regarding SGA scholarships, contact:

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library clientele through a strong reference program and also serves the community through a developing outreach program. The library addition/renovation project currently underway (<http://library.gcsu.edu/newbuilding/>) will make the Ina Dillard Russell Library the visual and intellectual focal point of the campus.

Russell Library is the center of research activities at GC&SU. Library resources include over 180,000 volumes, 1,100 periodical subscriptions, and extensive microform holdings. Approximately 4,000 government documents are added annually. The Library houses the Flannery O'Connor Collection, University Archives, and other Special Collections. Primary access to the library catalog, periodical indexes and full-text periodical databases is provided via GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online), a statewide library system. Visit our web site at: <http://library.gcsu.edu/>.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Assists in providing leadership in the development and

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PREFERRED: Experience with MARC-AMC format; ACA certification.

RANK AND SALARY: The 12-month

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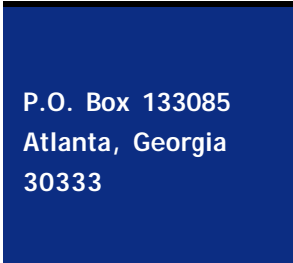
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