

The Greater New Orleans Archivists

Newsletter

Spring

1993

Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 17th
Time: 5:00 PM
Patout's Restaurant
1319 St. Charles Avenue

Spring Meeting

Our next meeting is a joint meeting with GNOA-ARMA. It will take place on Wednesday March 17 at Patout's Restaurant, 1319 St. Charles Avenue. Ms. Theresa Le Fevre is the guest speaker and she will give a presentation entitled, "Regional Archival Repositories: Holdings, Staffing, and Challenges. Theresa is a former student of Dr. Nolan's and is currently working at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Archives. Registration is from 5:00-5:30p.m., the presentation will start at 5:30p.m., with dinner following the presentation. The cost for dinner is twenty dollars. If you are planning to attend or have any questions please contact Mr. Steve Locke with GNOA-ARMA by March 13, at 529-5011.

GNOA Gives Partial Scholarship

As decided at the winter meeting, a partial scholarship to the SAA-sponsored workshop, "Understanding the USMARC Format for Archival and Manuscripts Control" would be given by GNOA. Members were invited to send a letter of

application stating why they wished to attend the workshop to Mrs. Catherine Kahn. Mrs. Kahn chaired the selection committee composed of Mr. Wayne Everard and Mr. Bill Meneray. The winner of the scholarship was Ms. Rebecca Hankins of the Amistad Research Center. The workshop took place on February 11 and 12, 1993 at the Historic New Orleans Collection. Instructors for the workshop were Mrs. Debbie Pendleton, the Assistant Director of the Public Services Division at the Alabama Department of Archives and History and Mrs. Marion Matters, who is on the staff of the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library and has an archival consulting service.

1992 Winter Meeting

The winter meeting was held on December ninth at the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women. Following the welcome address by Mrs. Sally Reeves, Mr. Andrew Simons gave the Treasurer's Report. It was announced that the funding

sought from the Friends of the Cabildo and The Historic New Orleans Collection for the Mardi Gras brochure was received. Work on the documentation project is moving along and there were only a few hold outs on the questionnaire that institutions were asked to complete. Dr. Alfred Lemmon proposed we give a partial scholarship to the Society of American Archivists, MARC:AMC workshop in February. This proposal was made at the Fall meeting but was not voted on. After a discussion of the proposal by the members present it was put to a vote. The proposal to give a partial scholarship was accepted. A proposal was made for a controlled vocabulary project for Louisiana and Dr. Wilbur Meneray and Dr. Lemmon reported on the activities of the SAA 1993 Host Committee. Ms. Debbie Mills of SAA was a guest at the meeting. She reported that SAA is expecting a record attendance at the convention in New Orleans. Ms. Mills was in town to meet with the Host Committee. Under new business, it was proposed that GNOA sponsor workshops in preservation or MARC formatting. It was proposed that our Spring meeting be a joint meeting with GNOA-ARMA. After a discussion it was put to a vote and accepted. Mrs. Reeves gave the annual President's Report.

In her report Mrs. Reeves focused on the growth of the GNOA. We have roughly 32 members representing fourteen local institutions in our organization. Religious archives are a potential source of future growth. Three of our members have been the catalysts for the founding of new archives in the city. Many of the members have attended SAA, LAMA, SSA, and GNOA-ARMA meetings and workshops and serve as committee members and officers for these other organizations. Members have edited various archival newsletters and have had articles published in professional journals. She commended members for the help given to one another and said our task for next year is to put on a great local show for the SAA convention. In

closing she thanked Mr. Lester Sullivan for his work on the newsletter as Secretary and Mr. Andrew Simons for his work as Treasurer. To end the meeting, elections were held for officers for 1993. Mrs. Reeves agreed to stay on as President and Mr. Simons agreed to continue being the Treasurer.

Archivist of The United States Resigns

On February 12, 1993 Don Wilson, Archivist of the U. S. announced his resignation effective March 31, 1993. Mr. Wilson will become Research Professor of Presidential Studies and Executive Director of the George Bush Center at Texas, A.M.U.

News From the Archives

Amistad Research Center

The Amistad Research Center along with the L.S.U. Black Alumni Association sponsored a session on A. P. Tureaud, at Xavier University. Currently on display is a voting rights exhibit and art from the African American Art Collection. The Center recently hosted a reception for the Mardi Gras Indians and was busy with researchers during Black History Month. Director, Frederick Stielow had two articles published, one, on electronic preservation, appeared in The American Archivist.

Archives of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

All sacramental records (baptisms, marriages, and confirmations) as well as funeral records prior to 1901 are presently being transferred from individual parishes to the archdiocesan archives. These records include seven civil parishes: Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St.

John the Baptist, and St. Tammany. Most records have already been moved; the project will be completed in June. All enquiries for information from these records should now be directed to the archdiocesan archives.

Cross, Crozier, and Crucible, a volume of more than forty historical essays to commemorate the bicentennial of the establishment of the Diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas, is completed, and The Center for Louisiana Studies is presently taking advanced orders. The official publication date is April 25. A book signing will be held at the archdiocesan archives at 1100 Chartres Street on April 25 from 2:00 to 4:00p.m. The public is invited.

The Historic New Orleans Collection

The Historic New Orleans Collection is hosting *Jefferson at 250: The Legacy of an American Genius*, a national lecture series commemorating Thomas Jefferson's varied contributions to American history and culture. Up-coming lectures in this series will be held on March 11 and 23. For further information call 523-4662. The Long Weekend: The Arts and The Vieux Carré between the World Wars, 1918-1941, is the current exhibit in the Williams Gallery. This is a two-part exhibition, part one, currently on display, focuses on the 1920s, while the second installment, opening in May will concentrate on the 1930s.

Recent acquisitions include a volume of indentured servitude documents, 1806-1807, a collection of New Orleans commercial materials relating to Charles Rosen, 1905-1913, Christian Frederick Ohlsen's ledger book from 1868-1870, George Pandely Papers, 1784-1899, A Resume of the Services of the 128th Regiment New York Volunteers, From Sept. 4, '62, To Jan. 1, '64, several books and pamphlets by, or about, Dr. Joseph Jones, an 1882 parade bulletin for the Krewe of Proteus, a panoramic view of Camp Claiborne in central Louisiana, 1941, and a Louisiana State lottery poster from 1891.

New Orleans Public Library, Louisiana Division

The Louisiana Division's carnival exhibit will be on display through March on the third floor of the Central Library, and staff members are currently working on an exhibit to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the New Orleans Public Library. Recent acquisitions include five boxes of additional 1980's Civil Service Commission Records and copies of 567 oral history tapes created by the Friends of the Cabildo. The original tapes remain at the Historical Center of the Louisiana State Museum. In January the Louisiana Division hosted a seminar entitled, "Tracing Your Roots: African American Genealogy Day."

Touro Infirmary Archives

Touro Infirmary Archives has just acquired the loving cup presented to Dr. Frederick Loeber in 1899, to celebrate his thirty years as chief surgeon. Dr. Loeber took the helm of the fledgling Infirmary after the Civil War and helped spearhead the move to Prytania Street. In honor of the loving cup's return the hospital has invited descendants of the Loeber family to a luncheon to share with the archives memories of their ancestor.

University of New Orleans, Archives and Manuscripts/ Special Collections Department

Over 15 linear feet of case files were found by the staff of the Supreme Court of Louisiana during the current preparation for the move to the Wildlife and Fisheries Building. These files, added to those already on deposit in the Archives Department total roughly 97% of the complete collection of legal archives for the Court, 1813-1889. The files scattered in several series, concern litigation between the 1830's and 1870's.

Mr. Stephen Castellanos, formerly with Southern Microfilm Corp., has joined the department to continue the microfilm preservation project for the Supreme Court of Louisiana Collection of Legal Archives.

The department recently received six boxes of materials compiled by Ms. Lois Brupbacher on the city's Lake Area Public School Improvement Association and the Rockefeller Community Development Program. A student has been provided by the Modern Language Department to transcribe interviews made with members of the New Orleans Hispanic community. These narrations are part of a collection being prepared by the department on the local Hispanic community and will be available to researchers.

William Ransom Hogan Jazz Archive

New acquisitions include forty pieces of sheet music, mostly Jelly Roll Martin compositions and rags, from Ralph Collins, a cohort of Bill Russell, along with four Albert System Clarinets, two cornets, fifteen ten inch American Music Label recordings, and twenty-five LP's. Mr. Bruce Raeburn recently gave a presentation entitled, "Parading on Common Ground: New Orleans Jazz Experience as a Model for a Modern Nation" to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for Research and served as a panelist for the Southern American Studies Association's seminar, "Origins of Jazz: Beyond the Mexican Connection."

Xavier University Archives and Special Collections

The Xavier University Archives and Special Collections recently received small collections on the careers of two African-American authors, Ishmael Reed and Arthur Pfister. One linear foot of additions to the Papers of Don Lee Keith has also been received. These additions include correspondence, photographs, and press clippings relating to literary friends of Keith, such as Tennessee Williams, Truman Capote, and Eudora

Welty.

Lester Sullivan and Raymond Berthelot, Jr. are serving as consultants to Our Lady of Holy Cross College in the development of their new archives.

Planning for Preservation Seminar

The Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin is sponsoring a one-day seminar entitled, "Visioning The Future: Planning for Preservation" to be held on Friday, April 30, 1993, at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. The workshop will introduce participants to models for planning preservation programs in order to develop an understanding of the available array of models and confidently choose the most appropriate approach for their collection. For more information contact Mr. David Terry, assistant CE director, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Tx., 78712, phone: (512) 471-8806, fax: (512) 471-3971.

SAA Offers A New Short Course

The Society of American Archivists will offer a new short course for graduate and continuing education instructors on the regional and national levels, who want to increase their effectiveness with adult learners. "Training the Trainer: Teaching Techniques and the Adult Learner" will be held on August 30, 1993, in conjunction with the SAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Dr. Jack Prostko of the Center for Teaching and Learning at Stanford University will be the instructor for this one day course. For more information please contact Jane Kenamore, SAA, 600 South Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, Il. 60605, telephone, (312) 922-0140.

Audio Tape and Videotape Preservation Program

"The Magnetic Media Challenge: Preservation of Audio Tape and Videotape in Libraries and Archives" is the title of a program being sponsored by the Preservation of Library Materials Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, in cooperation with the Association of Research Libraries, the Society of American Archivists, and the Southeast Library Information Network. The program will be held in the Urban Life Center at Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia on May 21-22 and will feature presentations by specialists in the field of magnetic media history, technology, and preservation. Fee for personal members of ALA and members of SAA, ARL, or SOLINET is \$180 and \$145 for ALCTS members. For further information contact Yvonne A. McLean, ALCTS, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Il., 60611 or call 1-800-545-2433 ext. 5032.

Upcoming Institutes and Preconferences sponsored by ALCTS

Preservation Strategies for Collection Management

May 3-4, 1993 at Notre Dame, Ind.

Electronic Technologies: New Options for Preservation

June 24, 1993 in New Orleans, La.

SAA Colonial Dames Scholarship

A scholarship to the National Archives' Modern Archives Institute, to be held in June, is available from the Society of American Archivists. The award, funded by the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter III, covers up to \$1,200 of the total tuition travel, and housing expenses at the Institute. To be eligible, an applicant must be an employee of an archival institution or agency with a fair percentage of its holdings in a period

predating 1825; have been employed less than two years as an archivist or archives trainee; and actually be working with archives or manuscripts regardless of title.

Resumes accompanied by two letters of recommendation from persons having definite knowledge of the applicant's qualifications should be submitted to Frank Mevers, New Hampshire State Archives, 71 S. Fruit St., Concord, NH., 03301, by April 1, 1993. Any questions call Mr. Mevers at (603) 271-2236.

Thank You

Ours thanks to Susan Tucker and "Newcomb" for being such wonderful hosts at our winter meeting.

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Send submissions to Carol Bartels, The Historic New Orleans Collection, 533 Royal St., New Orleans, La. 70130-2179.
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