

# The Greater New Orleans Archivists

## *Newsletter*

Autumn

1993

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 27th**  
**Time: 5:00 PM**  
**University of New Orleans Archives**  
**Earl K. Long Library**  
**U.N.O. Campus**

### **Autumn Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 27th and will be hosted by the University of New Orleans Archives, located on the fourth floor of the Earl K. Long Library. The agenda includes the appointment of a nominating committee for the election of officers and reports on the Mardi Gras Documentary Resources Guide and the SAA Committee on Regional Archival Activities. There will also be a report given by the SAA Host Committee at this meeting.

### **GNOA Carnival Guide**

The first publication of the Greater New Orleans Archivists, "Guide To Resources In New Orleans Repositories For The Study of Carnival In New Orleans," has been published and is now available. Financial assistance was provided by the Friends of the Cabildo and The Historic New Orleans Collection. The Amistad Research Center supplied technical assistance in the printing and publication of the guide. This seventeen page guide includes information on twelve of the city's

research centers and was handed out at the Society of American Archivists Convention in September.

### **1993 Summer Meeting**

A summer meeting of the GNOA was held on the second of June at the Louisiana Historical Center. Discussion at this meeting focused on the SAA Host Committee. Certain situations arose during the planning of the convention that caused members of the host committee to question what the role and purpose of the host committee is. It was proposed at this meeting that a letter be sent to the SAA President advising her of the experiences of the New Orleans host committee and expressing the need for a clear definition of the function of the host committee.

We would like to thank Kathryn Page and the Louisiana State Museum for the wonderful hospitality that was shown at this meeting.

## News From The Archives

### *Archives of the Archdiocese of New Orleans*

On September 15, Archdiocese of New Orleans, Sacramental Records, Volume 8, (1804-1806), was published. The 2,336 entries arranged under 1,483 surnames reflect the growing presence of Santo Domingans and former residents of the Eastern United States in the New Orleans area. Volume nine, (1807-1809), is scheduled for publication in 1994.

The archdiocesan archives hosted the annual meeting of the Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists who met in conjunction with the SAA convention on September first. This meeting featured a presentation on preserving photographs by John Lawrence of The Historic New Orleans Collection and a summary of the recent survey of Catholic Diocesan Archives by the ACDA long-range planning committee, headed by Christine Taylor of the Archdiocese of Seattle. On September 15th the Archives hosted the monthly meeting of the Greater New Orleans Association of Records Managers and Administrators.

### *Center for African and African American Studies Southern University New Orleans*

The Center has recently received the following acquisitions: additions to the Sara Hollis Papers, which document her work at SUNO, her graduate studies, and her and her mother's participation in Peace Corps activities; the papers of civil rights activist, Don C. Hubbard; records of the Louisiana State Committee Against Apartheid, 1975-1993, which highlight the efforts of Carl Galmon to implement a program for the study of African and African American History and Culture in the New Orleans Public School System. Dr. and Mrs. Pascal James Imperato of Manhasset, New York, have donated ten pieces of art and four textiles

from various districts in Mali to the African art collection of CAAS. The Imperato's gift includes masks, door locks, a circumcision rattle, a mud cloth, and a Khasa wool blanket.

### *The Historic New Orleans Collection*

Two lectures remain to be given in the national lecture series, *Jefferson at 250: The Legacy of an American Genius*, hosted by The Historic New Orleans Collection. On October 27th, Dell Upton will present "Thomas Jefferson's Architecture" and on the 10th of November, Clay Jenkinson will present "An Evening With Thomas Jefferson." For more information on these lectures please call 523-4662.

Currently on display in the Williams Gallery, is the exhibition, "Letter Perfect: Three Centuries of Louisiana Correspondence." This exhibition celebrates the written letter as a vehicle for the expression of ideas during three hundred years of Louisiana history, from La Salle's 1682 dispatch to the King of France to Walker Percy's 1988 lament about the fate of the New Orleans Symphony. Also currently on display is an exhibition entitled, "Monumental New Orleans: Letting the Past Inform the Future," an exhibition of historic images and artifacts of nine area monuments and outdoor sculptures. During the month of November an exhibition focusing on immortelles will be on display.

The long awaited guide to the papers of Pierre Clément Laussat, Napoleon's Prefect for the Colony of Louisiana and of General Claude Perrin Victor at the Historic New Orleans Collection is now available. Recent acquisitions include the minutes of annual membership meetings of the Pickwick Club, 1912-1949; additions to the Galerie Simonne Stern Papers; Everette Maddox Papers; a promotional booklet for the Hotel New Orleans; a copy of Ruth McEnery Stuart's The Story of Babette, A Little Creole Girl;

Topographical maps of Southeast Louisiana; and a 1930's road atlas. Pieces of sheet music recently acquired include a "Quick Step" by Albert Holland published by William T. Mayo and a compilation of twelve selections from operatic favorites arranged by Ferdinand Beyer and entitled "Fleurs Italiennes."

### ***New Orleans Public Library, Louisiana Division***

The Louisiana Division had recently been awarded a planning grant by the Louisiana Division of the Arts as the first step in its project to conserve the architectural drawings in its James H. Dakin Collection. The two thousand dollar grant will allow the Division to bring in James Stroud, Chief Conservation Officer for the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, to assess the condition of the collection. Stroud's recommendations will be used in a more extensive grant application to restore or conserve the collection. An exhibit illustrating the project including a rotating display of Dakin drawings, will be on view in the Louisiana Division from the end of October through December, 1993.

In connection with Black History Month activities at New Orleans Public Library, the Louisiana Division will host its third annual African-American Genealogy Day on 26 February 1994. Greg Osborn will conduct a seminar and staff members will be on hand to assist patrons with genealogical research.

### ***Notarial Archives***

The Notarial Archives has recently received a draft copy of a newly-completed index to some 12,000 building contracts in its collection. Sixty years in the making, the index covers from 1766 to approximately 1960, with plans to update it to present. New Orleans architect Samuel Wilson, Jr. began compiling the index and his successor at Koch & Wilson Architects, Robert Cangelosi, vigorously pursued the project to its end through

his own personal efforts and with cooperation of the Friends of the Cabildo. Funding was provided by the Ella West Freeman Foundation, The Keller Family Foundation, The Collins C. Diboll Foundation, and the Louisiana Landmarks Society. The index will be available in both electronic and paper formats. Copies are obtainable at the Notarial Archives, New Orleans Public Library, Southeastern Architectural Archives, and the Louisiana Historical Center.

### **Society of American Archivists Chairs**

Dr. Alfred E. Lemmon, The Historic New Orleans Collection, has been appointed as Chairman of the International Archival Affairs Committee of the SAA. Sally Reeves, Notarial Archives, has accepted election as incoming co-chairman of the SAA's Architectural Records Roundtable.

### **Certified Archivists**

The Academy of Certified Archivists gave its certification examination on September first. Members of the GNOA who took and passed the archivists certification examination are Carol Bartels, Mark Cave, and Dr. Joseph Scott from The Historic New Orleans Collection, and Irene Wainwright of the New Orleans Public Library, Louisiana Division.

### **National Archives**

Trudy Huskamp Peterson, Acting Archivist of the United States, was elected President of the International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (CITRA) at its 29th meeting, in September. Dr. Peterson is the first American elected as President of CITRA and the first woman in CITRA's history to hold the office of President. She will also serve on the Executive Committee of the International Council on Archives (ICA).

**Ulysses S. Ricard, Jr.  
1950-1993**

Ulysses S. Ricard, Jr., Senior Archivist, Amistad Research Center, died on Thursday, October seventh. Ricard also served as an adjunct professor of history at Southern University in New Orleans. His talents and expertise will be missed. A specialist in French Creole and Cajun culture and language, he recently worked with historian Gwendolyn Hall, studying and collecting data on Africans in colonial Louisiana. A well known genealogist, Ulysses gave seminars on African-American genealogy at the New Orleans Public Library and at the time of his death he was working on a history of his own family. His death is truly a loss to our community.

### **Continuing Education Seminars**

The Graduate School of Library and Information Science, at the University of Texas at Austin is offering three one day seminars during the month of November. Dr. Eugenia K. Brumm, will conduct a seminar entitled, "Vital Basics of Records Management Today" on November fifth. This program is designed for the novice in records management. Topics include the components of a records management program, developing retention schedules, forms management, and vital records management. The other two seminars will be conducted by David Bearman, founder and editor of *Archives and Museum Informatics*. On Tuesday, November 16th, Bearman will lecture on authority and vocabulary control. This seminar will introduce participants to terminology control and explore the reasons to use and not to use controlled vocabularies and, if they are used,

how to select one that is suited to the purpose. On Wednesday November 17th Bearman will present "Managing Electronic Office Records." This program will provide participants with methods of managing electronic office records in a manner consistent with needs for ongoing corporate operations and with archival, auditing, privacy, freedom of information and vital records management requirements. It will also cover how to design and implement systems to satisfy the requirements and how to assess risks associated with organizational electronic records practices. For further information please contact David Terry, continuing education coordinator, or Mrs. Mel Boffins, director of placement and continuing education, Graduate School of Library & Information Science, EDB 564/MC 37000, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, 78712: phone (512) 471-8806; and fax (512) 471-3971.

### **The Greater New Orleans Archivists Newsletter**

Please send submissions to Carol Bartels, care of The Historic New Orleans Collection, 533 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3179. The fax number is (504) 522-5108.

### **The Greater New Orleans Archivists Officers**

Sally K. Reeves, President  
Carol O. Bartels, Secretary  
Andrew Simons, Treasurer

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*Winter Meeting*

*The Winter Meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday December 15th*

*Please mark your calendars for this date and keep  
it open for the GNOA meeting. We will be electing  
officers who will service for two year terms at this  
meeting and would like as many members to attend  
as possible. Thank You.*